

freight did the switching between Collingwood and Meaford and would pick up cars of cattle at points along the Beeton Subdivision as far south as Dumfries, when required. Engine classes as pictured at Collingwood in 1952 (photo D), powered the way-freights. They could pull a good load at a slow speed. Since dieselization in the early 1960's, GP-9's and RS-18's have been the regular bill of fare. (see photo E)

Harold F. Culham of Stayner has provided me with a photo of the last regular passenger train through Stayner (see photo E). Several photos also show specials which ran through the town in the 1970's:

- the 1972 Stayner Centennial train (photo F)
- the 1974 Ontario Government - Ontario Northland train to christen the ferry Chi-Cheemaun in Collingwood (photo G)

Photo H shows Stayner station as it appeared in the late 1960's.

Rail service in 1979 is of only minimal importance to Stayner. The service is now confined to a way-freight in each direction, Monday to Friday, with the odd snow-plow throw in on Saturday or Sunday. However it will be interesting to see what the next 125 years brings with the spiralling gasoline prices.

If Jean Trotter, her Committee, the Stayner Council, the Farmers Co-operative, the Upper Canada Railway Society and the Ontario Government are all successful in their efforts, the Stayner station should be around and available for whatever use the future holds for it. It's a fine historic building, well worth preserving, in Stayner's 125th anniversary year. After all, Stayner owes its very existence to the building of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway in 1854.

LEFT TOP: The last scheduled northbound passenger train #61 with engine 1321 sits in Stayner on a hot sunny 2 July 1960. (Harold F. Culham) LEFT Middle: 15 June 1974, Premier William G. Davis arrives in a soggy Stayner to officially open the Stayner Senior Citizen's Home. (Harold F. Culham) BELOW LEFT: The architecturally pleasing station as it appeared in the late 1960's (HFC) BELOW RIGHT: On 14 October 1972, the Stayner Centennial Train does a runpast at Stayner Station. The trip was sponsored by the U.C.R.S. (R. McMann)

