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Why Your Railway Ticket is Punched

Whenever you ride a train, the conductor punches your ticket to cancel it. Now, no two of these ticket punches are the same. Each punch, like a human fingerprint, leaves a mark that has no duplicate. This variety in punch marks is part of the Canadian National's accounting system. The hole your conductor punches in your ticket today may make the outline of a lady's head, a high button shoe or a top hat. In any event it will be unique, identifying not only the conductor but also the section of the CNR's lines over which you were travelling when the ticket was punched.

The railway will never run short of these punch marks, for while there are 2,000 in use, the company has 1,500 more dies. Punch marks include the letters of the alphabet and animate and inanimate objects such as a star, a mushroom, a half moon, a match, an anchor, a fish, a trowel, the four symbols of playing cards, a horse's head and many other.

As we have said, they have a direct bearing on the accounting system. They are a factor in proving that a portion of a ticket is refundable. The railway doesn't expect a passenger to pay for more than he has received. If you have used only a portion of your ticket, the company is prepared to return your money on the remainder. However, to make refunds possible, the railway must maintain an accurate tally of the tickets and parts of tickets that have been honored on its trains. The punches used by its conductors provide this tally.

Let's suppose you bought a ticket from Montreal to Winnipeg, and that for some reason or other, you left the train at Capreol. Out of Montreal and Ottawa the conductors will leave their punch marks (a diamond and horseshoe) to indicate that you travelled the distance of their runs, that is, Montreal to Capreol.

On return to Montreal, you apply for a refund from Capreol to Winnipeg. Your application and ticket are forwarded to the auditor of passenger accounts office. There, by consulting the records, it is found that the diamond belongs to conductor Smith on the Montreal-Ottawa run and that the horseshoe punch mark belongs to conductor Jones on the Ottawa-Capreol run. By checking the daily ticket report it is determined that these conductors were on duty when you made the trip. The punch marks on your ticket when checked against the records show that you travelled

only from Montreal to Capreol. Hence, the Capreol-Winnipeg part of your ticket is refundable.

Since punches play an important role in making refunds, they are issued with care. When a conductor receives a new punch, its particulars are filed with his superintendent and with the auditor of passenger accounts. At the latter's office, an additional record for each punch is maintained. It is called the Record of Ticket Punches. This record contains all the transfers made of a punch until it goes out of service. Something of a master record also is kept there and is used as a ready reference. This record lists all the punches in use and names the conductors to whom they have been issued and the runs on which they are used. All the records bear the marks of the punches so that when a conductor turns in his ticket report, his punch mark is his signature.

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Halton Anglican Women Met Yesterday at Bronte

The Annual meeting of the Halton Deaneary Women's Auxiliary was held in conjunction with the Halton Deaneary Clergy Chapter at the Church of the Epiphany, Bronte, on Tuesday, October 3rd with members present from every Parish in the Deaneary. The meeting opened at 10.30 with the Service of Holy Communion in the Church where the sermon was delivered by the Bishop of Niagara. Following lunch the gathering was welcomed by Canon D. Russel Smith of Oakville. Reports were given by the various members of the executive, and the Rev. Allan Greene of the Columbia Coast Mission delivered an address on his work and illustrated it with moving pictures. The meeting was closed with the Benediction by Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson.

CONVENTION MOVIES AT LIONS CLUB

A feature of last week's dinner meeting of the Lions Club at the McGibbon House was the showing of colour movies of the district convention in Chicago. Don Barager, who attended both conventions, arranged for their showing. The movies were taken by Sid Fields, a member of the Tee-water Club.

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Beautiful Samoan Islands Frequently Blown Off Map

More than 4,000 miles from San Francisco on direct sea and air lines to Australia, American Samoa unrolls a photogenic scene of palm-decked beaches, fringed by green jungles and forested volcanic mountains.

Tutuila Island's deep blue bay, which was ceded to the United States for a naval station in 1878, has been called the best and most beautiful harbor in the South Seas.

Administered by the U. S. navy, only the eastern portion of the Samoan group comes under American rule, notes the National Geographic society. Western Samoa, with the larger islands of Savaii and Upolu where Robert Louis Stevenson once lived and was buried, is governed by New Zealand under United Nations trusteeship.

For all its handsome scenery, however, and the fertility that offers the Polynesians a living almost literally plucked from the trees, Samoa also sees a harsher side of nature. Occasional hurricanes have brought devastation and famine.

One of the worst "blows" came in 1889, wrecking the rival warships of Great Britain, Germany and the United States, facing one another in the Apia harbor of Western Samoa. After the storm, the three powers agreed on neutral control of the islands, which lasted uneventfully until 1899, when Great Britain withdrew, in favor of the United States and Germany. After World War I, Germany's western share came under New Zealand's mandate.

Easy-to-Read Watch Faces Win Acclaim at Exposition

Easy-to-read watch faces surrounded by rubies and emeralds were judged the most popular styles for 1949 at the world-famous exposition of watches and jewels held in Geneva, Switzerland.

More than 15,000 stylists and visitors from all over the world viewed a two million-dollar collection of precious watches, gems and jewelry at the exposition, which each year features the creations of leading Swiss craftsmen.

Also featured at the exposition were masterpieces of the highest standards of the Swiss watchmakers art—the world's smallest watch, the most accurate, the most complicated and the thinnest watches ever made. The most accurate was the recent winner of the world "Concours de Reglage," or timing contest, held last month in Neuchâtel.

The most elaborate watch was a pocket model which tells times, days, date and month; a stop-watch mechanism; gives the phases of the moon—to mention only a few of its uses! The thinnest was a mini pocket watch which easily could be slipped between the teeth of a comb. The smallest watch would fit neatly into one end of an elbow macaroni!

Facts About Rabies

Rabies is spread by the bite of rabid animals—usually rabid dogs. But man also may get the disease if a rabid animal licks a scratch or wound. Any dog which has bitten other animals or humans should be confined for two weeks; if it dies within this period it may have had rabies. A veterinarian should send the dog's head to a laboratory for examination. If the animal is alive and well after two weeks, there is little danger of rabies. A dog suspected of having rabies should not be killed by shooting it in the head. This destroys the brain which is needed for rabies examination. When bitten by a dog or other animal wash the wound immediately with soap and water. Then consult a physician who will decide whether the Pasteur treatment is necessary.

Egg-Eating Hens

Egg-eating may get started in a flock as a result of poor feeding and management practices. Thin shell eggs that get broken easily usually start an outbreak of egg-eating in a flock. At the first signs of this vice, check to see that the birds are having access to plenty of clean oyster shell or limestone grit, and direct sunshine or an adequate supply of cod liver oil or other sources of vitamin D. In order to make thick, strong eggshells a bird must have plenty of lime in the form of ground limestone in the mash, or in the form of oyster shell or limestone grit from hoppers, combined with vitamin D. A shortage of either lime or vitamin D will result in the production of thin shell eggs.

Air Bubbles in Paint

Shaking of paint, varnish and lacquer products, especially varnishes and enamels, is likely to result in minute air-bubbles which may cause pin prick blisters on the finished job. Such products should be stirred carefully and thoroughly before use and then "boxed" by pouring two or three times from one container to another. Finally, straining the finish through an old silk stocking or fine cloth will remove any specks or lumps which may have been missed in the stirring, if the user desires maximum assurance of a perfect finish. This procedure is especially advised when a finish has been opened previously and left standing, with possible development of a skin.

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