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Ex-CNR Class M-3-d 2-8-0 No. 2141 is about to cross Barnhartvale Road at Ducks Meadow, MP 26.5 on the ex-CN Okanagan Subdivision.

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CNR Class M-3-d 2-8-0 No. 2141 with train 585 from Victoria to Deerholme on Vancouver Island BC at MP 6.5 on the Cowichan Subdivision, *circa* 1957

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Al Lill

Welcome to our 48th issue of CN LINES! Thanks to all our authors and to **Ted Rafuse** for his help with the typesetting and layout and to **Nick Andrusiak** and **Les Kozma** for help in editing and proof reading.

We are in the process of reorganizing our editorial team to help us reach our goal of three issues per year while broadening our coverage. We haven't had much response recently to the Q and A column or Modeller's Showcase so will be dropping these columns unless **Dave Lawler** and **Ian Reid** start getting some participation.

Thanks to all who have served as columnists and resource people in the past. We hope to add many new people into small working groups covering various topic areas. If you would like to get involved, please contact me by phone or email.

An August 1999 conversation with **Peter North** was the start of the Prince Rupert Yard Engine article - the second in our series on CN's Pacific ports that began in Vol. 11 No. 3 with Port Mann. It is a real pleasure to have Peter's first hand account from almost 68 years ago. Many others have also contributed to this major article.

We hope many of you will make the trip to Montreal this spring for the CARM/CHRA convention at the McGill University Hotel and Exporail. There will be several clinics given by our members.

Dave Lisabeth and **Paul Burgess** will be clinicians at the RailHeritage Weekend in Homewood, IL. The program starts at 7pm on May 20, 2006.



Email: priariemodelworks@shaw.ca for info on the new Prairie Model Works HO-scale painted brass CNR flanger.



Barry Williams has captured a typical contemporary westbound freight at Melville Saskatchewan with highly "weathered" CN GE Dash 8 No.2401 with BCOL GE Dash 9 No. 4653 at 1605 hours on April 6, 2005. Ex-BC Rail units are now frequently seen in the trailing position across the CN system. Glenn Courtney's article on CN's GE Dash 8 units begins on page 10. Glenn will be covering the Dash 9 units in our next issue.

Errata Vol. 13 No. 2

Dave Emmington has pointed out that in the lead picture for "Dark Secrets", the train is actually an eastbound (going North at this point) since the Thompson River is on the east side of the tracks. The rock tunnel shown is Messiter West at MP 12.4 not Messiter East at MP 12.1 (which was later daylighted). The table in the article is correct in naming these tunnels, but they are reversed in the caption.

There is a new source for CN passenger car modellers in HO Scale. Rapido Trains will be releasing painted ready to run highly detailed plastic models of the CC&F EM coach and "E" sleeper in June.

Books of Interest

Kevin Holland's *Canadian National Steam in Color Vol.2 Ontario and West* has been released by Morning Sun. Most of the excellent images are from visiting US railfans - particularly in

Southern Ontario with over 79 pages. There are 16 pages devoted to Northern Ontario featuring the excellent photography of **Bob Wanner**. The last 31 pages are devoted to Western Canadian steam with several photos in the Winnipeg and Jasper areas.

ISBN 1-58248-163-6, 128 pages

Starting on page 5 is an excerpt from **Ted Rafuse's** *A Railway to the Isle: A History of the Strait of Canso Railway Car Ferries 1890-1955*. This fascinating book gives a great deal more information

including plans of the shore facilities on each side of the Strait. There is ordering information at the end of the article.

ISBN 0-9685474-2-7, 44 pages

Jay Underwood's *Built for War: Canada's Intercolonial Railway* has been published by Railfare. This book is for serious history buffs interested in learning more about about the strategic importance of this CN predecessor line in moving troops and supplies for war duties.

ISBN 1-897190-00-X, 256 pages

