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BNAPLEX 1996 - August 30 to September 1 - Fort Worth, Texas. This issue is being prepared for distribution to those members who are able to attend the 1996 Convention and Exhibition in the Worthington Hotel. We hope to see many of you there. Because we will be mailing copies to U.S. members from the show, this issue will be restricted to eight pages because of U.S. postal rates.

ANOTHER VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH -

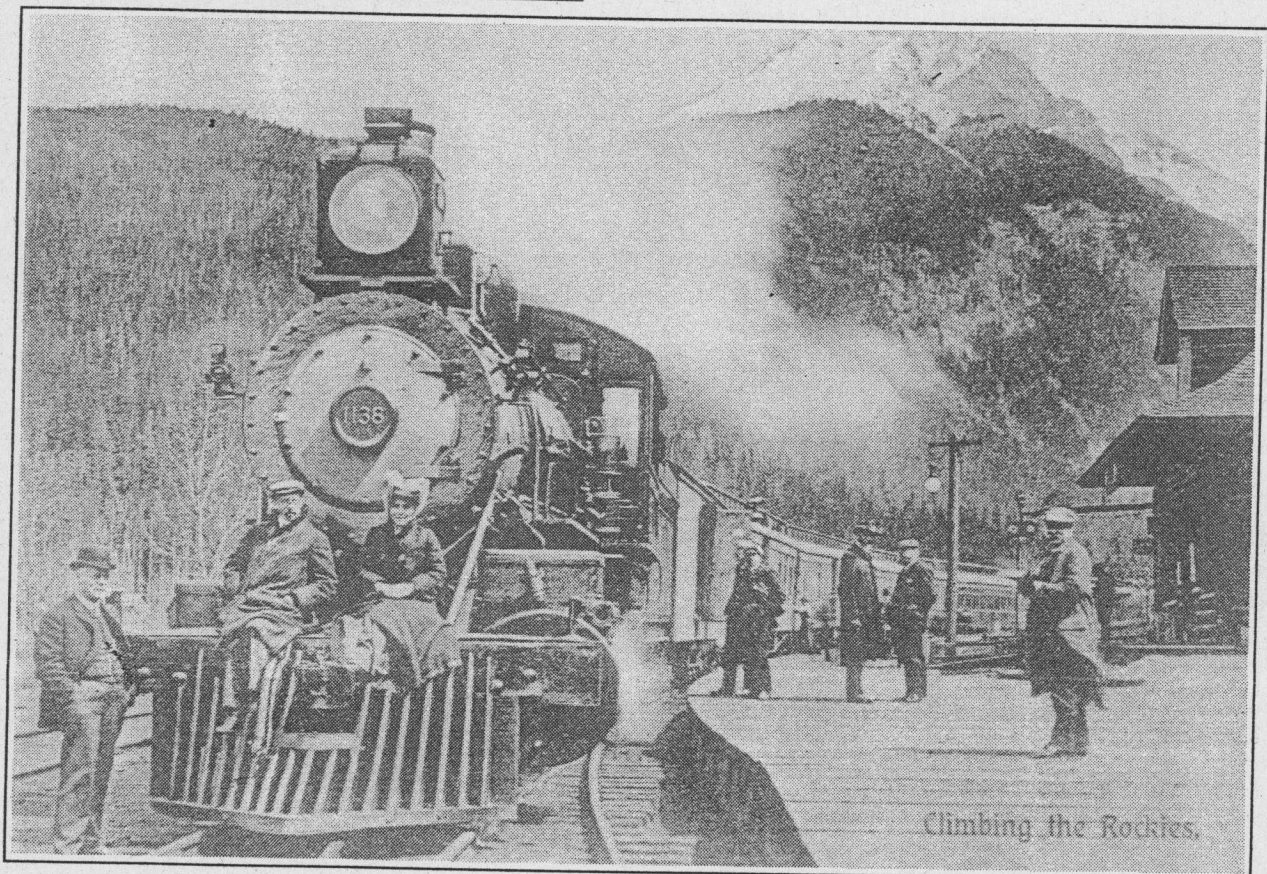


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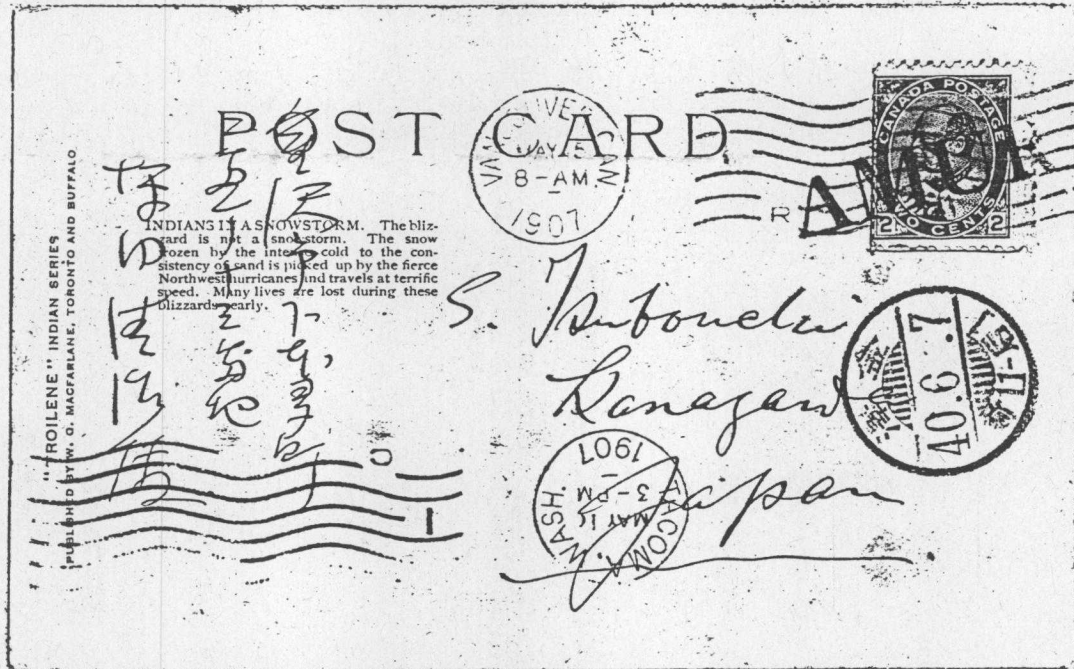
FULL EXPOSURE

Passengers didn't really ride the rails this way, but they certainly appear to have enjoyed posing on the cow-catcher of this locomotive at Field Station. This photo is undated but may have been taken at the turn of the century.

