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WHAT'S IN THE BOX!

When the Collecting Bug Bites ... and Everyone Benefits

Saint-Constant, April 5, 2009 – Exporail has put together a new temporary exhibition, full of surprises, on view in the Angus pavilion: ***What's in the Box?*** showcases the museum's latest impressive acquisitions to its collection. The exhibition also honours Frederick Forbes Angus, who left thousands of archival documents and artifacts of enormous heritage value to the museum upon his death in 2007.

The exhibition takes you into the engrossing world of great collectors like Frederick Angus, whose family has been associated with the development of Canada's railways since 1878. Right from childhood, Angus was driven by his passion for trains and streetcars. His railway knowledge and expertise were second to none, and throughout his life, he assembled a collection of real treasures with discrimination and determination. Thanks to his generosity, we can now all benefit from the fruits of his collecting bug.

In the course of your visit, you can discover these documents and artifacts, grouped for display in thematic islands, along with other fascinating items from the museum's conservation storehouse, including

- The oldest toy trains from around the world
- Miniature replicas of Montreal streetcars
- Uniforms and pocket watches
- Antique equipment from old train stations
- China dinnerware and fine silverware
- Works of art, photographs and archival material commemorating railway history in Canada

What's in the Box? runs until April 11, 2010.

**Family admission to Exporail is just \$39 for two adults and two children (aged 4 to 12).
Information: 450-632-2410. Find out all about the museum at www.exporail.org**

Exporail is located in Saint-Constant, on Montreal's Southshore.

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