

# All aboard the library to learn all about Canadian railways

Canadians have long had a love affair with trains.

Railways have played an important part in the development and history of this country. In the United States, the west was largely settled by covered wagon, but in Canada the pioneers took the train.

Countless people today still thrill to the passing of a train. It's not unusual to find a train spotter or two parked by a crossing waiting for a train to pass by.

At Milton Public Library, we have a number of books detailing the rise and decline of railways in Canada. 'History Of The Canadian National Railways' is an epic of one of the largest and oldest railways in the world from the pioneer days to the 1970s. It details the stormy early years, its growth paralleling the growth of Canada and its status today. 'Train Country: An Illustrated History Of Canadian National Railways' is more visual, with numerous pictures of both steam and diesel across the country. 'The Heritage Of North American Steam Railroads' tells the story of the early regional railroads across North America and the linking of east and west that was so crucial to the development of Canada.

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The nostalgic appeal of trains recalls an earlier time when the train station was the hub of every town. 'The Train Doesn't Stop Here Any More' by Ron Brown is an illustrated history of railway stations across Canada. Elizabeth Willmot has brought together a wonderful collection of photos and stories in 'When Any Time Was Train Time'.

Browse through our pictorial books on railways. 'Magnetic north' chronicles the last days of the steam locomotive in Eastern Canada. 'Rites Of Passage' looks at over three decades of transition and change along Canada's railways. 'Rusty Rails' is a photographic record of branchline railways in midwestern Ontario from 1901 to 1996.

Model train enthusiasts will find books and magazines with detailed layouts. 'The Big Book Of Model Railroad Track Plans' has plans for small shelf layouts up to large designs recreating an entire branch line. 'The HO Model Railroad Handbook'

includes new techniques and materials to build a railroad empire or simply enjoy the trains on the floor. One of the most beloved toys of the twentieth century was the electric train. 'Lionel: A Century Of Timeless Toy Trains' is the richly illustrated story of the first one hundred years of Lionel.

Take a train ride from the comfort of your home. Check out one of our many train travel videos. 'The Great Canadian Train Ride' is the story of the 'Canadian' and a transcontinental trip on one of the most spectacular and longest rail journeys in the world. The 'All Aboard! Luxury Trains Of The World' series on DVD and the 'World Class Trains' series on video provides trips on the world's most luxurious trains from the Royal Scotsman to the Orient Express.

Finally, why not read 'Time Lord: The Remarkable Canadian Who Missed His Train, And Changed The World' to find out how a missed train by Sir Sandford Fleming led him to revolutionize how the world viewed time.

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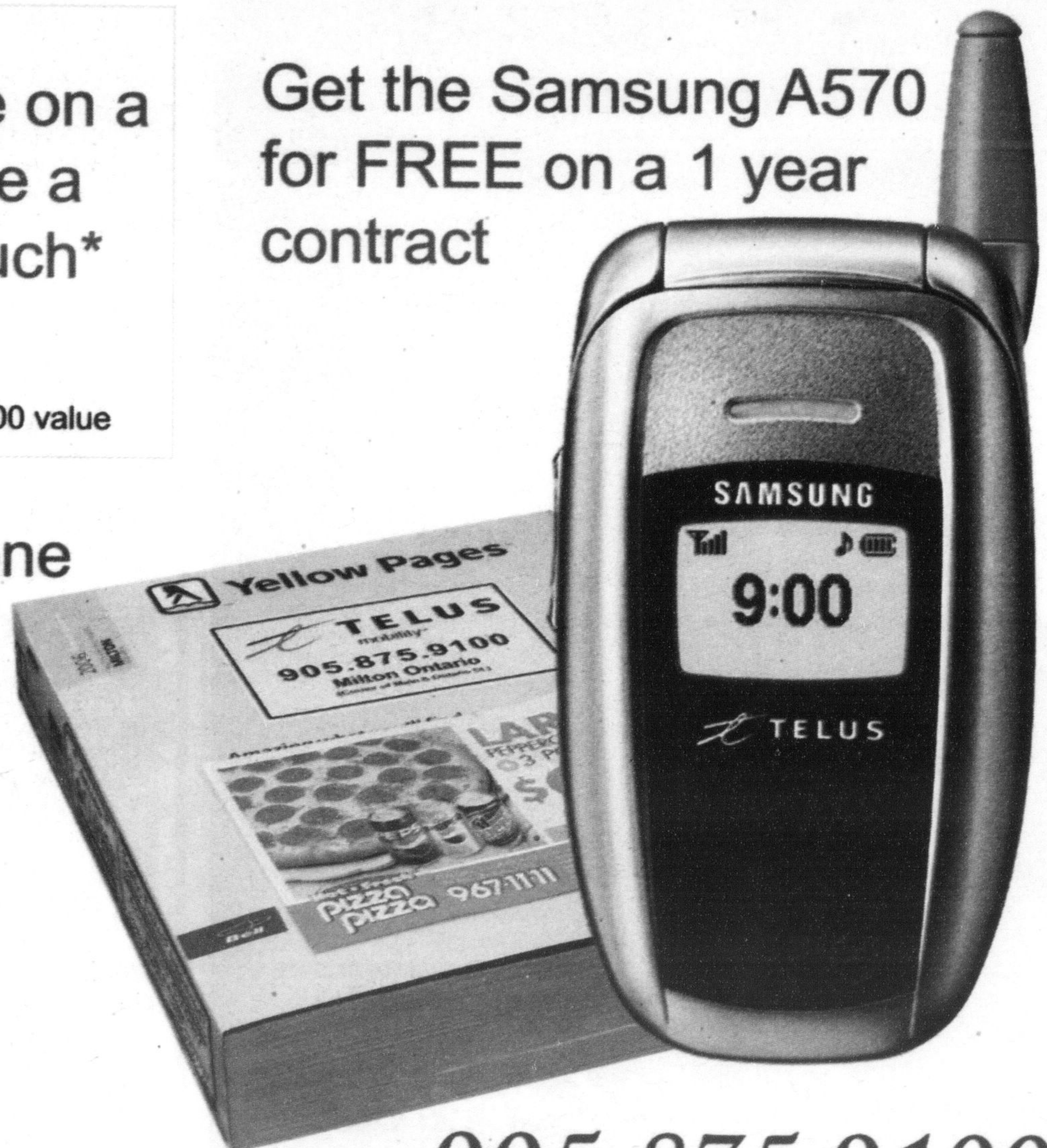
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