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CP MIKADO 5185 WHIPS A WINTER FREIGHT OVER THE HAMILTON-GUELPH JCT. LINE, BACK IN THE DAYS OF STEAM. (Al Paterson)





## 6167 GOES TO STRATFORD

Photo Story by JIM BROWN

As the accompanying photographs show, a steam locomotive is again under repair in the erecting hall, for the first time since early 1959. During the intervening period the shop has been kept busy fabricating track components, and rebuilding cranes and other pieces of work equipment; now, however, some of the sight and sounds of the past have returned to Stratford shops.

CN's 6167 arrived at Stratford on November 29th; the same afternoon, Class 5 repairs were begun. These repairs are evidently being undertaken as a result of 6167's successful excursion season during 1961, and will insure the locomotive's continued service in 1962. (The first UCRS excursion next year will be to Lindsay, on January 28th.)

The shop forces expect to work on the locomotive for a three to four week period. Included in the repairs are renewal of the superheater units, possible renewal of some firetubes (if this proves necessary), tests of the rods for flaws, hydrostatic and high pressure steam tests and subsequent boiler examination with any additional boiler work that may be required.

An interested observer of these goings-on was a shop foreman at Stratford, Mr. Arthur Alder, (see photo), who happened to be retiring on November 30th, the day these photos were taken. In 1940, Mr. Alder was an inspector for the CNR, his job being to examine new locomotives and officially approve them before the railway took delivery. He recalls inspecting 6167 at Montreal Locomotive Works that year, and thus the locomotive's appearance at Stratford on his last day on the job is an interesting coincidence.

After the work at Stratford is completed, 6167 will be moved to Sarnia in preparation for an early-January excursion from Sarnia to Stratford and return, sponsored by the Michigan Railroad Club. Part of this trip is to be operated over the Forest Subdivision, the old Grand Trunk main line, from Sarnia Jct. to St. Marys Jct. Following this excursion, the locomotive will return to Toronto.

