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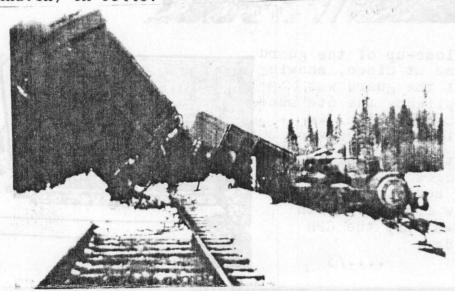
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SPECIAL ISSUE TO COMMEMORATE ISSUE NO.100 - Work on the special issue is under way, and we hope to publish sometime in the spring of 1993. If you have any material of lasting value which you consider should be published; or any suggestions for articles published in Issues 1 to 100 which should be re-published in a permanent book, please let the Editor know as soon as possible.

ADDRESS CHANGES - C.A.Stillions to 2010 - 48 Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007-1552; Alex Price has a new postal code - VIW 3R8; John Edgett forgot about his dues and has now been reinstated at P.O.Box 456, Glenhaven, CA 95443.



TRAIN WRECK - Alex. Price sends the photo shown above, and comments - "The life of the railway mail clerk was not without its hazards. The photo was given to me by Rennie Keron, late of Vancouver. The mail car is the closest in the photo. Rennie was the clerk (on the Prince George and Prince Rupert run), and at age 89, told me the derailment occurred in 1937 near Rose Lake, east of Smithers, B.C.

There were surely many more of these. When a locomotive struck something, or derailed for whatever reason, the mail car was soon to follow." Alex. also sent a view of another mail car wreck which we will run soon. Many thanks for sharing these with us, Alex.!

ANNUAL DUES FOR 1993 - Many of you have responded to the note in the last issue. There are still about half of the members who are delinquent, and this will be the last issue you receive if the box below is ticked and you don't respond before Issue 102 is ready for mailing about March, 1993. Please make cheque out to W.G.Robinson - \$10 Cdn or \$9 US, and mail to address shown.

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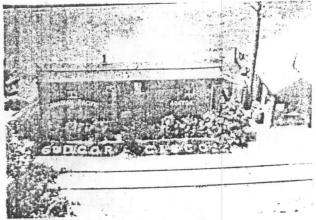
A better example from Malcolm Jones of the postcard on page 1 of Issue No.98, July, 1992 -

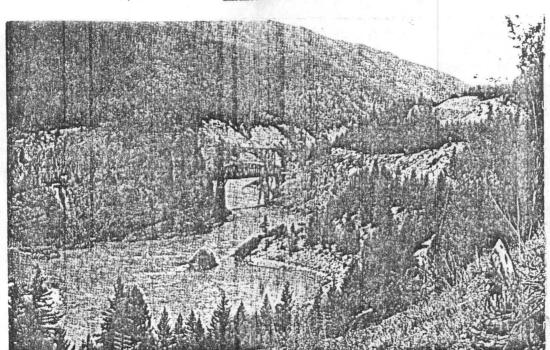


A close-up of the guard house at Cisco, showing that the guard was supplied by the 6th Duke of Connaught's Own difles of Vancouver, BC

Another view of the two prices at Cisco, from the south. The upper view from the north shows only the CPR bridge.







# -ogging lured photography from paper Forest museum owes its existence to Gerry Wellburn

### **Pioneer Portrait** oy Patrick Hind

better still have had the chance to marvel at the collections of arti-How many of us have visited the B.C. Forest Museum and enjoyed the opportunity to ride behind the steam powered train? But facts within the museum?

Yet how many of us realize who was responsible for this Gerald E. Wellburn, is better priceless collection of our past history? Its founder and one of the earliest advocates of preservation, known to all of us as "Gerry."

This quiet unassuming man land. Gerry arrived at a time when came to Canada in 1911 at the age of 11 from his native Engthere was tremendous changes taking place in our land. But he was immediately intrigued by the logger's life and decided that he would like to work within this

It was at Chemainus where Gerry first knew what he wanted interesting industry.

He had actually come to was greater and Gerry began his Chemainus on an assignment from the "Victoria Times", where he was working as a photographer. But the lore of the woods first logging job with Gwill umber Company in Courtenay.

been concerned that so much of

They operated a small narrow gauge railway show and also used horses to bring timber to their

moved down to take over a in 1927 and Gerry and Gwilt However, the mill burned down It was here that Gerry started logging -- this was far superior to using a Caterpillar tractor for portable tie mill at Deerholme.

