



November 1996

BOGIEMAN'S GAZETTE

WHITEHEAD

In Traffic

GNR 9: Repairs include draw-hooks being re-bushed, lights repaired, some rewiring, new batteries and a cracked quarter-light being replaced. This coach would benefit from a new canvas roof covering, which may happen after Christmas. It also needs re-upholstered but the funds for this are not available. Once the roof has been repaired the coach will be re-painted externally, probably in maroon. Any comments on colour schemes will be gratefully received from anyone who is prepared to help with the painting.

GS&WR 1097: Both gangway ends rebuilt and ceiling re-painted.

NCC 68: New handles fitted to drop-lights where broken.

NCC 87: The diner has new edging around the lino at the middle door to repair damage caused by loading beer kegs over the years. It is hoped to fit brass hand and foot rails to the bar and tea counter. The battery boxes are also receiving some work.

NCC 91: Three drop-lights and one large pane need replacing. Norman Foster has been volunteered to supply and fit lino in the corridor when time is available.

NCC 238: Both bogies overhauled and new metalwork welded and riveted by a combination of sub-contractors, and Locomotive and Carriage Departments. The brake cylinder has been overhauled but requires fitting.

NCC 241: Sliding door mechanism repaired.

Out Of Traffic

GNR 50: This coach has a steel sheeted wooden underframe with lightweight draw-hooks and because of this it is only allowed to run at the rear of the train but, because this has not been happening, the vehicle's running certificate has not been renewed.

NCC 243: Water tanks have been fitted and sheeted in. New volunteer, Brian Corney, has been repairing woodwork and painting internally. As Brian is retired he is able to work at Whitehead on weekdays. Any other retired members who would like to keep Brian company would be most welcome.

NCC 411: Running certificate expired. Due to the lack of volunteers and funding it is unlikely that 411 or 50 will be in traffic in 1997.

Fire-Damaged Vehicles: A claim for damages has been submitted to the Northern Ireland Office and a reply is awaited.

DUBLIN

2423, 1383, 2421, 88, 1335, 1142, 1916: In Traffic

1463, AM13, 2981: Out Of Traffic

1427, 1445: Arrangements are being made to salvage what is possible from the burnt out underframes of these coaches at Mullingar. The remains will be scrapped.

351 (Irish State Coach): Coillte Teoranta, the Irish Forestry Board, have agreed to be associated with the restoration through sponsorship of timber for the coach.

1416: End panels have been pre-formed and will be fitted at Inchicore.

1549: This Cravens vehicle has been obtained from IÉ and a study is underway to determine the feasibility of converting to a catering vehicle for Society use.

Safety: The use of a protective safety film for our carriage windows is being considered. In the event of a pane being broken the glass would shatter but remain in place thus preventing injury to passengers.