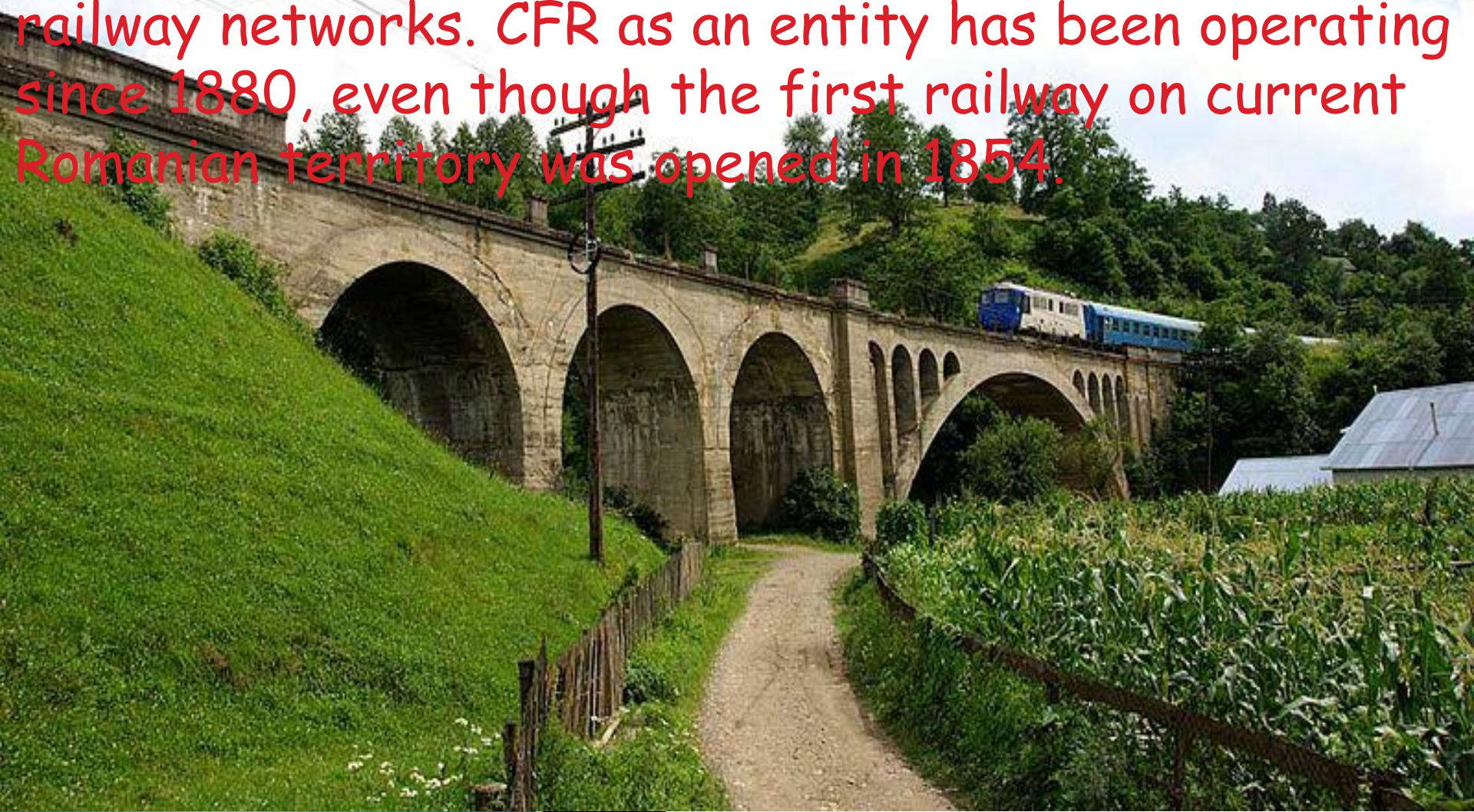


The History of Romanian Railways

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Romanian Railways is the official designation of the state railway carrier of Romania. The network is significantly interconnected with other European railway networks. CFR as an entity has been operating since 1880, even though the first railway on current Romanian territory was opened in 1854.



