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Adamson	John Behrens	Retirement	✓	1923	7	95	Mr Adamson served his apprenticeship on the North British Railway Company, he afterwards joined the Guion Line plying between Liverpool and New York, as Marine Engineer. On returing to Carlisle he joined the Midland Railway Company in their fitting shops, and worked his way up to Works Manager. Mr. Adamson retires in the position of Locomotive, Carriage and Wagon Superintendent.
Addison	John	Retirement		1921	01	11	Senior Clerk retired after 60 years of service in Goods Department. Retires in excellent health, the oldest member of St. James' Church Choir.
Addison	John	Obituary		1922	5	72	Mr. Addison passed away aged 77 years. He retired from the Company's employment after 60 years service, being a valuable member of the staff at the Goods Department, Barrow.
Atkinson	George	Retirement	~	1922	11	92	Started in the Locomotive Department, he retired under the age limit after a service with the company of over 50 years.
Balshaw	J.W.	Presentation	V	1923	3	46	From Barrow-in-Furness to Antofagasta (Chile) is a long throw, but youthful ambition with a love of globe-trotting, decided Mr. Walter Balshaw, late of the Control Office, to seek his fortune under the sunny skies of South America. "Balsh" as he was affectionately known to his colleagues, commenced his Railway career as a Purser's assistant on the Fleetwood Steamers, passing from those duties to the General Office, Telegraph Office, after which he took up duty in the Superintendent's Office. During the war he saw service in the Navy, being attached to the Mediterranean Fleet.

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Bell	J	Retirement		1921	12	70	Retired at the age of 71 after 40 years of service. He still enjoys good health and delights in boasting that he never missed a days work through sickness. A strong Trades Unionist he was always to be found advocating measures for the safety of Railwaymen, and also for the general improvement of working conditions.
Benson	W	Retirement		1921	02	49	40+ years service in the sheet making department retired owing to failing eyesight.
Birkett	G	Retirement		1922	9	47	Retired due to ill heath after 50 years service. He was a driver.
Bradshaw	William	Retirement	✓	1923	7	97	Entered the company in December 1875, and retired under the age limit. During the whole of this period he worked as a platelayer in the Hindpool section of the permanent way department. For the last 11 years of service he acted as examiner of the section and prides himself in an experience of smooth working and freedom of accident. He was a reliable worker and made many friends by his jovial disposition.
Brockbank	М	Retirement	✓	1921	01	49	Retired after 49 years of service, responsible for the North Lonsdale Iron Works traffic.
Brockelbank	W.	Obituary	✓	1921	11	73	Been in service 53 years, held the responsible position of Audit Accountant died suddenly.
Burnyeat	W.	Obituary		1921	06	73	One of the best know worthies of Cumberland, being a Justice of the Peace. Deputy Lieutenant of Cumberland.
Casson	John	Retirement		1922	12	46	Retired as the company's Senior Ledger Clerk after 56 years of service. Retired in perfect good health.

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Cavendish	Richard	Director	✓	1921	07	55	Colonel the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish. The son of the late Lord Edward Cavendish. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College Cambridge. In 1895 he entered Parliament and represented the Division of North Lonsdale until 1906. In 1908 he became Chairman of the Ulverston Board of Guardians, and has been Chairman of the Development Commission since its formation in 1909. He is the Grandson of the seventh Duke of Devonshire, one of the founders of the Furness Railway. To many Lord Richard will be known as a soldier, who has always taken a keen interest in the welfare and training of the Territorial Forces. He saw active service with the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment in France in the early War, 1914-15. Was wounded and mentioned in dispatches.
Clough	John	Retirement	✓	1921	03	50	45 years service as a fitter in the Locomotive Department.
Crookall	R	Retirement		1922	12	47	A well known Station Master of Ravenglass retired after 55 years service. He made many friends by his courteous manner to the travelling public.
Crosby	John	Obituary		1923	8	99	Served with the L. & N.W. Company for 33 years came from Earlestown to Workington as foreman in June 1910. He won a Scholarship for machine drawing and the first prize for a model wagon which he built for an exhibition.
Dick	Т	Retirement	✓	1921	02	49	Retired after 56 years of service, he was an iron turner of the Locomotive Department Barrow.
Dickinson	Thomas	Obituary		1921	03	51	Joined the company in 1896 and for many years was engaged on the company's behalf at the Barrow Steel Works, sadly passed away following an operation, age 47.
Donaldson	James	Obituary		1922	11	24	Was employed in the Locomotive Department and had risen to the position of fireman, he died at the early age of 24 after a very short illness.
Fisher	Joseph	Obituary		1922	3	71	Mr. Fisher entered the service as a cleaner in the Loco Dept, and became a regular driver in 1880.

