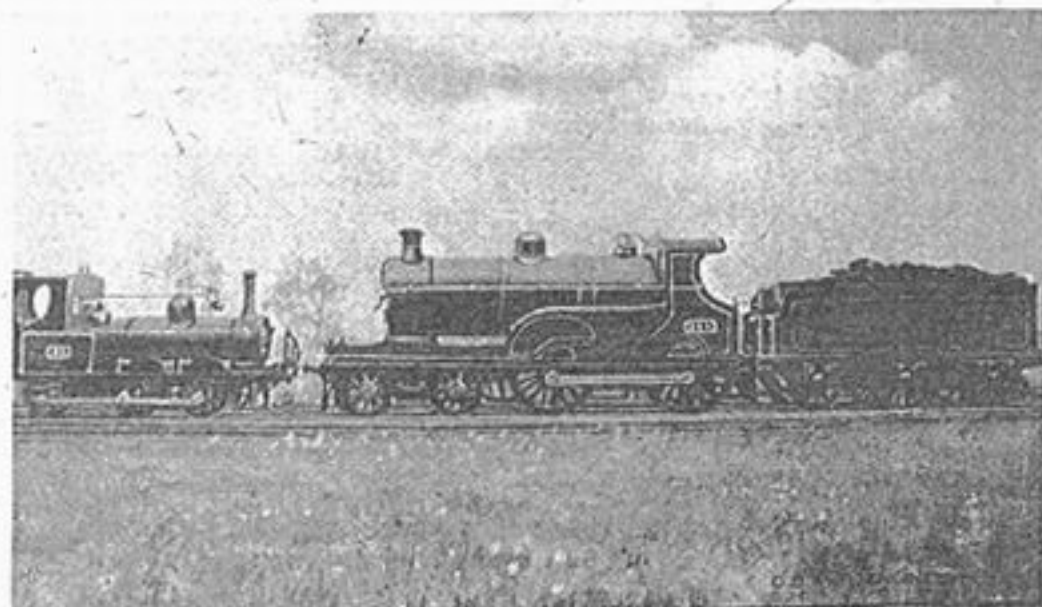


Railway Postcards

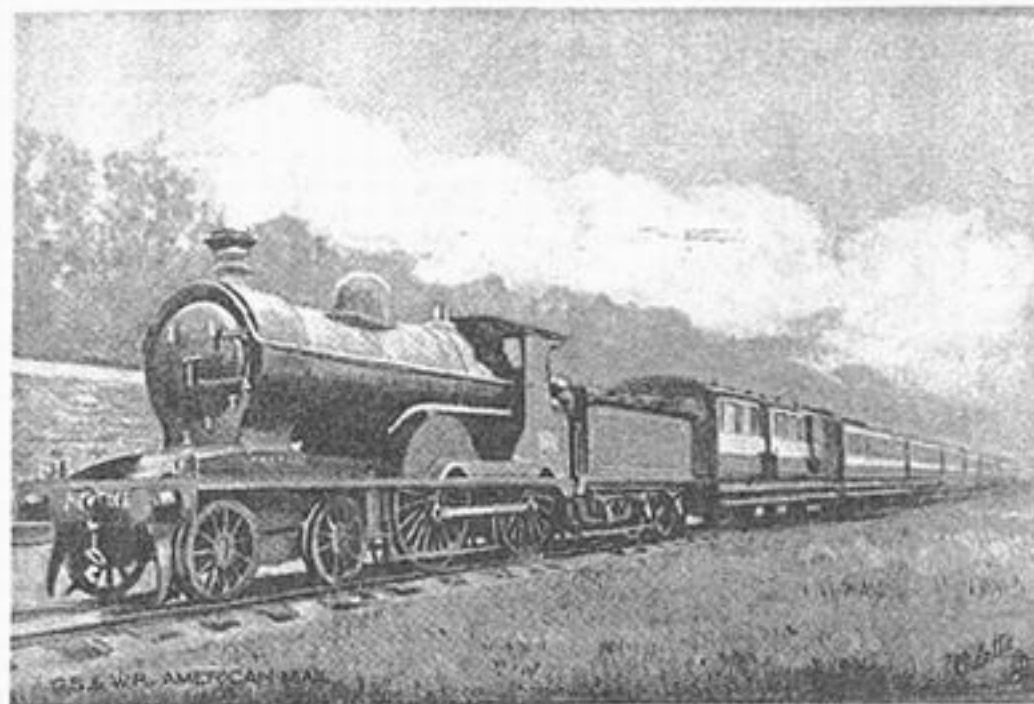
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The world's first postcard was produced by the Austrian postal authorities in 1869, and by 1870 Britain had followed. The monopoly for the printing of postcards held by the British post office ended in 1899. This brought Raphael Tuck & Son into business, and the major period of postcard production followed, lasting up to the start of the First World War. The first railway company to enter the business was the Furness, and by 1923 seventy other companies had followed suit. The postcards include pictures of engines, rolling stock, stations, local views, maps, hotels associated with the railways, posters, etc. Artists such as A. Anderson, F. Barton, Cyrus Cunco, Hamilton Ellis, Alec Fraser, John Hassall, A. Heaton Cooper, J. Heyermans, C. T. Howard, Fotunio Matania, R. Mayes, Chas. Mayo, F. Moore, G. Parsons Norman, Eric Oldham, C. E. Turner, Bernard Way and N. Wilkinson were occasionally used to depict the scenes.

