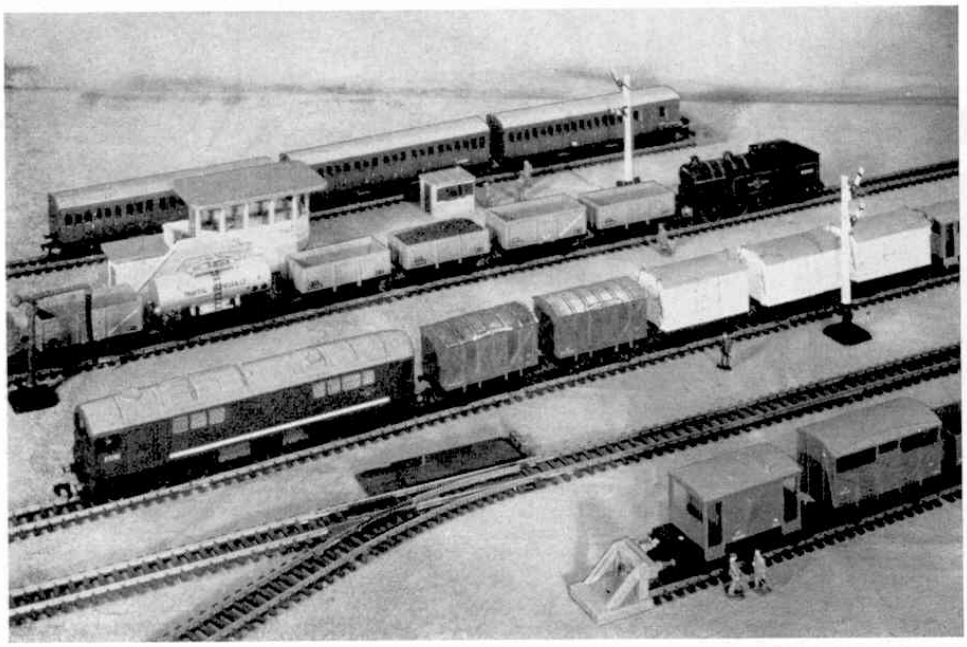

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Co-Bo Diesel Is Here—And A New Pacific

MORE LOCOMOTIVES IN TWO- AND THREE-RAIL

AS promised at the conclusion of our talk last month, I am now able to tell you more about some of the new Hornby-Dublo items already available or due to appear soon. One new item that is sure to arouse your interest is the Hornby-Dublo Co–Bo Diesel Locomotive, available in Two-Rail as No. D5702 and in Three-Rail as No. D5713.

It represents a prototype which is unusual in having a six-wheeled bogie at one end and a four-wheeled bogie at the other. The locomotives of this class belong to Type 2 in the B.R. diesel classification and have 1,200 h.p. 8-cylinder diesel engines. They were built by Metropolitan-Vickers, for London Midland Region fast passenger and freight duties.

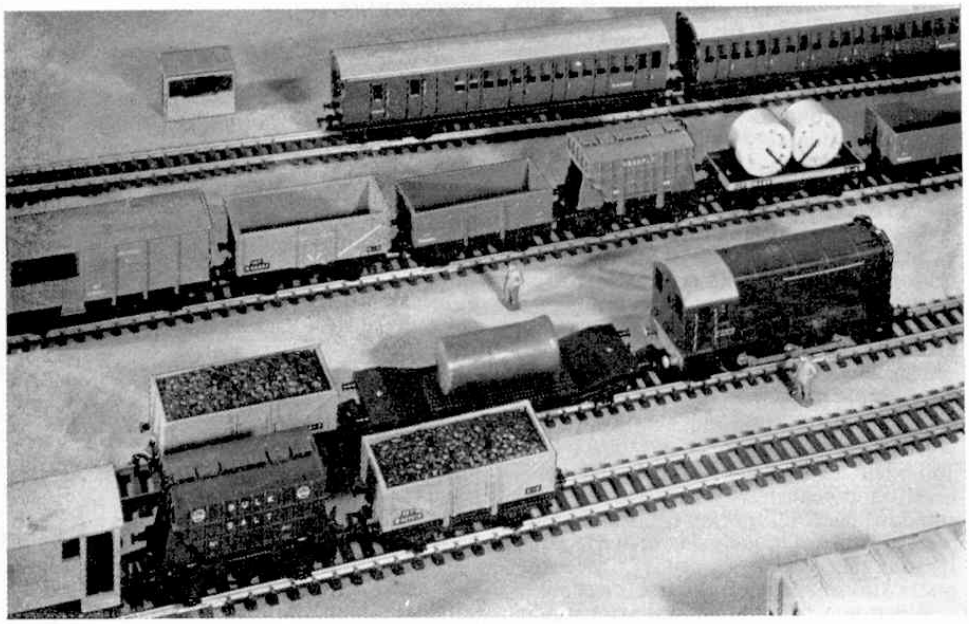
In the models the motor, which is incorporated in the six-wheeled driving bogie, is of the Ring Field type and is similar to that fitted to the Co–Co Diesel Locomotive, an engine with remarkable load-hauling capabilities and general performance, as the test report elsewhere in this issue clearly shows. The bogie side frames are well detailed and incorporate in a convincing manner the axleboxes, springs and outside equalising bars that are found on the real locomotives of this class.

The Co–Bo bodywork is die-cast in stout metal and follows the practical outlines of the real thing. It includes the various air intakes, ventilating louvres and other similar features characteristic of diesel locomotives. At each end there are representations of the combined headlamp and classification discs. The finish is in B.R. Standard locomotive green, with a broad white band at floor level from cab to cab. Cab window openings are glazed, by the way, with clear plastic, a touch that helps the realistic appearance a great deal. The roof is grey in colour and on it the exhaust trunks, fan grid, hatches for inspection and maintenance operations and other similar details are effectively modelled.

"Dorchester" and "City"

As the new Two-Rail Hornby-Dublo Locomotive *Barnstaple*, the rebuilt West Country, was described in considerable detail in these pages as recently as October last I need not say a great deal here about the Three-Rail version, named *Dorchester*, S.R. No. 34042. From front to rear it has the same distinctive air as the real engine, with its massive-looking, spokeless driving wheels, above which are carried the high-pitched running plate and tapered boiler barrel, the latter preceded by the long smoke-box that is closely flanked by the smoke deflector plates and crowned by the wide chimney.

Another new Three-Rail engine, L.M.R. *City of Liverpool*, which is



(Above) The latest Hornby-Dublo Diesel, Co-Bo No. D5702, is at the head of a fast freight train in this picture. (Right) An assembly of Hornby-Dublo rolling stock, including the new Wagons referred to in these pages.