

## From Paddington to Brighton

ALTHOUGH the introduction of the through service between Paddington and Brighton, in July, 1906, provided the first instance of



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**Through train to Brighton about to leave Paddington**

"foreign" working in and out of the G.W.R. London terminus, and probably caused quite a stir among railway enthusiasts of that time, very few photographs of these interesting trains appear to have survived. Shortly after the service was withdrawn, an illustration of the down train passing Westbourne Park appeared in *The Railway Magazine* for August, 1907. Many years later, another photograph, showing the down train at Addison Road, was reproduced in the August, 1940, issue. In each case, the train was hauled by 4-4-0 locomotive No. 52, *Siemens*, which was then running in experimental green livery. The illustration reproduced on this page shows the down train, headed by class "I1" 4-4-2 tank engine No. 597, about to start from platform No. 2 at Paddington. No. 597 was the third

of the first batch of 4-4-2 tank engines designed for the L.B.S.C.R. by Mr. Douglas Earle Marsh, and was completed at Brighton in December, 1906. The photograph must, therefore, have been taken at some time between December, 1906, and June 30, 1907, when the service was withdrawn. An article on the through service between Paddington and Brighton appeared in *The Railway Magazine* for July-August, 1949.

## London to Brighton in Four Minutes

THROUGH the co-operation of the British Broadcasting Corporation, a copy of the film "Go Slow to Brighton," which was featured recently on the television programme and depicts a journey from London to Brighton in four minutes, has been obtained by the library of the Southern Region, British Railways. The film portrays a motorman's view of the entire route from Victoria as it would appear at an average speed of nearly 800 m.p.h. After the television showing, telephone enquiries were received at Waterloo asking when the "new Brighton service" was to be inaugurated!