Train time is any time

by Rob Cotton The News

The boy became angry when a railroad worker made him stop playing around freight cars on a siding. He decided to get even.

He made a barricade across the tracks and then sat on the hillside and watched. The next

train to come along would have to stop and the workers would have to clear the tracks. It would cause a good bit of trouble and that's what the boy wanted.

The train, when it came, was a passenger train. The engineer didn't see the barricade in time to stop and several cars were derailed. The boy ran away because he couldn't stand the sight and sound of the injured people in the train.

He ran away but he was never able to forget the terrible harm he had caused.

Stories similar to this one happen all too frequently on and around railway tracks.

The message scems clear enough, railway tracks and railway yards are hazardous places and only those people who are trained too work safely for railroads should be around them.

"Railway property is private property and nobody should be on it without the proper authorization, said Glenn St. Arnaud, Investigator with the Canadian Pacific Police.

The main reason for keeping people off of railway property is safety - we don't want people to get hurt crossing the tracks, he said.

Knowing train schedules is of little help because an unexpected special or freight train can still be coming.

Activities of any kind on and around railway tracks are not only a danger to those involved in the activity but to people riding or working on the train and to people who live near the tracks.

"Children playing on the tracks put things on the rails that could cause a derailment," St. Arnaud said.

A derailment, as well as potentially causing injury and death to train workers and passengers, could mean the spillage of dangerous materials.

These materials could harm whole towns or have an adverse affect on the environment.

"Rocks, metal bars and even stoves have been found on the tracks," St. Arnaud said.

Under the right conditions even something as small as a penny could cause a derailment.

As an Investigator with the CP Police St. Amaud is a peace officer and he can charge individuals who are on railway illegally with property trespassing under the Trespass to Property Act. The fine is \$58.

75 but the risk of injury is higher.

Children over 12 can also be charged by the CP Police for violations of the law.

Currently, in the Terrace Bay area there is the specific problem of people breaking the signal lights, either by shooting at them or by throwing rocks at them.

> "This cause confusion for the trainmen and, again, lead to serious accidents, St. Arnaud said.

> Playing in a railyard is also a dangerous game. The doors could slide shut and lock children in for days or the load could shift onto them causing injury.

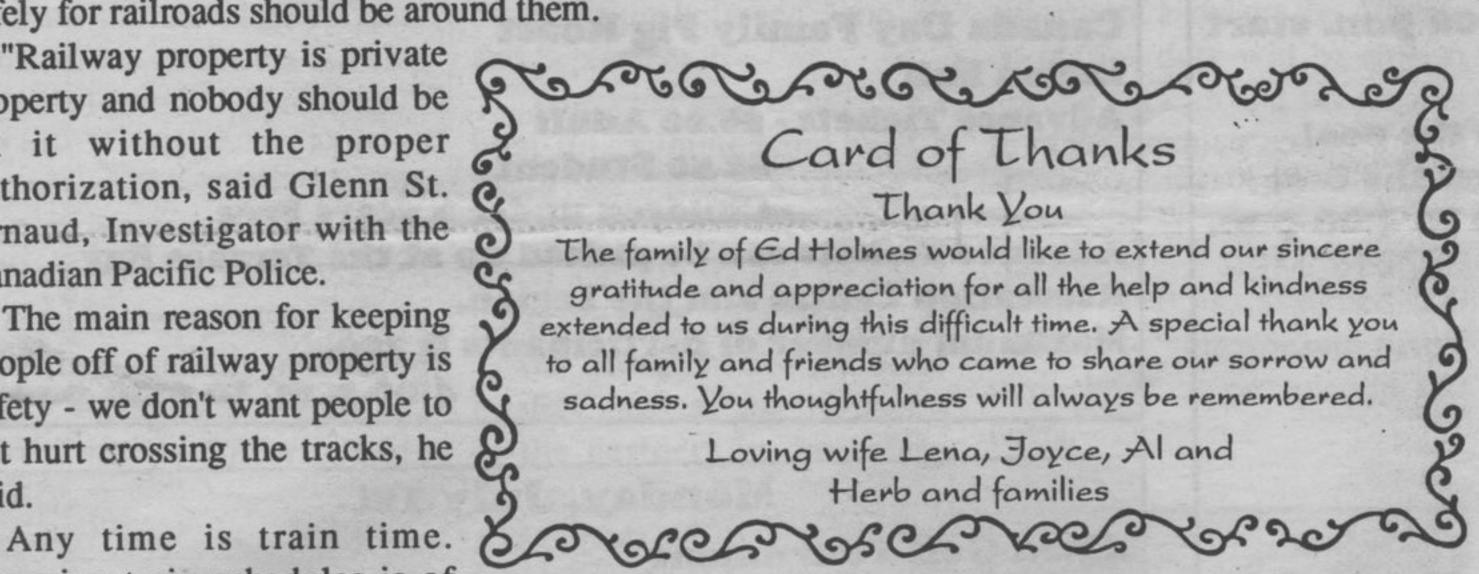
Children are also playing chicken with trains.

"The train can't steer around them and it takes at least 1/2 mile or more for the train to stop," he said.

Dirt bikes running along the side of the tracks also create problems.

The bikes tear away at the roadbed supporting the track. The tracks could shift under the weight of a train and cause a derailment.

There are lots of safe places available for both children and adults to play. Railway property is not one of them.





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The Township of Terrace Bay invites Vending Machine operators to submit a tender for the installation and servicing of:

ONE (1) - SNACK VENDING MACHINE

for the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre - Games Room

Details of the tender requirements are available from the Terrace Bay Recreation Office. For more information contact Dean Main at 825-3542.

> TENDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: FRIDAY JUNE 28TH, 1991 AT 5:00 P.M.



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- 1. owners of residential property in Schreiber (assessed owner for at least one year).
- 2. as an owner, you or your spouse have attained the age of 65 years.
- 3. as an owner, your or your spouse are in receipt of a monthly guaranteed income supplement (GAINS) under the Old Age Security Act.

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Those wishing to establish a claim, please provide the municipal office with:

- 1. Proof of Ownership
- 2. Proof of Age
- 3. Proof you are in receipt of GAINS.

Applications are available in the Municipal Office.



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1991 Vegetation Control Program

As part of the Ministry of Natural Resources' ongoing program to regenerate and protect our forests, the Terrace Bay Area Office will be aerial spraying Vision (Pest Control Product #19899.00) on selected forest stands in the Terrace Bay area to control competing vegetation, beginning on or about

July 29, 1991.

Further details about the program, including specific locations and maps, are available from the Ministry of Natural Resources at the address listed below.

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