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## DAR - Halifax Herald 1920 - 1939

- 12/31/1920 DAR Colonization List of industries along DAR p7
- 1/26/1921 DAR derailment Annapolis
- 1/28/1921 DAR wreck Tues
- 3/1/21 Kentville-Annapolis service
- 3/25/1921 DAR remove two Midland\* trains on 27\*
- 4/15/1921 DAR ship down to a Skeleton
- 4/18/21 DAR Kentville p6
- 4/19/21 DAR
- 4/30/21 DAR Notes
- 5/31/21 DAR Notes
- 6/6/21 DAR train service
- 6/15/21 On the DAR p5
- 9/1/21 Celebration at Annapolis
- 9/18/21 Annapolis Royal fire
- 9/28/21 Railway Board sits at Kentville crossing Port William station DAR
- 10/18/21 DAR Truro mixed train
- 11/17/21 Derailment DAR Mt Uniacke
- 12/3/21 DAR trip to Kentville
- 3/17/1922 DAR Mr. Comeau photo
- 3/29/22 DAR wreck Middleton
- 4/20/22 DAR dance at Kentville
- 4/20/22 DAR story
- 6/27/22 DAR Owl train service restored to Annapolis
- 7/11/22 DAR Armdele collision
- 8/18/22 1<sup>st</sup> engine Howe was scrapped at Kentville
- 9/26/22 p23 WCR
- 9/26/22 p28 DAR all photo Kentville engine Sir Gagar
- 10/28/22 DAR p6 2 engines from Montreal
- 11/3/22 George Graham of DAR honoured

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- 11/15/1922 DAR private car
  - 11/16/22 DAR Bridgeton derailment
  - 12/4/22 DAR North Mountain branch
  - 12/4/22 DAR Windsor
  - 1/7/1923 DAR snow train
  - 1/12/23 Builder of DAR steamship Prince Rupert dies
  - 1/15/23 DAR and snow plow
  - 2/16/23 DAR engine
  - 4/5/23 DAR engines
  - 4/13/23 DAR van
  - 4/23/23 DAR derailment Awoodale on the 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 7/20/23 Gov. Cox special train
  - 8/8/23 DAR engines Gov. Cox
  - 8/17/23 Photo DAR engine Byng
  - 8/4/23 DAR train service
  - 7/27/23 DAR accident
  - 8/16/23 DAR train service at Truro
  - 9/4/23 DAR Midland newly ballasted
  - 9/4/23 DAR locomotive arrives from Montreal
  - 9/7/23 Swordfish shipped over DAR
  - 9/15/23 DAR Kentville
  - 9/21/23 DAR engine arrives
  - 9/22/23 DAR 14 Car Passenger train
  - 9/22/23 DAR wheel extended
  - 10/9/23 DAR engine arrives
  - 10/15/23 Death DAR engineer Ben Yould funeral on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the death of his son killed on Midland by
  - 11/1/23 DAR president quest at Lunenburg
  - 11/6/23 DAR inspector
  - 12/20/23 DAR flanger car
  - 12/31/23 Photo Colonial Fertilizer Plant Windsor
  - 1/24/1924 New DAR flangers P6
  - 2/6/1924 Kentville Cornwallis and Cambridge trams cut

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- 2/12/24 DAR service cuts  
 2/22/24 DAR Kentville-Halifax service  
 3/3/24 DAR Coal Conservator  
 3/4/24 DAR  
 3/31/24 DAR  
 3/31/24 DAR cars Annapolis Royal & Grand Pre  
 4/29/24 DAR derailment  
 4/30/24 Grover Cleveland a defunct engineer is acting master mechanic on DAR in place of Mr. Desrosier who resigned and went to Mexico  
 4/30/24 DAR trainmen's rest house upper part station  
 5/2/24 Kentville roundhouse damage  
 5/3/24 CPR ballast cars for DAR  
 5/5/24 DAR conductor Clarke  
 5/17/24 DAR ballast  
 5/23/24 DAR standards  
 5/29/24 DAR engine 32(42)  
 6/3/24 DAR uniforms  
 6/3/24 DAR 2 passenger cars arrive  
 6/17/24 DAR and track  
 6/28/24 2 more cars have arrived for Flying Bluebirds  
~~6/28/24~~ DAR Night train derailed 7/1/24  
 7/2/24 DAR train using rails at Clements  
 7/2/24 DAR blocked  
 7/14/24 DAR a chair car is now being run between Truro and Windsor  
 7/14/24 Flying Bluebirds train carry's lighted sign on rear Evangeline Route  
 7/17/24 DAR milk traffic - 300 large car  
 7/28/24 DAR Gov. Cox  
 7/30/24 Avonport Built on DAR  
 8/8/24 DAR traffic brisk  
 8/8/24 Midland Division train has grown from two cars to four cars parlour coach