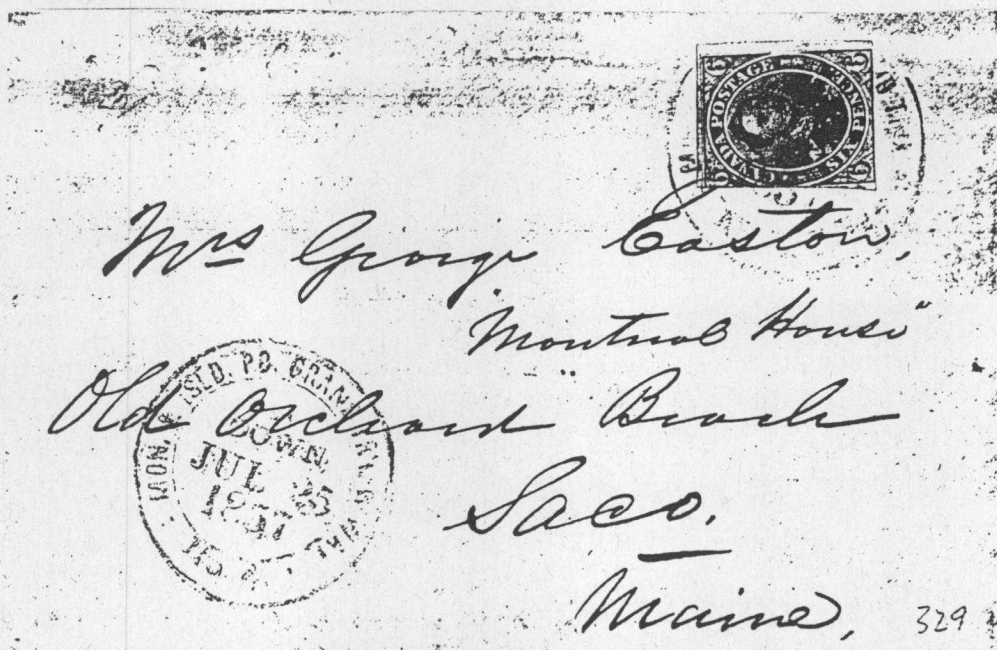
REINSTATED MEMBERS - 1995-96 Dues have been received from - Earle Covert, Peter Eggett, and John McCrea. John has agreed to make presentations to the Study Group meeting on several short subjects at Fort Worth - Saturday, August 31, at 3:15 P.M. We are sorry to report that his wife, Faith, recently passed away following a long illness. This explains his absence from the Study Group for the past two years. Glad to see you at CAPEX, and to welcome you back, John.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY STEAMSHIPS - Carl Cammarata, of Scotts, Michigan, sent this lovely card with the straight-line marking of the Steamer AMUR. It will be listed as S-204Z, 15 May 1907, Type 22, RF 500*, Reporter 316. The back shows Indians in a snow storm, with the m/s notation " Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C."



