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The Society for the Reinvigoration of Unremunerative Branch Lines  
in the United Kingdom

The Branch Line Reinvigoration Society

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The Committee, and particularly the Membership Secretary would like to thank the many members who have already forwarded their subscriptions for the current year, and particularly those who forwarded theirs during the latter part of 1958. There are, however, many members who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions for 1959, and it is requested that they do so whilst the matter is fresh in their minds. The present rates are as follows:- Full member, 10/6; Junior Member, 6/-.

In view of the heavy costs in producing the Progress Report, it has been decided with reluctance that it will no longer be possible to continue to send the Progress Report to members after their subscriptions have expired. In your own interests, therefore, you are advised to complete and return the tear-off at the foot of this circular and return it to the Membership Secretary today.

RECENT MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Despite the best endeavours of SRUBLUK, West Wycombe Station and the Totnes-Ashburton line were closed on 3 November last.

Redrafting of the Manifesto "Beware of the Plan" is proceeding, but as so many proposed amendments were before the Committee for consideration, it is not possible at this stage to advise the members of the outcome; discussions are still proceeding.

Much feeling exists in North Norfolk regarding the closing of the M & G N; and a number of local councils and private individuals are supporting the stand taken by S.R.U.B.L.U.K. and the Norfolk County Council in opposing

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the closure.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING - The next public meeting which was originally planned for 21 February 1959, will now take place towards the end of April. Further details will be circulated to members nearer the date of the meeting.

The latest annual accounts of the B.T.C. were examined; it is felt that more interest should be shown in goods traffic, particularly by adopting a more aggressive sales policy.

The case presented by S.R.U.B.L.U.K. against the closing of the Newton Abbot - Meretonhampstead branch was over-ridden by the South Western Transport Users Consultative Committee. The line is to close, at least until it is dieselised.

The Society is pressing for an improved service on the Cambridge - Mark's Tey Line.

The members are probably aware of the plans of Isle of Wight Travel Ltd. to buy and re-open the closed lines of the Isle of Wight; the Committee decided not to join in the scheme, as we have, it is felt, more effect as a pressure and ginger group on the activities of British Railways.

NEXT CIRCULAR. The next circular will be issued in April, giving details of the Public Meeting, and also of the Committee's work in the meantime.

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