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Montreal built M-636 \#2312 heads a CN freight into Bayview Junction on an overcast day in August 1971. (D.W. Smith)
OPPOSITE PAGE
The CN 9100 series $\mathrm{F}-7$ 's had some of their number transfered from Edmonton to Toronto last winter, proving to be better for plow duties than the usual geeps. Having just returned from a plowing run, $\# 9178$ is seen here in Stratford, Ontario yard alongside the sand tower. (G. Taylor)

BACK COVER
The Pennsylvania GG-1 electrics are still holding up against the competition of E-60's and Metroliners. Here is a front end portrait of one of these units at North Philadelphia station. (David Booth)

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CTC PREFERED SERVICE PLAN FOR THE MARITIMES
The Canadian Transport Commission released the Prefered Plan for the Maritimes Rail Passenger Service on December 18th. The plan calls for the retention of the "Atlantic Limited" between Montreal and St. John, New Brunswick on its present route with an extension to Halifax via Moncton over the Canadian National.

Overnight service from Montreal to Moncton would be retained via the south shore route with through cars in the peak season. In the off season, service from Moncton to Halifax would be provided by upgraded RDC's. The current through cars from Montreal to Gaspe and North Sidney would be dropped and replaced with either LRC's or upgraded RDC's.

The other services currently run over CN and the Dominion Atlantic wouls be upgraded with refurbised equipment.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC NEW CONTAINERIZATION DRIVE

CP Rail has entered the first phase of a new domestic containerization programme. The railway has ordered $\$ 11$ million worth of specially designed containers and handling equip ment. Delivery is sceduled for later this year.

The new containers will be $44^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ in length and restricted to domestic service. They are designed to offer the same capacity as highway trailers and will enable the railway to provide a more efficient form of door-todoor service than currently provided by piggyback trailer transport.

The orders consist of 325 aluminum panel, steel frame containers, 50 fibreglass reinforced plywood containers, 125 highway chasis and 50 "trombone" chasis; 100 rail flatcars with cushioned couplers of $89^{\prime}$ and three top lifters.

The equipment will initially be put into a restricted cycle operating between Montreal and Toronto to Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

## NEW BOXCARS FOR CP RAIL

CP Rail has placed an order with National Steel Car of Hamilton for 100 newsprint boxcars for delivery this year. The 70 ton, $50^{\prime}$ cars feature cusioned underframes, nine foot plug doors, hardwood floors and extra lading strap anchors in each corner to minimize the shifting of cargo. CP Rail currently has 120 of the cars in service. The cars were designed to specifications estavlished by the shippers in a railway survey.

CP RAIL \& ALBERTA SET FREIGHT RATE INITIATIVES
CP Rail and the Province of Alberta have reached agreement on a series of freight rate initiatives designed to support the growth of secondary manufacturing in the province. The main elements of the plan are:

1. To promote the location of industry in
small centres new rate groups have been
established for processed goods originat-
ing in Alberta and destined for Eastern Canada or for export via west coast ports The rate groups apply to rail carload freight rates within a 50 mile radius of Edmonton

and Calgary and a 25 mile radius of 19 other centres. Under the plan, both CP and CN will publish the same freight rate for a particular type of traffic from all rail stations within a group
2. Both railways agreed to increased use of development freight rates where neccessary to assist manufacturing plants in reaching new markets in other parts of Canada, the U.S. and abroad.
3. Formation of a petrochemical team made up of Provincial Government and CP Rail representatives to explore new ways of using rail transport to assist Alberta's petrochemical industry to expand its U.S. and offshore markets.

The agreement was reached after more than a year of talks between the Alberta Government and a CP Rail negotiating team.

## CN \& UTU AGREE TO REDUCED CREWS

CN Rail and the United Transportation Union have reached an agreement that allows for the operation of freight trains with one conductor and one trainman where manual flagging to the rear is not required. The plan applies to $80 \%$ of all freight trains operating in the west.

The plan applies to the Mountain and Prairie Regions and includes:-

1. The establishment of a special fund for the exclusive benefit of protected employees.
2. Full job protection for all trainmen hired on or before August 3rd. 1978.
3. A voluntary separation plan under which employees can opt for either a monthly allowance until age 65 or a lump-sum payment.

For each of the first 10 years of the agreement, CN will deposit in a special fund an amount equal to $25 \%$ of the savings generated by reduced crew operations. The fund will be distributed as mutually agreed by the UTU and CN . By the end of the 10 year period, approximately $\$ 10$ million will have been placed in the fund.

## CN AND TATOA SIGN NEW 10 YEAR CONTRACT

CN and the Toronto Area Transportation Operating Authority have signed a new 10 year contract covering the present and future Government of Ontario conmuter service.

CN will continue to operate the rail service with all its support functions and make available to it railway plant and properties. TATOA will supply motive power and coaches but will reimburse CN for expenses in providing the service and maintaining the equipment

The new contract calls for the establishment of a range of profit contingent on a scale of on-time performance of the GO trains. The details of the profit/performance plan will be established after a test period and will be incorporated into a schedule and become part of the overall agreement.

BRAMPTON TERMINAL STARTED
Ontario Premier William Davis manned one of three bulldozers at the start of construction of a new $\$ 20$ million intermodal terminal at Brampton. The terminal is designed to relieve pressure on the existing intermodal terminals in the Toronto area which cannot be expanded to handle the expacted increase in intermodal traffic.

The integrated truck/train terminal will, when completed, contain mainline access and support trackage, paved roadways, trailer garage and transfer equipment. The first year of operation, commencing late 1979, is expected to see 35,000 outbound trailer loads.

## CN ATLANTIC REGION HQ HIT BY FIRE

CN's Atlantic Region Headquarters was hit by fire on November 23rd. last. The blaze destroyed the regional control centre, car tracing centre and the microwave unit for the main Atlantic Region Telecommunications terminal.

Salvage operations began the next morning, many of the computer terminals, furnishings and office equipment being salvagable. Operations were moved to a new home in the vacant Eastern building nearby. The regional headquarters offices will continue to operate out of the temporary quarters until repairs are completed to the Terminal Plaza building.

The fire started around 6 pm and took firemen three hours to bring it under control. Most of the seventh floor was destroyed, while the other floors suffered smoke and water damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation, there were no injuries reported.

LAST RUN ON THE
'WHITBY, PORT PERRY \& LINDSAY"
Mid-December saw the last rum on the Whitby Town Spur. The 107 year old spur was the last reaming portion of the Whitby and Port Perry Railway. The original line was built from Whitby Harbour to Port Perry, a distance of 19 miles, in 1871. The line was extended another 45 miles to Lindsay in 1877.

The original was laid out as the Port Whitby \& Port Perry Railway, became the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay, was absorbed by the Midland Railway of Canada, which in turn was. amalgamated with the Grand Trunk Railway System and came to the Canadian National in 1923.

During the war most of the line was abandoned and the rails melted down for scrap. Only the town spur remained, running from the north end of Whitby and the CPR, across Highway \#401 the Kingston Sub. to the Harbour.

Following the "last run" over the spur, a symbolic spike pulling ceremony followed. Among the participants were Ray Williams, Vice President of the Great Lakes Region.

## V/ת VISTAS

Now that both CN and CP services are now VIA operated, the era of circle trip transcontinental and varied rail/ship/bus tours has begun. Via Rail has started with the 1979 VIA tours book seen on the right - which describes a large number of both escorted and unescorted covering most of the country and parts of the U.S. However no combined VIA/Amtrak tours are noted.


CP Power has begun to appear in VIA colours. Although owned by VIA these units still carry CP running numbers and use CP script on their number boards and on cab sides. Seen here are $\# 8558$ - an RS-10, which is VIA's only road switcher, the "Tempo" RS-18's being owned by CN . Below are F -units 1405 and 1418. Note the lack of the diagonal demarkation of the yellow nose and the blue body seen on the ex-CN units. Another detail difference is that 1405 follows the usual practice of black from the side grill to the roof whereas 1418 is solid blue to the roof line. (all locomotive photos by D. Stremes)

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breakdowns force temporary turbo suspension
Canadian National will temporarily suspend TorontoMontreal Turbo service effoctive January 6 th in an effort to clear up the mechanical breakdowns that
have plagued the trains during the final weeks of have pla
December
Last Turbo operation will be Train 69 ex Montreal
January 5th and Train 68 ex Toronto January 6 th. All five trainsets will be out of service. Replacing the Turbos for the 'debugging' period wi
be Rapido-type conventional trains operating on be Rapido-type conventional tra.
four hour, 59 minute schedules.
J.F. Roberts, CN's newly-appointed general manager of passenger sales and services, said operating
difficulties encountered on some runs during the recent severe weather conditions prompted the rail way to defer
"We did not decide to place Turbos into service unbil a long and exhaustive period of testing had inauguration, new problems have arisen which did ing on the road.
He said CN officials and engineers from United A
craft of Canada Ltd. will be working around the craft of Canada std. Will to find solutions to the problems which have seen attributed mainly

## MORE NEWS FROM THE TORONTO-MONTREAL CORRIDOR

Running time for conventional Montreal-Toronto trains continues to decline. With the substitution of con-
ventional equipment for Turbo runs 62 and 63 , a schedventional equipment for Turbo runs 62 and 63 , a sched-
ule of four hours, 45 minutes has been set up; includ-
ing two crew-change stops, this betters the original $\frac{\text { Rapido's timing by } 14 \text { minutes. On one occasion at }}{\text { least, conventional train } 63 \text { rolled into Toronto Union }}$ just four hours and 36 minutes after leaving Montreal! After two weeks of substandard loadings, conventional trains 68 and 69 ( 1810 departures) were cancelled pen-
ding the return of Turbotrains. And once again the afternoon Rapido has something new Montreal-Halifax service, now grace the rear of trains
64 and 65 . Their glassed-in lounges are available to al1 club car passengers, and bedrooms (called 'pri-
vate day rooms') may be occupied for a $\$ 14$ charge, plus the regular blue-day fare.

PULLMAN DROPS SLEEPING CAR OPERATIONS
Effective January 1st, U.S. railroads took over the operation of sleeping cars formerly handled for them
by the Pulman Company, the service organization that New York. Pullman operated about 800 of the 1,000 cars still in service on U.S. railways.
Pullman porters continue to work the cars, in the em-
ploy of the operating road. However, most of the 275 Pullman conductors are out of work, albeit with sever-
ance pay ranging up to $\$ 10,600$. Pullman will continue ance pay ranging up to $\$ 10,600$.
to maintain and supply the cars.

In the peak Pullman years of the ' 40 's, the company

## CP RAIL/QCR Station closings ok'd by ctc

CP Rail and the Quebec Central Railway have received permisan fion of a Sherbrooke-based Customer Service Centre. All told, 43 agents and 14 caretakers will be removed from wayside stations in the eastern Quebec pocket between
the St. Lawrence River and the U.S. border. CP Rail will remove agents at Foster, Cookshire, Water 100, Sawyerville, St. Guillaume, Sutton, Magog, Scots
town, Actonvale, St. Pie, Bedford, Highwater, Lennox-
ville, Knowlton, ville, Knowlton, Drummondville, St. Hughes and Cowans Roxton Falls, West Shefford, St. Simon and Nantes. Quebec Central agents will be removed from East Angus
t. Gerard, Leeds, Ste. Marie, Ste. Justine, St. Georges, Courcelles, Rock. Island, St. Anselme, Bishopton, israeli, East Broughton, Scotts Junction, Ste. Germain Black Lake, Tring Junctio, Lac Frontiere, Morisset,
Bt. Joseph, Becbe Junction and Ste. Hendine: caretakers St. Joseph, Beobe Junction and Ste. Hendine; caretakers
will disappear from Coleraine, St. Samuel, St. Victor, will disappear from Coleraine, St. Samuel, St. Victor
Robertson, St. Sabastien, North Hatley, St. Camille,
St. Ephrem and St. Henry Village.
aci equipment installatiov progresses rapidly With less than a year remaining to complete the job Canada's railways are rapidly proceeding with er car labelling and installation of electronic
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eld ity. The Association of American Railroads has set January 1st, 1970 as the target date for completion of
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fleet. The reflectorized label on each piece of equipment is
the coded equivalent of the car number and name of the the coded equivalent of the car number and name of the
railway owning the car to which it is applied. Wayside scanners will read the labels, translating the red,
shite and blue stripes into numbers and transmitting the information to central comperter locations, where it
will be used in a number of data processing functions.

CP RAIL MOTIVE POWER NOTES

- CP Rail has placed a \$19-million order with MLW-Worth-
ington Ltd. for 51 diesel locomotives for freight ser-Twenty-one of the new units will be Century 630 's, sixaxle road freight units developing 3,000 h.p. To be assigned to the Natal, B.C.-Roberts at mid-train as well as in the litted with master station equipment for radio remote control of the mid-train locomotives. In addiautomatic speed controls to permit loading or unloading operations at low speeds.
Single-unit horsepower ratings will reach a new high with the delivery of twenty-nine $3,600 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. Century units are slated for use on manifest freights between
Toronto/Montreal and Calgary. It is understood that a further locomotive, outwardy
similar to the C-636's but rated at 4, ooo h.p., has
been included in the current order. More detail is not een included in the

First deliveries are expected in August, with conpletion early next year.

In addition to its leased fleet of B\&LE and DMEIR locomotives
acquired five more locomotives to help out in its current power shortage: From the Bangor \& Aroostook came ew from mu-Worthington was International Nickel (Inco) $1,800 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. road switcher No. 208-4. This DL-718-B car ries only the number '4' in the front number glasses
and is identified on CP as 'Inco 4'. All of the 'new' nits are assigned to St . Luc.