The Irish railway companies which produced cards to promote themselves and help revenue included the Belfast & Co. Down; the Cork, Bandon & South Coast; the Dublin & South Eastern; the Cork Blackrock & Passage; the Dublin Wicklow & Wexford; the Great Northern; the Great Southern & Western; the Londonderry & Lough Swilly, and the West Clare. Many of the cards produced for these companies are now quite rare.



Raphael Tuck & Sons 'Oilette' series. No. 92, built 1881, No. 321 built 1904-05.

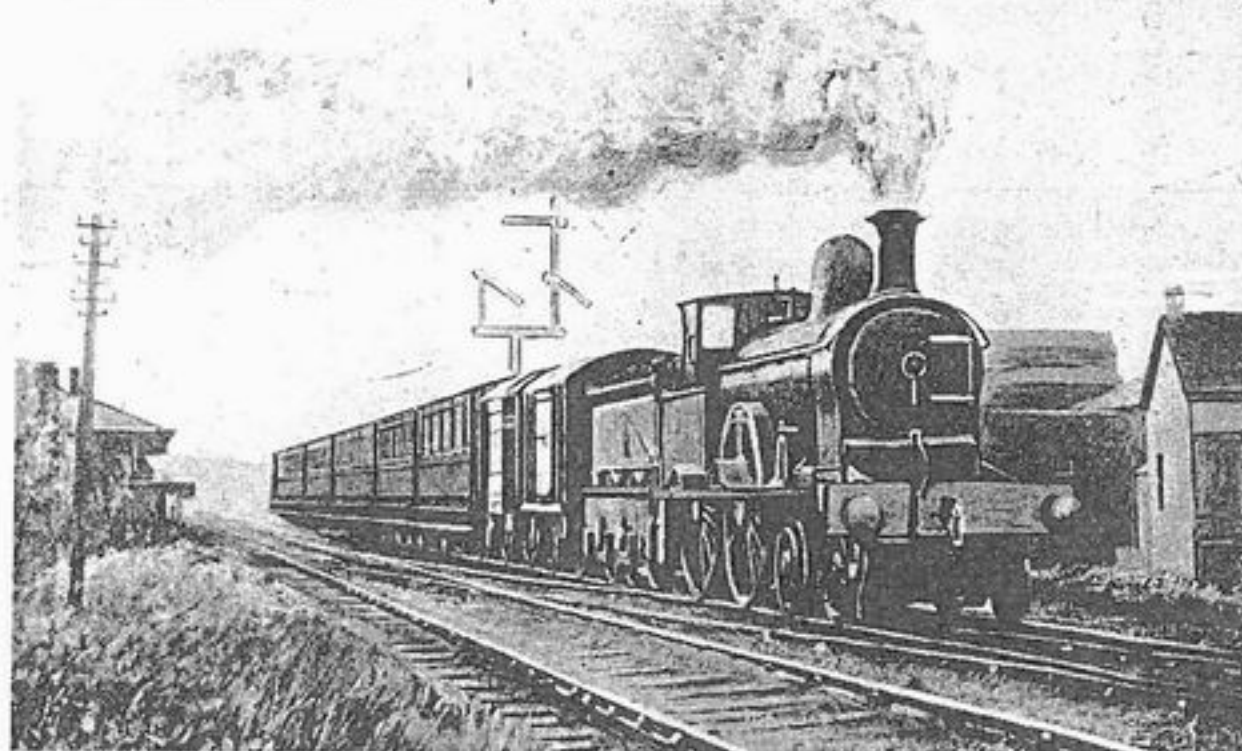


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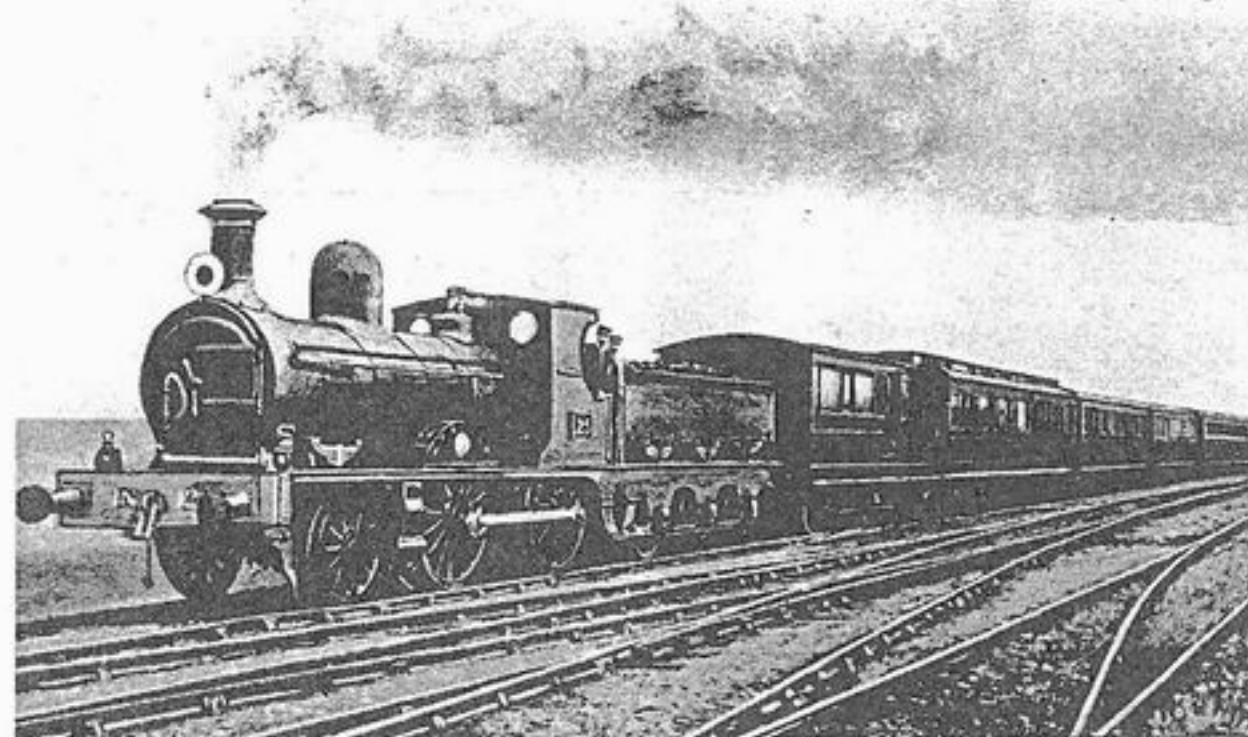
Valentine Series.

