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## **YOU'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A COLLECTION**

**Saint-Constant, April 18, 2009** – An image is worth 1000 words! As soon as visitors enter the **Exporail** pavilion, they immediately understand the richness of the Museum's collection. The view is breathtaking : a century and a half of railway history is presented by way of exceptional pieces. Indeed, the Museum collection includes **more than 160 vehicles**, of which more than a hundred are on display, including:

- the **oldest surviving Canadian-built steam locomotive** (CP 144)
- the **largest steam locomotive** built in Canada and the last to be built for a Canadian railway (CP 5935)
- the **most powerful steam locomotive** in the entire British Commonwealth, designated as a national historic site (CN 4100)
- the **oldest passenger car** in Canada (CP 1)
- the **oldest diesel locomotive** (CN 77)
- Montreal's first electric streetcar, **the Rocket**
- **Montreal's first observatory streetcar**
- the **streetcar MTC 1959** of 1920's completely restored
- the Saskatchewan, **Sir William Van Horne's private car**, designated as a national historic site
- a **steam-operated snow-blower**, invented by a Canadian.

The Museum's collection also includes:

- **three horse-drawn vehicles**
- **6000 small railway objects**
- more than **750 scale models of railway vehicles**, of which a hundred are on display
- **245,000 archive documents** including works of art, drawings, rare books, old photographs, manuscripts and periodicals
- a completely restored **century-old station**
- **four buildings typical of railway infrastructure.**

In the **Exporail** pavilion, just as everywhere else on the site, visitors will be impressed by the diversity and the presentation of the rolling stock and the various elements of the railway world. The heritage value of the collection is as stated in 1978, when the National Museums of Canada recognized the Museum as a railway specialist in Canada.

**May 18 to June 23, 2009, Exporail is open every day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
June 24 to September 7, 2009, every day, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
And September 9 to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Wednesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**INFORMATION : 450 632-2410      [www.exporail.org](http://www.exporail.org)**

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