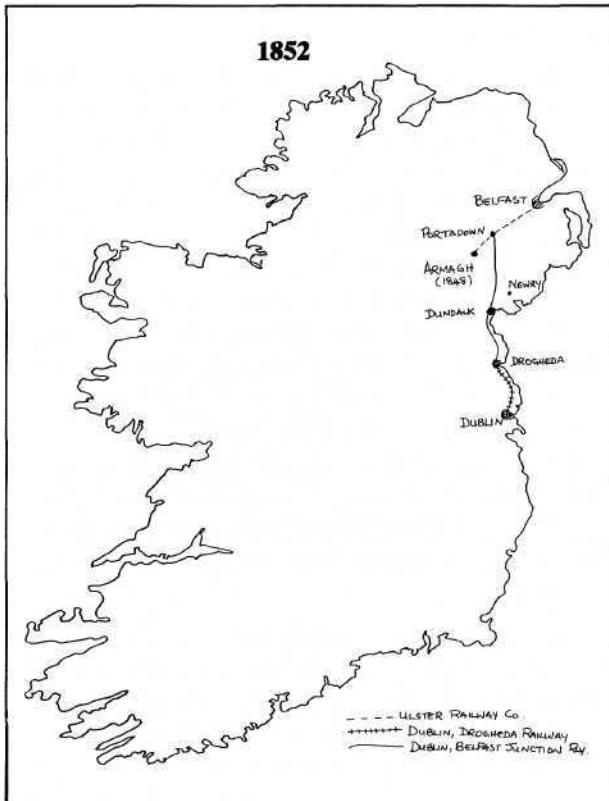


Armagh-Markethill section closed completely. Goods traffic continued on the Markethill to Goragwood section until 1957 and in 1965 the line closed completely.

- 1836 (a) Dublin-Drogheda Company Incorporated,
(b) Ulster Railway Company Incorporated.
(a) Empowered to construct a line between Dublin and Drogheda (32 mls.)
(b) Empowered to construct a line between Belfast and Armagh (36 mls.)
- 1839 Ulster Railway line reached Lisburn on 12th August
- 1841 Ulster Railway line reached Lurgan on 18th November
- 1842 Ulster Railway line reached Portadown on 12th September.
- 1845 Newry and Enniskillen Company Incorporated, and empowered to construct a line via Armagh and Clones to Enniskillen (72 mls.)
Dublin-Belfast Junction Railway company incorporated and empowered to link (63 mls.)
- 1846 Work commenced in August on the 3 1/2 ml. stretch from Newry to Goragwood.
Royal Commission laid down a universal gauge of 5 ft. 3 ins.



CHRONOLOGY

- 1825 Opening of the Stockton-Darlington line.
- 1826 A survey of Newry-Armagh line was carried out.
- 1828 A report by Wm. Edgeworth had been published with a map attached.
- 1831 Dublin and Kingstown Railway Co. Incorporated.
- 1834 The first line in Ireland was opened on December 17 between Dublin and Kingstown (a distance of 6 miles on the standard British gauge 4-8 1/2")