Midland Railway, Northern Counties Committee, Ireland



Valentine Series.

Dublin and South-Eastern Railway

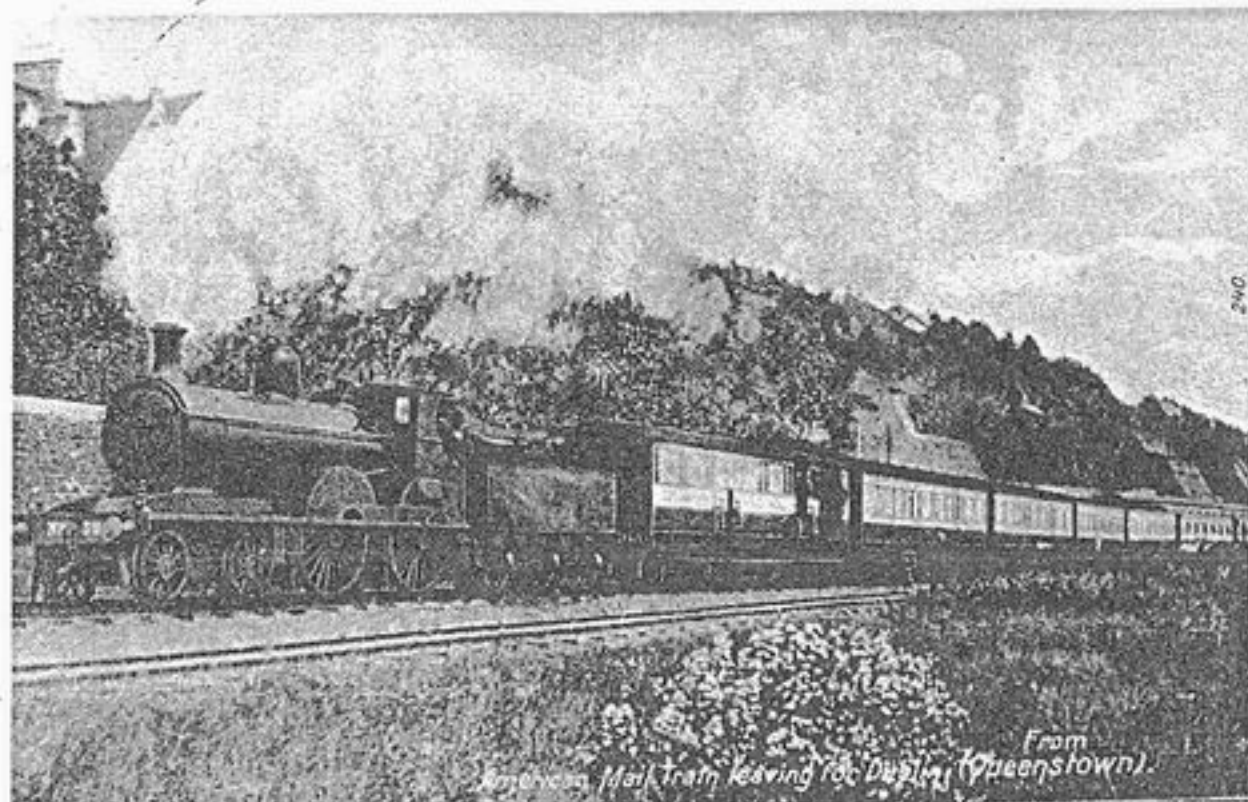


Valentine Series: No. 25, 'Glenart', built 1864, severely damaged by Civil War derailment, 1922.

Great Northern Railway, Ireland



Valentine Series: No. 114, built c. 1905, scrapped 1932.