Pooled power arrangements are helping out too, and Boston \& Maine road units regularly run in CP Rail has reactivated CLC cabs 4055 and 4076, an plans to do 11 kewise with A-units $4452 / 55 / 56$. Stored out of service awaiting B-unisposition are units $1415,1801,8148$ and 8729 at
disgus, and Nos. $4431 / 51 / 53$ at Ogden.

Mid-train control cars Robot 1 and Robot 2 (Locotrol and RMU (Wabco) respectively) have been renumbered
high speed has its drawbacks
Penn Central's new $100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} .-\mathrm{plus}$ Metroliner whipped past a commuter train on January 20th, and its force
sucked out five windows of the slower train. It was the second such incident since PC introduced the fast
trains January 16 th on its Washington-New York route. trains January 16 th on its Washingt
No one was hurt in either incident.

In both cases, the commuter trains had wooden window sashes. The railroad has now ordered that only trains he speeding Metroliner

CN RENLMBERS RDC'S, ELECTRICS, BOOSTERS TO SUIT AC1

- To accomodate Automatic Car Identification, which does not provide for alphabetic characters in car or
locomotive numbers, CN is renumbering an assortment


Canadian national motive power notes
from General Motors Diesel Ltd., 3,000 h.p. SD-40's
class GR-30d 5070 -- Nov 18/68
5071 -- Nov 18/68 5073
5074

5075 | Nov $28 / 68$ |
| :--- |
| Dec $10 / 68$ |
| Dec $10 / 68$ |

(Order completed)

The fifty SD-40's slated for 1969 delivery will be chassified GF-30e, the 'GF' designation arising from railing end of the units (as with recent CP Rail ordrais removing them from the road-switcher category ocomotives. Rumours have circulated that the forthcoming order
would consist of carbody-type units of the F45 style This will not be the case, although future orders may very well specify this road-switcher-cum-A-unit desig ecause of its advantages in engine maintenance and accessibi
climates.
CN has been using a pair of GO Transit units weeks. The elongated GP-40's return to Toronto on 301 Saturday evening.
A total of 54 diesel locomotives have been removed

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$9 / 68$
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$19 / 6$
$19 / 68$
$25 / 6$
$26 / 6$
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Mud slide, Ashcroft Sut etirement program Al1 remaining CR-12 class CLC 1,200 h.p. road switcher
were retired en bloc on December 5 th, 1968 . Numbers of these units are as follows; 1600/01/03/04/06/08/13/14/17/19/20/22/23/24/25/27/34/35
$1636 / 40 / 41 / 42 / 44 / 45 ; 1647-1659$. Parent Canadian National has been bolstering the
ter of the Grand Trunk Western during the past few months.
Late last year, CN's F3's went to the GTW (Noveaber '68 8119-8121, were transferred from Great Lakes Region points to the GTW at Port Huron. And now six of the
Toronto-assigned SD-40's, Nos. $5047-5052$, have been transferred to the Giv al Battle Creek, Mich. It is not known how permanent this last move will be
Not so long ago, GTW GP9's were common sights in the over the fuli distance. Now the position is reversed. Since mid-January, Canadian National FP9's have taken trains 159-156 and $155-158$ through to Chicago, releas-
ing the GT's 4900's for freight duties. Most commonly
scen in the Windy City are A-units $6518 / 25 / 30 / 32-37 / 40$, seen in the Windy City are $A-$
and B-units $6617 / 21 / 23 / 24 / 25$.

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- Multiple-unit PCC 4494 was experimentally equipped
with a new water-filled bumper in mid-December. The new bumper was subjected to rigorous trials at Hilicrest, its most irequent victim held up well. However, 4494 left the shops with only standard St. Louis Car-type anticlimber. Ga Deisel Bus 7170 is presently in service with the new bumper, whic
bursts on impact after absorbing the greater part of bursts on impact after absorbing the greater part of
the shock.
- A heavy snowstorm on December 27 (t-28t dumped about $12^{\prime \prime}$ of snow on the Toronto area, causing innumerable service delays on the TTC system, the majority of which
could not be attributed to TTC vehicles. The storm was severe enough to bring out a few Sweepers, notably S-3 which did iseveral trips on the ROGERS route in York
Township, and S-32 out of Russell Division. S-J2 was recently returned to service after having been in storage as a "stand-by" unit at St Clair for two years
$\mathrm{S}-33$ (from Russell) is now in "stand-by" storage. - The Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) was recentportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) for the purchase of 125 rapid transit cars. The
grant, however, was not unconditional, and BART must grant, however, was not unconditional, and BART must
come up with $\$ 56$ million on its own for the 250 other cars required, plus enough funds to complete the supersystem now plagued by financial difficulties. Meanwhile,
far to the east in Pennsylvania, the SEPTA system (including the former Philadelphia'Transportation Company), wil1.
UMTA. chase of 208 "Silverliner" electric planned are the pur-
ization of the streetcars now in use in the West Phat delphia subway. It is not apparent at this early dat what the extent of the improvements will be, but one
must consider multiple-unit operation and air-conditioning of the cars to be of paramount importance. In ad-
dition, SEPTA plans to replace obsolete bus garages and carhouses. Should this be carried out, Philadelphians
will see the first new streetcar storage areas built in at least thirty years.



## RAILFOTOS



ABOVE LEFT
In the days of steam south of the border, Southern Pacific pacific \#2451 heads up a passenger train. (R. Hope)

ABOVE
SP 0-6-0 switcher \#1245 lays over between assignments. Date and location of this shot are unknown. (R. Hope)


CNR Mogul \#613 on the front of 0-6-0 \#7175. \#613 started out in 1891 as GTR \#2479 and as pert of CN class E-6-a, was scrapped in June 1941. Seen here at Lindsay, Ontario. (R. Hope)

With valve gear removed \#3493 waits on the shop track at Lindsay. The $2-8-2$ was built by MLW in 1913 as GTR \#588. The class S-1-f Mikado was on the roster until December 1955. (R. Hope)


( 44550 , The Central Vermont's lone green geep $\# 4550$ heads up an eastbound consist at Richmund, Vermont in
Boston and Maine units $\# 1704$ and $\# 1706$ followed by Grand Trunk units $\# 4447$ and $\# 4445$. (I.C. Platt)

# NATIONAL transcontinental RALLWAY 

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The National Transcontinental Railway was, in a way, the result of a bluff that the General Manager, later President, of the Grand Trunk Railway, Charles Melville Hays, was attempting to put across on the Canadian Pacific. Although he was strictly forbidden by the Grand Trunk board from entertaining any expansion plans, he nevertheless sent out survey parties and rights-of-way buyers to ostensibly buy up a route from Chicago to Winnipeg. His idea was to force the CPR to give the Grand Trunk running rights from North Bay to Winnipeg in exchange for rights in eastern Canada. It might have worked had the CPR not been wise to it and the board in London not heard about it and censured him. He resigned in August 1900, returning to the United States for an 18 month period.

Despite the General Manager's apparantly insubordinate action, the Chairman, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson believed that the Grand Trunk could not ignore the west, and as a close friend of Prime Minister Laurier, he convinced the PM that a second transcontinental railway in competition with the CPR was neccessary. At that time Mackenzie and Mann's Canadian Northern was also expanding into a transcontinental line but Laurier saw the Grand Trunk as the instrument needed to build the second line. Laurier firmly believed that Mackenzie and Mann were "pushy and importunate" and that Rivers-Wilson was definately "a cut above" them.

In 1902, Hays returned to the GTR as the board had reversed its stand and was in an expansionist mood. An attempt was made by Rivers-Wilson to come to an agreement with the Canadian Northern but Hays decided that another bluff was in order. This time the ploy consisted of a plan for a complete transcontinental railway from the GTR line at Callendar (east of North Bay), heading out across the wilderness of northern Ont-
ario about 100 miles north of the CPR, descending on Winnipeg from the north and then heading west following Sir Sandford Fleming's original survey through the mountains at Yellowhead and crossing British Columbia to a Pacific terminal at Port Simpson, on the boundary between B.C. and Alaska.

The bluff backfired because instead of forcing Mackenzie and Mann into selling out or amalgamating with the Grand Trunk, Prime Minister Laurier saw the plan as a means of escaping from some political embarrisment. In 1900 he had been forced by some Quebec nationalist groups into offering Federal Government funds in support of a stupid enterprise called the Trans-Canada Railway. This line was to run from Roberval ( 187 miles north of Quebec City) for some 400 miles to the west to the foot of James Bay. The scheme was nothing more than a Quebec expansionist project and may have promted the Ontario Government into building the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Railway as a means of blocking Quebec influence in the north. This railway would have cost millions with no hope of any return.

Laurier then jumped on the idea and tried to persuade the Grand Trunk to alter its plan and build another 400 miles from North Bay to Quebec City. After the Grand Trunk negotiations with Canadian Northern broke down, Laurier realised that he had been used as a pawn in the GTR's expansion plans and the special relationship that Rivers-Wilson had had with the PM ceased. The GTR did however agree to change its eastern terminal from North Bay to Quebec City.

Depot $C$ of the NTR was located in Northern Quebec and was typical of the supply depots that were set up along the route of the railway during initial surveying. (Public Archives Canada / PA 39966)

The plans again went awry as a group of New Brunswickers started to agitate for an extension eastward to compete with the Intercolonial Railway. When the enabling Bill for the transcontinental railway was placed before the House of Commons on March 31st 1903 there was no mention of building east of Quebec City. Based on this Bill, the government was involved in the financing of the scheme as it had replaced the Quebec scheme with the eastern extension to the St. Lawrence. This caused a split in the cabinet, half objected to the principle of government involvement in private industry and wanted the line built entirely by the government, afterall they would be paying for most of it antway! The other half remembering the bad example of the Intercolonial Railway, did not want anything to do with railway building.

The government had now taken the bait intended for the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk was in a difficult situation. RiversWilson and Hays then saw that they had no choice but to go ahead and presented a detailed offer to the government. The offer was presented to Laurier on May 26th. It estimated that the Quebec City - Winnipeg (via North Bay) section of 1350 miles would need a subsidy of $\$ 6,400.00$ a mile together with a bond guarantee of $\$ 20,000.00$ a mile. The Prairie section ( 793 miles) would be built under the same aid terms as the Canadian Northern. From Edmonton to the Pacific ( 950 miles) a subsidy of $\$ 10,000.00$ a mile was needed with an additional $\$ 25,000.00 \mathrm{a}$ mile in guarantees.

The whole affair had now split the Liberal Party, and in order to save the situation, Laurier cracked the Whip over both his party and the Grand Trunk. He presented his own proposals on May 29th. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway would be formed which would be a


The major characters in the National Transcontinental Railway story:-
FRONTISPIECE - Prime Minister Laurier (Public Archives Canada / C 1971)
OPPOSITE PAGE - Charles Melville Hays, seen here at a construction site on the NTR. Hays is secend from the left in this group of officials. Hays was later to die on board the Titanic. (Public Archives Canada / C 15030)


Out in the bush, most of life went on outside. Two surveyers are shown here by the cookstove. (Ontario Archives)
wholly owned subsidiary of the Grand Trunk Railway. It would build the Eastern Division (Moncton - Winnipeg) of 2019 miles on behalf of the government and then would lease the line for operation. The route would be the straightest possible from Moncton to Quebec City to Winnipeg, staying in Canadian territory. The Grand Trunk Pacific would build the Western Division (Winnipeg to the Pacific) of 1743 miles following the GTR's suggested route. The two divisions would make up the National Transcontinental Railway. The government would be the major partner, the Grand Trunk must deposit $\$ 5$ million as surety against breach of contract and also must buy a minimum of $\$ 25$ million in GTP shares. There would be no cash subsidies and the government would only
guarantee bonds of $\$ 9750.00$ a mile in the prairies and $\$ 22,500.00$ a mile in the mountains. When completed the GTR must not divert any eastbound traffic to its New England lines unless the shipper specifically requested this. Finally the eastern section was to be supervised by four government commissioners. In fact Laurier had created the same conditions that had frustrated Sandford Fleming on the construction of the Intercolonial Railway some forty years earlier.

Reaction from polititions was that there was no need for the Quebec and Maritime sections and that the whole thing was the Grand Trunk's fault.

Rivers-Wilson reluctantly agreed to the government's plan on July 24th. A week later the National Transcontinental Railway Company Bill was introduced in the Commons. There was considerable opposition from both the Conservatives and some Liberals. The Tories under R.L. Borden tabled an alternate

proposal that involved the extension of the Intercolonial Railway into Ontario to the Great Lakes, the Canadian Pacific would then be expropriated for 1000 miles across northern Ontario and running rights would be leased to all railways concerned. In B.C. the GTP and CNoR would share mainline and divide the territory between them. After heated debate the Act became law on September 2nd. 1903 by a margin of only four votes

Back at the Grand Trunk shareholders meeting in London on March 8th. 1904, Rivers-Wilson and Hays succeeded in swaying those present to agree to the NTR Act. One reason that Hays and Rivers-Wilson may have had for not refusing the restraining terms of Laurier's Bill was their belief that Canadian Governments rarely mean what thay say and rarely say what they mean.

An election was due and Laurier weathered the storm, returning with an enlarged majority, so the NTR got underway. Not heeding past lessons, Laurier chose for Commissioners a discredited ex-Premier of Quebec, a banker, a manufacturer and a grain dealer. None of these men had any knowledge of railways or of construction. They did however succeed in rigging the construction contracts so that only "the right people" had the chance to bid on them. The agreed contractor for the entire NTR was the Grand Trunk Pacific but this was not to be, the Commissioners awarded only part of the work to the GTP.

