

**Upcoming
events**

JANUARY 15
Meet at the
Barber's

FEBRUARY 19
Meet at the
Barber's

FEBRUARY 18
& 19
Barrie Train
Show

MARCH 18
Meet at the Bar-
ber's

MARCH 23 & 24
ECLSTS
York, PA

APRIL 15
Meet at the
Barber's

MAY
Meet & Date to
be set

Backyard Railroaders

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The “Maritime Railway” Joggins Nova Scotia

Our former neighbours and friends Bill and Collette Cormier sent us the photographs below and on page 3 from their home town Joggins Nova Scotia where they now live.

The MARITIME RAILWAY began operations in November 1887 as the JOGGINS RAILWAY Company.

The line was constructed to connect the coal mining district of Joggins—River Hebert to the Intercolonial Railway.

This provided the mining company a means to transport their product to outside markets.

On January 15, 1888, regular freight and passenger service between Joggins and the Intercolo-

rial Railway station at Maccan, 12 miles distant was begun.

The line changed owners and names several times between 1887 and 1907, when the line was sold to the Maritime Coal Railway and Power Company and renamed the Maritime Railway. Other owners of the line were the Joggins Coal and Railway Company (1889), Canada Coals and Railway Company (1892), Canada Coal and Railway Company (1904).

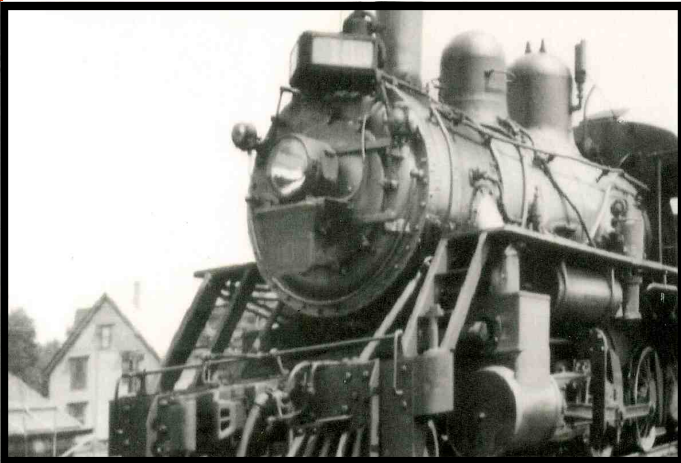
Regular passenger service continued until 1954, when the line could no longer compete with improved highways and increased automobile traffic. Freight service ceased in May 1961.

The line continued to operate un-

der the auspices of the MCR & P Company until September 1961, when all assets of the Company were sold, and the Company dissolved.

On September 23, 1961, the Canadian Historical Association, staged a special “Last Run” between Maccan and Joggins.

Shortly afterwards, Locomotives 9 and 10 both 2-6-0’s, were sold for scrap and #5 a 4-6-0 built about 1895 for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad was acquired by the Canadian Railway Historical Association and is still in existence at their museum at Delson, St. Constant, QC.



Locomotive #10 as seen in action and it’s number plate now in Joggins Museum

Watch for “A Trip to England” by Bruce Nord in our February issue. Bruce and Ruth visited southern England in 2011 and visited a few of the many Tourist Railways in England

