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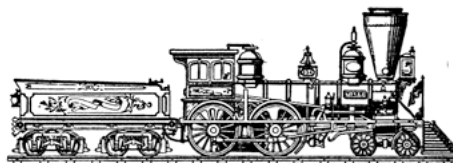


About The Pictures

1. Twin diesel locomotives pull a heavy freight train over the gorge at the approaches to the Chinook Western's Mountain Division.
2. Mixed mining and lumbering form an important part of the railroads operations as this lumbering ore train on its way to the mine will witness. The train must work up to the mine on a double switchback with a 4% grade.
3. Lewiston, an important industrial town seems a beehive of activity as trains roar past on adjacent trackage.
4. Rapid expansion of motive power requirements necessitates the sharing of the steamer's roundhouse at Mathews with both diesel and gas-turbine engines.
5. An aerial view of the mine and its outbuildings reveals the wonderful view to the mountains many scale miles beyond. The authentic scenic backdrop was painted by noted Calgary artists, E. Lamm and R. Gissing.
6. A lonely tunnel high in the mountains enables the railroad to traverse the mighty ranges.
7. Canadian Pacific Railway's 5934, on display in Calgary serves as a reminder of the majesty of the once mighty steam locomotives. This locomotive was the largest steam locomotive in use in the British Commonwealth and was in daily service through the Rocky Mountains west of Calgary.
8. Several graceful bridges and the excellent scenery and backdrop make the Mountain Division one of the most impressive portions of the layout, especially when one looks closer to see the actual water falling down the deep gorge on its path to some distant river. Note that even models need repairs as two painters swing on their scaffolding from the lower bridge.

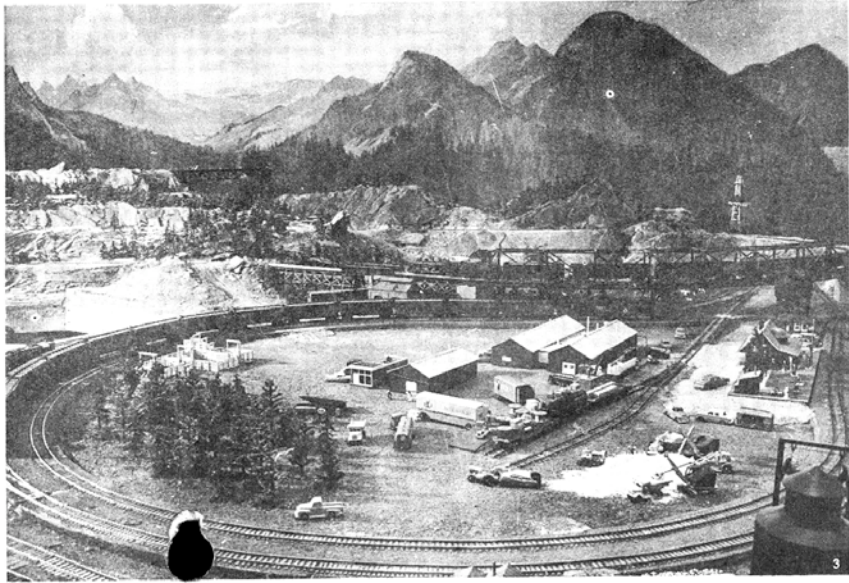
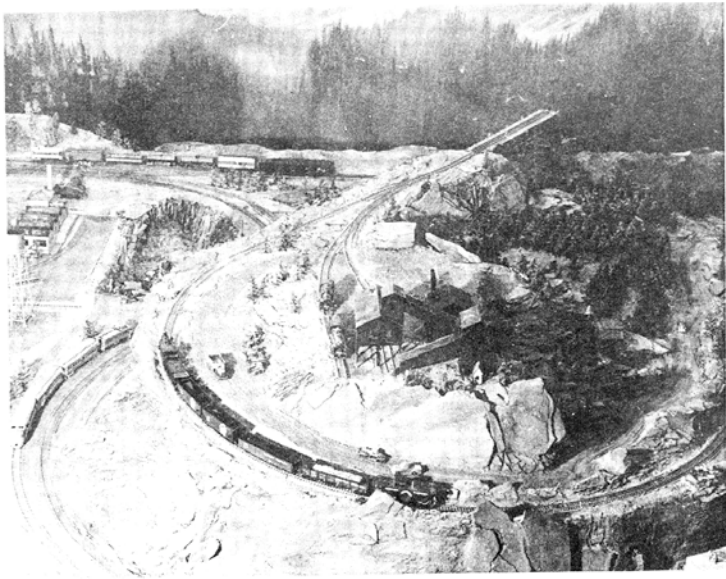
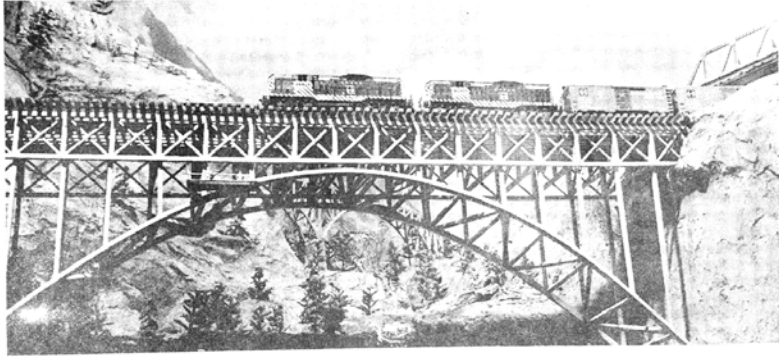
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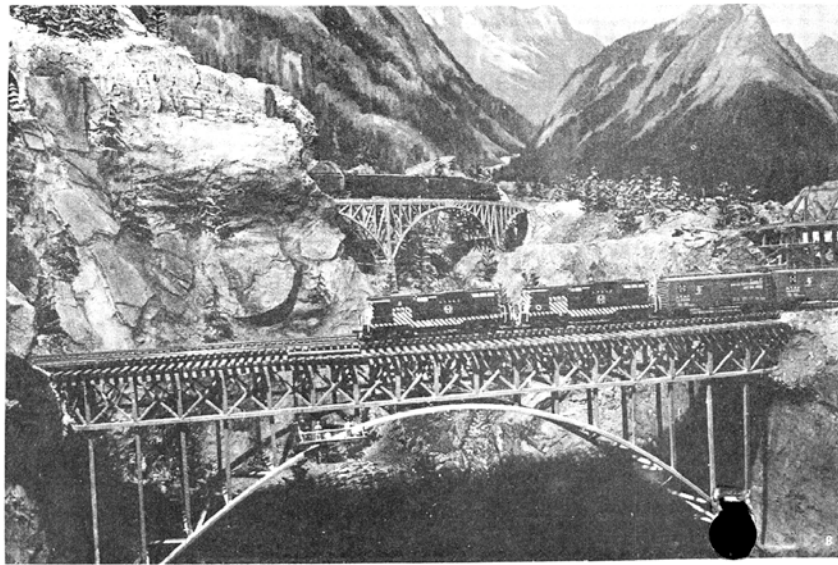
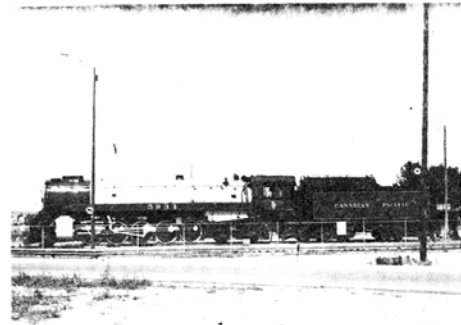
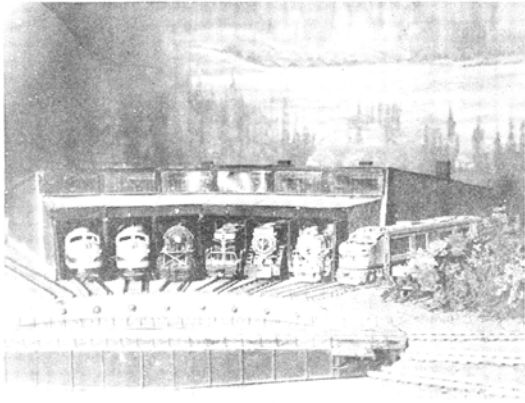
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Model Railroad History

