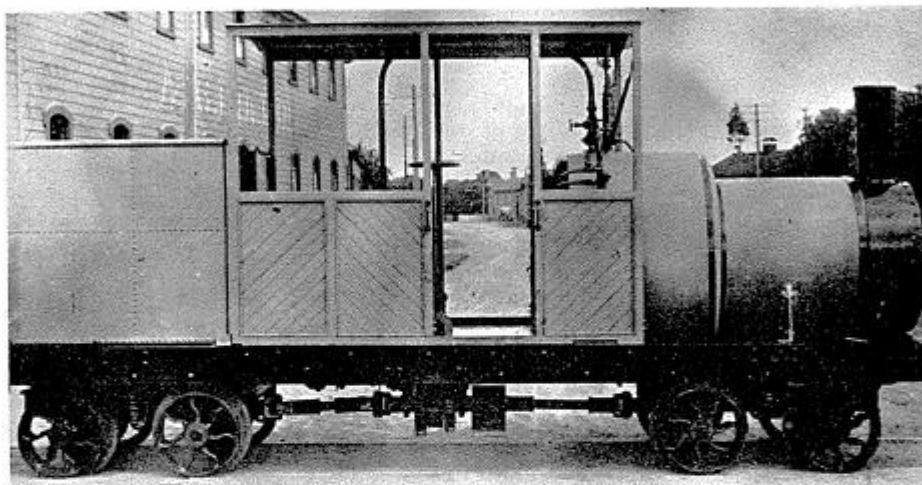


ALAN BELLAMY INTRODUCES

THE PRICE "D"



From the W.W. Stewart Collection (courtesy A.C. Bellamy)

Maker's photograph of the little double-bogie geared bush locomotive built by A. & G. Price Ltd, Thames, in 1922 for the Matawai Co-op. Sawmilling Co.

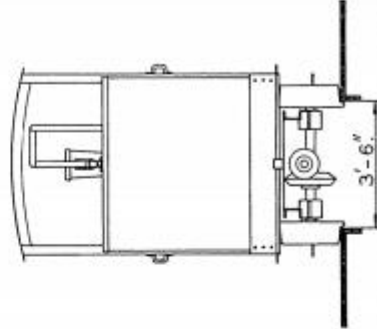
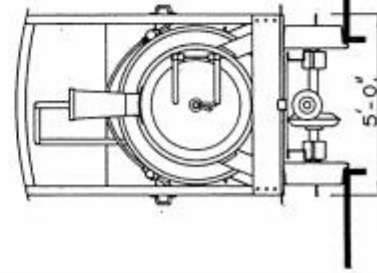
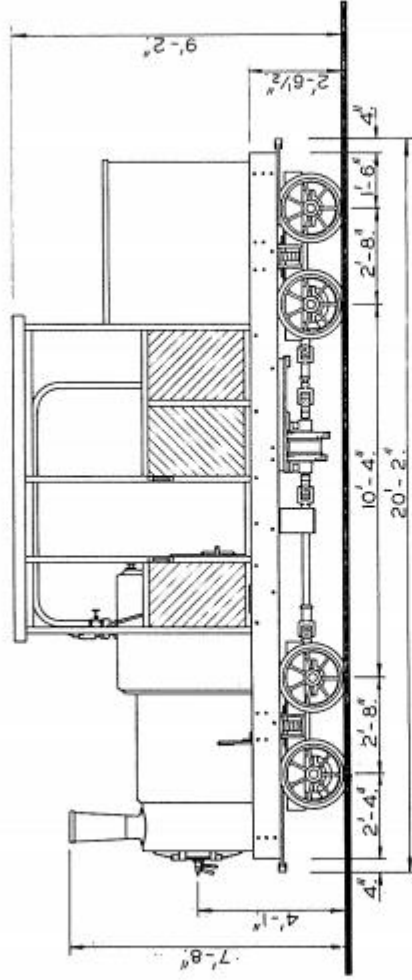
IN 1922, the well known New Zealand locomotive manufacturers, A. & G. Price Ltd, Thames, built another of their geared locomotives for working on a bush tramway. This locomotive, built for the Matawai Co-op Sawmilling Company, was designated the "D" type. It followed the construction of two locomotives of the Price "C" type, being smaller than the "C".

