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Rothschild Room: the Management Board Meeting Room of *La compagnie des Chemins de Fer du Nord*

James de Rothschild

A French banker born in Frankfort am Main, antidemocrat, antirepublican, financing the Great-Britain war against Napoleon, he became an iconic character of novels of no less than 3 great French writers: Stendhal in *Lucien Leuwen*, Balzac in *la Comédie humaine* and Zola in *l'Argent*.

French people grow fond of him when he founds the Lafite-Rothschild Bordeaux house wine in 1868

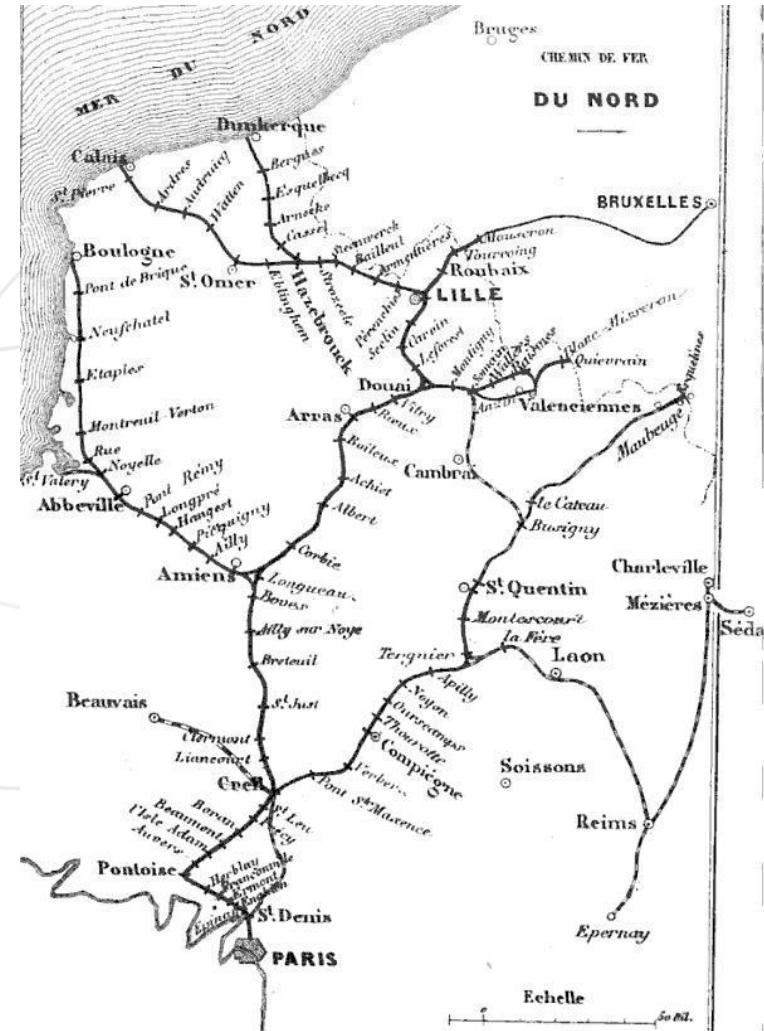


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The **Compagnie des chemins de fer du Nord** operates the North part of France and a part of Benelux from 1845 to 1938. It is created by banker James de Rothschild and his partners.

It quickly becomes a model for the RUs in France, with a high density network.

It operates goods from its beginning, linking the coal mines and the ports of this rich region.



The network in 1853, at its beginning

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