During the fall of 1904 and the following spring some 34 survey parties were sent out, and before the end of 1905 there were 45 parties in the field, consisting of about 18 men each, not counting a large number of men engaged in transporting supplies by canoe and packing in summer and by dog team in winter. Each party was given certain governing points to connect, and was instructed to

An early winter shot of the survey headquarters camp set up on the outskirts of Englehart, Ontario at the end of steel of the T\&NO. (Ontario Archives)

A sink hole typical of many found in Muskeg country. Some holes took years to fill. (Public Archives Canada / C 53365)
exhaust thoroughly the possibilities for the most favourable line between these points Barometric explorations and compass lines were followed by preliminary lines run with a transit, and plans were plotted on a scale of 400 feet to the inch.

With these plans and with profiles on the same scale, projected locations were plotted in the field, and reports sent to headquarters monthly. The reports were carefully examined, necessary cahanges suggested and instructions issued accordingly. Revision of location was however never considered as finished until construction was well under way, as it was oftern found, after the line was cleared, that slight changes would effect a very considerable saving.

In general parties were sent into the field in pairs, with instructions to run respectively east and west from some more or less well defined point. In the more remote localities however, it was found impossible to fix these points at all accurately, neither could the course of the indicated route be followed closely, owing to the presence of some unsuspected large body of water or other topographical obstruction. Consequently, much difficulty was encountered in joining up the surveys of two approaching parties. Working in a country so cut up with lake and river expanses as to be more than $50 \%$ water, absolutely unmapped and unknown, and some 280 miles from the nearest railway, two parties overlapped several miles, one being ten miles north of the other before communication was established and connection made. By dischar ging ships rockets simultaneously on a prearranged night, quick connections were several times effected across unsurveyed gaps.

Observations of latitude were of course made, but as there was at the outset no means of intercommunication between the parties in remote localities other thatn through dist rict headquarters, months elapsed before these could be interchanged.

Much of the early organisation had to do with transport and supply problems. Through New Brunswick, Manitoba and the settled portions of Quebec, existing roads, railways and steamship lines gave easy access to all parts of the line. La Tuque ( the head of navigation on the St. Maurice River ), St. Gabriel, Maniwaki and Kipawa (terminals of CPR branch lines ), and North Temiscaming, at the extreme end of the lake of that name, were the points of departure from which radiated canoe routes into the vast wilderness of Northern Quebec. Between Lakes Nipigon and Abitibi, the Moose and Albany Rivers spread their tributaries southward to within short distances of the CPR main line, furnishing water routes which were reached by canoe and portage. Lake Nipigon afforded comparitively easy access to a hundred mile stretch across its northern drainage area, while to the west Ignace, Dinorwic, Dryden and Kenora were used as shipping points.

In the fall of 1904 and the winter of 1905, from 40 to 50 completely equipped parties were placed in the field between Quebec and Winnipeg. Some of these hardly reached their destination before being overtaken by the freeze-up, and were forced to return and cut trails in order to bring up sufficient supplies to carry them through the winter.


Caches were established from time to time at intervals of 20 to 40 miles; log shacks were erected and a couple of men placed in charge of each. During the freeze-up, lasting from about the middle of October to the middle of March, and to a lesser extent throughout the break-up, extending over the greater part of April and May, insecurity of ice on river and lake practically put a stop to communication with the outside world. Throughout most of Quebec and Western Ontario, innumerable waterways, many of them rendered navigable for canoes by beavers, provided an easy method of moving camp, but across the interminable muskegs and swamps of the clay - belt, parties had in summer to depend on the tump line to pack their supplies and equipment. The most serious discomforts endured were black flies in the summer and a few intensely cold days in the winter when the mercury sometimes touched 60 below zero. Accidents due to upsetting canoes or breaking through ice were, unfortunately, too conmon. In the first three years of the survey, 27 lives were claimed by the frigid waters.

At the outset it was decided that the railway should conform to a high standard. Grades were not to exceed $0.4 \%$ opposed to eastbound traffic ( the heavier) or $0.6 \%$ against westbound traffic. The curvature was limited to
six degrees. This limit for curves was to be used only where topographical conditions prevented easier curves being used at reasonavle cost. Grades were compensated for curvature at the rate $0.4 \%$ per degree. Pusher grades were adopted at two points only and were quite short. The whole line ( with the slight exception of short approaches to the Quebec Bridge on 1\% grades ) was definately located with the above mentioned easy grades However 146 miles from Moncton it was found that with the insertion of about $12 \frac{1}{2}$ miles of $1.1 \%$ grade adverse to eastbound traffic, a saving could be made of 17.2 miles in distance and nearly $\$ 2$ million in construction. At another point 286 miles from Moncton, a similar grade 10 miles long adverse to eastbound traffic was found to effect a saving of 18.8 miles in distance and about $\$ 500,000$ in construction.

Throughout the 490 or so miles from Quebec to Moncton the geographical conditions and hence the engineering problems varied greatly. The short route across New Brunswick necessitated long stretches of maximum grade and development for distance, culminating on the slopes of divide between the Mirimichi and St. John Rivers. Even with the grade of $1.1 \%$ eventually adopted here, cost of construction was very heavy. This included a tumnel and a 3918 ft . viaduct, 193 ft .


## GRADING THE LINE



Due to the rocky soil conditions, grading was done by hand, the spoil being carried away on horse drawn skids running on rough rails. (Public Archives Canada / C 54478)

above
When embankments had to be built or where the soil was
light enough spoil was hauled away or delivered by
narrow gauge horse-drawn trains of side tipping cars.
These cars ran on the lightest possible track. A grading crew are posed here by their trains. (Ontario Archives) LEFT
The moving of heavy supplies was often easier in winter
than in summer. Here a dog team is moving lumber along the frozen, snow covered grade. (Ontario Archives)


TOP
A fill and temporary trestle can be seen in the background as a work crew move lumber on the light-rail construction railway. Note the crude switch in the foreground. (Ontario Archives)
ABOVE
A team of horses prepares to haul away skids of rock that have been blasted out of the Canadian Shield. (Ontario Archives)
RIGHT
In the clay belt summer construction was a messy affair. A group of graders are shown here covered in the sticky mud that their activities produced. The crew is working in the Cochrane area.
(Ontario Archives)


high, over the Little Salmon River. A pusher grade was also required to negotiate the summit between the St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy waters. The line paralleled the St. Lawrence River, 20 miles inland, to where the substructure of the new Quebec Bridge was rapidly nearing completion. Just beyond another great viaduct, 3000 ft . long and over 160 ft . high was required to span the gulch of Cap Rouge.

Perhaps the most difficult problem confronting the locating engineers on the whole eastern division was that of finding a path through the forbidding Laurentian Mountains, which form the northern watershed of the St. Lawrence River. Some 80 miles west of Quebec City this range is abruptly cleft, enabling the St. Maurice River to carry south the accumulated drainage of 15,000 square miles.
Three alternative routes were proposed, and all of these routes were explored. The approved route followed up the rivers Batiscan and Brochet until the pass was reached overlooking the hanlet of La Tuque, at the head of navigation on the St. Maurice. The descent was effected by fitting a two mile horseshoe curve into a recession of the hillside.

Beyond La Tuque, the waters of the St. Maurice come down 80 miles from the old Hudson's Bay Company post at Weymontachene, dropping 700 ft . in a series of cateracts and turbulent rapids. Four miles above La Tuque, the main river was bridged and the precipitous side hill followed to Vermillion. Here, after repeated efforts, a circuitous route through the long granite ridge was located in Coo Coo Cache, and the St. Maurice again followed to Weymontachene.

From here to the Gatineau River, the obvious route appeared to be via the Ribbon River, but a 10 mile saving in distance was effected across from its mouth to its upper basin. This involved two semi-loops and a deep summit cut and several others of slightly less magnitude. The sinuous line between the interlacing waters of the St. Maurice and Gatineau Rivers were roughly followed 50 miles beyond. Innumerable lakes separated by irregular ridges of sand and boulders covered with Jackpine constituted the outstanding feature of the topography. Similar conditions prevailed for a further distance of 25 miles to the Atik River, which was followed to its junction with the Meskigan. This region was
the least known of any on the entire line.
From the Meskigan River to Lake Nipigon occured a vast spruce-covered plain, covered in many places by from one to ten feet of muskeg. The western portion is drained by swift flowing branches of the Moose and Albany Rivers, so numerous as to require a bridge on an average of every sixth mile, not counting arch culverts up to 30 ft . span. The alignment throughout this section was exceptionally direct. For 250 miles west from Lake Abitibi, the preliminary location contained only six curves of 3 degrees and none over 3 degrees. The first reconnaissance run in 1903, was a straight line 115 miles long. On the final location some of the very long tangents were broken up, but several stretches of 16 to 18 miles were retained.

In the Laurentians and west of Lake Nipigon some tunnelling was neccessary. The first rails through were as shown here. Now this tunnel hosts CN 's mainline to the west. (Ontario Archives)

To produce large fills a temporary trestle was first built and fill was tipped from the trestle until it was buiried in the fill. The trestle would eventually rot away leaving an embankment. In this case a small steam locomotive is pushing the narrow gauge skips. (Ontario Archives)
North of Lake Nipigon granite ridges alternate with flat stretches of muskeg and clay. The country is barren and desolate, much of it having been denuded of even its original growth of stunted spruce. An enormous number of bodies of water lie scattered over its surface. In the vicinity of Onamakawash Lake, along Canyon Lake and on both sides of the Winnipeg River, the rock cuts were exceptionally heavy. Embankments of even larger size had also to be made. The last 50 miles into Winnipeg was through settled country. By crossing and keeping south of the CPR, the worst portion of the deep Julius muskeg, which required years to fil1, was avoided.

Actual construction work began in the spring of 1906, contracts having been signed for 150 miles west from Quebec and 245 miles east from Winnipeg. The latter portion was


to be connected to a branch to Fort William (now Thunder Bay), then under construction by the Grand Trunk Pacific; thus giving a line from the wheat country to Lake Superior From time to time additional sections were let until by October 1908, the whole line was under contract. Supplies for construction of the most easterly 850 miles were distributed from various points on the Intercolonial Railway, Canadian Northern, CPR and other railways. The extreme western portion was also accessible by steamer and short winter road from various points on the CPR as far east as Dinorwic. The central portion was opened up east and west from La Tuque, the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Railway, Lake Nipigon and the Thunder Bay branch.

Steel was 1aid into La Tuque on the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway early in 1907. About the same time the T\&NO Rly. ran its first train into McDougall's Chutes at the head of navigation on the Black River, a tributary of the Abitibi. From here, two main transport routes were established. One extended upstream into Abitibi Lake, the other followed the Black and Abitibi Rivers to where the new line crossed the latter, beyond which a monorail tramway was const-
ructed 8 miles across country to the Freder ickhouse River. The tramway was operated by a platform truck having shafts attached to a pole at right angles to the rail. The horse thus walked alongside the car and rail, the cars being guided on the rail by double-flanged wheels. A service of steamers and gasoline launches was established on each route; short streches of light-rail tramway being built around the worst rapids. Later, when the T\&NO Rly. had extended its line 40 miles to a junction with the National Transcontinental Railway (where the town of Cochrane now stands), the steel was 1aid east and west over the new grade, and these access routes were abandoned.

As well as being involved in the construction of the mainline, the Grand Trunk Pacific also held Contract 14 for 200 miles of branch line from Fort William to Superior Jct. The GTP also held the contract for the Winnipeg Superior Jct. section. This contract was awarded before the government realised that when it was complete the company could haul grain to the lakehead and so possibly lose interest in the rest of the project. In a high-handed action the Conmissioners took away the Winnipeg contract and put out a

The side tipping skips in action making up a fill. They are hauled by an interesting $0-4-0$ saddle tank owned by the contractors Anderson and Johnson. (Ontario Archives)
fresh tender in such a way as to leave sections vague in order to delay the line. When the Grand Trunk could no longer tolerate the delays, the new contractors put on a show by moving ten cars of grain over the unballasted roadbed from Winnipeg to Superior Jct., saying then that the route was compIete, even though the Government Engineer reported that the line still needed 300,000 cubic yards of fill and 100,000 cubic yards of ballast to bring it up to specification. In August of 1909 the section of line was accepted as complete although various impediments prevented its use until April 1911. Meanwhile the branch from Fort William to Superior Jct. had been finished.

Once the main track was laid heavier equipment could be used to transport spoil. Here a construction train is crossing Valentine Creek on a temporary trestle. (Public Archives Canada/C 36480)


In the summer of 1908, a narrow gauge rai1way, 18 miles long, had been built around the rapids on the Nipigon River, and before navigation closed that year a considerable quantity of supplies had been deposited along the north shore of the lake by steamers built for the purpose. In the following year ' an attempt was made to establish a similar transport route from Jackfish over the height of land into Long Lake and thence down the Kemogami River. This failed owing to the inability to find reasonable grades up the steep ascent from Lake Superior

It was accordingly decided that the 350 miles between Cochrane and Lake Nipigon should be built from either end. By December 1910, 40 miles at the west ens of this was graded and the track laid for over 100 miles at the Cochrane end. A winter tote road was completed across the remaining distance and sufficient supplies to grade all but a few cuts were distributed.
As most of the grading work was of the lightest description, the construction plant consisted mostly of shovels and wheelbarrows, with a load or two of explosives for loosening frozen clay. This light work was practically completed by October 1911. In the heavy rock districts, work of course proceeded more slowly. The usual rock blasting methods were employed. Frequently 6000 cubic yards or more of rock were broken up by one of these blasts Deep clay cuts in the Abitibi region were excavated with less expense in the winter, as in summer hoerses would travel in the sticky blue gumbo only after the cuts (and often the fills as well) had been corduroyed. In the winter the cut did not freeze deeply in a single night and the frozen top could be undermined or broken up with a few sticks of dynamite.