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- 11/24/25 DAR apple crop  
 12/3/25 DAR accident Yarmouth shunter  
 12/4/25 DAR to increase train  
 12/6/25 Way freight from Truro to run to Kentville  
 instead of Windsor  
 1/20/26 DAR accident  
 1/26/26 DAR wreck Midland  
 1/28/26 DAR wreck  
 2/5/26 Terrible storm affects DAR  
 2/24/26 DAR midland ice problem  
 2/25/26 DAR clears Tuesday at noon  
 2/19/26 DAR  
 2/22/26 DAR plow derailment  
 2/24/26 DAR plow  
 2/27/26 DAR good old days  
 3/26/26 DAR plans / improvements of Valley line  
 5/7/26 Agricultural train over DAR  
 5/22/26 DAR officials promote R. L. Parker  
 K. L. Chapman  
 6/7/26 Agricultural train starts over DAR  
 6/18/26 Agricultural train at Windsor  
 6/16/26 Percy Park injured on DAR  
 7/12/26 DAR thinks of auto/truck service  
 7/22/26 DAR freight hits Ox at Digby  
 8/16/26 DAR red ford on pilot  
 10/4/26 DAR sells Prince Albert  
 10/16/26 DAR notes  
 10/25/26 DAR auto collision  
 10/6/26 List of DAR locomotives p 19  
 12/27/26 DAR Hockey team  
 1/26/27 DAR derailment  
 2/14/27 ~~Good~~ Evangeline launched at Philadelphia Sat  
 4/9/27 Photo DAR dispatcher F. L. Corey  
 5/4/27 DAR veteran retires William Young

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- 7/9/27 Photo DAR conductor Joseph Edwards  
8/24/27 DAR car crash  
8/27/27 DAR washout Yarmouth  
9/29/27 Tales DAR  
11/9/1927 DAR  
11/26/27 1st Halifax Station  
12/14/27 William O'Connell DAR master mechanic retiring  
1/9/28 DAR Digby Hotel  
11/17/28 DAR naming engine  
2/18/28 DAR Casey Jones  
2/27/28 DAR gates Windsor  
4/3/28 DAR red line - engines painted red.  
4/10/28 DAR special  
4/13/28 DAR Valley line  
4/20/28 DAR Grand Pre station  
5/2/28 DAR plan new station Smith's Cove  
5/3/28 DAR plan new train in New York service  
5/9/28 Special DAR train for youth  
5/11/28 Trip over DAR  
5/11/28 DAR new station Grand Pre  
6/16/28 DAR vice rogers crew photo  
6/20/28 DAR Truro  
6/24/28 04 DAR New Yorker  
6/21/28 O'Connell engine 824  
6/23/28 Photo DAR New York engine 502 p3  
6/26/28 Truro and DAR p 11  
5/14/28 DAR New Yorker  
8/16/28 DAR train hits car  
8/25/28 Photos Kentville p 17  
8/30/28 Kentville wreck Sept. 1713  
9/11/28 Photo drawing DAR Hotel Digby  
9/14/28 DAR detachment Alderston  
9/28/28 Rails for DAR  
10/15/28 DAR wrecks Truro

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- 10/23/28 DAR hires CPR men
- 10/26/28 Beatty on DAN
- 10/26/28 DAR and CPR
- 10/27/28 DAR/CPR
- 10/30/28 DAR William Youls
- 11/2/28 DAR to build new station
- 11/3/28 DAN Andrew Pearson - retires
- 8/16/28 DAR Trus
- 1/23/1929 85 lb rail laid on  
Midland branch from Clarksville to Windsor
- 1/25/29 3 special trains to use Friday  
night to Kentville Nova Scotia Eastern Hockey League
- 2/4/29 New DAR Hotel for Kentville
- 3/13/29 Son of DAN Conductor killed Peter
- 3/16/29 DAR bridge Windsor
- 3/28/29 Comeau retires from DAN
- 3/29/29 Site for new DAR Hotel Kentville
- 4/24/29 DAR Hotel Digby opens
- 6/28/29 DAR midland record set
- 7/17/29 DAR Wolfville auto wreck
- 7/23/29 Beatty over DAN
- 7/23/29 80 lb rail for DAN
- 9/2/29 DAR Kipama sewer
- 9/11/29 Along DAN
- 9/23/29 DAN Grant Hill
- 10/11/29 DAR Dining Car Service
- 10/16/29 CPR/DAR Hotels
- 3/19/30 Review DAR freight rates
- 4/5/30 DAR observation car Dust catcher
- 4/9/30 CPR 544 at Halifax on Day 11
- 4/14/30 DAR ~~rights~~ CNR would consider  
transfer plan with CPR to take over DAN  
for Halifax running rights
- 4/14/30 DAR fruit traffic



