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MOVING REPORTER

ON OXFORD

LEFT 'WC' No 34106
'LYDFORD' ENTERING
OXFORD. ON THE RIGHT
IS 6854 'ROUNDHILL
GRANGE'.

On Saturday April 20th I started out with a friend from Malvern Link on the 11.36 am. train to Paddington. 5911 MEREVALE HALL pulled the train to Worcester (SH), where 7013 BRISTOL CASTLE, with extra coaches, took over. 5079 LYSANDER was seen in the shed at Worcester. The train stopped at most stations and we did not arrive at Oxford until 1.45 pm.

At little way out of the station, we saw 'KING ARTHUR' class No 30764 SIR GAWAIN. ~~3~~ Just after 30764 took a train out, 'WC' No 34106 LYDFORD came in from the opposite direction. Later 43089, (31A) took out a Cambridge train. In the goods yard No 80039 (IE) was shunting.

Outside the shed we saw a variety of engines. These included Western 0-4-2T 5811 and a Mogul, a 'WD', 90251, a ~~Midland~~ Midland 'Consul' No 48251, an Eastern J39 No 64826 (32B) and a Standard 2-10-0 No 92016. We saw many 'modified Halls' and quite a few 'Halls'. We also saw 2 Standard 4-6-0's Nos 75030/52, and two other Midland 'Consuls' Nos

STANDARD 2-10-0 NO 92016

48446 & 48535, and a 'Black five'

We returned on the 6.6 pm train from Oxford hauled by NO 7008 SWANSEA CASTLE. AT Yarnnton we saw another 2-10-0, but we were unable to get its number. At Honeybourn we saw NO 5981 Trensham Hall. At Worcester (SH) we alighted and waited for a D.R. to take us to Malvern Link. Meanwhile we saw 0-6-0 NO 44463. The Diesel started about 15 mins late, and through signal checks was still 15 mins late at Malvern Link.

THE ROYAL TRAIN

The Royal ~~visit~~ visit to Worcestershire and Herefordshire brought Nos 7001 SIR JAMES MILNE and 7027 THORNBURY CASTLE, both of 81A, to Worcester, but for part of the tour nos 7913 & 7920, LITTLE WYRLEY HALL & CONEY HALL respectively pulled the Royal train. On the night of the 23rd/~~24th~~ April Her Majesty slept in the Royal train at Leagh Court on the Bromford Branch. On the morning of the 24th Nos 7913, 7920 pulled the train back to Worcester.

ABOVE: CASTLES NOS 7001 & 7027 ON THE ROYAL TRAIN

ANNOUNCEMENT

We regret that Motive Power miscellany cannot appear in this issue, owing to lack of information.

BRISTOL

We left Shrub Hill at 10.13 pulled by 4-6-0 No 44819. Just out of the station we saw Caprotti 4-6-0 No 73143. We saw quite a few engines on the way and we arrived at Bristol (Y.M.)

5 minutes early. The next day at Temple Meads we saw Diesel shunters Nos 13184/6. In the shed were two Counties Nos 1005/6 and various Bostles and Halls. Also there was Gas Turbine No 18000 which later took out the 4-15 train to London. Castle No 5048 was in the shed with the 'Bristolian' deadboard in position. We also saw 2-6-2T No 5528 in green livery, and Hall No 5964 with a green tender. At Bristol there are two common types, Western 51XX class and Midland 2-6-2T of the 412XX. In the station that day we saw a track testing coach. The next day we saw Pacific No 70015. The 'Bristolian' came in headed by Castle No 5035. We saw two Counties that day, No 1016, which had a double chimney, and 1011 with a new BR badge. The following day we saw 70015 & 18000 again. At one time we saw three Counties come in one after the other. These were Nos 1016, 1005 & 1006 which had a faulty cylinder. We also saw 'Star' No 4056.

On Saturday afternoon we saw 4098 with a new BR badge and 6951 with an eight-wheeled tender. We also saw several Standard 5 4-6-0's. About 3:00 clock King No 6008 came out of the shed and took out a London express. The 'Cornishman' came in headed by Castle 7029 and the 'Devonian' by 45605. An 0-6-0PT No 3692 came out of the shed pulling a Hall 6936, Castle 5063, a 2-6-2T No 5528 and 0-6-0PT No 9488. After this came a train pulled by two Moguls Nos 6356 & 6360 the former being green. No 4056 came in again that day. We saw Castle No 7018 with double chimney and self weighing-tender. On Monday we left Bristol at 2:15 pm pulled by 45663. Yard shunters were 13183/5. We arrived at Gloucester at 3:5. After a long wait we departed at 4:25 hauled 4-6-0 Nos 44775 & 44848. We arrived at Worcester (SH) at about 5:45.