

PICTOU COUNTY  
ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

# NEW GLASSBORO

TRIBUTION

Stellarton Road

Stellarton

East River Rd.

Potters

Albion Mine

PICTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COMPANY

STELLARTON

Stellarton Road

Old Street

CTR

WESTVILLE

Main Street

PICTOU COUNTY ELECTRIC COMPANY

On May 3rd, 1887, the New Glasgow Electric Company was incorporated to generate and distribute electricity and to build a street railway to serve New Glasgow, Stellarton, Trenton, Westville, and Ferrona, but this Company did not build the street railway.

On March 27th, 1902, the Egerton Tramway Company was incorporated to build an electric railway to serve the principal towns and villages in Egerton Township --- New Glasgow, Stellarton, Westville, Trenton, Ferrona and Thorburn. Construction started in 1903 and the line from Trenton, through New Glasgow and Stellarton to Westville was completed in October 1904. In March 1909, the Egerton Tramway Company bought the New Glasgow Electric Company and a month later, a new company, the Pictou County Electric Company, was organized.

In 1913, a branch line was built in New Glasgow to the potteries and it is probable that this line was to have been extended to Thorburn. However, traffic was light and the potteries branch was abandoned in 1922.

The railway crossed the East River of Pictou on a rather flimsy trestle and in April 1930, this trestle was carried away by ice. Partial service continued for a few weeks until the Company bought some buses from the Montreal Tramways Company. The bus service, which the Company still operates over the same route, is faster but much less comfortable than the fine old interurbans.

ROLLING STOCK

(Odd numbers only)

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| 101 to 109 | Double truck, double end, small interurban cars<br>Built 1904 by Ottawa Car Manufacturing Company.                     |
| 111 to 119 | Similar cars to 101 series built 1911 by J.G. Brill Company and bought in 1913 from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. |
| 121 to 125 | Also built in 1911 by J.G. Brill Company and bought in 1915 from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.               |
| 1 and 2    | Single truck, double end snow ploughs. Wason Mfg. Co. 1905-6.  |
| 3          | Double truck, double end snow plough.<br>Pictou County Electric Company, 1912.   |

Early records indicate that the road had three freight motor cars but they disappeared long ago. Probably plough no. 3 was one of them.

Passenger cars were painted black.

(Note: Map of the Pictou County Electric Co. is included with this issue, along with map of the Newfoundland Light & Power Co., St. John's, NF story of which was carried in the January News Report.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: While visiting New Glasgow in June 1952, the rails, which had been paved over in New Glasgow streets, were being removed from Provost Street --- twenty-two years after the line had closed its rail services.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

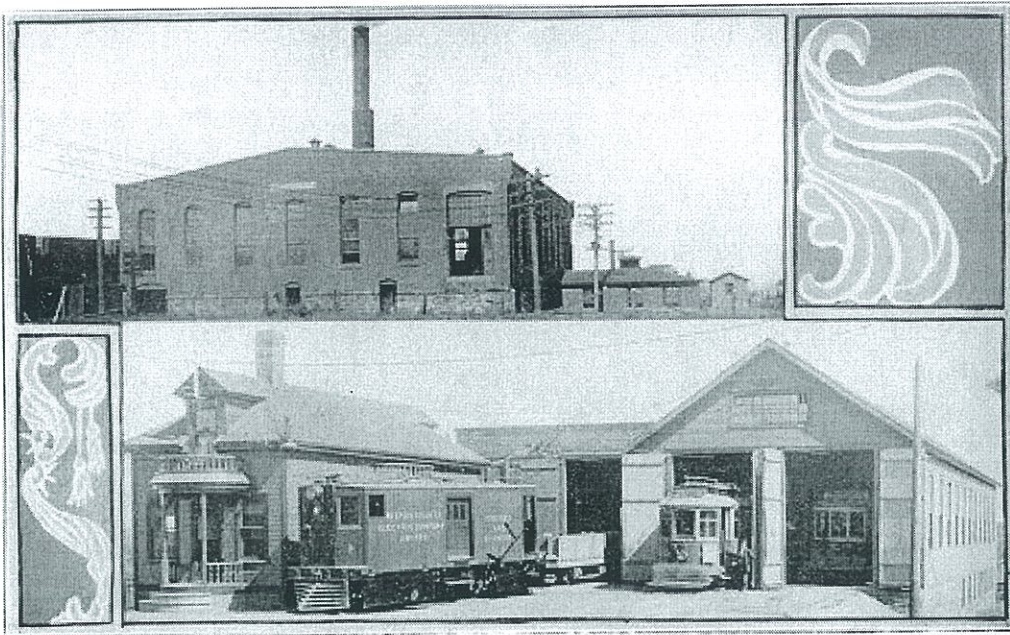
In a previous report, the news of the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George, was carried. The first passenger train included some seventeen cars and two diesel-electric locomotives. Details of the equipment are as follows:

Engines 567, 568.      Baggage cars 720, 721, 722, 717.  
Coaches 610, 611.      Lunch Counter Car 653.  
Pullmans SETON LAKE, ANDERSON LAKE, WILLIAMS LAKE.      Dining car 652.  
Sleepers CLINTON, PAVILION, BARKERVILLE.      Official A5, BRIDGE RIVER.  
Open Observation car 15.

The last spike was driven at the Abbau Canyon Bridge, and the train was hauled into the CNR station at Prince George by a CNR diesel-electric switcher.

CARA News

First PGE Train to  
Prince George.



PICTOU COUNTY ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.  
General Office, Car Barn and Power House, Station.

Station, Pictou