Much of the grading in New Brunswick and Quebec was performed with steam shovels. These were hauled to the work in winter along with their necessary complement of donkey engines, cars and track. Scrapers were employed on the prairie sections and elsewhere,

Much of the hauling on the line was done by these small 2-6-0 engines. This particular example is J.D. McArthur \& Co. Ltd. \#7. (Ontario Archives)
generally for light sandy work, few being sent in across Lake Nipigon. Siides were numerous throughout the clay belt. These occurred to some extent in the sides of cuts which frequently required a slope of 1 in 2 , or even flatter. At the Little Mistongo, a long concrete arch was built on pile foundations and the deep gully bridged with a light trestle, from which material excavated from an adjacent cut was dumped. Some of this simply flowed away in a river of mud. After several slides had occurred, which broke up and buried the culvert, sweeping three or four trestles in succession down the slope, the fill was completed in winter, a large square culvert of heavy timbers being used to replace the arch culvert. With the freshet the embankment again settled and a small lake formed on the upstream side. Continuous filling at length brought the embankment up to grade, the water being first pumped and siphoned over the top and later carried through a concrete pipe.

The treacherous soil of the clay belt was the cause of a great deal of trouble in securing stable bridge foundations especially when attempting to excavate in mis stream. When possible, long spans were used to avoid foundations in mid-stream where clay was encountered in the river bed. Trestles of unsquared timbers were erected at most openings where a bridge or culvert was required. These trestles were of the most temporary character but hey served to push the track ahead so that steel and cement could be brought in for the permanent structures.

There were about 240 steel bridges or viaducts of a total length of 11 miles, and aggregating 61,000 tons. The maximum single span was 300 feet. Steel viaducts were built with 40 ft . towers and 60 ft . intermediate spans. All bridges were designed according to Dominion Government specifications: engine loading weight - 180 tons with $49,400 \mathrm{lbs}$. on each pair of drivers.

The track was 1aid with 801b. rails $33 f e e t$ long with 4 -bolt angle-bar joints. Tracklaying was sometimes carried on right through the winter, the snow being shovelled or plowed off the grade, or simply tramped down sufficiently not to impede the"Tie-buckers" Finally snow packed about the ties was found to make a much firmer skeleton track than that laid in summer, but when this melted a

lot of repairing and shimming was required to render the line safe for material and surfacing trains.

Throughout January 1912 tracklaying was continued west of the Nagagami River at the rate of one-third mile a day, with the thermometer often 40 degrees below zero. Under favourable conditions, two miles of track a dal were oftern laid for short periods but temporary interruptions usually brought the average down to below one mile per day.

It was hoped that the whole railway would be completed in six years. Progress however on that portion to which access could be had only from either end was continually interrupted by delay in getting out some large cut, failure of a temporary structure, deve1opment of sink holes or other unforseen causes. Uncertainty regarding the duration of the seasons had to be allowed for also. In 1907 there was 2 feet of snow on the ground in the Kenogami District on June 1st., and the ice on Lake Nipigon did not break up until June 16th.; whereas on other occasions snow had dissapeared from long stretches of tote roads running east from Cochrane and Matheson before the end of March. During the excessively dry summers of 1909 and 1910, disastrous forest fires swept over the country These did enormous damage along the line north of the height of land, putting a stop to the work in many localities.

The following is a passage taken directly from a magazine article of 1912 which summarizes the progress in construction that had been made up to the time of its publication:The undertaking has now progressed to a point where it is reasonably certain trains will be running across the whole eastern division sometime in 1914. The track is already laid 355 miles eastward from Winnipeg and 750 miles westward from Moncton, except for a short distance in southern Quebec and the as yet unbridged St. Lawrence River. Another stretch of track extends east and west from Cochrane covering 330 miles. This leaves a gap of 150 miles in northern Quebec and another 240 miles in northern Ontario. Across the former, except for the most easterly 10 miles no grading has been done. Throughout the latter, only a small amount of excavating and some temporary trestles remain to be completed, on which work is being rushed, so as not to delay the tracklaying gangs working from either end. These are expected to meet not later than the end of the present year, giving through connection by way of the T\&NO Railway between the cities of eastern Canada and the wheat fields of the west. Across New Brunswick, east and west from Quebec City, for about 100 miles out of Cochrane and between Winnipeg and Superior Junction, surfacing and ballasting are finished, steel bridges are in place and the line practically ready for operation. Division yards are located on an average of 120 miles apart. Sidings are provided about seven miles apart, with a water tank at every third siding.

The originally estimated distance of 1900 miles from Moncton to Winnipeg was reduced gradually by repeated revisions of location to 1804.8 miles. This distance is 261 miles less than the shortest distance over any other combined railways between Winnipeg and Moncton then in existance. The distance between Winnipeg and Quebec City was 1351 miles, which is 223 miles shorter than the CPR and the grades were so much more favour able that it was calculated that engines of equal capacity would haul nearly twice the load on the new line.
On November 17th. 1913 stell was complete from Winnipeg to Moncton, the last spike

BUILDING

## THE BRIDGES

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ABOVE
Where large rivers required the building of steel and concrete bridges, a shoofly trestle was first built so that construction could continue whilst the main structure of the bridge was built. In this picture a train is negotiating one of these shooflys whilst work is in progress in constructing concrete piers for a more substantial structure. (Ontario Archives)
LEFT
When crossing the Coffee River a temporary trestle was built which was later replaced with a more permanent structure. Later still these "permanent" trestles were replaced with earth fills and short steel bridges or culverts. (Ontario Archives)
BELOW
The Winnipeg River bridge in the final stages of construction. The main box girder has been rolled out over the old trestle and secured. Now a steam crane is working on removing another section of the wood trestle so that a girder approach span (seen behind the trestle) can be moved sideways into position. (Ontario Archives)



LEFT
A steel box girder bridge "as built". This particular bridge is located to the east of Cochrane and is still in use. The water tower in the background however has given way to diesel traction. (Ontario Archives)
BELOW
Where the final bridge work was to be of wood, these trestles were built quickly and in advance of the tracklayers. In this shot the completed bridgework is awaiting the final grading and track laying (Ontario Archives)

BELOW
A completed section of bridge and fill work crossing the Lowbush and Circle rivers. Lowbush River station is visible through the first bridge and has remained virtually unchanged since this photograph was taken on October lst. 1912. The more recent photograph can be seen on page 22 (Ontario Archives)

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ABOVE
When the tracklaying machine and its attendant train had passed, the spiking gang moved in to finish the job. Later still ballasting crews would finish aligning and levelling the track. (Ontario Archives)

## LEFT

Introducing the Hicks Rail Layer. A crude hand powered device. Ties were manhandled forward and the rails were manouvered by the booms on the machine. Note how at first the track is only laid on the dirt grade and no attempt is made to level it. (Ontario Archives)

## BELOW

A more sofisticated track-laying machine at work near Armstrong. With this device, ties are brought forward by a convayer and rails are handled by a steam powered crane. (Ontario Archives)

## LAYING <br> THE TRACK

was driven at Grant, Ontario
A11 that remained was the bridging of the St. Lawrence at Quebec City. Some statistics of the construction are listed below:-

Rock removal Excavation Fill
Track ballast Concrete masonry Rails
Bridging steel
Ties

37,394,000 cu. yards. 20,568,100 cu. yards. 32,633,500 cu. yards. 6,229,200 cu. yards. 691,000 cu. yards. 252,000 tons. 61,000 tons. 5,400,000

In 1898 the Railway Committe of the Privy Council had authorised the construction of cantilever bridge across the St. Lawrence River five miles upstream of Quebec City bet ween the villages of Ste. Foy and Charny. A company was formed to build the bridge and hired an American consultant named Theodore Cooper. Cooper believed that previous examples of cantilever bridge construction, notably the Forth Bridge in Scotland, used far too much steel. He reconmended a bridge that would be double tracked, one track for railway use , the other for streetcars. The centre span would be 1800 feet in length and the whole design would be $60 \%$ lighter than the Forth Bridge. An order was placed in 1904 with a Pennsylvania company that had never built a bridge like this before, this choice and the overall design led to the Chief Government Engineer asking for the plans to be re-examined. Cooper, who was offering his services free of charge, and the bridge company ignored the suggestions and construction began.

By August 1907, construction was well advan ced but the on-site staff and Coughmawaga Indian construction workers were far from happy about the structure of the central span. On August 27th., Cooper refused an appeal from the site engineer to suspend operations, then on August 29th. a locomotive, a travelling crane and a load of steel were on the edge of the span when it collapsed, killing seventy-four workers.

A souvenir reprint of the first passenger train to operate over the N.T.R. east of Quebec City. (J. Norman Lowe Coll.)

After this the government too kover the project and a new bridge was designed, almost twice the weight of the original structure and for the first time nickel-steel was specified. Work began early in 1910 and continued for seven months a year for the next six years. By May 1916 the approaches were complete and only the centre span needed to be installed. This span which would link the cantilever arms was 640 feet in length and weighed 4,701 tons. It had been assembled on shore and towed into position on pontoons. It would then be jacked up into posit ion. On September 11th. the hoisting began. When the structure was 30 feet above the water a casting in one of the hoisting frames split, dropping the south-west corner and the whole span dropped into the river. The vibrations in the structure shook the construction workers from the bridge into the river, most were rescued but two men died.

Another span was ordered, which was hoisted into position on September 17th. 1917 without incident. Four weeks later the first train crossed and the National Transcontinental Railway was complete at a cost of $\$ 169,090,125$.

After the election of 1911, at which time the Conservatives under R.L. Borden came into power, there was a profound alteration in attitude toward the National Transcontinental Railway. The Laurier administration which through its four man commission had nurtured the project from its beginnings, had pursued a policy of high standards of construction. The new attitude was one of suspicion of excessive expenditure of public monies in unduly heavy construction, improper awarding of contracts and other dubious procedures, so on January 29th. 1912, by order of the Privy Council, a two man investigating commission was set up to review the

entire handling of the project up to that time. The chairman of this commission was George Lynch-Staunton with F.P. Gutelius as member. A further change came that year when Major R.W. Leonard was appointed Commissioner for the NTR and legislation passed reducing the commission from four members to one. The Investigating Commission stated in its report that
Until the appointment of Major Leonard, no member of the N.T.R. Commission had any experience or knowledge of railway building or operation.
This comment paraphrased the general spirit in which the Investigating Commission was set up and carried out its duties. The volminous 659 page report of the Commissioners was finally presented to the government in February 1914, with the conclusion consisting only of two sentences We find that the Transcontinental Railway Commission, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and those having charge of the construction of the railway did not consider it desirable or necessary to practice or encourage economy in the construction of this road.
We find that without including the money that was unnecessarily expended in building the railway east of the St. Lawrence River, $\$ 40$ million at least was needlessly expended in the building of this road.

With a financial outlay of nearly $\$ 170 \mathrm{mill-}$ ion, which was more that twice the original estimate on which the Grand Trunk Pacific had agreed to enter the scheme, the new figure that the $3 \%$ per annum of cost rent would represent was too high. Even with the first seven years at no cost, the line could (Continued on Page 19)

Along with other Canadian Railways the N.T.R. had to do its share of snowplow duties. Here two plows are operating to the west of Cochrane. (Ontario Archives)


ABOVE - When trestles are being replaced with steel and concrete, parts of them have to be removed for the new piers. In this case it was a case of too much train and not enought trestle (Public Archives Canada / C 36481)
LEFT - With new grade and no ballasting, construction locomotives sometimes came to grief. Here a tender has become derailed. (Public Archives Canada / C 36478)
BELOW LEFT - The "Hook" to the rescue of engine \#8. (Ontario Archives)
BELOW - The rails have been ripped up by the jacknifing of some ballast cars. (Public Archives Canada / C 53405)

## MISHAPS




The route of the National Transcontinental modern Canadian National System.



## QUEBEC BRIDGE

LEFT
The last span is hoisted into place. This third attempt to bridge the St. Lawrence at Quebec City succeeded. (Canadian National photo) BELOW
A local train crossing the bridge in steam days. Since this photograph was taken one of the tracks has been removed and the roadway has been widened to take up the space. (CNR)



ABOVE - When the N.T.R. was finally finished the first transcontinental trains using the route would have included equipment such as this Parlor-Cafe car \#3900. (CNR)
not have been expected to generate sufficient traffic to pay its rental. The Grand Trunk Pacific therefore declined to operate the line, citing that after the change of government in 1911, the new Commission had not completed the line to the prescribed standards.

The government, upon realizing that the NTR would be on its hand permanently, designated it as part of the Canadian Government Railways, to be under the juristiction of the Minister of Railways and Canals. The Lake Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific was leased for 999 years on May 1st. 1915 to give the government full control of the Winnipeg - Fort William route. The operational arrangement set up in 1914 continued until November 20th. 1918 when the Canadian Government Railways was placed under the Board of Directors of the Canadian Northern Railway, which was by this time working for the federal government, which had recently declined further loans and purchased the latter railway. This temporary arrangement led to the birth of one of Canada's premier passenger trains. The "Continental Limited" first ran in 1918 as a joint CNoR/GTP operation. Running to North Bay from Montreal on Canadian Northern tracks and from Toronto on Grand Trunk tracks, the train combined (and split eastbound) and ran north to Cochrane on the T\&NO Railway before heading west on the eastern division of the NTR which by now had become known as the NTR. After Winnipeg the train followed GTP rails to Edmonton and then the (government inforced) joint CNoR/GTP tracks to Redpass Jct., B.C. before heading south to Vancouver on Canadian Northern right of way.

The essentially temporary 'marriage" of the two companies under one board gave way in 1919, when the Canadian National Railway Company was constituted to manage and operate all government owned lines under the operational name of Canadian National Rail ways.