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Fitzsimons	P.	Obituary	✓	1922	4	91	Mr. Fitzsimons was employed as a fitter in the Moor Row Loco Works. He was in service for 50 years.
Fitzsimons	Р	Retirement		1921	04	73	Retired aged 70 years. Fitted the Ravenglass and Eskdale railway stock with the Westinghouse brake.
Forrester	J	Retirement	✓	1923	9	17	Entered the company's service in April 1872 aged 18, and has for a great number of years been on main line passenger duties, always claiming Engine number 131 for his own since it was added to stock in 1913. He retired having completed a service of over 50 years. For over 29 years he was President of the Carnforth Railway Tontine Club.
Fox	E. P.	Obituary	✓	1922	9	91	Mr. Fox sadly passed away after a painful illness. He entered the service as a Clerk in Kirkby in 1882, and was transferred to Carnforth Station in 1887 and to Barrow Central in 1892. In 1896 he returned to Carnforth as Chief Parcels Clerk, ultimately being appointed Station Master at Kirkby in 1902.
Garnett	Hartley	Obituary		1921	02	50	Entered the service at the age of 14, sadly died at the age of 20 after an operation in Whitehaven Infirmary.
Gibson	Norman	Obituary	✓	1921	01	50	Active service in 10th Batt. South Wales Border Regiment. Passed away at the age of 22.
Gill	Joseph	Retirement	✓	1921	07	73	50 years service. Worked in the Locomotive Department, after seven years as a fireman Mr. Gill served continuously as a driver of goods and passenger trains. Apart from work on the trains he was actively associated with movements for promoting the welfare and better conditions of labour. He was elected first President of the local branch of the N.U.R. Retired in good health.
Gill	John	Retirement		1923	12	20	Mr. Gill entered the service of the Company in 1873, and after being employed in the Engineer's department, was transferred in 1875 to the Carriage and Wagon Department. Mr. Gill's retirement was forced due to an accident he sustained whilst at work in July 1921.

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Goodall	Frank	Obituary	✓	1921	01	25	38 years service, had a keen interest in the welfare of staff, especially on the North Lonsdale Hospital Council where he was F.R. representative.
Gornall	John	Retirement	✓	1923	10	18	John Gornall retires as chargeman cleaner under the age limit after spending some 50 years in service of the company, 22 years of which have been on night duty at Barrow Sheds. He had worked his way up to fireman and driver, spending many years on the footplate.
Graham	John	Retirement	✓	1921	08	95	Foreman in the Traffic Department retired after 52 years service.
Hamill	Felix	Retirement	✓	1921	07	71	Captain Felix Hamill 52 years service. In 1867 he sailed in the "Charles Chaloner" to Quebec
Hemer	Charles	Retirement	✓	1922	9	92	Mr. Hemer, Lodgekeeper, General Offices, retired from the service under the age limit after 40 years service. Prior to joining the company, Charles was 18 years in the Army, joining at the age of 14 as Drummer Boy in the 2nd Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment. He was stationed in India for 12 years and in 1875 during the visit of the Prince of Wales he was chosen with several other bandsmen to accompany the Prince on his tour. He was stationed in India during the Afgan War. On his discharge he was given the position of Porter.
Henderson	John	Retirement		1922		71	Retired after 40 years service, his shopmates regretted his leaving them but at the same time wished him every happiness and pleasure in the future.
Hunter	William Henry	Obituary		1922	2	71	The recent epidemic of influenza claimed Mr. William Henry Hunter as one of its victims aged 24 years old. He was the third son of Driver H. Hunter and was employed as an Engine Cleaner in the Loco Dept, during the war he served for a period of about three years in the 5th Battalion Border Regiment.

