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One of the last batch of the 2800 class 2-8-0s, Newton Abbot shed's long term resident 2881



Here is West Country class 21C105 virtually brand new at Exeter Central on 27 August 1945.



This photo from 1910 has 4500 class 2179 at Lustleigh on a train to Moretonhampstead.



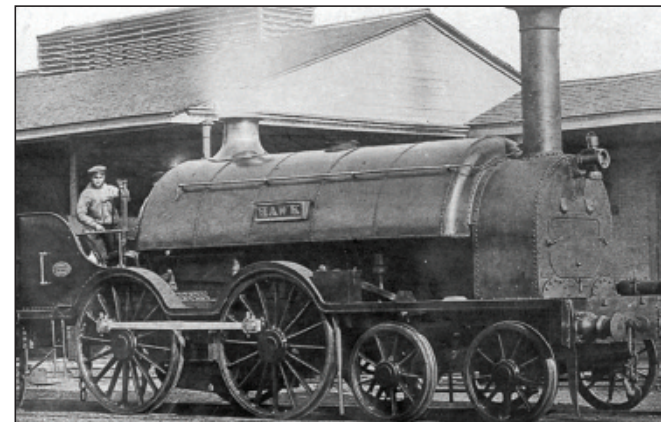
This photo dates from 1904 and shows LSWR 50 at Exeter St Davids.



Here is 1439 leaving Tiverton Junction on 18 August 1947 with a branch train for Hemyock formed of one clerestory roofed coach.



Example of a double page spread.



Exmouth Junction shed on the coaling line during 1923 is 'Steamroller' 337 which was numbered 390 until January 1914.