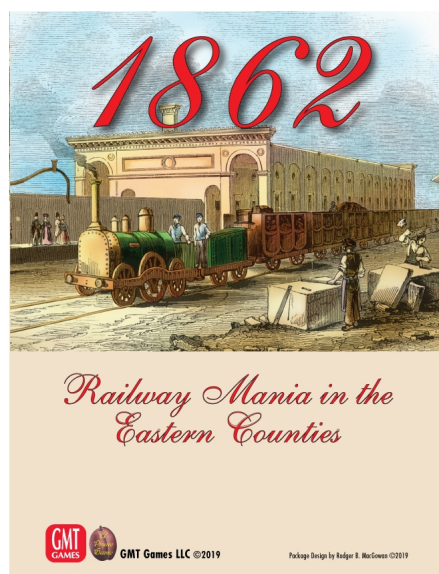


1862: Railway Mania in the Eastern Counties



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Description

The year is 1843, and Great Britain is poised to see the country gripped by a new disease - Railway Mania. Rail transportation to link industrial Great Britain together has captured the public imagination, and thanks to a rapidly expanding affluent middle class, more than enough money is available to build that rail net. Scores of new railway companies spring up. With virtually no governmental oversight, many fraudulent or economically unfeasible railways appear, financed by a tidal wave of cash from starry-eyed investors. By 1849 the spectacular railway construction bubble completely bursts, thousands of individual investors are ruined, and the surviving well-run rail lines move into the financial wreckage to salvage the workable lines, continue construction through the next decade, and grow stronger.



1862: Railway Mania in the Eastern Counties is set in this cauldron of railway construction. Players will vie to start railway companies, invest money in railway shares, and attempt to run the railways they control for personal gain, trying to keep them afloat in changeable economic times. Each game played will be unique. Out of 20 available railway companies, only 16 will be randomly selected for each game – and only eight will be available at start. Each company also starts with a randomly chosen Permit to run one of three different types of train. Players then begin the game by investing in some of the available companies. Each company will generate revenue for the majority shareholder by laying track on the board, placing station markers, running any trains it owns, paying dividends or retaining revenue from those trains, and then buying more and more advanced trains. As the game progresses, players can start more companies and can merge companies they control with other companies. When larger and more powerful trains are bought, older trains become obsolete and disappear, causing financial crisis for the unprepared. The game ends after the last band of trains is bought, and the wealthiest player, including shares, but not money in companies, is the winner.



Map and Components pictured are from the 2013 LMN&B version

1862: Railway Mania in the Eastern Counties is an '18xx' game, one of many rail games by different designers inspired by Francis Tresham's 1829. Although it shares many traits in common with the other 18XX games, it has several unique features, such as:

- random selection of companies
- three types of trains
- two different ways to finance companies (either by petitioning parliament or by piecemeal capitalization in a stock round)
- allowing companies to run multiple trains over the same track
- the ability to accommodate from 1 to 8 players
- a special homage to the great "Railway King" George Hudson

Although there is randomness in the game setup, no luck takes a part in the game after that. Your success will entirely be due to your judgement and interaction with other players.

A Note on Complexity: 1862: Railway Mania in the Eastern Counties features game mechanics that are intuitive, and the game plays rapidly. Still, this can be a complex game, even by 18xx standards, due to the formidable decision-making required from beginning to end.

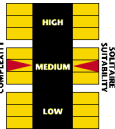
Playing Time: 18xx games tend to take longer than most Euro-style games, but this is a surprisingly short one. Experienced, brisk players can expect to finish a game in around four hours or less.

Notes about the GMT Version of 1862: Railway Mania in the Eastern Counties, for those of you who've played a previous version:

1. We're not changing anything in terms of game play. This will still be the 1862 game you love, just with better components.
2. Regarding the components, besides putting the map on a mounted game board, we'll be using half-size playing cards for the Stock Certificates and trains, and the stations tokens and track tiles will be on the high-quality counter stock like what you'll find in our previous 18xx title, 1846.

Components:

- 1 Mounted 25.5" x 22" Game Board
- 20 different Charters
- £15,000 in play money
- 180 Stock Certificates
- 34 Train cards
- 8 Phase Change cards
- 12 Train Distribution cards
- 6 Player Order cards
- 7 Certificate Limit cards
- 175 Track Tiles: (175 total tiles on thick counter stock)
- 30 Train Permits (on thick counter stock)
- 20 Warranty chits (on thick counter stock)
- 220 Station tokens/chits (on thick counter stock)
- 20 Small wooden station tokens
- 1 Wooden Train marker
- 1 Wood cylinder to mark Stock Operating Rounds
- One Rules booklet



Game Design: Mike Hutton