



An Impressive Station: More New Rolling Stock

LAST month, these notes drew attention to the fine Hornby-Acho products recently made available from the Paris factory of Meccano Limited, including the particularly attractive Station Kit. Now, I am specially pleased to be able to give you news of another kit, this time a Hornby-Dublo production, which is remarkable for the versatile character of its component parts. It is No. 5083 Terminal and Through Station Composite Kit which is illustrated in full colour in the Hornby-Dublo catalogue. In the pictures accompanying this article, and in the catalogue itself, you can see the two basic forms of station which can be assembled from the parts provided.

By the way, if you haven't got a copy of the Hornby-Dublo catalogue you may wish to take advantage of the scheme announced on page ii.

Dual-purpose Building

Now about that Kit; not only are the station platforms and building highly attractive, but the various units provided can—as the name of the Kit implies—be used to construct a through station of the important main line type, with arched roof, or a terminal station of a similarly impressive character.

There is no need for me to tell you how this is done because the instructions included in the Kit go fully into details. Here again, as I told you last month in

connection with the French-type Station, it is essential to follow the order of operations recommended in the instructions.

The completed station, in either form, is a structure well worthy of handling the important passenger trains in the Hornby-Dublo System. Apart from the purely railway section of the finished station, consisting of two side platforms and a central island, side walls and arched roof sections with supporting girders, there are parts to assemble an imposing station building with an entrance leading through into the station itself. The platform components include sections with ramps for use at platform ends and, for use when the station is assembled as a terminal, there are short connecting lengths intended to be at right angles to the main platforms,

"Cardiff Castle" brings its train to a stop at the Through Station formed from the components of the No. 5083 Kit referred to in this article.

thus forming the area behind the buffer stops.

Above the entrance hall, the centre section of the building is developed to form a flat-topped tower projecting above the level of the roof, and the front face of the tower makes an admirable setting for a dummy clock.

The building can be placed adjacent to either of the side walls when a station of the through type is required. Alternatively, when a terminus is called for, the platform ramp sections normally projecting beyond the roofed-over area can be omitted at one end of the station, and the building can then be placed across this end, reaching from side wall to side wall. In this form, an attractive and business-like terminus results.

Room for Extensions

As the number of pieces included in the Kit covers only the basic requirements for whichever type of station is to be built up, the platforms when assembled are restricted in length. But the design of the units is such that extension will be possible not only of the platforms, but also of the side walls and roof section, by adding further sections of the type required. Ask your Dealer about these.

Furthermore, extension sideways by the addition of extra platform or roof sections is readily possible, because the side walls and other pieces have been designed to present an entirely plain surface, free from projections or architectural features, so that the sections can butt together as