

## COMMENTS & OBSERVATIONS ON "LOCKDOWN" PHOTO

### WEEK 6

Michael Davies has sent a comment:

"Bill. I'll have a look now at the website and see if some comment would add interest to the pictures. Regular passenger services finished on the Bunrana line in September 1948 when the Swilly took delivery of new Leyland double deck buses. I'm not sure where you have obtained your info re excursion traffic after 1948 but perhaps I could offer some corrections. No excursion trains operated after 1951 as the rolling stock had become semi derelict or vandalised in sidings. I believe the last excursions were Letterkenny to Bunrana (reversing at Tooban Jc). Derry to Bunrana excursions must have finished after the summer of 1950. I can assure you no passenger trains ran at weekends in 1953! You referred to the trains operated after Sept 1948. All Swilly Goods trains had a 3 compartment Brake 3rd at rear, making them 'mixed' I suppose, and anyone could travel on these trains although they were not advertised. Normal fares applied. These trains were the only ones operated in my time on the Swilly (1951/3)

With my good wishes,  
Michael.

And Leslie McAllister adds:

"Ah, Michael, Top Marks for these - a very unusual view of the little junction."

And as a tailpiece here is the third photo I received from Michael, a poignant departure from Tooban Jnc. to Letterkenny  
Bill Allen



And a fellow traveller on RPSI May Tours, Chris Totty from Jersey has discovered the Closure Order for the L&LSR extension of the Bunrana line to Cardonagh

"Thought the attached may be of interest. If not, it's a cure for insomnia! Of interest is the dates of the Orders compared with the dates of termination of services. What would have happened if the GSR/LLSLR etc didn't get their Order is not revealed!!

Regards

Chris Totty"

S.I. No. 672/1935 - Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway (Buncrana-Carndonagh) Termination of Railway Services Order, 1935.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY (BUNCRANA—CARNDONAGH) TERMINATION OF RAILWAY SERVICES ORDER, 1935, MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ON THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1935, PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF THE RAILWAYS ACT, 1933 .

WHEREAS it is enacted by subsection (2) of Section 9 of the Railways Act, 1933 , that subject to the provisions of the said section the Minister for Industry and Commerce may by order made on the application of a railway company either :

(a) authorise such railway company, notwithstanding any statutory, contractual, or other obligation to the contrary, to terminate wholly a service of trains run at the date of such application over any specified railway line or section of railway line owned or operated by such company ; or

(b) authorise such railway company, notwithstanding any statutory, contractual, or other obligation to the contrary, to reduce in such manner and to such extent as shall be specified in such order a service of trains run at the date of such application, by such railway company over any specified railway line or section of railway line owned or operated by such company :

AND WHEREAS it is enacted by sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the said Act that such Minister shall not make an order under the said section unless he is satisfied that the railway company, on whose application such order is made has lawful authority by statute, order, licence or otherwise to carry on a road transport service affording to the public transport facilities constituting (for the purposes of the traffic carried by the railway services authorised by such order to be discontinued) an adequate substitute for these services, and that such railway company has given sufficient public notice of the establishment or intention to establish such road transport service.

AND WHEREAS the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company has made application dated 1st October, 1935, to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for an Order under Section 9 of the said Act authorising the said company to terminate wholly the service of trains run on the 1st October, 1935, over the section of railway line between Buncrana and Carndonagh owned or operated by the said Company :

AND WHEREAS the Minister for Industry and Commerce is satisfied that the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company has lawful authority by statute, order, licence, or otherwise to carry on a road transport service affording to the public transport facilities constituting (for the purposes of the traffic carried by the railway services authorised by such order to be discontinued) an adequate substitute for these services, and that the said company has given sufficient public notice of the establishment or intention to establish such road transport service :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 9 of the Railways Act, 1933 , and of every and any other power him in this behalf enabling, hereby orders :—

1. The Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company is hereby authorised, notwithstanding any statutory, contractual, or other obligation to the contrary, to terminate wholly the service of trains run on the 1st October, 1935, over the section of railway line between Buncrana and Carndonagh owned or operated by the said Company.

2. This Order may be cited for all purposes as the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway (Buncrana— Carndonagh) Termination of Railway Services Order, 1935.

By Order of the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

Dated this 29th day of November, 1935.

T. J. FLYNN,

An Assistant Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce

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