Yes, Virginia, there was material at CAPEX. John McCrea sends this copy of a fine six-pence trans-border cover with two nice strikes of Q-95, No.4, which he obtained there, along with a few other nice items.



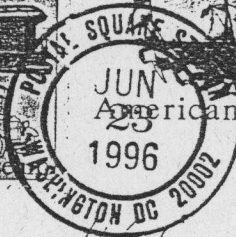
THE U.S.NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM - John McCrea also sent this lovely postcard from the National Postal Museum. The stamp shows Southern Railway Mail Car No.39, which is displayed at the Museum.

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Peter McCarthy has retired from his Study Group Reporter job, and is now back as a regular member. His new address is 74 Milan Place, London, Ontario, N5Z 5A2. He should have more time for RPOs now - including such reports as the R.P.O. cover below from T.P.G. Shaw to his wife in 1947.



Mrs. J. P. Shaw
Orford Lake
Que.

CP outlines plan for eastern railway

BY MARK HALLMAN

Transportation Reporter *The Financial Post*

The **St. Lawrence & Hudson Railway**, the new name for CP Rail System's eastern rail subsidiary, posted a net loss of \$50 million to \$100 million in 1995 but could become profitable within three to five years, the unit's chief executive said yesterday.

Jacques Côté said SL&H's turnaround strategy is based on selling marginal track, re-engineering train operations, tackling truck competition more effectively and obtaining lower labor costs and tax rates.

The new rail subsidiary, with headquarters in Montreal, will be responsible for rail operations between Montreal, Toronto, Chicago and the U.S. Northeast.

Parent CP Rail, which will be renamed **Canadian Pacific Railway Co.** under CP Ltd.'s proposed corporate restructuring, has set no deadline for the SL&H to attain profitability, Côté said.

In 1995, CP Rail posted a net loss of \$592.3 million, including a \$1.1-billion restructuring charge and a \$333.5-million income tax recovery.

The SL&H has an asset base of \$580 million and generated revenue last year of \$697.7 million. Import/export containers via the Port of Montreal, automotive traffic and forest products constitute 49% of the unit's workload.

Key routes are Montreal-Chicago, Montreal-Washington and Toronto-Washington.

The SL&H recently gave up on one key market, however. After three years of trying, the rail unit dropped its daily intermodal runs between Chicago and five terminals in

the U.S. Northeast because of insufficient volumes, uncompetitive transit times and unsustainable losses.

Côté said CP Rail has no plans to sell the SL&H subsidiary or merge it with Canadian National Railway Co. The SL&H is pursuing a "stand-alone" strategy, he said, although talks later this year may lead to sharing of track or facilities with CN.