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Kennedy	Myles	Deputy Chairman	✓ 192	21 04	27	Four generations of mining, in the discovery of iron ore. Grandson of Charles Storr Kennedy. The eldest of 15 brothers and sisters. Became the Director of the company in July 1915, and deputy Chairman in February 1920.
Linton	G	Retirement	☐ 192	23 5	66	There was a presentation to Mr. Linton on his retirement from the position of Secretary of the Furness Railway. Regret from the officers was expressed that under new conditions in the Railway world it had become necessary for Mr. Linton to sever their connection with the Railway Service. He served the old Furness Railway Company ably and faithfully for over 50 years.
Mackereth	George	Retirement	<u> </u>	22	70	Retired under the age limit after being in service for 45 years as a carriage cleaner. He was a consistent worker during the whole of this period and in spite of advancing years is still in the enjoyment of good health.
Minshall	John E.	Presentation	✓ 192	23	46	Recently retired under the age limit, and was employed in the carriage Department. He was a fine craftsman in the finishing of woodwork. He was one of the founders of St. George's Tontine, composed mainly of railway shopmen. Of this club he was for many years Secretary, and is now acting President of the same. He possessed a thorough working knowledge of Ambulance which made him very useful in cases of first aid, he was familiarly known among his shopmates as "Doc."
Parker	Robert	Obituary	✓ 192	22 8	90	We regret to record the death of Mr. Robert Parker which occurred at his residence after a short illness on August 29th. He had worked as Hydraulic Foreman on the docks up to August 17th.
Pennington	J	Retirement	☐ 192	22 12	47	Spent a long service with the company and retired in spite of advancing years, with a considerable reserve for vigour. Had remarkably good health, considering the exposures and vicissitudes of an engine drivers life.

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Peters	James	Obituary	V	1921	01	26	57 years service, began as a cleaner in the Locomotive department, soon rose to the position of driver. He was an active supporter of the Cooperative movement, of which he was one of the early pioneers.
Phizacklea	George	Retirement	✓	1922	12	47	He was a striker in the Smith's Department for over 50 years. During the whole of this period he only lost two half hours of his own accord. On each of the days when his fateful half hour was lost his demeanour was so much out of the ordinary that his shop mates hardly dare look at him.
Postlewaite	Victor H.	Obituary	✓	1921	06	74	Passed away after operation aged 28. Served for over three years in France during the late war, and was wounded on three occasions.
Probert	Price	F.R. Ambulance Centre	✓	1921	07	67	Captain of the Furness Railway Ambulance Team. Received the Order of Honorary Serving Brother of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Received the Russian Order of St. George Medal after attending to the wounded under heavy shell fire in Turkey. He served in North and South Russia, Galacia, Turkey, Armenia, Romania and Austria. Later promoted to 1st Class Petty Officer.
Ramsden	Frederic J.	Chairman		1921	01	1	Welcome from the Chairman.
Randles	Sir John S.	Director	✓	1921	10	79	Received the honour of Knighthood in 1905. Honorary President of the International Commercial Conference.
Rawlings	William "Bill"	Retirement	✓	1922	12	46	Retired after 45 years, worked for 6 months as a shunter and the rest of his time as a guard. Considered an athlete in a useful way in the annual Coupling Contests, he was a keen competitor and was generally placed in the first three.

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Ridge	Jackson	Obituary		1921	09	95	Chief foreman of the Carriage and Wagon Department. Much of his leisure time was taken up in the good work for the welfare of young people, especially those of St. Mark's Church where he acted as Sunday School Superintendent for over 30 years.
Ritson	J	Retirement	✓	1923		97	Recently retired under the age limit. For 20 years employed in carriage cleaning at the Central Station Barrow. At the end of this period he was transferred to the Permanent Way Department, still at the same depot until his retirement.
Robinson	Т	Obituary	✓	1922	4	71	We regret to record the death of Mr. Robinson Stationmaster aged 63 years. He was apparently in good health when he had a sudden attack of apoplexy and sadly died the same day without recovering consciousness. He began his career in 1874, and at the time of his decease had been Station Master for nearly 35 years.
Roseveare	F.W.	Retirement	✓	1921	04	40	Company's Chief Storekeeper. Medically advised that it is compulsory that he takes relief from business and active work.
Rutherford	D.L.	Presentation		1923	9	97	Formerly Engineer of the Furness Railway Company, was presented with a handsome chair by the foreman and employees in the Engineering, Locomotive, Carriage and Wagon Department of the L.M.S. Railway at Barrow.
Shaw	Т	Retirement	✓	1923	6	96	Mr. Shaw had the long record of over 51 years with the Company in the Locomotive Department. He entered the service in 1872 and made fireman the following year. He became a driver in 1892. After three years as a passenger driver on the branch line, he was promoted to the main line and took a great interest in Engine No. 133, which he always looked upon as his own.

