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Brecon & Merthyr Railway	BM
British Railways, BRB / BTC	BB
British Railways (LMR)	BL
British Railways (WR)	BW
Burry Port & Gwendraeth Valley Railway	BP
Bute Docks Company	BT
Cambrian Railways	CM
Cardiff Railway	CR
Carmarthen & Cardigan Railway	CC
General	GL
Great Western & London Midland & Scottish Joint	GM
Great Western & Rhymney Joint Railway	GR
Great Western Railway	GW
Gwendraeth Valley Railway	GV
Industrial railways	ID
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Llanelly Railway & Dock Co.	LR
Llynvi & Ogmore Railway	LL
London & North Western Railway	LN
London Midland & Scottish Railway	LS
Manchester & Milford Railway	MM
Mid Wales Railway	MW
Midland Railway	MR
Monmouthshire Railway	MN
Narrow Gauge Railways	NA
Neath & Brecon Railway	NB
Newport Abergavenny & Hereford Railway	NH
Oystermouth Railway / Swansea & Mumbles	OR
Pembroke & Tenby Railway	PN
Port Talbot Railway	PT
Railway Clearing House	RC
Rhondda & Swansea Bay Railway	RS
Rhymney Railway	RR
Severn & Wye Joint Railway	SJ
Severn and Wye & Severn Bridge Railway	SJ
Shrewsbury & Hereford Joint	SD
Shropshire & Montgomeryshire Railway	SR
South Wales Mineral Railway	SM
South Wales Railway	SW
Swansea Harbour Trust	SH
Swansea Vale Railway	SV
Taff Vale Railway	TV
Taff & Bargoed Junction Railway	TB
Tramways	TR
Vale of Neath Railway	VN
Whitland & Cardigan Railway	WC
Whitland & Taf Vale Railway	WT
Wrexham, Mold & Connah's Quay Railway	WM

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EXPLANATION of the 'ELR' column:

The abbreviation **ELR** is a contraction of **'Engineer's Line Reference'**, normally a three-letter code which indicates which section of line is referred to in that archive entry.

For example, the former B&M station at Maesycwmmer was on the 'Bassaleg Jcn and Rhymney Line', as defined by the engineers. That line was coded BJR. When the ELR column is completed, a search could be made for any entry relating to a particular line of railway.

The titles of the various portions of line can be found in Tony Cooke's *Atlas of the GWR 1947* but many of the codes are intuitive.

Thanks are due to Alastair Warrington for his list of Welsh-based codes which will be gradually introduced. Some codes have varied over the years but as the system is implemented in Archive catalogues a listing will be added to the website.

For more information about these and national codes there is a website devoted to them at:

http://www.deaves47.zxq.net/ELRs/ELR0.htm

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