



■ Above: King William discharging at Europoort. See "From the right angle". Picture: Hofmeester.

■ At left: D. Grubb, first assistant cook, Windsor Castle. See "Sculptor in marge", facing page. Picture: Transocean Photographic.

■ Below: No. 35028 in glistening trim, at Redhill, 02.30 hours April 21, in readiness for her first passenger run since restoration. Picture: J. Harvey, Merchant Navy Loco Preservation Society.



Saturday April 27 a diesel-drawn train was run from Waterloo to Basingstoke where the train was taken over by *Clan Line*.

"Rather than travel on the train I took the alternative of arriving at Basingstoke well in advance of the time of departure, which gave an opportunity to examine the locomotive while it was being prepared for its run. Judging by the number of people swarming over the platform, interest in steam locomotion is far from dead. The crowd included boys of all ages laden heavily with cameras, cine equipment and tape recorders.

"The air of excitement would be difficult for a spectator not devoted to the steam age to understand. It was infectious. The smell of oil, the hiss of escaping steam, the sense of power about to be unleashed, the flicker of fire and the labour of the engine crew: all added to the atmosphere.

"When the loco was stationary its size and glistening paintwork were impressive. But it was after the engine had been coupled to the train and had started on its journey westward that the full impact was made. Those who have only seen locomotives in museums should take any opportunity of seeing these machines at work.

"Those who have read this far, if they are not yet converted, will be thinking that nostalgia plays a large part in these matters. I can only record that it was largely due to my son's interest that I rose sufficiently early in the morning to see the spectacle."

There is some prospect of a further steam railtour later in 1974. *CLANSMAN* hopes to publish more details and pictures of the restored *Clan Line* in a future issue.

From the right angle

Wm. H. Muller & Co., agents in Rotterdam, have the useful habit of publishing regular brochures, showing and detailing the port facilities in their area of work.

Their latest booklet carries a very effective aerial picture of B&C's new bulk carrier *King William*, seen discharging alongside the installations of Messrs. V.O.M., on the Maasvlakte, near Rotterdam. Bulk carriers are hardly the easiest or most attractive