In the ensuing years, Canadian National built branches from the old NTR to such places as Noranda/Rouyn, Chibougamau and Bruce Lake in order to tap the mining and timber recourses of these areas.

The intention of the Laurier Government was for a route that would ship grain and other prairie products directly to the ports of Quebec and Halifax by the shortest and easi est route possible. This has not been the

case as even in the early years, a large proportion of the GTP/NTR grain haulage travelled to the Lakehead ports and not to the Atlantic. Similarily westbound manufact ured goods originated in Toronto or Montreal, and so would not be routed by the northly route. Currently freight traffic is heavy on the extreme eastern (Quebec - Moncton) and western (Nakina - Winnipeg) sections but the balance is reduced to the haulage of locally derived products. In a similar manner the passenger services are not of a 'through' nature. It is still possible to travel over the NTR by passenger train, but it involves many changes and types of equipment. Typically, RDC's operate between Moncton and Edmonston and between Edmonston and Quebec City. A full sleeping car train operates between Quebec City (now Ste. Foy VIA/CNR trains no longer use the CPR facilit ies) and Senneterre with through coaches to Rouyn and Cochrane. At Cochrane, a walk acr oss the platform onto ONR tracks gives

ABOVE - In contrast to the through trains, locals were far more spartan. A mixed train is seen west of Cochrane. (Ontario Archives) BELOW LEFT - A close up of period passenger cars. (Ontario Archives) BELOW - The title page of a GTP timetable (CNR)


CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

TIME TABLES
Winnipeg and Edmonton
and
Westfort and Lake Superior Jct.
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overnight connection with the ONR／VIA pool train to Kapuskasing．From Kapuskasing to Hearst there is a gap in passenger service which is filled by ONR buses operating on parallel Highway \＃11．A Hearst a thrice weekly mixed train operates to Nakina where one can head to Winnipeg on the＇Super Cont inental＇（VIA \＃3 \＆\＃4）．

As with train service，the track conditions vary with traffic demands．The eastern sect－ ion was one of the first in Canada to be equ ipped with a full CTC system．West of Quebec City the train order prevails with good track conditiond all the way to Senneterre．From Senneterre the lowering traffic levels are reflected as the weeds encroach on the track until Cochrane is reached where，after conn－ ecting with ONR，the old NTR mainline is well maintained as far as Kapuskasing．There is 0.2 miles between Cochrane and Cochrane Junction，where CN does not have full cont－ rol of the main line．On this joint section the ONR timetable prevails．

Over the gap in the passenger system，the speed limits are lowered and locomotive wei－ ght is restricted．By far the most restrict ive section lies to the west of here between Hearst and Nakina．The usually allowed power is 1200 HP road switchers with a slow speed restriction．During the spring and early sum－ mer，the muskeg conditions dictate the light－ ening of maximum car weights by 25 tons．

At Nakina the old NTR route is joined by the Longlac（originally Long Lake）cutoff which was built by the CNR in the early 1930 ＇s to connect the NTR with the Canadian Northern，providing a more direct route from Toronto and Montreal to Winnipeg．From Nakina to Winnipeg the main line is a total contrast from the section east of that junc tion．The line is fully CTC operated with heavy rail and sees intensive freight opera－ tion interlaced with daily passenger（＂Super Continental＇）and twice weekly mixed（\＃277／ \＃278－Superior Junction to Sioux Lookout and \＃286／\＃287－Sioux Lookout to Winnipeg）trains

Between Sioux Lookout and the Manitoba border there has recently been a lot of track rebu－ ilding activity，curves have been straighten－ ed，double track has been installed，for many miles complete with ribbon rail and in places concrete ties．All this is fully CTC operat ed．

Was the NTR worth the money and effort？Over－ all the answer is yes．The original main－ line has opened up the north of Ontario and Quebec and allowed exploitation of the imm－

ense timber and mineral resources of the area．The rout from Nakina to Winnipeg would probably have been built by the CNR sooner or later as the old Canadian Northern route is very round－about，meandering through Thunder Bay and Rainy River．The sections in northern Quebec might have been built as ex－ tensions of the ONR at a later date and in the east as extensions of the old CNoR Chicoutami branch．It is unlikely that the sections between Kapuskasing and Nakina and Senneterre and Cochrane would have been built by any other scheme．As was noted by the Borden government，there was really no need for the Quebec City to Moncton section as double tracking of the Intercolonial Rail way wouls have accomodated the traffic．

As a postscript，the two main players in the early NTR and GTP days，Sir Charles Rivers－ Wilson and Charles Melville Hays were inmor－ talized in ex－Grand Trunk Pacific stations：－ Rivers，Manitoba and Melville，Saskatchewan．

Information of the construction was taken from U．C．R．S．Bulliten \＃47 which was published by the Society in 1957 Other information was found in＇History of Canadian National Railways＂by G．R． Stevens，＂Railways of Canada＂by Nick \＆ Helma Mika and by conversations with various railfans and personal observations． The Compiler would like to thank the staffs of the Ontario Archives，the Public Archives in Ottawa and Canadian National Railways photo section in Montreal．Special thanks to Mr．Rex Rundle for allowing us to use the grade profiles and elevation information that he has carefully preserved from period Government publications．


ABOVE－When Canadian National became establ－ ished local service over the old National Transcontinental route was provided by Pacific type locomotives．In this shot a local passe－ nger train threads the Laurentians．（CNR）

LEFT－CNR class K－3－a Pacific \＃5576 recieves a lube job during a station stop at La Tuque Quebec．Built as GTR $⿰ ⿰ 三 丨 ⿰ 丨 三 240$ by MLW in 1913 she lasted on the roster until August 1962. （CNR photo）


ABOVE - Between Cochrane and Senneterre, the local passenger train is reduced to one unit, one baggage car and one coach. \#6532 (FP-9) leads the eastbound passenger train. (R.W. Layton)


The western end of the NTR still has transcontinental service. CNR \#1 (now VIA \#3) is seen here picking up passengers at Minaki in north-western Ontario. (CNR)
BELOW CENTRE - Power is changed at Winnipeg Union Stn. Having brought the train from Montreal \#6528 backs away from the station. (R.W. Layton)


ABOVE - Road limits result in the use of geeps on freight service in north-eastern Ontario. Here \#4457 heads west through Cochrane station. (R.W. Layton) BELOW - New double track route under construction in the north-west of Ontario. (R.W.L)


## N.T.R. NOW




ABOVE - Heavy freight haulage in NW Ontario is handled largely by these new GP-40-2W units. \#9527 is seen here. (R.W. Layton) BELOW - One track of a new grade has been opened whilst the second track is almost up to running standard. (R.W. Layton)


ABOVE CENTRE - The new grade has just been opened and the rails removed from the old grade as another section of double track route nears completion. (R.W. Layton)
BELOW - Geep 4458 lifts a train of pulpwood empties out of Taschereau Yard in northern Quebec. (R.W. Layton)

BELOW - Third largest in numbers behind the GP-40's and SD-40's in Northwestern Ontario are the GP-38-2W's. \#5599 and 5569 are shown here in Transcona Yard. (R.W. Layton)




LEFT - Sioux Lookout, the first division point east of Winnipeg. It has a pseudo Tudor finish. (CNR) BELOW LEFT - Hearst, as built. This photo was taken in the very early days when service had just started. (Ontario Archives)
BELOW - Winnipeg Union station was built to serve both the Grand Trunk Pacific (NTR) and the Canadian Northern. The photograph shows the building shortly after opening. (CNR)

## STATIONS



ABOVE - Macamic, Quebec is typical of the small community station in the east end of the clay-belt. It comes to life twice a day when the passenger trains arrive and then reverts to being a railway office. (M.F. Layton)


ABOVE - Cochrane Union station is one of the more substantially built on the line, being entirely of brick. Shortly after construction it served as a shelter to the townspeople as Cochrane burnt down in one of those early disasterous fires
(J. Walther)


ABOVE - Lowbush River station has changed very little since it was built over 65 years ago. It consists of a small shelter and platform and has remained adequate for the community that it serves, where rail is the only access. (M.F. Layton) LEFT - The staff of Transcona station pose for the camera. This was the first station east of Winnipeg and is now on the site of CN 's Prairie shops. Since this photo was taken the City of Winnipeg has expanded to take in this community. (CNR)

Appendix 1
PASSENGER SERVICE
HEARST - NAKINA


STE-FOY/QUÉBEC - MONTRÉAL -
SENNETERRE - (COCHRANE)

(STE-FOY / QUÉBEC - MONTRÉAL) SENNETERRE - COCHRANE

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| ${ }_{648} 403$ | -1324 | Borravie | ....... | 1846 |
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| 689428 | 1407 | Amos | ....... | 1803 |
|  | (1)1431 | crerss.s.Vioteur Villemontel |  | (1) 17 |
| 722449 | (1)14 42 | Launay |  | (91728 |
| 735457 |  | Toschereau |  | 1711 |
| 748465 | (1)15 11 | Authier |  | (1)1659 |
|  | 1523 | Macamic |  | 1648 |
| 776482 | 1540 | Lo Sorte |  | 1630 |
| 787489 | 1552 | Dupuy |  | 1618 |
| 798496 | (1)1606 | La Reine, Que |  | (1)1606 |
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| ${ }_{8}^{832} 5828$ | ${ }^{(1636}$ | Lowbush River |  |  |
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| 891554 | (1)136 | Norembega |  | (1)145 |
| 916569 | 1805 | Ar Cochrian |  | 1405 |

Tables taken from the VIA
Rail Canada, winter 1978/79
Timetable.


Appendix 2
THE N.T.R. NOW - MILE BY MILE



| Mileage |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 to | 89.9 |
| 18.2 | to 19.8 |
| 34.4 | to 34.9 |
| 43.2 | to 44.0 |
| 45.3 | to 46.3 |
| 46.5 | to 50.3 |
| 51.0 | to 51.8 |
| 54.1 | to 54.9 |
| 56.4 | to 58.4 |
| 75.3 | to 75.7 |
| 84.5 | to 85.4 |
| 89.9 to 110.4 zone |  |
| 93.0 | to 95.0 |
| 103.1 to 110.0 |  |
| 110.4 to 130.9 zone. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 118.7 \text { to } 119.2 \\ & 127.1 \text { to } 130.9 \end{aligned}$ |  |
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130 . 10130.9

## speeds <br> 

Miles per hour
per hour
0.0 to 89.9 zone



139.4 to 141.0
144.1 to 146.9 144.1 to 146.9
147.3 to 159.5 zone 153.1 to 153.5 159.1 to 159.5 159.5 to 177.0 zone 163.0 to 163.5
167.9 to 172.5 167.9 to 172.5
172.5 to 173.7 173.7 to 176.7 177.0 to 187.2 zon 180.6 to 181.0 186.3 to 187.2 187.2 to 212.1 zono 204.8 to 205.9 212.1 to 219.4 zone 213.3 to 213.6 217.5 to 217.8
219.3 Until Occupied
octil crossing Slane Spur

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EXPRESS TRAINS: Unless otherwise restricted, trains designated as express trains by timetable schedule or as express extras by clearance may run five (5) miles per hour in excess of freight or passenger train speeds at any point.
ALL TRAINS having and any point
ALL TRAINS having a DESIGNATED UNIT in the
consist are subject to the additional speed restrictions listed in the DU column.

## EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Heaviest engine permitted to operate GF-30c class. Heaviest car permitted gross weight $263,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. Heaviest auxiliary permitted - 250 tons.

Due to sharp curvature, when turning locomotives in wye at Monk, units must be turned individually,
not coupled together, to prevent draw bar or track damage.

## SPEEDS





EQUIPMENT RESTRIGTIONS Heaviest auxiliary permitted, 160 tons.
No engine permitted to operate on Smith Peat Moss Neaviest auxiliary permitted to operate on Smith Peat Moss Company side
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Heaviest car permitted, gross weight $263,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.


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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Mileage SPEEDS \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Miles per hour \\
\({ }^{4}\) Psgr. \({ }^{*}\) Freight DU
\end{tabular}} \\
\hline 0.0 to 125.4 zone. \& 50 \& 40 \& \\
\hline 0.0 to 1.0 . \& 10 \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{4}{*}{\(\begin{array}{ll}10 \& \\ 35 \& 25\end{array}\)}} \\
\hline 17.9 to 18.9 \& 45 \& \& \\
\hline 22.0 to 26.0 \& 35 \& \& \\
\hline 23.0 \& \& \& \\
\hline 29.7 Bridge. \& 40 \& 30 \& \\
\hline 39.3 \& 35 \& \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{25}} \\
\hline 39.5 \& \& \& \\
\hline 71.7 Approaching and within 500 feet from the crossing including crossover track. \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
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\hline (B.T.C. 105163) ........ \& 10 \& \& \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
95.3 to 96.8 \\
122.1 Westward trains, when approaching and within 500 feet of St. François St. crossing, mileage 122.1 and until the leading unit or car has reached St age 122.3. (C.T.C. R-236)
\end{tabular} \& 10

20 \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{20} <br>
\hline 122.3 Eastward trains, when approaching and within 700 feet of St. Joseph St. crossing, mileage 122.3 and until the leading unit or car has reached St. Zéphirin St. crossing, mileage 121.6. (C.T.C. R-236). \& 20 \& 20 \& <br>
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{*ALL TRAINS having a DESIGNATED UNIT in the consist are subject to the additional speed restrictions listed in the DU column.} <br>
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{TUNNEL} <br>
\hline Location \& \multicolumn{3}{|r|}{$\frac{\text { Length }}{700 \mathrm{ft.}}$} <br>
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\end{tabular}



## EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Heaviest auxiliary permitted, 160 tons.
Account curvature, units in series 5000,5100 and 5200 , at Parent, also on tracks A-46 and A-47 at Senneterre.
Heaviest car permitted, gross weight $263,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.



EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS
Heaviest auxiliary crane permitted . . . . . . . . . . . . . 250 tons ARMSTRONG-All equipment having six wheel trucks prohibited on wye track.
Cars exceeding $263,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. gross must be covered by handling instructions.



## EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Unless authorization received from office of General Supt. Transportation, the following will apply:
Heaviest car permitted (including contents) 263,000 lbs.

| Speeds |  | MILES PER HOUR "Mixed \& |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mileage |  | "Passenger | Freight | DU |
| 0.0 to 0.7 | Zone | 20 | 20 | .... |
| 0.7 to 25.1 | Zone | 55 | 45 |  |
| 6.9 to 15.1 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 24.3 to 25.1 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 25.1 to 73.3 | Zone | 60 | 50 |  |
| 48.0 (Eastward F | reight |  |  |  |
| and Express | Trains |  |  |  |
| handling 6,000 o | rmore |  |  |  |
| equated tons |  | ...- | 45 | 45 |
| 73.3 to 138.9 | Zone | 55 | 45 |  |
| 73.31076 .5 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 82.2 to 86.7 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 91.7 to 134.5 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 134.5 to 135.2 |  | 45 | 35 | 35 |
| 135.2 to 138.9 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |

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## EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Unless authorization received from Office of General Supt. Transportation, the following will apply:

Heaviest car permitted (including contents) 263,000 lbs.

| SPEEDS |  |  | MILES PER HOUR <br>  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mileage |  |  | ssenger | Freight | DU |
| 0.0 to | 2.0 | Zone | 30 | 30 |  |
| 2.0 to | 3.9 | Zone | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 3.9 to | 82.2 | Zone | 55 | 45 |  |
| 4.5 (ove | er brid |  | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 14.4 to | 15.3 |  | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 26.5 to | 28.5 |  | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| 39.7 to | 40.9 |  | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 44.6 to | 45.3 |  | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 52.7 to | 53.1 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 56.8 to | 61.9 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 66.0 to | 69.1 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |


| 77.0 to 77.3 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 82.2 to 92.6 | Zone | 45 | 35 | 35 |
| 92.6 to 110.8 | Zone | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 106.7 to 107.2 |  | 30 | 30 |  |
| 110.8 to 126.1 | Zone | 45 | 35 | 35 |
| 113.0 to 113.1 |  | 25 | 25 |  |
| 126.1 to 138.0 | Zone | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 136.9 (Bridge) |  | 35 | 35 | .... |
| 138.0 to 171.8 | Zone | 55 | 45 |  |
| 140.4 to 150.0 |  | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| 150.0 to 150.8 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 155.8 to 165.1 |  | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| 170.1 to 170.6 |  | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| 171.8 to 238.3 | Zone | 70 | 60 |  |
| 180.9 to 183.5 |  | 60 | 50 | 40 |
| 238.3 to 243.9 | Zone | 70 |  | 60 |
| 243.9 to 251.4 | Zone | 50 |  | 40 |
| 251.4 to 252.1 | Zone | 20 |  | 20 |

## Appendix 3 grade profle




SCALES :-
Horizontal, 47.5 miles $=1$ inch ( $30 \mathrm{~km}=1 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) Vertical, 1590 feet $=1$ inch ( $19 \mathrm{~m}=1 \mathrm{~cm}$.)


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| Miles from Mioncton | NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY | Elevation bove mean sea level |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | Moncton, junction with Intercolonial ra | 50.0 |
| 5.9 | Lutesville station .............. | 213.0 |
| 14.4 | Segawa station | 240 |
| 21.5 | Canaan river, high water, 162; low wa | 259.1 |
| 23.3 33.5 | North Branch station |  |
| 39.0 | Summit between C | ${ }_{342.8}$ |
| 39.9 | Pangburn station. | 188.9 |
| 49.8 | Bronson station. | 71.0 |
| 56.6 | Chipman station........ | 68 |
| $66 \cdot 5$ | Cantor station. | $333 \cdot 2$ |
| 67.1 | Newcastle viaduct, | 497.7 |
| $73 \cdot 4$ | Sunbury station. | 540 |
| 79.1 80.5 | Summit between Bantalor station.. | $459 \cdot 9$ |
| 81.6 | Cain river, high water, 413 ; low water, 407; | 441 |
| 88.3 | North Cain station.. | $53+.9$ 571.7 |
| 96.3 | McGivney, junction with Intercolonia | 821.7 |
| 108.4 117.0 | Maple Grove station....... |  |
| 117.4 | Napadogan lake, high water, 895: low wat |  |
| $117 \cdot 4$ | Napadogan station. | $899 \cdot 2$ |
| $124 \cdot 5$ | South branch Miramichi river, high water, 785; low water, 718; bed, 776; rail. | 97 |
| 125.4 |  |  |
| $132 \cdot 8$ | North branch Miramichi river, high water, 822; low water, S17; bed, 812 ; rail | $837 \cdot 2$ |
| 133.3 | Juniper station. |  |
| 133.9 |  | ,194 |
| $145 \cdot 9$ 149.2 | Odell stream, high water, 1,053; low water, 1,048; rail........... | , 057 |
| 153.0 | Baker lake, high water, 659; low wate |  |
| 159.2 | Longley station | -8 |
| 162 -4 | Canadian Pacific railway, Tobique branch, crossing, C.P.Ry., rail, 384; N.T. Ry., rail. | 460 453 |
| $163 \cdot 4$ | Wapske station,..... |  |
| 164.8 165.4 | Plaster Rock station.. | $466 \cdot$ |
| 177.0 | Blue Bell station (summit bet ween Tobique and St. John rivers) | 738 |
| $177 \cdot 1$ | Dead Brook lake, high water, 732; low wate | 730 |
| $180 \cdot 3$ | Graham Brook viaduct, | 669 |
| 181.4 | Caton brook, rail. | 660 |
| 181.5 | Peterson station. | 627 |
| 183.9 | Little Salmon river, | 630 |
| 186.8 | Drummond statio |  |
| 191.5 | Little river, rail. | 574.9 |
| 193.7 | Grand Falls station . | 523 |
| 197.1 200.3 |  | 479 |
| 200.3 202.4 | Canadian Pacific railway, Edmundston branch, crossin | 460 |
| $205 \cdot 3$ | St. Leonard station. . | 464 |
| $207 \cdot 1$ | Grand river, high water, 437 low water, 425; bed, 421 ; | 454 |
| 209.6 | Sigas river, high water, 437 ; low water, 422 ; |  |
| 209.7 | gas station. | 450 |
| 213.5 | Quisibis river, high water, 443 ; low water, 420 | - 455 |
| 214.3 | Quisibis station. |  |
| 219.6 | Green river, high water, 455; low water, 431 ; | 474 |
| 221.0 | Green River station | 470 |
| 226.4 | Iroquois river, high water, 458; low water, 437 ; bed, 433 ; rail. | 464 |
| 229.9 | Madawaska river, bigh water, 465 ; low water, 440; bed, 435; | 473 |
| $230 \cdot 6$ | Edmundston station | 493.2 |
| 237.6 | St. Hilaire station. |  |
| 242.5 | Tcmiscouata Ry. cros | 516.4 |
| 242.9 | Baker Brook station. | 515 |
| $243 \cdot 3$ | ${ }_{\text {Bax }}$ Baker brook, rail |  |
| 252.0 | Caron Brook station | 676 |
| 258.1 | Kitchen brook, high | 681. |
| $259 \cdot 4$ | Courchesne station | 736 736 |
| $260 \cdot 4$ | Summit. | 670 |
| $264 \cdot 8$ | Long lake, high wat | 672 |
| 266.4 | Glendyne station.. | 712 |
| 271.9 | Summit. |  |
| 274.9 276.9 | Tarte station......... 600 ; low water, 592 ; bed, 587 ; | 650 |
| 282.8 | Nigger brook, high water, 696; low water, 692; bed, 690; rail | - $\begin{array}{r}709 \\ \\ 709\end{array}$ |
| 286.1 | Estcourt station | 710 |
| 286.3 | Lake Pohenegamook, high water, 685 ; low water, 677 ; rail |  |
| 286.5 | St. Francis river, high water, 685; 10 , water, 67 ; bed, 61 | 1,074 |
| 297.2 | Summit.................................. | 1,284 |
| 298.9 | Pelletier sta | 1,259.0 |
| $300 \cdot 5$ | Rivière Rocheuse, high water, 1,223 ; low water, 1,$220 ;$ bed, 1,218 ; rail | i 1,236 |
| $305 \cdot 4$ | Rivière Fourchue, high water, 1,183; low water, 1,180 ; bed, 1,178 ; mil | : 1,202 |
| 305.9 | Picard station. | 1,207 |
| 312.4 | Lapointe station | 1,106 |
| 317.9 | Lippée station. | 1,126 |
| 322.4 | Lac aux Loutres, | 1,093 |
| 333.4 | Holliday station | 1,111 |
| 341.9 | Le Febvre station | 1,202 |
| 351.9 | Deniau station... | 1,092 |
| $355 \cdot 4$ | Monk station | 1,162 |
| 362.7 | Terrien river, high water, 1,241; low water, 1, 236; rail. |  |
| 364.0 | Lake Terrien, high water, 1,259 ; low water, 1,254 ; rail. | 1,263 1,265 |
| 364.4 369.7 | Cardaillac station | 1,26 |
| $369 \cdot 7$ | Bras d'Apic river (east), high water, 1,182 ; low water, 1,179 ; bed, 1,177; rail. | $1,208$ |
| $370 \cdot 4$ | Bras-d'Apic station............................... $119.7 .{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $1,215$ |
| $370 \cdot 8$ | Bras d'Apic river (west), high water, 1,204; low water, 1,199 ; bed, $1,198 \text {; rail. }$ | 1, 1,223 |
| 375.4 | Duguesclin station.............. $1,189.7$. | 1,232 |
| 375.7 | Méchant-pouce river, high water, 1,189; low water, 1,185 ; bed, 1,183; rail | , 1,226 |
|  | Fortin creek, high water, 1,206; low water, 1,203; bed, 1,202; rail | ail <br> 1,230 <br> 1,316 |
| $380 \cdot 4$ 381.8 | Langelier station........... | 1,305 |
| 382.9 | Summit ...................... | 1,310 |
| 386.4 392.4 | Rosaire statio Mercier stati | 1,114 |


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Bridge, junction with Quebec branch.

## St. Augustin station


 Fairchild station............................................... Jacques Cartier river, high water, 131; low wate
Canadian Pacific Ry., Quebec branch, crossing.
St. Basile station
Portneuf station
 Lachevrotidre river, high water, 131; low water, 128; bed, 127; rail St. Marc station, high water, 103 ; iow water, 92 ; bed, 87 ; rail. Ste. Ane Noire, high water, 106; low water, 101; bed, 86 ; rail..
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Riv. Eaux Mortes, high water, 692 ; low water, 684 ; rail Rivière Milieu, high water, 552 ; low water, 542 ; rail ..............
Rivière Brochet, high water, 667 ; low water, 663 ; bed, 661 ; rail Lac Chat station................

Rivière Brochet, bed, 75 ; rail..
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 branch) crossing, C.N.Ry, rail, 613; N.T.Ry., rail.
Bostonnais river, high water, 574 ; low water, 570 ; bed, 567 ; rail.
 Fitzpatrick station ......... . 504 ; low water, 485 ; bed, 479 ; rail
Riviere Croche, high water, Rivière Croche, high water, St . Maurice river, high water, 505 ; low water, 486 ; bed, 474 ; rail St. Maurice river, high water, 505 ; low water,
Rivière au Lait, high water, 506; low water, 487 ; bed, 485 ; rail. Cressman station, ${ }^{\text {Vermilion river, high water, } 747 \text {; low water, } 743 \text {; rail. }}$ Darey station......... 1,023 ; low water.
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Crespel station.................................................. 866 ; bed, 862 rail.
Riviere Flamand, high water, 880 ; low water
 Ferguson station
St. Maurice river, high water, 1,049 ; low water, 1,038 ; bed, 1,025
 St. Maurice river, high water, 1,144 ; low water, 1,133; bed, 1,126