About 1,600 kilometres of the SL&H's 5,700-km rail network will be sold to short-line operators or transformed into lower-cost internal short-lines, Côté said. At present, the SL&H owns 3,800 km of track and operates over another 1,900 km of track owned by other carriers. About 450 of the unit's 4,466 employees could be affected by the rationalization.

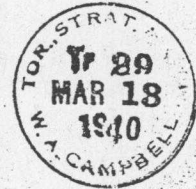
The track SL&H will shed is included in parent CP Rail's plan to lease, sell or abandon 7,600 km of track, or one-third of its North America network, over five years. This plan will reduce total rail employment by almost 900.

Côté said the SL&H will concentrate on hauling lengthy blocks of freight cars that do not require significant marshalling in classification yards. He said the SL&H is planning to test the new Iron Highway technology on its corridor between Montreal and Toronto in the fall.

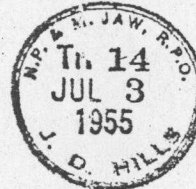
The Iron Highway, developed in conjunction with CSX Corp., uses continuous platform railway equipment to transport standard, non-reinforced highway trailers.

The new technology is essential to competing more effectively with trucks, which control 70% of the freight traffic in the SL&H's market.

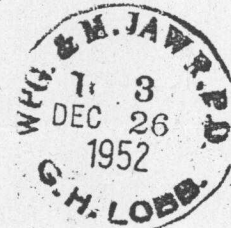
Member Brian Hargreaves of London, England, sent examples of these Clerk markings recently.



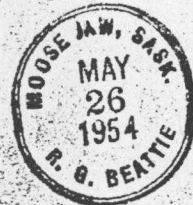
New Listing -TOR., STRAT./
W.A.CAMPBELL - Train 29,
3/18/40, Reporter 293.
Will be listed as O-409E,
Type 12A, RF 500.



W-1020 - N.P. & M. JAW,
R.P.O./ J.D.HILLS, Tr.14
3/7/55.



W-193K - WPG. & M. JAW
R.P.O./G.H.LOBB, Tr.3,
12/26/52.



MOOSE JAW, SASK./
R.G.BEATTIE, 5/26/54.
A Clerk marking from a
static Post Office.

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	Overseas	8		0	
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	Totals	95		8	

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RPO STUDY GROUP - REPORT FOR YEAR 1995-96

August 31, 1996

INCOME - 1995-96 Dues & Foreign Exchange

\$ 975.46 1995-96 Dues in Advance (Note 3)
80.00 Donations (Note 2)
46.05 BNAPS Stipend 1994-95
225.00 Special Issue
180.00 Back Issues
60.36

TOTAL

\$ 1566.87

EXPENSES - Vol. 24, No. 1 - No. 120 - Printing, Postage

\$ 236.43 No. 2 - No. 121 -
222.67 No. 3 - No. 122 -
161.81 No. 4 - No. 123 -
187.19 No. 5 - No. 124 -
177.35 No. 6 - No. 125 -
162.92

TOTAL

\$1148.37

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES

\$ 418.50
78.81

\$ 497.31

Total on hand, August 31, 1996

NOTES: 1. All accounts in Canadian Funds.

2. Donations from Carr, Gartland, Gilliam, Goben, Jones, McInnis, Purdon, Waite, Woodward.
3. 1996-97 dues paid by - Hiscock, Labluk, McCarthy, McInnis, C. Smith, Steinhart, Watson, Wilson.
4. Printing costs subsidized by John Keenleyside, Dan Eaton.
5. Resigned - Brassler, Burega, Colberg, Scheer.
6. Dropped for Non-Payment of 1995-96 Dues - Cohn, Gagne, Godfrey, Moffat, Rosborough, Seymour, Shelton, Bruce Wilson.
7. Reinstated - Eggett, McCarthy, McCrea.
8. New Members - Anstead, Cheramy, Mackenzie.

BNAPS STIPEND - received for Editor, "TOPICS", BNAPS President, BNAPS Library, BNAPS Study Group Coordinator, BNAPS Study Group Columnist. Free Copies are also sent to the National Archives of Canada and the Philatelic Library of the National Postal Museum of Canada.

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THAT'S ALL FOR THIS YEAR