No issuer. GSWR No. 301 'Victoria', built 1900, withdrawn c. 1960.



GSWR acknowledgment card, 1902.



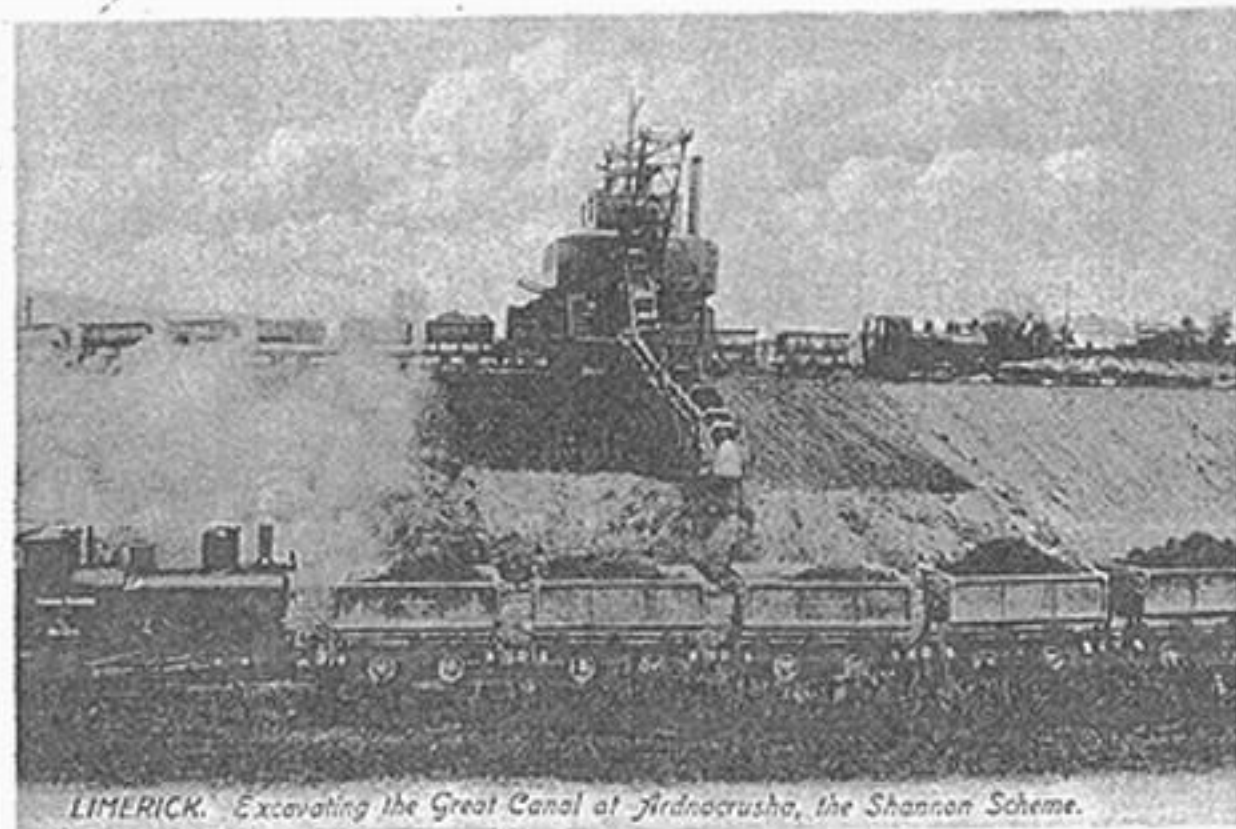
THE KILLARNEY EXPRESS LEAVING KINGSBRIDGE STATION, GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Home-made postcard, c. 1920.

Railway Station, Cashel, Co. Tip.



No issuer. GSWR Railcar No. 1, 1904, at Cashel Station, opened 1904



LIMERICK. Excavating the Great Canal at Jiridocrusha, the Shannon Scheme.

Milton Series postcard.