



*Builders photo of an unidentified low-sided wagon which is suspected may have worked on the Wolgan Valley Railway.
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in 1953, one set being built by the Atlas Engineering Company of Sydney in 1875, and another carried the road number 14 chiselled into the wooden side frames. It is thought that this could have been a Departmental road number.

Reference has been made to thirteen four-wheeled tank wagons owned by the Commonwealth Oil Corporation, numbered in their wagon stock list as 1 to 7 and 15 to 20, which were built with light wooden underframes. Consequently the Railway Department required that "these vehicles must be marshalled at the rear end of a train, immediately in front of the brake-van except between Newnes Junction and Katoomba, on which section the vehicles attached to Down and Up trains may be marshalled next to the engine". At September 1911 mention was made that the "Commonwealth Oil Corporation's oil-tanks and bogie box-wagons have been fitted with spring cradle draw-gear and may be marshalled in trains as may be convenient". Then in March 1912 the Railway Dep-

artment required that "When passenger carriages are attached to pick-up goods trains oil-tanks 1 to 7 and 15 to 20, must have three trucks marshalled against the brake-van".

These small tank-wagons, distinguished by a tall cylindrical shaped dome at one end, were in constant use running between Hartley Vale and Newnes, and also between Torbane and Newnes, for crude oil transfer. They also transported oil in bulk to the refinery established by John Fell at Duck Creek near Clyde, a property now occupied by the Shell Oil Company, and were often to be seen at Burwood Goods-siding where oil was transferred to the Mortlake Gas-works. They ventured as far afield as Albury where the tanks were lifted from the frames and placed on Victorian flat-topped 5 feet 3 inches gauge wagons for further transport to Melbourne and elsewhere, one such tank even being sighted at Portland. In 1919 one of these tank-wagons broke away from Newnes Junction through some shunting misadventure and