MIDDLETON RAILWAY LEEDS

Driving of Engine No. 54 (Sentinel)

1. The Society's Standing Orders state that only Messrs. Youell, Williams, Crew, Lawrence and Rayner may drive this engine and that in no case will it be taken out of the Yard unless the learner driver is accompanied by either Dr. Youell, Mr. Williams, Mr. Crew or Dr. Lawrence or more than one of these officials.

2. Any driver under 21 years of age must be accompanied by one of the four officials above (i.e. Messrs. Youell, Williams, Crew and Lawrence) who

carry the responsibility in the event of any occurrence.

3. If this is not observed, the Society's Insurance is at once null and void.

4. The engine will only be steamed and used for the routine carriage of goods traffic between Balm Road and Clayton's and Robinson & Birdsell's except for other occasions when the written permission of one of the four above mentioned officials is obtained.

5. While many persons under 21 may possess wide knowledge and may be, in fact, competent drivers, unless they have passed a driving test and firing test they cannot be allowed to drive a steam engine on a line which parallels at

one place and crosses at another, a public road.

6. The railway is unfenced and frequented by children and, should any accident occur, if the driver were not completely in order, a civil prosecution would follow. If anyone received a fatal injury, the driver would be committed for trial on a charge of Manslaughter and, if guilty, would receive SIX YAR'S IMPRISON ENT. In addition a Ministry of Transport Enquiry would be held and, as a result, H. M. Inspector would probably order the Railway to be closed.

7. It is therefore necessary to instruct members that paragraph 1 above will be strictly obeyed and that any member who disobeys this order in any way will be immediately suspended and that further disciplinary action will be

taken.

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The Operation of Preight Traffic

8. In the event of non-availability of 'John Alcock' goods trains will only be worked on the following days at the specified times. Trains may be run at other times only in cases of urgency, as determined by Lessrs. Clayton's or Robinson & Birdsell's.

Wednesday evenings/afternoons, but not after be hour before lighting up time (refer to Rules and Regulations

paragraphs 23-5 following)

b) Saturday afternoonss, 2-3 p.m.

9. The motive power to be used in such cases is centinel No. 54, subject to the provisions laid out in paragraphs 1 to 7 above.

It is suggested that the Steam Locomotive Ingineer is consulted regarding the feasibility of using the Sentinel locomotive.

11. When 'John Alcock' is available, the following duties will be available for suitably qualified drivers:

a) Tuesdays 2 pm

b) Thursdays 4 pm c) Saturdays 11 am

*d) Other special trips by arrangement with Lessrs Clayton's and Robinson & Birdsell's.

12. With reference to the driving of 'John Alcock' it is stressed that a learner driver must always be accompanied by a fully qualified driver WHO IS OVER 21 YMARS OF AGE.

13. Failure to observe the above will lead to disciplinary action. This railway will be run as a proper railway and not as a place where children can ride up and down.

6th September, 1962

Notices dated 4th & 6th August are now superseded by the above.

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