

NAR HANDCAR

I am a "handcar" and I may be one hundred years old. Before the advent of motorized cars ("speeders"), railway personnel would inspect and maintain the track using me.

By pushing the handles to go up and down, the motion caused the handcar to move down the track. I am also known by a number of other names such as, JIGGER, PUMP CAR and PUMP TROLLEY.

The compact size and relatively light weight also made it easy to lift the unit off the tracks so that trains could pass by.

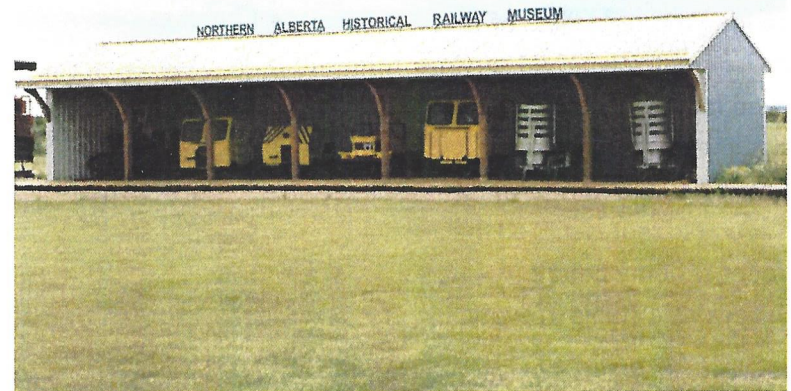


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NORTHERN ALBERTA HISTORICAL AND RAILROAD MUSEUM



Location: 302 – 3 Avenue N.W. Open for Visitors May-August

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MUSEUM DISPLAYS

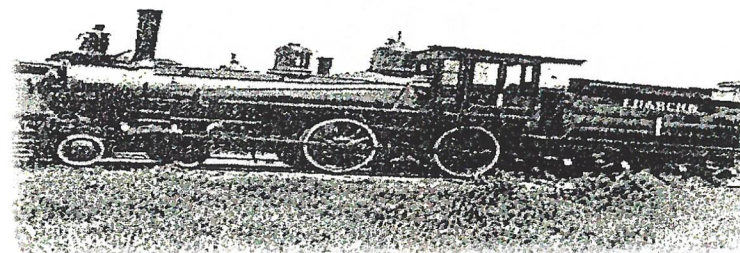
A 100-year old bassinet, clothes wringer and a Singer treadle sewing machine are reminders of how much harder life was in the homes of our ancestors. Before the advent of electricity, hand-power and simple mechanics helped get everyday chores done while still leaving time to feed the livestock, tend to the children, plough the garden or take the family to church.

A simple calendar shows us that leaving town was a long trip regardless of your destination, so small towns had services now reserved for larger centers- such as dry cleaners, theatres and a flower and gift store owned by someone named "Grumpy". A radio represents all the entertainment at home before televisions became a staple in every home.



The Museum displays many areas that made up the Town site including:

- Giroux's Store
- Mrs. Jones Home
- The Hospital
- Churches
- The Railway Station
- Golden Coach
- Speeder Shed
- C.N. Caboose



The Museum got its beginning in the early 1980's. Artifacts were stored at the Town Center until 2003, when the present building was completed. Fred Napier, George Stephenson, Pauline Gervais, Jack Gordon and Marcel Dreau were the Museum's pioneers.

Hours of Operation

The Museum is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
May to August

Location

The Northern Alberta Historical and Railroad Museum is located beside the Kimiwan Birdwalk on Highway 2, as you enter McLennan on the west end of town.

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