

# Castleisland Railway

13-5-1872

30-8-1875

18/10/81

## Railways of Kerry

1902 T.J. Goodlake, 53 Public houses in Castleisland  
Castleisland indignant when by-passed by Kiltaney-Tralee Ry. 1859  
Railway Company incorporated 13-5-1872

Directors - Lord Headley, Lord Ventur, John F. Godfrey, Samuel M. Hussey

Line built by August 1875 at a cost of £25,000

Engineer C.P. Cotton **Third Railway of Kerry**

One Train from Castleisland to Tralee daily

3 services each way on the branch.

G.S. + W.R. engineer (Alexander McDowell) designed remarkable loco  
Able to haul 29 loaded cattle trucks from Castleisland fair.

1862 Dublin to Tralee 38<sup>3</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> first single, 57<sup>3</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> return  
28<sup>3</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> second 43<sup>3</sup> 0

left Dublin 1 p.m. Kiltaney 8.55 p.m. Tralee 10 p.m.

Third class 15<sup>3</sup> 6<sup>d</sup>. No return 3<sup>d</sup> class.

Kingsbridge Tam, Mallow 2:02 p.m. Wait for Dublin Train.

1879 Vested in Great Southern + Western Railway for £18,000.

The branch has remained obstinately alive.

Services suspended during coal shortage of January 1947.

Regular rail services never restored.

Special trains for the monthly fair + grain specials until 7 Jan 1957

Regular daily freight services again provided

Traffic continues to decline. Freight services twice weekly

**Great Southern + Western Railway** **Goods + fertilisers**

First of the light railways of Ireland. 4 1/2 miles long.

Opened 30 Aug. 1875

G.S. + W.R. 1 May 1879

Traffic too heavy. Line re-laid 1897. Trip reduced from 15-10 mins  
7 Jan. 1957 - see above **Regular freight services again provided.**

load 6 1/2 tons. Speed 20 mph.

o'Shea 23 Work done under a local contractor  
First train left Castleisland 6 Sept. 1875 at 8.15 a.m.

## Donovan

144 Originally the railway station was on the Kiltaney road side of the track.

180 Before the advent of the railway train from Gortatter, in the early  
seventies, the butter was despatched by car to Tralee + to Cork  
via Fairanfore. Earlier than that it was carried by car +  
"sleds" all the way to Cork by road. The 'sleds' + sometimes the  
horse were sold in the city and the carriers came back home  
in a Bianconi car. **M.C.C.**

194 The first passenger to arrive by train was the late Mr. J.K. O'Connor

194 After the advent of the railway train to Castleisland the town  
threw off the swaddling clothes of a village and commenced to  
grow upwards + outwards rapidly and with great vigour.

o'Shea 23 Photo Steam Loco 90 built in 1875 at Inchicore for Castleisland  
Railway Company. Now stands at Cork Railway Station.

64 Peter Rosvey Station Master in 1886

o'Donovan Batt Kelliber 125.6 130.2

125-6 Built railway through the Rockies.

131 Schools: Kilmurry (Peter Kearney) Castleisland (Daniel Desmond)

Union Pacific + Northern Pacific Trans continental railways.

Grand Trunk Pacific of Canada his greatest achievement.

132 Work known everywhere but in his own land.