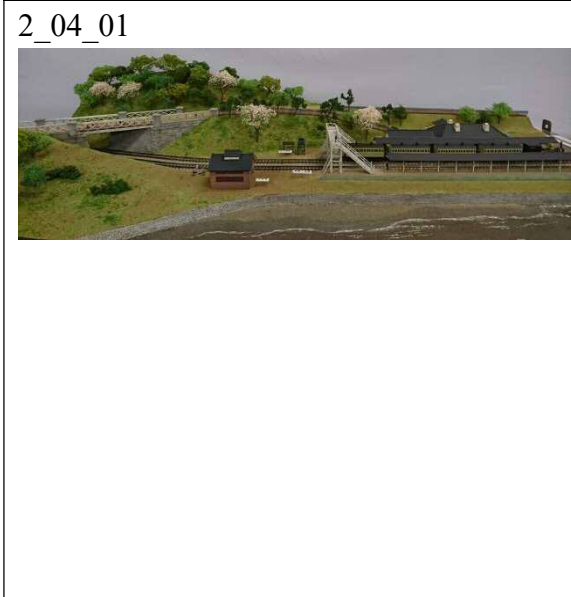
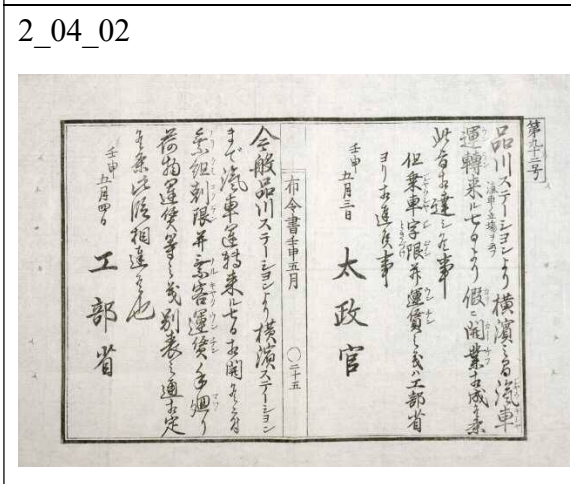


Opening of the Railways and Shinagawa



Shinagawa Railway Station at the Time of its Opening

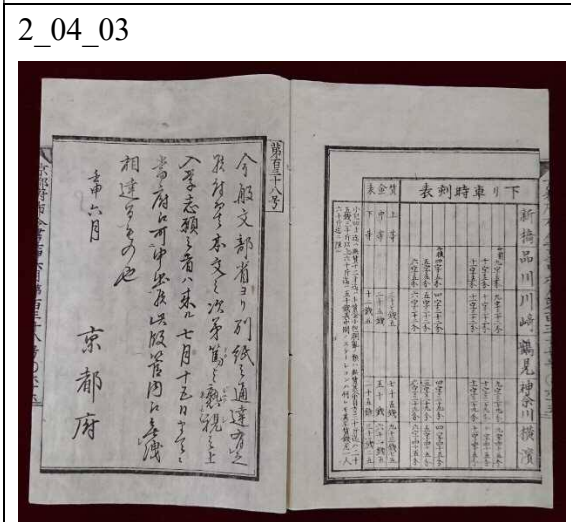
Shinagawa Railway Station opened on June 12, 1872 and Japan's first train ran from Shinagawa to Yokohama. In October, a railway line reached to Shimbashi, and Japan's first railroad and stations officially opened. The original Shinagawa Station was 300 meters south of its location today with a one story wood frame building. The seaside could be seen alongside Shinagawa Station.



Notice of Provisional Opening of the Railway

May, 1872

The notice states that on the day of provisional openings, two round trips will be taken between Shinagawa and Yokohama, each taking 35 minutes.



Fare and Timetable during Provisional Opening

From June, 1872

With the opening with Kawasaki and Kanagawa Stations, the time table was revised. Initially, six round trips were made a day, but from July 10, an additional two trips were added.

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Opening Ceremony at Yokohama station

Illustrated London News, December 21, 1872 edition

An illustration made by a British newspaper of the opening ceremony at Yokohama Station. The steam locomotive departed from Shimbashi arrived at Yokohama Station, and the Meiji Emperor is pictured attending the ceremony. The English banker W. Cargill attended the ceremony in the dress uniform of the Scottish Rifles, drawing the attention of the crowd. He served as a mediator between the Japanese and foreign engineers.

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Tickets from the Opening (Speculative Reproduction)

Reproductions based on tickets found between Shimbashi and Yokohama during excavations of the Shiodome Archeological site near the Shimbashi Railyard. The color of the ticket indicates the class, with white being first class, second class being blue, and third-class being red. The station names, class and notices are written on the tickets. The first-class tickets are written in Japanese, English, German and French, while the second and third-class tickets are written only in Japanese and English.