The Price "D" was given its first boiler certificate on 24 November 1922, and it was in use at Matawai, located on the now-abandoned Moutohora branch line of New Zealand Railways, until the following year, when the mill was burned down. The locomotive was offered for sale in 1924.

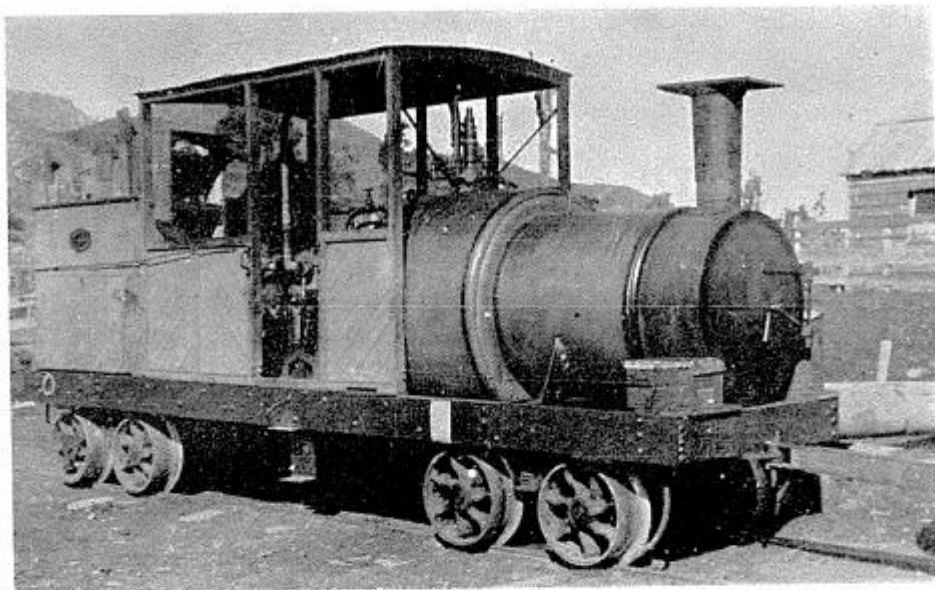
Its next owner was the Waikaki Sawmilling Company at Rangataua, near Ohakune, for whom it worked until 1935, when it was taken over by the Marton Sash & Door Company. In 1937 it was reported as working in the Erua bush, north of Ohakune. It remained there until 1943.

For the next six years, the locomotive was working at the 18-mile bush, Mangapehi (Maraeroa). Its boiler certificate expired in 1949, and evidently was never renewed. A visitor to the Marton Sash & Door Company in March 1953 saw its remains lying at Pukemako, the boiler and tanks having been removed.

TYPE D BUILT BY A. & G. PRICE LTD. IN 1922.



WHEELS	1'-8" DIA.
CYLINDER	6" X 7"
TANK CAPACITY	350 GALLS.
PRESSURE	140 LBS./SQ. IN.
HEATING SURFACE, TUBES	107 SQ. FT.
" " FIREBOX	18 SQ. FT.
GRATE AREA	6 SQ. FT.



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The Price "D" in service. Note the wide wheel-treads for running on wooden rails, and the sand box mounted above the leading wheel.

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Class "Dj" Diesel-Electric Locomotives

The final inspection and acceptance tests for the first of the 55 "Dj" class diesel-electric locomotives being built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd, Japan, for New Zealand Railways, were conducted by Mr R. Linfoot, the Department's inspecting engineer, diesel and electrical, in collaboration with Japanese National Railways, in September. Mr Linfoot was present at the trials of the completed locomotive and was to inspect the progress generally on the remainder of the order. He was also to visit the Toshiba Shibaura Electric Company's works and inspect progress on the five electric locomotives being built there for the Otira-Arthur's Pass section of New Zealand Railways.

Mr Linfoot has had many years traction experience with New Zealand Railways. He was to take the opportunity to inspect engineering developments at the Japanese National Railways' research centre, and to visit railway workshops and depots.