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Smith	John H.	Retirement	✓	1923		67	Retires after 50 years' service and had been a Station Master for 41 years, of which 33 have been spent at Drigg. Mr. Smith is a member of the Lake Artists' Society, and, as a portrait painter, has exhibited in the Royal Academy London, the Walker Art Gallery Liverpool, and many other exhibitions. It was gratifying to learn that Mr. Smith had decided to build a bungalow near Drigg, and it is hoped that his well-earned retirement would allow him ample leisure to devote to his hobby of painting.
Southward	Joseph	Obituary	✓	1923	8	16	With great regret we announce the death of Joseph Southward aged 17 years. He was accidentally killed whilst on duty at Furness Abbey Station He had been employed as a clerk at Furness Abbey.
Speakman	L	Retirement		1923	5	66	Regret has been expressed that under new conditions it had become necessary For Mr. Speakman who held the position of General Manager, to sever his connections in the Railway Service. The whole board and the old officers, too are thankful and delighted to know Mr. Speakman has so soon found such an excellent new appointment. He is far too young to retire into private life yet.
Speakman	Lionel	General Manager		1921	01	7	Mr. Speakman was born at Stanthorne Hill, Middlewich, Cheshire. After an education at Cheltenham College he entered the service of the London and North Western Railway in 1896, he was located in London, Liverpool and Manchester. In 1902 he was appointed Assistant District Goods Manager at Liverpool and retained this position until 1911, when he became Goods Manager of the South Staffordshire District at Wolverhampton, until the close of 1913. At the beginning of 1914 he was transferred in the same capacity to Birmingham, and in May of that year he was appointed Outdoor Goods Manager for the Northern Division, a position which he vacated in order to become Chief Executive Officer of the Furness Railway in 1918.

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Steel	William	Obituary		1922	11	24	For many years was the Foreman at the Devonshire Dock Warehouse and also Bonded Warehouse man. He retired in 1913 after 49 years service.
Stephenson	W	Retirement		1922	12	46	Retires in good health, worked for the company as a borer for iron ore. As a points man at the old Barrow station, on the opening of the Central station he was made a signalman. During his leisure time he was a keen gardener.
Stewart	William	Obituary	✓	1923	7	99	His death caused a shock to his many friends after 32 years of faithful service to the Furness Railway. He was first engaged in the Painting Department, under the late Mr. Woods, as a letter and signwriter, and was transferred in this capacity to the Harbour Yard in 1900. In addition to his services with the Railway, he was always a willing helper in philanthropic and charitable work, and all who knew him feel the loss of a friend and real good fellow.
Tyson	Joseph	Retirement		1921	06	95	Retired due to ill health. Started as an engine cleaner, after passing the stages of cleaner and fireman he was promoted to driver, and acted in that capacity for 34 years. He has 55 years service.
Walker	John	Obituary		1921	02	51	Assistant Pier Master in connection with Barrow Docks, sadly died aged 77.
Wilkinson	Thomas	Obituary	✓	1922	2	48	Following his duty as Foreman Platelayer and walking along the railway between Levens Viaduct and Cark Station, he was knocked down by a passing train and sadly killed. He was in the service for a period of 16 years. He leaves a widow and three children.
Wrigglesworth	Samuel	Obituary		1921	02	51	Clerk in connection with the Number Taking Department, attached to Barrow Yard, sadly died aged 67.

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Younghusband	Jacob	Retirement	√ 1923	5	69	For the past 40 years has served the old Cleator and Workington Junction Railway Company faithfully and well. All that came into contact with Mr. Younghusband will regret the retirement of their old friend and will wish him the best health in a long and happy retirement.

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