

Group trade review

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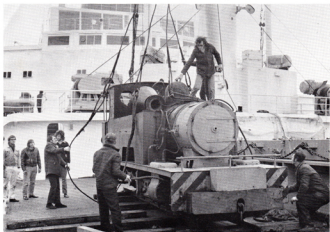
Two veteran puffers hitch a lift back to England

When *Southampton Castle* docked at Southampton on Monday morning, April 24, she had on board two interesting old locomotives arriving back in this country from South Africa after long years of service there.

These two engines, both of which are two-foot gauge, were employed in the sugar cane fields of Natal carrying the canes to the crushing mills.

One engine, built in Bristol in 1916, is an Avonside class 0-4-0 No. 4 weighing nine tons. This has been purchased by W. H. McAlpine, director of Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd., for his company Pleasure Rail Ltd. It is to go to Knebworth House at Stevenage where it will continue its useful life in the grounds of that stately home. Pleasure Rail Ltd. also operate the railway at Whipsnade Zoo.

The other engine was built in Stafford in 1945. It is a Bagnall class 4-4-0 No. 23, with a weight of 12 tons. This has been bought by a Surrey enthusiast for his personal use.



■ It's a long way from the sugar cane fields of Natal to the joy-ride railways of England, and in the course of the journey an old puffer has to endure certain indignities—like having his funnel removed, and being swung about on the end of a crane. But for old No. 23, a 12-ton Bagnall class engine built in Stafford in 1945, the ride home as deck cargo on board *Southampton Castle* was the start of a new, gentlemanly life in the collection of a Surrey enthusiast. Pictures by courtesy of Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons.

New stand based on Cape homestead for UK shows

Union-Castle, in co-operation with the South African Tourist Corporation, constructed a most unusual stand for their exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show and other major 1972 shows. Externally, this is a scale reproduction of a South African Cape homestead.

Many hours were spent studying books and photographs to decide the most suitable homestead for the purpose. A visit was made to the Cape for the final selection.

The house chosen was Morgenster, near Somerset West in the Cape Province. Visually it was very pleasing, and—most important—the dimensions were right for the type of stand envisaged. The stand is 30 feet long and 16 feet high. It has been pre-fabricated and planned in such a way that it can be erected by four men in two and a half days and dismantled at the end of the show in one and a half days. The construction of the pre-fabricated parts took

