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In Retrospect

With Brotherhood Representative Roussel we chatted for hours with Brother Taylor. He told of the times when the Port Stanley park was a mecca for thousands and thousands of visitors on summer week-ends. Even the old station had its momentos of a golden yesterday — the tile flooring, hand carved wood trimmings, the well-worn ticket wicket, formidable looking safe, the typical clock with its swinging pendulum, the bay window, which seems to peer in both directions along the line. Anchored within sight on Lake Erie were ocean going freighters and on the placid Kettle Creek flowing past the station there were pleasure yachts—small craft and cruisers of the million-dollar classification.

Brother Taylor told of the days when the L and PS was about the busiest short railway line on the continent with its main revenue from passengers, who crowded the trains when it operated on electri-

city. The passenger business came to an unsuccessful end in 1957.

Sailors' Reunion

Except for a hitch in the Canadian Navy during the last war, Brother Taylor has lived all his life in the charming Lake Erie community of about 1,500 residents. His dad was a skipper of one of the many fishing boats that made Port Stanley home. It was natural that Brother Bernie selected the sea service and it was like a re-union of old salts when the talk turned from trains to ships with

Brother Ray Roussel also relating his experiences in the navy. It took some time to get the two tars back to earth.

While chatting in the Port Stanley station, Road Master Brother Alvin Mills dropped in for a visit, travelling by — of all things for a railroader — a bus. He hopes to finish his working life as a railroader before retirement, being second high on the seniority list. He is only behind Brother J. E. Boyce for long service. Brother Mills started shortly before Brother Boyce.

From Port Stanley we travelled to the bustling municipality of St. Thomas where the once busy station is now used as a coach terminal and Traffic Manager T. R. Robertson has his office space reduced to a tiny table tucked into a corner. With the general manager of the line, Robertson is the only other employee not a Brotherhood member, holding one of the two excepted positions, but he



was one of the first to join the Brotherhood. He recalled the visits of the late A. R. Mosher when the employees organized Local 262 in 1935 and named the local "Logan Taylor" after a popular lineman who was a leader in the formation of the union.