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club, operating the Chinook Western Lines is Calgary's oldest model railroad club, having been formed in 1949. Their first railroad was built in the attic of Coste House, the former home of the Allied Arts Centre. This railroad occupied a space covering the whole attic of the building, and had about 700 feet of right of way, connected by 10 miles of control wire plus a complex control panel.

In 1959, with the movement of the Arts Centre to its present location, the Club was given space on the main floor of the new building where the present railroad is located. Designed to portray the Canadian Pacific route from Calgary to Vancouver, the railroad runs from ocean fiord to mighty mountains by way of modified spiral tunnels. Industrial competition and passenger service provide rail commodities and transportation necessity over the deep gorges, around lakes, traversing tumbling streams. In all the railroad has about 600 feet of track, operated by 2 miles of wire and covered by 1000 lbs. of scenic material. The backdrop, painted by local artists, covers 430 sq. ft. and the railroad, complete, would be valued at about \$30,000.

The majority of the 30 or so active members of the Chinook Western have no connection with any railroad except for the club railroad and their own home pikes. This hobby, with about 100,000 adherents in one form or another, provides these men with a pleasant relaxation away from the worries of business and allows their creative talents to be put to work creating a miniature empire around a railroad theme. This year at the throttle we find Bob Magnusson, president; Sid Whitford, vice-president; Chalmers Lunn, treasurer; and Lynn Zelmer, secretary. These four men direct the club's policy and keep the members dreams within the realm of reality, as well as operating their own railroads and trying to keep the club members in touch with other modellers in all parts of the world. The club regularly either hosts other railroad groups in the province or travels to view what has been created by railroaders elsewhere. To assist visitors who may wish to travel on the Chinook Western Lines the Club also issues passes to members of the model railroad fraternity from all over the world and likewise receives their passes in return. The members have found that "railroading" is a hobby with many interesting facets.

In the fall of 1962 a new club, The Bow Valley Railroad Association, was formed as a small informal club of 13 members. Rather than having a large club layout, each member has a home layout with the members visiting a different home every three weeks of the year.

In the spring of 1963 Calgary's newest railroad club, The South Bank Short Line Association, a group of 8 modellers was formed. Like the Bow Valley club, the South Bank members have no club layout but meet in members homes every Friday, constructing and operating members layouts, and visiting local railroad sights of interest.



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