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Railway Pioneers' Hopes far Exceeded

Speaking at the recent celebra-Speaking at the recent celebra-tion of Canada's railway centenary held at St. Johns, Quebec, the southern terminus of the Champlain and St. Lawrence, the first line in the Dominion, S. J. Hungerford, president of the Canadian National Railways, outlined the tremendous strides that had been made in railroading since he entered the railway business 50 years ago. "It can say in all truth that which

"I can say in all truth that which has been accomplished has tran-scended the vision of the pioneers", Mr. Hungerford said. "Those who planned the Champlain and St. Lawrence and brought it into being planned the Champiain and St. Lawrence and brought it into being no matter how optimistic they might have been, could hardly have foreseen what a mighty instrument of national welfare the railway was to be in Canada. The railway was been, and is the mightiest single force in the welding together of Canada and in the preservation of it as a nation. It is a mighty servant of the people. When this railway was conceived there was likewise brought into being that chain of circumstances which led to the formation of the Canadian National Railways, with its ser-vices to every province of the Dominion. It is the aim of the Canadian National Railways, the largest railway system on the North American continent, still to be in the vanguard of progress; to be a worthy instrument in the develop-ment of this great nation."



At the ceremony at St. Johns, Quebec, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the operation of the first Canadian pas-senger train, a full-sized model of the "Dorchester", the first Canadian engine, was shown in comparison with one of the new 6400 type of the Canadian National Railways, the largest streamlined locomotive in the world. The "Dorchester", with tender, was 21 feet long; the 6400, with tender, 94 feet 734 inches. The 6400 is longer than the entire passenger train of 1836.

The lower picture shows (from left to right) Mayor Camillien Houde, C.B.E., of Montreal, George F. Moran, S. J. Hungerford, President, Canadian National System, and A. J. Shapter. Messrs. Moran and Shapter, retired Canadian National Railways engineers with over 50 years of service, impersonated the original crew of the "Dorchester" at the celebration.

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