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rail........................................... Hibbard station (summit)
Wolf lake, high water, 1,452 ; low water.
Miskwa lake, high water, 1,
Minachin creek, high water, 1,368 ; low water, 1,362 ; bed, 1,359
 Casey station.
Ribbon river, high water, 1,368 ; low water, 1,363 ; rail Picqui creek, high water, 1,370 ; low water, 1,366 ; bed, 1,361; rail Lac Travers, narrows, , high water, 1,398 ; low water, 1,395 ; rail.
Upper Ribbon river, high water, 1,400 ; low water, 1,395 ; bed, 1,394 ; rail...........................................................
 Boucher lake, water (May, 1910), 1,401; water (Sept., 1910).
Boucher creek, high water, 1,404; low water (Sept., 1910), 1,399; Boucher
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| 735.S | East Cache creek, high water, 1,337; low water, 1,332 ; ra | 1,359 | 1,028-1 | Cochrane, junction with Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry... | 911 |
| 759.5 | Cora saxion.. high water, 1,3350 ; low water, 1,330 ; bed, 1,300 |  | ${ }^{1,034-4} 1$ | Frederick House river, high water, 790; low water, is Frederick station.......................... | ${ }_{861}^{864}$ |
|  | rai $\ldots$........................................... | 1,357 | 1,036-6 | Buskegon station. | 883 |
| 722-1 | Hayouct lake, | 1,349 | 1,038.6 | Buskegon river, high water, 839; low water, 830; rai | 881 |
| 74.5 | Haycoci creek, high water, 1,352; Bourass station............ | 1,376 1,389 | $1,0+1.1$ $1,0+5 \cdot 5$ | Summit......... | 926 898 |
| 4 | Duchasp hike, hihh water, 1,376; low | 1,374 | 1,0+8.4 | Driftwood river, high water, 819 ; low water, 813; rail | 849 |
| its-s | Lake, mb water, 1,391; low water | 1,388 | 1,054-6 | Pullen station. | 860 |
| 749.8 | Lake, What water, , , ,391: lowv water | 1,390 | 1,059.8 | Mattagami river, high water, 741; low water, 730; | 771 |
| -151.8 | Lake, st water, 1,418 ; low water. | 1,415 | ${ }_{1}^{1,00061}$ | Jacksonboro station Tudhope station... | 796 |
| -51.4 | Spruce creek, thigh water, 1,410; low water | 1,403 | 1,066-6 | Poplar Rapids river, high water, 741; low water, 731 ; rail | 767 |
| T33.6 | Coquar scation. | 1,478 | 1,070.1 | Strickland station. | 797 |
| 755.1 |  | 1,486 | 1,074.5 | Wellington creek, high water, $7+5$; low water, 739 ; | 758 |
| -55.4 | Lake, hith rater, 1,479; low water | 1,478 | 1.077 .8 | Fauquier statio | 746 |
| - 759.1 |  | 1,442 1,493 | $1,078.5$ $1,080 \cdot 7$ | Ground-hog river, high water, 714 ; low water, 69 Brulte crek, high water, 733 ; low water, 728 ; rail. | 742 74 7 |
| 759.2 | Lake Eist water, 1,482; low water...................... | 1,480 | $1,083.0$ | Marten creek, hish water, 762 ; low water, 757 ; rai | 780 |
| \%60. 3 | Windisll like, bigh water | 1,469 | 1,084.3 | Moonbeam station...................... | 794 |
| :101.9 | Octaric creek, high water, 1,410; low water, 1,407; rail | 1,457 | 1,091.8 | Kitigan station. | 780 |
| 723.3 | Monct station | 1,454 | 1,093-7 | Bass river, high water, 738: low water, 734; | 752 |
| - | Kuney Lite, high water | 1,418 | 1,098.2 | Kapuskasing river, high water, 695; low water MacPherson station................ | 714 |
| -64-3 | Susie rive, high water, 1,402; low water, 1,$398 ;$ bed, 1,$395 ;$ rail... | 1,431 | $1,104 \cdot 0$ | Secord station. | 764 |
| 766 -S | Hudse Ray creek, high water, 1,376; low water, 1,372; bed, 1,369; |  | 1,106-6 | Lost river, high water, 716; | 735 |
|  | Lake, bish water, 1,402; low | 1,401 1,401 | $1,110.9$ $1,112.9$ |  | ${ }_{764} 77$ |
| $769 \cdot 5$ | Beacer lake, high water, 1,439; low water | 1,436 | 1,118.5 | Opasatika river, ligh water, 727 ; water, 719 ; rail | 739 |
| 720.3 | Lumbago lake, high water, 1,441 ; lov wat | 1,439 | 1,119-3 | Opasatika sta | 744 |
| 771.3 | Tarries sation..... | 1,443 | 1,123.4 | Montcalm creek, rail | 781 |
| 21.9 | Moose Like, high water, 1,434; low water | 1,433 | 1,126.7 | Summit. | 836 838 |
| - 7 | Hanaton Like, high water, 1,415\% low water | 1,416 | $\xrightarrow{1,126 \cdot 9}$ | Crower creek, hish water, 990 ; | ${ }_{798}^{823}$ |
| \%4.7 | Dead Fax lake, high water, i, i, 94 ; low water. | 1, 392 | $1,13+4$ | Hamilton crcek, high water, 763; low mater, 700; rail | 771 |
| \%is. 1 | Mudthete lake, high water, 1,382; low water | 1,381 | 1,134.4 | Macbey station | 769 |
| 778.2 | Kekek river, high water, 1,367 ; low water, 1,3 | 1,377 1,421 | 1.134-5 | Raintow creek, high water, 760; low w | 769 |
| - 82.1 | Greman lake, high water, 1,422; low water | 1,421 | ${ }_{1}^{1,137} 1$ | Two-mile creek, high water, 754 : low water, 753 ; rail Five-mile creek, high water, 720 low water, 716; rail | ${ }_{752}$ |
| -82.3 | Summit. | 1,437 | 1,138.5 | Mattice station........... | 50 |
| \%83.7 | Mamarguish river, high water, 1,353 ; low water, 1,351 ; rail. | 1,410 | 1,138.8 | Missinaibi river, high water, 717; low water, 703; rail | 751 |
| \%80.3 | Deadman creek, high water, 1,353; low water, 1,350; rail. | 1, 1,364 | 1,140-2 | Armstrong creek, high water, 736; low water, 734; rail | 762 |
| 787 | Dix station. | ${ }_{1}^{1,383}$ | 1,141-4 | Emra station | 778 |
| 795.2 | Atik creek, high water, 1,296 ; low water, 1,293 ; bed, 1,290 ; rail. | 1,315 | $1,143.1$ 1,144 1 | Evelyn creek, high water, 77\% low water, Ryc | 786 812 |
| 395.8 | Balcer station: | 1,314 | $1,148.2$ | Omo station. | 815 |
| 798.8 | Buchle lake, high water, 1,278 ; low wat | 1,275 | 1,154.5 | Mcllwarth creek, high water, 770; low water, 7 | 784 |
| $500 \cdot 5$ | Mark kike, high water, 1,277; low wate | 1,272 | 1,155-0 | Nelles creek, high water, 770; low water, 768 ; ra | 786 |
| 800.5 | Atik creek, high water, 1,277; low water, 1,272; bed, 1,267; rail. | 1,293 | 1,156.3 | Mattawishkwia river, high water, 767; low water, 763; rail | 786 |
| 801.8 802.3 | Forsythe station | 1,299 | 1,157.8 | Hearst, junction with Algoma Central and Hudson Bay railway | 807 |
| 803.4 | Atike, creek, high water, 1,250 ; O \% | ${ }_{1}^{1,274}$ | ${ }_{1}^{1,163.6}$ | Rymmit statio |  |
| 808.3 | Evere lake, high water, 1,205 ; low water | 1,202 | 1,170.1 | Holland station | 815 |
| 808.8 | Doucet statio | 1,219 | 1,172.0 | Valentine creek, high water, 776; low water, |  |
| 812.6 | Cañon creek, high water, 1,136: low water, 1,124; bed, 1,120; rail. | 1,208 | 1,175.0 | Okova station | 93 |
|  | Jocko creek, high water, 1,133; low water, 1,126; bed, 1,123; rail. | 1,180 | 1,178.2 | Kabinakagami river, high water, 784; low water, 744 | 818 |
| ¢16.3 | Press station | 1,202 | $1,179.7$ $1,180.0$ | Pike creek, high water, 783 ; 10 | 797 |
| $820 \cdot 8$ | Migiskan river, high water, 1,101 ; low water, 1,089 ; bed, 1,075 ; |  | $1,180.7$ | Patterson creek, bed, 785; rail. |  |
|  | rail. | 1,140 | 1,180.9 | St. Joseph river, high | 794 |
| 521.8 | Signai station | 1,172 | 1,182.6 | Leonard lake, water, 8 | 828 |
| 8 | Forget station. | 1,138 | 1,183.2 | Summit. |  |
| 833.8 | Migiskan station | 1,102 | 1,186.2 | Wapiti station | 788 |
| 836.7 841.6 | Migiskan river, high water, 1,069 ; bed, 1,060: rail $\ldots$....... | 1,102 | 1,188.7 | Grady creek, high water, 752; rail. | $\begin{array}{r}157 \\ 754 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| ${ }_{8+3}$ | Aell fiver, high water, 1,000 ; low water, 990 ; bed, 979 ; rail. . ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | 1,026 | li, $1,192.7$ | Quinn creek, high water, | 746 |
| 843.8 | Shabogama lake, high water, 1,000 ; lov water... | ,990 | 1,193.4 | Diamond lake, high water, 74t; low w |  |
| 844.3 | Nottaway station. | 1,030 | 1,196-2 | White river, high water, 683; low water, 679; rail. | 718 |
| 848.1 | Poplar river, high water, 1,001; low water, 995; bed, 990; rail. | 1,007 | 1,196.8 | Skunk river, high water, 637; low water, 634; rail | 715 |
| 849.8 | Coffee river, high water, 1,003 ; low water, 1,003 ; bed, 1,001 ; rail. . | 1,025 | 1,197.9 | Nagagami river, high water, 658; low water, 653; | 723 |
| 849.9 849.9 | Tooker lake, high water, 1,008 ; low water, | 1,003 | 1,198.4 | Lake, high wate | 704 |
| S55.9 |  | 1,003 | 1, $1,2001.4$ | Ames station. | 773 |
| 857.1 | Uniacke station | 1,062 | 1,206.8 | Pitopiko river, high water, 708; low water, 703; rail | 748 |
| ${ }_{865.7}^{862.7}$ | Natagan river, bigh water, 1,000 ; low water, 991 ; bed, 895 ; rail Natagan station.................................. | 1,029 1,078 | 1,2077 $1,214.1$ | Nagagami station C (astwian river, high water, 6588 ; low water, 651 ; rail | 749 689 |
| 871.6 | Fisher station.. | 1,124 | 1,214.9 | Fraser station | 9 |
|  |  | 1,128 | 1,220.9 | Ma |  |
| 878.9 | Peter Brown creek, high water, 1,005 ; low water, 996; bed, 991; rail | 1,024 | 1,221.4 | Savoff station. | 679 |
|  | Larry station.. | 1,051 | 1,228.1 | Teltaka station | 625 |
| ${ }_{887.7}^{88.1}$ | Harricanaw stationichaw river, high water, 972, low water, 966; bed, 942 ; rail. | 1,002 1,000 | $1,228.6$ 1,236 | Clarke creek, high water, $608 ;$ low water, 600 ; rai Pagwachuan river, high water, $506 ;$ low water, 4 | ${ }_{566} 02$ |
| 891.8 | Spirit Lake station............... | 1,051 | 1,235.9 | Pagwa station... | 617 |
| ${ }_{8}^{893.3}$ | Spirit lake, high water, 1,042 ; watcr, 1,036 ; rail | 1,044 | 1,242.0 | Wilgar station | ${ }_{681} 88$ |
| 896.8 | Molesworth lake, high water, 1,005: low watc | 1,072 | ${ }^{1,242.6}$ | Dog river, high water, 665: low water, 664; rail | ${ }_{711} 682$ |
| 900.3 | Cook station. | 1,048 | $1,250.5$ | Flint station.......................... | 719 |
| ${ }_{9} 907.8$ | Nawapitichen river, high water, 975 ; low water, 968; bed, 967; rail | 1,012 | 1,251.3 | Flint river, high water, 704; | 719 |
| 907.8 | Kino station. | 1,073 | $1,256 \cdot 2$ $1,258.8$ | Ogaming station | 820 |
| 912.9 | Deer river, high water, 1,006; low water, 1,002; rail | 1,016 | $1,259.4$ | Kenogami river, high water, 756 ; low water, 75 | 814 |
| 914.9 | Robertson lake, high water, 1,005 ; water, 1,001 ; rail | 1,014 | $1,261.8$ | Orahalla station. | 852 |
| 915.8 | O'Brien station.......................... | 1,020 | $1,267.6$ | Watini station. | 393 |
| 918.4 | Midway creek, high water, 1,019 ; 1 ow water, 1,$016 ;$ rail. | 1,036 | 1,273.6 | Jobrin station. | 972 |
| 919.9 920.5 | Suderland creek, high water, 1,047; low water, 1,045; rail . | 1.060 | 1,274.8 | Rabbit river, high water, 931; low water, 930; rail | 953 |
| 922.5 | Kakameonan river, high water, 994 ; low water, 990 ; bed, 980 ; rail | 1,021 | $1,280 \cdot 2$ $1,282 \cdot 2$ | Mungall river, high water, 971; low water, 970; rail | 989 |
| ${ }_{931.5}^{924.5}$ | Authier station.. | 1,007 | 1,283.2 | Grant station.... | 997 |
| 931.3 | Molesworth river, high water, 920; low water, 917; | 936 | 1,285.8 | Beaver creck, high water, 976; low water, 974; rail | 992 |
| 931.3 934 | Makamik lake, high water, 920; low water. | 917 | 1,289.2 | Summit. | 1,077 |
| 935.5 | Bickerdike creek, high water, 927 ; ${ }^{\text {a }}$ (ow water, 923 ; rai | 944 | $1,290.9$ $1,291.0$ | Braggan creek, high water, 1,017 ; low water, 1,016 ; rail Openisha | 1, 1,046 |
| ${ }_{939}^{936} 9$ | South river, high water, 906, 'low water, 901, rail | 924 | $1,295.1$ | Twin river, high water, 978 ; ${ }^{\text {a }}$ low water, 977 ; | 1,994 |
| 940.8 940.9 | South river, high water, 880; low water, 876; rail. South tiver, high water, 875 ; low water, 870 ; rail | 914 899 | 1,295.3 | Twin lakes, mean water. | 977 |
| 942.3 | Wabikin station......................... | 883 | $1,298.1$ $1,298.5$ | East McDonald creck, high water, 1,005 ; low water, 1,004 ; rail. Nakina station. | 1,1013 |
| 942.9 | Whitefish river, high water, 872 ; low water, 867; rail | 885 | 1,299.5 | West McDonald creek, high water, 1,0i7\% low water, 1,016; rail | 1,037 |
| 944.2 | Moberly creek, high water, 888; low water, 883; rail | 891 | 1,304.3 | Ealkam lake, mean water................................. | 1,007 |
| $949 \cdot 1$ 956.3 | Lulc station. | 945 910 | $1,305.4$ $1,307.8$ | Exton station......... | 1,036 1,040 |
| 956.7 |  | 910 | 1,311.7 | Summit...... | 1,085 |
| 957.2 | Okikadasik river, high water, 873; low water, 871: rail... | 905 | 1,313.7 | Kawaskagama lake, mean water | 1,060 |
| ${ }^{961.1}$ | Summit. | 989 | 1,316-4 | Titania station | 1,078 |
| 964.7 968.6 | Goodwin station | ${ }_{938}^{94}$ | $1,317.7$ $1,318.7$ | Kawaskagama river, high water, 1,052: low water, 1049; ra | 1,066 |
| 976.6 | Mack station | 883 | $1,323.7$ 1 | Trout creek, high water, 1,053; low water, 1,051 - rail Iohnson creek, high water, 1,032 ; low water, 1,028 ; | 1,062 |
| 986.4 988.1 | Low-bush station | \$89 | 1,324.9 | Kowkash static | 1,050 |
| ${ }_{991.6}$ | Circle river, high water, 874; low water, 868; ra Kirke station........................... | ${ }_{942}^{886}$ | $1,331 \cdot 4$ 1 $1332 \cdot 4$ | Paska station | 1,043 |
| 999.0 | Bungle statio | 971 | 1,334-8 | Wilgar creek east, high water, 1,03s; low water, 1,036; ;rail | 1,053 |
| 1,008.6 | Hughes station (summit) | 989 | 1,338.9 | Wilgar creek west, high water, 1,093 ; low water, 1,092 ; rail. | 1,201 |
| ${ }_{1}^{1,020.1}$ | Norembega | 983 857 | $1,340.2$ 1 1340.9 | Kapita station............................... | ${ }_{1}^{1,123}$ |
| 1,021•8 | Abitibi station | s95 | $1,341-5$ | Gzowski lake, water........... | 1,080 |



