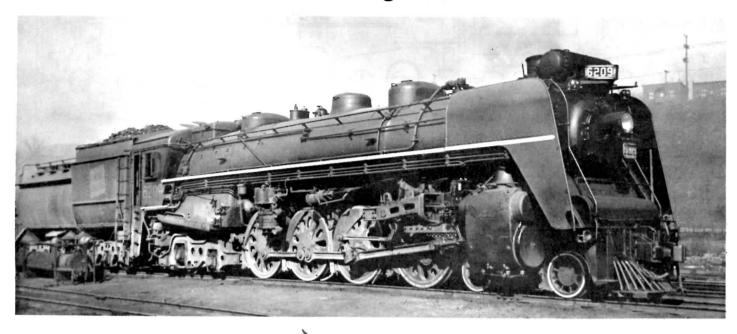


6200 - 6234



U-2-g



Canadian National's 35 U-2-g class locomotives were built during World War II, basically to the designs of the earlier 6160-6189 series, but with such refinements as roller bearing trailing trucks, streamlined steam passages and lateral play driving boxes. By the early 1950's, the U-2-g's had lost their smoke deflectors in a drive for easier maintenance and improved crew visibility. These fine locomotives were considered by many to be the ultimate in 4-8-4 design on CN.

The 6200's were equally at home in passenger or freight service, with the majority of their assignments being on the Central and Atlantic Regions. Occasionally, a 6200 would roll up 16,000 miles a month on runs such as the 840-mile Montreal-Halifax service. When the famed Toronto-Montreal Pool Trains became too heavy for the 5700-series Hudsons, U-2-g's took over and performed magnificently, often with loads far in excess of their theoretical limit. In the 1950's, a number of 6200's saw occasional service in western Canada, venturing as far as Edmonton; included in this group were engines 6201/04/07/10/11/13/17/18/20/23/24/25/26/28/29.

A number of 6200's endured to the end of the steam era in eastern Canada, with Nos.6219 and 6234 handling Toronto-Hamilton commuter trains 76 and 79 as late as the end of April, 1959.

Three members of the class remain, as follows:

6200 - Held by CN for display.

6213 - On display, Toronto, Ont.

(Canadian National Exhibition)
6218 - In excursion service, Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Regions.