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- 4/15/30. DAR could build independent  
line into Halifax
- 4/17/30 DAR/CNR
- 4/18/30 DAR/CNR
- 4/28/30 DAR-CNR forgotten
- 4/30/30 DAR accident
- 5/5/30 DAR and track torpedo's
- 5/26/30 DAR service shut - uses bus
- 5/30/30 DAR wants to eliminate Kentville grade crossing
- 6/16/30 DAR ~~picnic~~ picnic
- 7/8/30 DAR photo Tea room Grand Pre
- 7/29/30 DAR Circus train
- 8/7/30 DAR train service busy on New York and Bluenose
- 8/14/30 DAR new station opens Brazil Lakes
- 8/25/30 Photo Cornwallis Inn
- 8/29/30 G. Hall & Beatty inspect DAR
- 9/12/30 G. E. Graham Banquet
- 9/12/30 Truro - Windsor service busy
- 9/29/30 Photo Cornwallis Inn
- 10/16/30 Governor-General Lord Willingdon over DAR
- 11/22/30 DAR new rates
- 12/8/30 Cornwallis Inn
- 12/8/30 New pier at Digby photo
- 12/9/30 Photo Wm. Gould
- 12/11/30 DAR drops refrigerator car charge
- 1/26/1931 Fire Truro station
- 4/1/1931 DAR traffic outlook good
- 4/4/1931 DAR an accommodating railway
- 5/19/1931 Extra DAR equipment
- 5/30/1931 DAR Saultierville fire
- 6/1/31 DAR way freight service
- 6/2/31 DAR engineer Dill dies
- 6/9/31 Extra DAR equipment
- 6/16/31 Lakeside Inn Yarmouth open

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- 6/18/1931 DAR notes  
6/26/31 DAR suburban services  
7/2/31 Train - auto collision ex M.P.  
7/16/31 Car hit by light engine  
7/18/31 DAR inspection Great Hall  
7/29/31 Sparks Circus over DAR with  
Stops at Windsor Kentville Digby and Yarmouth  
8/4/31 DAR three passenger extras  
8/13/31 Beatty inspection  
8/31/31 Along the DAR  
9/17/31 Six double headed freight trains move  
120 cars of apples for English export  
9/25/31 DAR schedule  
12/9/31 DAR private car in storage  
12/19/31 DAR traffic stopped  
12/26/31 DAR Weymouth station robbed  
1/23/32 Augustus Watkins retires  
2/27/1932 Former DAR worker recalls Old Times  
3/5/1932 CPR ~~gas~~ test gas electric test run  
3/21/1932 DAR may not operate New York this year  
4/12/1932 DAR five day train to Truro removed  
4/25/1932 DAR will lay off two trains  
the New Yorker and the Saturday Kentville-Truro local  
6/10/32 DAR engineer hitch dies  
6/10/32 Midland trains Nos 1 and 2 are  
being operated as mixed trains  
6/10/32 Midland coach attached to  
westbound train at Windsor  
6/16/32 CPR ballast cars at Truro for DAR  
6/16/32 700 passengers on DAR train  
6/17/32 New Steamer Acadia  
7/14/32 DAR train from Windsor arrived  
with ten cars, 7 freight and 3 passenger  
baggage, mail

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- 7/21/1932 DAR firemen riding CNR engines studying stokers, expect DAR to have stokers
- 8/19/32 DAR traffic 70 cars of coal landed at Kingsville - a switcher is sent to Kingsville
- 8/24/32 DAR removes local train between Annapolis and Vermont and the yard engine at Digby to be cancelled
- 3/14/33 DAR engineer Arthur Lynch dies
- 3/25/33 Locomotive built Truro Foundry
- 6/17/33 DAR restore fast train after two years today The New Yorker
- 6/20/33 To Ndot. manager over DAR
- 6/30/33 Sims plant photo Berwick
- 7/11/33 DAR engineer Charles Stockall retires after 43 years
- 7/4/33 DAR starts test Monday operation of a passenger cars Truro to Vermont
- 7/4/33 DAR special train to Aldershot
- 7/6/33 Governor-General Besborough over DAR
- 8/31/33 DAR train hit by car Falmouth crossing
- 9/5/33 Track speeder hit by New Yorker Herborn
- 12/22/33 Truro 500 mail bags for DAR at Truro
- 1/4/1934 DAR passenger train hit by farm lathe because CNR can not get gas because of snow blizzard
- 1/25/34 DAR Windsor train derails Truro
- 1/26/34 Traffic increase spectacular
- 2/7/34 CNR - DAR connections Truro complaint
- 2/14/34 DAR assessment appeal withdrawn
- 2/15/34 Blizzard

