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THE CPR STEAM YEARS, 1905-1949

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— R. KEN BRADLEY REMEMBERING AN
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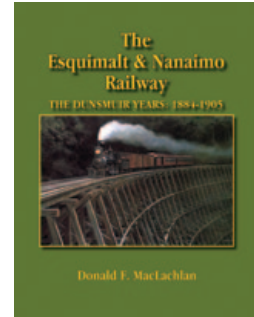
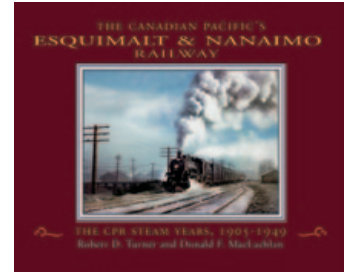
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