



CANADIAN PACIFIC BUSINESS CAR NUMBER 21

OFFICIAL CAR 21.

R. Bide.

Data Courtesy CP. Rail.

Car 21 was one of a series of official cars built in 1900 - 1910 for divisional superintendents. Two versions were built. The older style shown here has an arch roof, the newer ones a clerestory. The cars were in use until around 1960 when all but one had been scrapped. The survivor #27 was sold in 1927 to a Quebec Lumber Co. and may still be in use on the Thurso & Nation Valley R.R.

Originally cars were of varnished wood with gold leaf trim similar to the 517 open end observation (westwood). The wood was not always mahogany, oak was also used and until the 1930's these cars were not painted but maintained as "varnish". The interiors were usually painted cream with brown trim.

The trucks were a special 5ft. wheelbase passenger truck which is not available commercially to my knowledge. However, something might be done with a narrow guage truck.

Another similar type of car was described in an article by Jack Work in M.R. (Dec.'52- Jan.'53). The construction could follow this article or the methods described by Gib Kennedy in M.R.(June.'59). The windows on the plan are correct. The small upper panes were not used in this particular car. Others may have had the small windows - any of you readers know anything about this?

See Plan - Centrefold