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- 3/1/1934 Photo Hunts sawmill - 14 cars  
of lumber by DAR
- 3/10/34 Record DAR apple shipment  
DAR moves 8089 cars of apples
- 3/21/34 DAR coach fire at Yarmouth
- 4/5/34 DAR records 8305 carloads of  
apples against 3327 in 1932
- 4/14/34 DAR veteran retires
- 4/16/34 DAR trains are still late - storm  
landslide at "Sugar loaf" west of  
Hantsport
- 6/28/34 Buffet car on DAR between  
Truro and Windsor and parlour car  
as well were put in Commission Test Monday
- 7/20/34 CPR President Beatty at Berwick Apple Plant
- 8/25/34 Shunter hits painters on bridge  
Aven River
- 9/10/34 Falmouth Mill fire
- 9/24/34 DAR two extra apple trains  
arrive Truro
- 10/16/34 Grade crossing accident Kentville plot
- 10/19/34 DAR train crashes into truck Clements, - photo
- 11/16/34 DAR engine to S&L
- 11/26/34 Passengers on the DAR express were given  
a start when the engine was derailed in the Truro yard
- 12/21/34 DAR/CNR traffic heavy at Truro
- 12/21/34 DAR/CNR yard at Truro to enlarge
- 1/12/1935 DAR Floods Digby
- 1/16/1935 DAR Floods cause work train wreck
- 1/22/1935 DAR 1906 snow storm
- 1/23/1935 DAR train of service offer  
1000 welcomea Truro loc

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1/28/1935 Fire United Fruit Kentville

2/15/35 DAR Trip over Truro to Kentville  
Station and crew quarters

2/16/35 Beatty over DAR

3/6/35 DAR extra freight to Truro  
The Dynamometer Car in train

4/20/1935 DAR 6500 cars of apples  
shipped, 1934 8300 cars

4/22/35 DAR collision with auto Yarmouth

6/25/35 DAR Waterville accident

6/25/35 DAR engineer Arthur Palmer retires

7/12/35 Auto collision

7/15/35 DAR notes

7/19/35 Digby auto collision

7/23/35 Rail steamer apple rate

8/2/35 # Photo Miras Pulp & Paper Plant Hantsport

8/7/35 Beatty over DAR

8/14/35 CNR business No. 80 over DAR

8/14/35 Engines 532, 520, 37 return to Montreal

8/22/35 Engines 534 540 arrive DAR

9/14/35 DAR 75 carloads of apples

10/4/35 D.C. Coleman visits DAR

10/9/35 DAR hits milk truck

10/16/35 Hantsport Miras Pulp and Paper warehouse

10/19/35 Apple shipments equal 17 doubleheaded  
freight trains

11/5/35 Engine 545 returned to Mtl

11/21/35 During the week of Nov 16  
300 carloads of apples

12/17/35 DAR two silk cars

12/19/35 On Dec 16 train 98 Kentville to  
Halifax doubleheaded

12/23/35 DAR special Acadia train

1/18/1936 Kentville shop engine 544 rebuilt

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- 1/25/1936 Employees of DAR depart for MHI  
accounting office
- 2/12/1936 A special train was  
operated between Kingsport  
and Kentville due to snow storm
- 2/17/1936 DAR ski train
- 2/24/1936 DAR aut/train collector
- 2/25/36 DAR ski train service
- 2/26/36 DAR ski train
- 2/29/36 DAR 547 and 555 on route to DAR  
to replace engines 39 and 43
- 3/11/36 DAR engines
- 3/14/36 DAR Flooding
- 3/18/36 DAR Flooding
- 3/23/36 Fire Berwick
- 4/2/36 James Drummond DAR Gardner gives up position
- 4/12/36 DAR AM Watkins dies
- 4/4/36 DAR moves Kentville office
- 4/6/1936 DAR to hate in rails
- 4/7/36 DAR fill operators
- 4/21/36 DAR notes
- 5/1/36 DAR notes
- 7/11/36 William Gould 89
- 7/13/36 SS Yarmouth crash
- 7/20/36 Beatty over DAR
- 7/22/36 DAR whistles blast 12 noon in  
Celebration 1st Edn railway 1836
- 9/28/36 DAR train searched for robbers Wolfville
- 10/5/36 DAR bridges complete
- 10/14/36 DAR G-2 462
- 11/30/36 DAR Windsor
- 12/1/36 Rebuild upper section station Kentville
- 12/7/36 DAR big engines

