

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY OPENED ITS LINE ON OCT 20, 1911. SUBSEQUENTLY THE RAILWAY WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY IN 1919 WHICH PROVIDED FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICE. BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED MOBILITY OF PEOPLE WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HIGHWAY, THE PASSENGER SERVICE WAS TERMINATED IN 1955. THE FREIGHT SERVICE ON THE STEEPROCK/GYPSUMVILLE LINE WAS TERMINATED IN 1992 WITH THE BALANCE OF THE LINE IN 1997.

STATION AGENTS STATIONED IN MOOSEHORN WERE: WM. PAULSON, JACK LAMB AND JACK HICKS UNTIL 1982. THE LINE MAINTENANCE WAS SUPERVISED BY A NUMBER OF SECTION FOREMEN : TOM YOUNG, TED KEEHN, GUDJON BJORNSON, FRED HERRING, RALPH COOK, ERNIE MEISNER AND ALFRED NACHTIGAL UNTIL 1971 WHEN THE MAINTENANCE WAS REDUCED TO ONE CREW STATIONED AT LUNDAR, MAN.

ON JULY 31, 1997 THE LAST TRAIN ROLLED THROUGH MOOSEHORN – THIS WAS A DAY OF GREAT SADNESS FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE MEMORY OF THE TRAIN ARRIVING IN MOOSEHORN WILL LAST FOREVER IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THOSE WHO EXPERIENCED IT. FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THE THOUGHTS OF WHAT IT WAS LIKE FOR THEM THAT DID. WITH THE LOSS OF THE TRAIN SERVICE THERE IS A VOID OF WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES WHICH WILL NEVER APPEAR ON THE MOOSEHORN AND AREA LANDSCAPE AGAIN.