

## Last Time in the Cab

Burton McGowan, of RR 6 Belleville, handles the controls of a passenger train diesel locomotive for the last time as the train pulls into Belleville from

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After 46 years service with he CNR, Burton Cecil McGowin of RR6. Belleville drove The following 46 years saw

Mr. McGowan travelling all over the country.

In 1928 he was firing steam locomotives in Stratford. In 1931 he was working in Bancroft. Regina and Fort Erie were other centres in which he worked in 1939.

During the next decade he worked in Montreal and with that city as a base, he made frequent trips into the United States.

In 1948, Mr. McGowan was classed as an engineer and began running trains out of Stratford. Then he returned to Believille and drove all the varieties of freight and passenger trains. Since 1960 he

his last diesel Tuesday into the Belleville station.

On hand to greet the retiring locomotive engineer were about 30 well-wishers and co-workers ready to celebrate Mr. McGowan's last journey driving the Lakeshore train from Brockville to Belleville.

He began his employment with the railway in Trenton in 1923, working in the Trenton locomotive shops lighting up steam engines.

has been driving passenger trains, mainly on runs from Brockville to Belleville.

Mr. McGowan is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He has a son who is also employed with the CNR, Harry McGowan of Belleville who is a conductor.

Travel and hobby farming are future plans for Mr. Mc-Gowan, now that his retirement has come into being.

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