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- 12/22/1936 DAR train 95 and 98 two sections  
1/12/1937 DAR student special  
2/11/37 DAR photo  
2/8/37 Fire Digby  
2/11/37 DAR 599 locomotive dispatches  
231 from Kentville  
2/16/37 DAR Goods Digby  
2/19/37 DAR new Wigwan signal Weymouth  
3/13/37 DAR silk trains and others  
Kentville freight house painted  
3/20/37 DAR scrap metal extra to Halifax and Sydney  
3/23/37 Old DAR photographs  
4/10/37 DAR traffic up  
4/17/37 DAR 75, long wood shipment  
4/27/37 Passenger train service on the  
North Mountain branch between Kentville  
and Weta will be discontinued April 30  
4/30/37 DAR engine 45 auto/train collision  
5/3/37 DAR notes Conductors list  
5/10/37 Switch for Windsor - fertilizer traffic  
100 cars per day  
6/25/37 Doubleheader Westbound  
train 95 11 cars  
6/25/37 Ballast train derailed  
6/25/37 DAR History  
6/26/37 DAR auto wreck photo  
6/30/37 DAR special train 2 locomotives  
for 700 troops to Camp Aldershot  
7/19/37 Beatty inspect DAR  
7/23/37 DAR 255 2 Halifax new pairs  
8/20/37 DAR low water at Digby  
10/18/37 DAR 12 to 8 shunter back  
10/14/37 DAR credit union formed  
10/21/37 DAR car repair shop fire  
10/29/37 DAR shops to be rebuilt

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- 11/2/37 DAR Midland express collected with auto Albert St  
Crossing Windsor - Newcombe in  
Son DAR also patch.
- 12/3/37 Work on DAR car shops
- 12/29/37 DAR and fire hose Kentville
- 1/17/1938 Railway cars on wharf Digby
- 1/28/1938 DAR new Car Shop nearly completed
- 2/2/38 5 Wignac signals for DAR
- 2/7/38 100 car loads Coconut, Jute,  
Rubber and Hemp over DAR
- 3/2/38 DAR service car No 11
- 3/11/38 Yarmouth - Halifax fast freight  
- was delayed one hour at Waterville  
Monday when engine trucks left the  
rails while passing over the  
highway crossing east of the station
- 3/22/38 DAR wignac rollers
- 4/6/38 DAR engine 1018 red and black
- 4/20/38 Berwick, Kingston and Wilmot  
stations to be repainted
- 4/30/38 DAR auto collector p1 ep3
- 5/4/38 Sleeping car may be withdrawn  
from fast freight
- 5/10/38 CNR business car No 89 over DAR
- 6/20/38 DAR reefer milk car trans 96 and 2 to Truro
- 8/8/38 DAR engine 23 last run scrap
- 8/13/38 Beatty visits DAR
- 9/9/38 Lord Tweeds mer. at Annapolis  
Hoba board vice regent train
- 10/11/38 Mr. Ellis death
- 10/14/38 DAR No 33 boiler cap to be dismantled
- 10/28/38 Silver on front of DAR  
locomotives
- 11/16/38 Mines Pulp & Paper

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1/26/1939 A locomotive of the Pacific type from Montreal shops passed through Truro last week en route to Kentville where it will be placed in service by DAR (2511)

1/27/39 DAR motor transport replaces wayfreights

2/11/39 Woman station agent Mrs. A.B. Tupper  
Brazil lets

2/27/39 Kipamo not to be in service in 1939

3/17/39 Railway forces on DAR to be reduced  
ten steps to be caretakers

5/16/39 DAR fertilizer traffic 23,000 tons  
at Windsor station

6/2/39 p 8 Photo Berwick fruit company  
Photo Berwick Parker & Sons

6/10/39 p 19 DAR special train service  
for Royal visit

7/11/39 Celdershay Camp opens

7/27/39 DAR Shop layoff 50 lose jobs

8/7/39 DAR car/train collision at Brickton

8/30/39 DAR pickup and delivery service

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