"So much of our past slipping away nothing being done to preserve it." was with

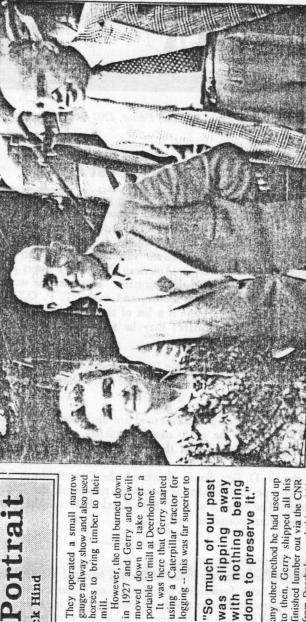
to then. Gerry shipped all his finished lumber out via the CNR from Deerholme and shipped his lumber through the MacMillan The mill at Deerholme in-R. MacMillan, who liked people creased in size and soon Gerry keys to yard and load his trucks. Gerry was always regarded as extremely dependable, and he became firm friends with the late H. All through his life Gerry had was using Cats and gasoline donthat he could rely upon to deliver. Export Company.

HELPING HISTORY was Gerry Wellburn's legacy. Wellburn, centre, is pictured with his late wife

uves and machinery were moved , dream became a reality. Locomoto their present location. pursued his ambition to collect

But there is another side to this B.C. Forest Museum photo

gentle man. Gerry is among the world's finest philatelists and has edition book on the history of postage stamps in B.C. A log-ger, historian, philatelist: this man of vision is a true pioneer of just recently published a limited our valley to whom he has devoted so much.



artifacts from the logging industry -- steam locomotives, donkey engines and a mass of cast off But it was in the early 1950's when Gerry mentioned his idea locally, but it was some years before land was purchased and his Ethel and the late H.R. MacMillan - another giant of the industry. logging machinery. our past was slipping by with nothing being done to preserve it. It became his dream to gather as However, he was first to become a very successful businessman and became one of the val-Gerry and his late wife Ethel resided at Deerholme where Gerry ley's best known lumbermen. much material as he could.

THE CITIZEN



EVERETT C. ERLE, P. J. A., Editor, 2303 Bush., San Francisco, Cal.

### **Traveling Post Offices**

"Traveling Post Office" is a designation given to Postal Services on both steamers and trains. The postmarks used on the former should be of interest to readers of this Department so, from time to time we will jot down a few notes about them.

Our northern neighbor, Newfoundland, is well represented in this classification, maintaining costal steamer service to various ports around the island. Like the Alaskan steamer RPO's (October American Philatelist) letters posted on board do not show the name of the vessel in the postmark. However the wording of the postmark, with the name of the route or service, and with "T. P. O." usually appended, distinguish letters so posted. Here is a list of the coastal services now in operation and from which T. P. O. postmarks may be secured, using, of course Newfoundland postage stamps for the covers:

Placentia Bay TPO; Labrador TPO; Straits TPO; Fogo District TPO; Coastal North TPO; Coastal South TPO; Notre Dame Bay South TPO; and Notre Dame Bay North TPO.

The general types of postmarks used are illustrated. Note that the "Notre Dame Bay" type abbreviates the route name to merely initials and does not contain the distinguishing "TPO", and that the Coastal South TPO omits the country's name. It might be mentioned here, too, that while the Notre Dame Bay North marking is similar to the N. D. Bay, South illustrated, the Coastal North TPO follows the Fogo District TPO type rather than, as would be presumed, the Coastal South TPO type as illustrated. The balance of the TPO's listed above use the Fogo District TPO type postmark for letters posted en route.

The November notes on Relics of the Sea brought a most favorable response from readers—readers who forwarded information on other covers of this nature. As a result, their appreciated efforts will be incorporated in a new article for a coming month's issue. With such cooperation in mind we send out a call for information on some TPO services. The Vancouver-Skagway TPO marking as illustrated is the only type that the writer has seen. Other types undoubtedly exist and readers are invited to send information on Canadian TPO postmarks, particularly on those possibly in use on the East Catst.









These lines cover most of the C.P.R. runs in the Atlantic Provinces.

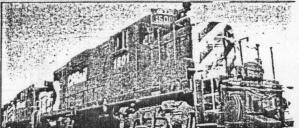
### The Financial Post

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Big battle brews over plan to scrap Maritimes routes



## CP Rail bids to axe major lines

By Deborah Jones

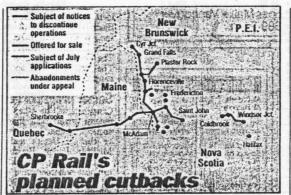
For The Financial Post

HALIFAX — CP Rail System's intention to abandon its lines east of Sherbrooke, Que., provoked a storm of protest yesterday from municipalities, community groups, businesses and provincial governments in the Maritimes.

"We'll be fighting this one tooth and nail," promised Elsie Wayne, mayor of Saint John, N.B., citing the impact on economic development and the loss of Via Rail passenger service to parts of New Brunswick.

parts of New Brunswick.
"The government has brought in free trade," noted Wayne. "We can see increased trade opportunities for this area, but transportation holds the key to that economic success."

Blaming its decision on a \$52million loss over the past three years in its Maritimes operations, CP Rail System filed notices of intent yesterday with the National Transportation Agency that it wants to abandon all operations east of Sherbrooke, Que., a region where it



has operated for more than a century. The federal regulatory agency now has 90 days to decide if it will allow CP's application.

