

# BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. BOX 302, READING, MASS. 01867

## SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

31 MAY 1973

Dear B & M Fans:

The May meeting of the Society was attended by sixty members and guests who were treated to another fine evening of entertainment in the form of slide programs presented by Jim Ickes and Roger Kates.

The June meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 1973. Come and enjoy another fine entertainment program. The June meeting is also the date of the Annual Meeting, at which time the reading of the Officers' Reports and the election of Officers for the next fiscal year will take place. Please be sure to attend. In connection with the election, Mr. Thomas Murray, Jr., has requested that his name be withdrawn from consideration for election to the Board of Directors, as he is relocating to the Twin Cities, Minnesota. Mr. David Derow has accepted a nomination to this position.

At a recent meeting at Steamtown, Vermont, the President of the B&MRRHS and Mr. Barbera of Steamtown reached an agreement whereby the Society was given permission to perform an external renovation on the ex-B&M dining car "Mountaineer." There is a possibility that the "Mountaineer" will be in the consist of the October 27-28 steam trip from Boston to Montpelier Junction and return. You will hear more about this project in future issues of the Newsletter.

We regretfully announce that one of our members, Mr. Malcolm Tottingham of Saugus, Mass., died suddenly on 20 April 1973. Mr. Tottingham enjoyed our meetings very much and, appropriately enough, considered himself a railroad enthusiast rather than a railroad buff. We extend our sympathies to his wife.

Mr. Brian Manning of Coventry, Rhode Island, writes that a complete history of the P & W is in progress. It will cover everything, from the Transportation Riot to the present day, including possible acquisition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner RR, now the Gardner Branch of the B & M. Mr. Manning would like information on the following: 1. The "State of Maine," "White Mountain Express," and other trains, as well as tourist information, resorts, etc. 2. New Haven Railroad operation of the P&W. (No annual reports were published between 1889 and 1966.) 3. Histories of the textile and canal enterprises, especially Tyrrell's books on mills and mill construction. Rail reports would also be appreciated. If you can supply info on the above topics or any other P & W data, contact Mr. Manning directly at 161 Fairview Avenue, Coventry, Rhode Island 02816.

Douglas N. Smith, 135 War Memorial House, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, desires colored slides of B & M steam and diesel passenger and freight trains, as well as pictures of depots.

Robert F. Wilner, 345 E. 209th. St., Bronx, New York 10467, wants duplicate slides, photos (B&W and color), movies (8mm or Super 8), and tape recordings of anything Boston & Maine.

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new members to the Society:  
Allen R. Graff, Nashua, NH; William L. Welch, Natick, MA; Lester H. Putnam,  
Princeton, NJ; Gerry Babyok, Granby, MA; Stephen K. Brayton, Wollaston, MA;  
Norman B. Dane, Marblehead, MA; Richard A. Nickerson, Melrose, MA; Charles C.  
Poirier, Ipswich, MA; Howard Warren, Troy, NY; Daniel M. Beach, Concord, MA;  
William H. Moulton, Laconia, NH; Francis R. Petersen, Emerson, NJ; Arthur E.  
Petersen, Emerson, NJ; R.D. Geagan, Santa Monica, CA; James Meuse, Wakefield,  
MA; Gordon H. Clark, Weston, MA; Stanley King, Auburndale, MA; Morris L.  
Melitzer, Schenectady, NY; H. Richard Sawyer, Nashua, NH; Robert F. Welch,  
Newburyport, MA; Leon G. Wendell, Bradford, MA; and David D. Sias, Coventry, RI.

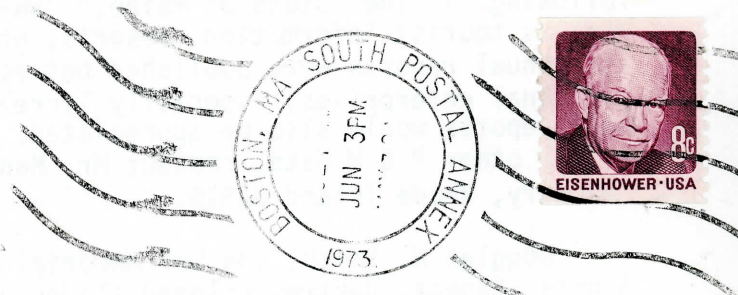
We look forward to seeing you at the June meeting of the Society.

Best regards,

*David R. Squires*

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