



THE NEW ENGINE SHED

The *Great Western Railway Magazine* for September contains the following:-

Owing to a marked increase in traffic for the West of England, Dorsetshire and Somersetshire, which has had to be dealt with since the new station at Westbury was built, the directors sometime ago decided to make Westbury a locomotive depot. The engine shed has recently been completed and brought into service. Of the straight-road type, the building, which is of brick, measures 210ft. by 66ft. inside; and has four roads, each with a pit 196ft. long, capable of accommodating 12 tender engines or 20 tank engines. On the south side are a lifting shop and store, with a boiler house adjoining. The lifting shop has one road with a pit 68ft. long, and a 35-ton engine hoist. It is 84ft. by 40ft. inside, and has a smiths' hearth, a coppersmiths' fire and machinery to deal with repairs of engines. There are also offices for the foremen and clerks and mess-rooms for the enginemen and cleaners. In the yard is a brick-built stage for coaling engines, surmounted by a covered-in wrought-iron tank, 32ft. x 30ft. x 8ft. deep, having a capacity of 45,000 gallons. There is also a turntable of the standard 65ft. outside "shed" type.

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