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The Unity Train, recently purchased by the Canadian Government from the United States Government, arrived in Ottawa August 25, 1977. It was seen and photographed in the MacMillan yard, north of Toronto, by UCRS member Grant Kingsland. The National Museum of Canada will rehabilitate the fifteen cars by July 1, 1978, into a Museum Train for cross Canada travel. The train, worth several million dollars, was purchased for \$ 500,000. The provincial Governments, with the exception of Quebec, who asked to be relieved because of lack of money, will spend another \$ 700,000 for displays. The Province of Ontario and the Unity Train Committee in Ottawa are the prime movers of this very worthwhile project. Both CP Rail and CNR have offered to haul the train at no cost. So far the motive power has not been announced, but a proposal has been made that CN 6213, now on display at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds in Toronto be made operative for the train.

Acceptance by the Toronto Transit Commission of the new cars for the Spadina subway has been rather slow. It has been observed that in order to make room for them in the Greenwood yard, seven sets of older cars have been moved to the Wilson carhouse, with the assistance of diesel power. These are 5346-47, 5432-33, 5436-37, 5444-45, 5470-71, 5426-27 and 5478-79.

The March-April, May-June, and July-August copies of the "RAIL & TRANSIT" have been mailed to all members. If you have not received your copies would you be good enough to write to the Society, c/o Box 122, Terminal A, Toronto, Canada, M5W 1A2.

The Parkdale Save Our Station Committee still needs help from any members who are able, to promote the project. The fact that the City of Toronto, The Ontario Heritage Foundation and Wintario are willing to contribute \$ 150,000 aprox. indicates the importance they attach to this building. Please call Geo. Meek at 532-5617.

The CN 6060 steam excursions from Toronto to Niagara Falls have been successful this year, with an added mid-week excursion which often carried as many passengers as the Saturday trips. UCRS member Doug. Stoltz of Ottawa advises that the ex CP 1201 steam trips from Ottawa to Wakefield were also well filled all season. There is no doubt about it steam engines will always be great attractions.

The Simcoe County Museum at Midhurst Ontario has recently acquired, on permanent loan, a small saddle tank steam engine which had been used at the Kirkfield Ont. quarries. The former owner is Mr. Byers. The Director of the Museum, Mrs. Bertah Cameron will be glad to furnish further information. Address RR #2, Minesing Ontario, L0L 1Y0. Phone 705-728-3721.

Friday Sept. 16 - Regular Toronto monthly meeting, 8.00 pm., at 589 Mount Pleasant Rd. A talk with slides of railway scenes, emphasising snow ploughs, will be given by Ken Gansell.

Friday Sept. 16 to Sun. 18 - Week-end package including the Agawa canyon tour, has been sold out, we are pleased to report.

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Friday Sept. 23 - The Hamilton Chapter resumes their regular monthly meetings at 8.00 pm in the CN Station. The program will consist of a showing of member's 35 mm Slides. All members are very welcome.

Friday Sept. 30 to Sunday Oct.2 - Second Annual National Rail Passenger Conference sponsored by Transport 2000 and Affiliated Groups. Main theme will be Public Surface Transport with emphasis on Rail Passengers. Fee \$ 30. before Sept.15, \$ 35. after this date. Register by writing to Algonquin College Conference Secretariat, Room B 293, 1385 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa, Ont., K2G 1V8. Please make checks out to Algonquin College. Please note the Program which is included with the INFORMER.

Saturday October 1 - COLOUR SPECIAL 6060 EXCURSION from Toronto to Muskoka for the Town of Gravenhurst Centennial Celebrations. This is the FIRST Public charter of 6060 by the UCRS. You should have received a Flyer and order form by now. Fares-
Before Sept.10-Adult \$ 22. Child under 12 \$ 16. Side trip \$ 5. all.
After " 10- "\$ 24.50 " " 12 \$ 17.75 " " \$ 5. "
Lv. Toronto Union 8.00 am. Ar. Gravenhurst 12. noon.
Lv. Side trip Gravenhurst to Washago and return - 1.00 pm.
Lv. Gravenhurst for Toronto 4.30 pm. Ar. Toronto Union 8.30 pm.
Route by Newmarket sub. in both directions. Several Runpasts.

Sunday October 2 - Large Peter Witt tour of downtown Toronto. Fare \$ 6.00 for a 6 hour trip. Stop for lunch and photo stops. Leave Wychwood car house at 10 am. Order form included on COLOUR SPECIAL flyer.

Sunday October 16 - Ex CP 1201 will head a ROYAL TRAIN from Ottawa to Wakefield. Consist will include old Governor's General Cars from the National Museum. More particulars later.

Sat. & Sun. Oct. 1 & 2 - Special interest to Western Canada Members - Skyline Travel Services special Excursion from Vancouver to Kamloops and return via CP Rail using all Canadian equipment with Diesel power. Fare \$ 114. per person including overnight hotel in Kamloops. Lv. Vancouver at 8.00 am. Oct. 1. More information from Skyline Travel, 563 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.

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