



Minister of Transport William Rodgers has a word about the "tablet", for passing trains safely through sections, with Helmsdale signalman Donald MacLennan. Also in the picture are Mr Robert MacLennan, M.P. and Mr Fred Walmsley, chief operations manager of British Rail in Scotland.

# S - AND HOW TO TRAVEL BY SEA IN 1859

This advertisement comes from "The Picturesque Tourist of Scotland" published by Adam and Charles Black of Edinburgh in 1859 — long before the days of rail and motor omnibus. If any reader has more information about the Sutherland steam packet, "Heather Bell", the company, or a photograph of the ship, we would be delighted to make use of it.

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