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Setting the Scene.

In the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century I think Princetown was an important commercial centre and it had a huge hinterland, and it provided services for people over many, many miles, and of course it had the railway so it was able to bring goods in from Plymouth and export people out for the day, and it's at that time that you see the rise of local merchants, most notably were the Bolt family and they had two shops in Princetown and those shops provided pretty well everything and anything they didn't sell in shops they provided through a delivery service.