CP also has begun the regulatory process in the U.S. to abandon 324 kilometres of railway in Maine

In Canada, 320 jobs and 358 kilometres of rail line are affected. All but 12 kilometres are in New Brunswick, where the lines are operated by CP subsidiary

Canadian Atlantic Railway, set up in 1988 to market the regional system.

There are no railways left in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

Ken Krauter, chief executive of the Saint John Port Corp., said he would work with shippers and the city of Saint John to oppose the decision. "It puts several hundred thousand tonnes of cargo at risk," he said in an interview.

McCain Foods Ltd. in Flor enceville, N.B., has already talen CP Rail to Federal Court for its abandonment of branch line leading to its plants in the St John River Valley.

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The Atlantic Province Transportation Commissio said it has written federal Transportation Minister Jean Corbe to ask him to place the propose lines outside the normal abardonment procedures of the NT until the central rail networ committee, which is studyin rail lines in Canada as a wholhas finished its work.

But CP official Pat Pendsaid the regional subsidiary ha failed to make the line viable. "Despite the best efforts of en ployees, customers and government officials, there is n substantial new traffic to be scured and no real revenue gair to be made," Pender said. "Ou revenue is shrinking faster tha our ability to cut costs and outlook is for continuing loss for CAR in the Maritimes."

### October, 1930, RMS Schedule, Western Districts - from Dr.McCrea

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Part 1 of this listing may be found on Page 2 of Issue No.73, Volume 17, No.1, October, 1988.
Part 2 is on Page 5, Issue 74, Volume 17, No.2, December, 1988

From Brian Stalker - N-39/39A LABRADOR T.P.O. / NEWFOUNDLAND.....a concluding report?

My enquiries in The RPO Newsletter have resulted in contributions from eight other members..an excellent response considering the narrow scope of the enquiry.. and my thanks go to Messrs Battersby, Burega, Felton, McCrea, Moffat, Noble, Perry and Robinson for their help along the way.

N-39

From the information received, N-39 appears to have enjoyed two periods of use:-

First: earliest Aug 14 1896 latest Sept 23 1896

purple/magenta ink used Aug 14-26 1896 (16 copies)

black ink used Sept 9-23 1896 (4 copies)

Second: earliest Aug 14 1898

latest Oct ?? 1898

black ink used on all 1898 strikes, 8 copies reported.

N-39A (type 22B?)

The copy described as Type II in my original enquiry (March '91) has been allocated a new number N-39A on the basis that no framing lines are present. However two other copies of the lower case'n' strike have now been reported but both have one or both frame lines. Thus we have:-

Oct 23 1896 black, top and bottom frame lines

Jul 26 1897 blue, no frame lines

?? ?? 1897 magenta, top frame line.

On the basis of this evidence, it may be that we have two hammers of N-39 rather than a new listing, with the 'n' hammer having framing lines set slightly lower than the lettering such that the lines would print only if the hammer was rocked whilst being used.

It is interesting to find this hammer in use for what was probably the last trip of the 1896 season, and possibly its exclusive use during the 1897 season. However we are no nearer identifying the vessel used on the Labrador TPO service during 1897. Perhaps some day some-one might come across the vital piece of evidence to fill in another gap in our knowledge of this fascinating TPO service....

in the meantime....another puzzle!!!

N-43 Type 17F

Ludlow records the period of use of this postmark as Aug 3 08-Sep 19 14. The copy shown below predates this by a few days...but what's a few days between friends.



Closer examination of this strike shows fairly conclusively, in my opinion, that this is none other than hammer I of N-40 (with missing lower left arc) with an added outer ring. We now have an inconsistency between the ERD/LRD for N-40 Hammer I and N-43....the inconsistency remains even if the outer ring was removed at some stage. Or could the outer ring have been readily removable?

More from Brian Stalker -

### LABRADOR T.P.O. / NEWF'D

### N-40 Type 4J

Prior to his stroke, Lew Ludlow was close to completing a hammer analysis with earliest and latest recorded dates for Newfoundland TPO and RPO postmarks. In that work he identified two hammers covering the following periods:

Hammer I Oct 25 1897- Aug 1 1914

Hammer II Aug 2 1931- Aug 27 1944

The differences between the hammers are detailed in the June 1980 issue of The RPO Newsletter, at which time Ludlow suggested that there may be a third hammer.

On examining the recently published "Proof Strikes of Canada Vol XVII" edited by Paul Hughes, published by Robert A Lee, (Vol XVI and Vol XVII are highly recommended for RPO buffs) one finds two proof strikes dated No 6 25 and No 6 31. We appear therefore to have three hammers for this cancel, but not two for the earlier period as surmised previously...unless another appears!



TOM ALMOND, editor of 'The Flag Pole', purchased the card shown above at a recent sale. The card is beige in colour and is blank on the reverse. All of the strikes are in purple. Can anyone shed any light on the origins of this item? Are there any other copies? Who were A B Stuart and R W Hale? Any comments via the editor or direct to Tom at 2 Filbert Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks U K. RG3 5DZ. Hale- District Director, Edmonton.

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