The 1912 Grand Trunk Pacific system map showing lines under construction and proposed routes. It is suprising to note that under CNR, NAR and BCR auspices, most of these proposals, with the exception of central Quebec and the Yukon, have or are being constructed following very similar routes. (CNR)


#   <br> MARYF. LAYTON 

The Prairie Dog Central was born in the summer of 1970 when the Winnipeg based Vintage Locomotive Society commenced regular weekend operation of their turn of the century steam train The route chosen originated at Searle in part of Winnipeg's western suburbs to Cabot, some fifteen miles to the west. The route covered part of the old Grand Trunk Pacific main line which, on the upgrading of the present main line (ex Canadian Northern) was reduced to a secondary branch. Originally, the line ran to Portage La Prairie as the Harte Subdivision, but was cut back to service the elevators as far as Cabot and was renamed the Cabot Sub division.

The Prairie Dog Central left searle at $10.00,12.30$ and 15.00 each Saturday and Sunday,passengers paying a $\$ 2.00$ adult fare. The Cabot operation involved a conventional westbound run from Searle, At Cabot, the locomotive was run around the train and hauled it backwards into Winnipeg. The lack of a turntable or wye at Cabot Siding necessitated this arrangement.

Highlight of the opening year was on Domion Day when the P.D.C, hauled Prime Minister Trudeau, erstwhile Manitoba Premier Schreyer together with various Federal and Provincial politians over the CP Rail line from Winnipeg to Selkirk in connection with Manitoba's Centennial celebrations



The routine ope-ation went well until CN decided that they had no further use for the Cabot Subdivision and allowed CP to lift the diamond on its Souris Branch, so cutting the Prairie Dog's run in half. During the winter of 1974-75, the Vintage Locomotive Society searched for a new home for operations, Canadian National finally agreeing to the use of their Oak Point Subdivision. This line was an old Canadian Northern branch leading to some small mines north of Winnipeg, It leaves the mainline in the west end of the city at St.James Jct, and proceeds north to Gypsumville with a branch to Hodgson from Grosse Isle

The Prairie Dog's relocated passenger operation now runs from St.James Station (on Portage Ave., not far from the Blue Bombers' Stadium) to Grosse Isle. Originally operating on both Saturday and Sunday, the activities have been reduced to a Sunday only operation mainly due to a lack of volunteer labour.

The P.D.C.'s day starts in the yards be low Winnipeg's (CN) station, where the locomotive is readied for the day's activities and the combine car is stocked with pop,chips and candies."We only car ry junk food" according to one V.L.S volunteer.After coupling onto the passenger cars, the train negotiates the curves and reverses neccessary to move into Union Station proper.After obtain ing the clearance from the dispatcher, $\# 3$ heads west on the main line to St. James Jct. Not normally open to passen-

ABOVE: Prairie Dog Central 4-4-0 \#3 and train on the run back to St.James from Grosse Isle.(D.W.Smith)LEFT:The fron end of Number 3 on the runaround track at Grosse Isle.(R.W.Layton)
gers,this is the fastest part of the operation, showing that with the light train, there is "plenty left in the old girl yet." At St. James Jct.,a right turn unto the Oak Point Sub.,points the engine north and adhering to the posted 25 mph limit, the train passes brick yards and industrial areas.

On arrival at St. James, the travelling ticket seller or more precisely, the member of the crew who also sells tickets, unlocks the station and opens the ticket window. Tickets are on a first come,first served basis.Advance booking is not allowed and no advance rates are available, but the V.L.S. will charter the train to interested groups.

Departure is at 10.00 hrs with the train heading north through an industrial area.After a while,the train parallels the CPR mainline before cross ing it at grade. There was an interlocking tower at this point until it burnt in 1976. Train movements are now flagged across the CPR main. Then on to Grosse Isle over open prairie at a stately 25 mph. Later in the season, this area is a sea of wheat with the land as a pool table as far as the eye can see.


ABOVE: Canadian Pacific Railway number 22 as built by Dubbs and Company of Glasgow in April 1882, serial number 1572. The engine was renumbered to 133 in November 1907,63 in Sept 1912, and 86 in October 1913. The engine was sold in November 1918 to the Winnipeg Iver Railway, (City of Winnipeg Hydro) as their number 3.Taken at Rat Portage (now Kenora). (CP Archives). BELOW: One of the volunteers active in operating the Prairie Dog Central, Jack Sine,who is a weekday banker and a weekend railroader. The V.L.S. is dependent on volunteer labour for much of their efforts. (R.W.Layton)



Grosse Isle is no more than a junction and a run around track, any station building having been long removed. There is however, a small community alongside the tracks making it more than just a switch in a cornfield.On arrival, the engine is cut off and runs forward app roximately $1 / 4$ mile to the junction with the branch to Hodgson, where it is turned on the wye. Returning to the siding, the engine makes use of the run around track and is coupled onto the other end of the train. This passing track is a throw back to earlier days, being laid with second CPR 601 b rail dating from the 1880 's, which may be remnants of the original construction.


The return to St.James is by early afternoon where the engine is watered from a hydrant and made ready for the second trip of the day. To turn the train here, the consist is backed up for a distance of $1 / 2$ mile and the locomotive is again cut off and wyed on an industrial spur, recoupled onto the train and its off again to Grosse Isle. After the second trip, passengers are detrained at St. James and the train is run back downtown as a deadhead move.During this move,the crew take the opportunity to clean the interiors of the cars and make ready for the next weeks trips.Finally approaching Union Station, the fire is dropped and the engine runs into its "parking spot" on the remaining boiler pressure. The engine then has certain "trophies" such as the bell removed before being left for the week.

The operating crew on the Prairie Dog Central are all qualified CNR active or retired personnel who come along on a volenteer basis.Vintage Locomotive Society members act as safety crew, food, ticket and souvenir sellers.

Star of the Prairie Dog Central operation is without doubt Engine number 3.The 4-4-0 American type locomotive was built by Dubs and Company of G1as gow Scotland in 1882 for the Canadian Pacific Railway. She was active on the CPR as number 22 , being assigned to the Rat Portage (now Kenora) area and was used on the run to Fort William (now Thunder Bay). After WW1, she became too small for the CPR's requirements, so in 1918 was sold to the City of Winnipeg Hydro Department, İt was used until the late 1950 's on the Hydro line from Lac du Bonnet to Pointe du Bois north east of the City.At this point, $\# 3$ was discovered by the railfan fraternity and was saved from the extinction that would have resilted when the line was closed and torn up.

She was given an overhaul and a new lease on life by the City of Winnipeg as a Centenniel project in 1967 and after very protracted negotiations with CNR became Prairie Dog Central \#3 in 1970. Since the start of P.D.C. service,she has seen some cosmetic changes First,the word "Hydro" was replaced on the tender with "Prairie Dog Central" and a false diamond stack has been add ed. Nevertheless,she still has Stevenson link motion and slide valves.This engine was first on the list for starring in the "Last Spike" TV series, based on Pierre Berton's book, but summer commit ments meant that the second choice of CVR \#136 was used.


As well as the venerable \#3,the V.L.S. uses four wooden passenger cars, one of CPR oriigin, two of Canadian Northern and a double platform combine which was built by Pullman and saw service on various U.S, Roads, before being pur chased by the Winnipeg Hydro Railway Presently unservicable and used as a stores car,is an ex CNR wooden caboose The car's exterior paint is green with gold lettering. The interiors range from early upholstered to rattan seats with either cream paint or varnished walls and ceilings;lighting is electric but heating is provided by pot bellied stoves in each car.It is this heating problem that prevents serious consideration of winter excursions. The washrooms are a thing to behold.They are quite literally a hole in a raised bench, no water being needed. However, they give a rather drafty appreciation of turn of the century railroading.

Passenger loadings on the Prairie Dog Central are excellent, people being turned away are the rule rathet than the odd exception. The VLS safety crew do a great job keeping the mostly tourist (i.e. Non railfan) passenger load out of harms way,especially during the run around at Grosse Isle.The good loadings lead to the funds being available to keep the locomotive in top shape. For instance,a major boiler overhaul was completed in the winter of 1975-76, Society funds paying the bill.

If you travel to Winnipeg at any time from June to September, you owe it to yourself to set aside a Sunday to ride the Prairie Dog Central,you won't be disappointed.


BELOW:Used as a Stores Car,P.D.C van 100 is an exCl car
is painted in the P.D,C, yellow and green. (R.W, Layton) RIGHT:Number 3 at the runaround track at Grosse Isle.(R.V.Layton) BELWO RIGHT: Number 3 on the wye near Blue Bomber Stadium. The tail of the wye crosses a public road and requires flag protection. (M.F.Layton) BOTOOM RIGHT:Number 3 and her train in the storage track of Winnipeg Coach Yard. (R.W. Layton)


above; Number three and her train on the run back to st, Jame from Grosse Isle.The run is through dead flat prairie and hits a magnificant top speed of $25-30 \mathrm{mph}$. (D.W.Smith)LEFT: A ciassic scene that could have been taken naarly anytime-a black engine with gold trim pulling a train of pullman green cars with siver roofs and gold lettering.(D,W.Smith)


RIGHT: Number 3 and her train arriving at the station in St. James on the outskirts of Winnipeg. The train makes two trips Sundays only, (R,W, Layton) BELOW:Number 3 on a grass covered right of way and only a slight embankment heading back to St, James. (D.W.Smith)



It was in June 1959 that Omer Lavallee, now Corporate Archivist of Canadian Pacific Ltd., heard some second hand information that a locomotive "sister engine to the 'Countess of Dufferin'"', was working on the Winnipeg Hydro's private railway which ran from Lac du Bonnet to Pointe du Bois in the Whiteshell Forest Reserve, north east of the Manitoba capital.

Mr . Lavallee had already arranged to make a journey west that summer, so he arranged for a stop-over in Winnipeg before returning to Montreal. On arrival in Winnipeg, some inquiries with local CPR personnel revealed that Winnipeg Hydro did own a small four coupled locomotive, but the impression was given that it was probably an 0-4-0 saddle tank of some description. After an automobile ride to Lac du Bonnet, the CPR/Hydro interchange was found but it was devoid of any equipment. The finding of a small engine house about a mile from the junction heightened the impression that the engine was indeed an 0-4-0ST.

In spite of this evidence, Mr. Lavallee and his companions pressed on to Pointe du Bois on the gravel road. The road followed the railway tracks for part of the way, sharing bridges at some points. This led to a nearmiss when a maintenance of way crew dynamited some track bed right in front of them. When the dust had cleared, a flagman appeared (a little too late) to stop traffic.

Arriving at Pointe du Bois, smoke could be seen above the trees and as they rounded a curve, anticipating an 0-4-0ST, they found the rumoured 4-4-0 under steam sitting beside the engine house. The words 'City of Winnipeg" and "Hydro" were painted on the tender and she carried the number 3 . Despite the large wedge plow mounted on the front end, she was unmistakably of CPR orig in.

According to the crew, \#3 was under steam very occasionally. Regular service on the line was carried by a Ford rail-bus and a Mack rail-truck.

It was lucky that due to the good quality of water in the area, the infrequency of use and the high maintenance standards of the Winnipeg Hydro mechanical staff, this locomotive had been able to survive as Canada's oldest operating steam locomotive.

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ABOVE LEFT
A rare shot of Winnipeg Hydro 非3 in active freight service. Seen here at Pointe-du-Bois switching flat cars of untreated railway ties.
BELOW LEFT
A dirt road followed the Winnipeg Hydro Railway for part of the way. Here is an example of a shared bridge.

ABove
\#3 poses for the camera alongside the engine house at Pointe-duBois. The wedge-plow was a permanent fixture until removed before she entered "Prairie Dog Central" service. BELOW
 ipeg Hydro's Mack rail-truck. In this June 1959 shot, the truck was the regular train to Lac-du-Bonnet.



