



DEPOT JUNCTION

A NARROW GAUGE DIORAMA

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1:32 SCALE

THE NO HOPE Coast railway administration now thinks it built Depot Junction in the wrong location. It should have been closer to the wharves. The branch and its signals, signal boxes, sand and fuel facility, turntable, and enginehouse are too isolated. The only defense the planner could offer was that he chose a site close to his home. He is looking for a new job.

Actually, Depot Junction is a freelance, one by six foot diorama about four feet above floor level. Its scale is 1:32, its gauge is two feet (exactly equal to On3), and its track is

handlaid code 100 (representing 35 pound rail). It is the fourth display I have built in the past five years and it took about a year to construct. [Another of Kim's dioramas appeared in our February/March 1996 issue.—Ed.] The cost was minimal and I learn a lot from each display I build.

I chose the scale after reading Robert Stephens' article in the August/September 1994 **OUTDOOR RAILROADER**. It describes how much large scale narrow gauge you can model in a small space with 1:32 scale. I find the results very satisfying.

