

## THE BRANCH LINE

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### CHAUDIÈRE STATION

After a great deal of effort by the Restoration Group, the Chaudière Station was moved to its temporary site in mid-April. Now our problem really began. We had a station but no site. After a number of abortive attempts, the C.N.R. finally offered to lease us a section of track on very generous terms. Now it looked as if we were really in business. However locating a site had taken time and it was now mid-July. Arrangements were hastily made with the N.C.C. to extend our deadline (15 July) on the temporary site until 1st Sept. and a committee was set up to plan the move. Immediately we ran into problems - overhead wires. Even the route finally chosen a most circuitous one, required some moving of wires. This is an expensive business, however, we felt that if things went according to plan we could just manage to afford it. Our next problem was just before the move. Getting a city permit. At this point our moving contractor backed out of the deal and the only alternative contractor used equipment that would raise our budget above that critical maximum. We thought of cutting off part of the roof. With only **eight days** left this was this was impossible with spare-time labour. Removal of enough overhead wires would have **bankrupted** the Branch. So regretfully we handed the old station back to the N.C.C. for demolition.

What now? We are considering searching for another station that does not involve a cross town move. We are thinking of

### FAN TRIPS

#### Cornwall Street Railway

While the Ottawa Branch could not arrange for a large fan trip over the Cornwall Street Railway, owing to safety regulations, arrangements were made whereby small groups of five or six can be accommodated.

This line is an electric freight only line, which switches a number of industries in the Cornwall area. The line runs on former street-car right of way in places.

C.R.H.A. members interested in visiting this line should contact Bill Williams, who will arrange people into groups. Children cannot be accommodated.

#### Ottawa - Manawaki

A fan trip is being worked on for 16 October to run from Ottawa to Manawaki and return. Keep this date open. More details later.

### EDITORIAL

The Ottawa Branch has suffered a serious set-back in the loss of Chaudière Station. This is a two-fold loss. First, a relic of earlier railroad days has disappeared from the scene. Secondly - a Branch Project has turned sour and this could be the more serious loss.

The reasons for failure are many. We lacked time necessary to make the many necessary arrangements. A delay in obtaining a site plus a lack of realization of the many difficulties in moving a large building was partly to blame.

Even more than this we members

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building a replica. What are your views.

To all members or friends of the Branch who donated time and money, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We have learned some lessons from experience and we hope that the Chaudiere Station will rise again in replica on our newly acquired site in the near future.

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who didn't turn to and lend a hand are to blame. Perhaps with our help it could have been pulled off - we'll never know.

The lesson we must learn is this: its one thing to vote for saving this or that item, its another to commit time and sweat to actual cleaning, painting, moving and all the hard tasks involved. Next time, before you vote - remember - your vote should signify your willingness to work too, to the best of your ability.

John LeBlanc

C.R.H.A. Ottawa Branch

General Meeting Tuesday 4 October 1966

Top Floor Naval Officer Mess 78 Lisgar Street

"Canadian Steam in Slides and Movies"

A picture of an earlier era around Ottawa

Refreshments and get together

Admission - \$2.00 at the door