CFR is divided into four autonomous companies:

- *CFR Passengers*, responsible for passenger services;
- *CFR Goods*, responsible for freight transport;
- *CFR Infrastructure*, manages the infrastructure on the Romanian railway network;
- *Railway tourist company*, which manages scenic and touristic railways



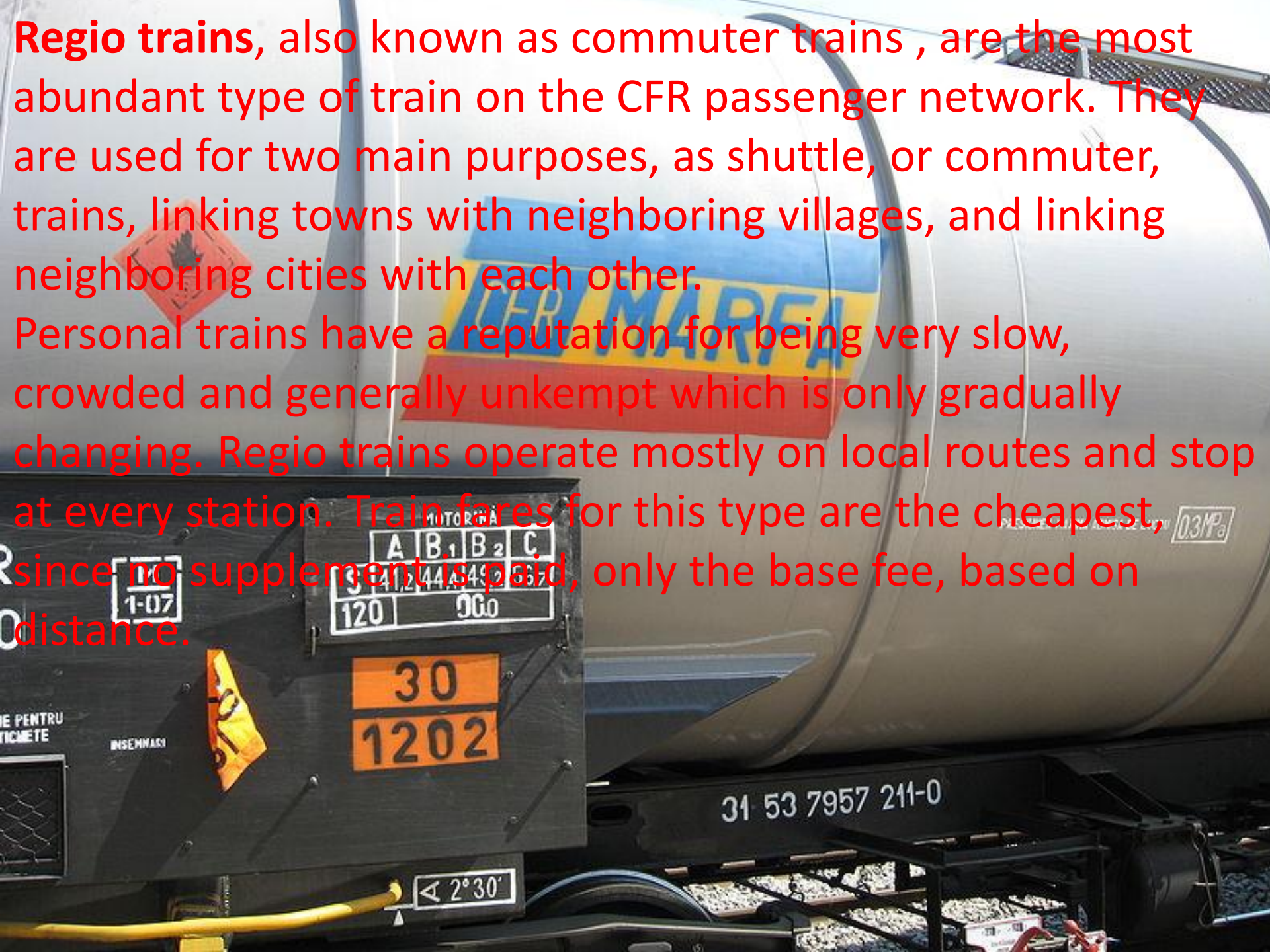
The first railway line on Romania's present-day territory was opened on 20 August 1854. The line, which had a length of 62.5 km, was used solely for the transportation of coal. After several improvements, the line was opened to passenger traffic from 1 November 1856.

Between 1864 and 1880, several railways were constructed and On 1 September 1865, the English company John Trevor-Barkley began construction on the Bucharest-Giurgiu line. Commissioned by the King of Romania, the line was opened to traffic on 26 August 1869



Regio trains, also known as commuter trains, are the most abundant type of train on the CFR passenger network. They are used for two main purposes, as shuttle, or commuter, trains, linking towns with neighboring villages, and linking neighboring cities with each other.

Personal trains have a reputation for being very slow, crowded and generally unkempt which is only gradually changing. Regio trains operate mostly on local routes and stop at every station. Train fares for this type are the cheapest, since no supplement is paid, only the base fee, based on distance.



CFR steam engine 230-039 exhibited in Sinaia railway station. The 230 series were steam engines used for passenger train service.



A CFR Class 96 (Siemens's Desiro) train at Bucharest North Station



Train in Bucharest North Station (2010)



- Interior car from regional trains



A CFR conductor ("ceferist") helping a passenger at Gara de Nord, February 2008.



The interior of a modernised coach using for Interegio trains in 2011



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