

DOMINION  
ATLANTIC  
RAILWAY  
DIARY

III

DIGBY COURIER  
NOTES

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- 1891 - Digby Courser

6/19 Wirtz area filled in  
between rails

7/10/1891 A handsome new  
car arrived in Digby  
Wednesday and was forwarded  
to Parsonville by yesterday's  
freight. This car is intended  
for use on the Missing Link  
and was built in Springfield  
Mass. Whence it was brought  
by rail to Digby.

7/10 Annals of Digby Ry

July 31/1891 Missing Link opened  
Newspaper men on  
Missing Link

8/4 American visitor

Oct 2/1891 Ry Photo car

12/19 WCR station platform being lengthened

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- 1892 -

Digby Corner

1/1/1892 WPA picture of Gualajre  
used in advertising

1/29/92 CPR Car

5/6/1892 Indian Train Wreckers

5/13/1892 C. W. Phinney and L. Oakes  
have established a brick yard  
two miles east of Laurens town  
for the manufacture of brick  
and drain tiles. The yard has a  
capacity of 40,000 ~~per~~ week.  
A siding has been put in by  
the W&A R affording good  
facilities for shipping. The new  
place is called Brighton.

6/3/1892 WCR case in London

6/17 CPR engine destroyed at  
Trent in storm

6/24 BOM bridge Mississippi

6/24 The Windsor and Annapolis  
lost heavily by the destruction  
of nearly all the snow sheds  
west of Trenton during the recent storm

-1892- Disby

7/22/1892. ICR wrecked

7/29. Cornwallis Valley Ry  
secured by Windsor and  
Annapolis

Kentville to Kingsport 14 miles  
1 locomotive. 1 1<sup>st</sup> class passenger car  
one 'combini'. 25 flat & box car

July 26 Special train run over  
line to complete distal

7/29 WCA land of Wazgeline Route

8/12. Yarmouth Electric Cars.  
first run

10/7 Western Counties

10/14 WCA

1893 11/18 Yarmouth to Kockeport

3/17 WPP exhib for Worlds Fair

4/7 The WCA will be Yarmouth  
& Annapolis Ry

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1893 Digby Couriers  
4/21/1893

Consolidation of the W&A  
and Western Counties

Name to be Dominion Atlantic

5/19/93 C.P.R. and P.A.R.

5/26 W&A derailment

~~5/26~~

11/17/1893 W&A considers  
Proposal to purchase  
Nova Scotia Central

12/1 Y.A. sale notice

- Digby - 1894

1/5/1894 W&A Budgetary Works

1/19. W&A Engineer & foreman killed Train over a bridge on the W&A. 1/14. An engine with flanger and snowplough Gibbons bridge between Middleton and Wilton ✓

1/26/94 Bay of Fundy SS to W&A

2/16 W&A and Y&A purchase

7/20/1894 <sup>Inverro May</sup> Flying Blue nose a great summer feature

Clery Excursion W&A ✓

Friday 7/27 Collision W&A Monday Morning 1894 head on collision between two trains on excursion train for Digby ~~at~~ 1/4 mile west of Mt Dennis ✓

8/24/94 <sup>1894</sup> ~~Good~~ Bridges crossing the highway at Keenes Corners and the River at Mejege and the latter span of 85 feet ~~in~~ <sup>over</sup> Dominion Bridge for the Y&A by are up and ready for traffic having been completed last evening

Digby

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8/24/1894 Visit of Governor General

9/14/1894 Yellow and W.A. to  
be consolidated 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

9/28 Ry Rpt to Shelburne NS

9/28 9/24 week Tuesday out GTR  
13 cars

10/5 Dominion Atlantic

10/5 South Shore Ry

10/12 S.S. Ry

Oct 19 1894 The Dominion Atlantic has  
added a new locomotive to their  
rolling stock. It was built in  
the United States and is a handsome  
machine. It bears the name Fortuna.

10/19 More Ry changes

Digby to be terminal for  
New spur to be built

10/19 East Ry to be N.G.

Hants. Ry

11/9 S.S. Ry explosion

11/23 N.G. Ry rolls S.S. Ry

12/7/94 Pymouth station fire

12/14 OAR and Digby  
new spur

12/25 OAR to build line to Kent

Digby 1895

1/18/1895  
The DAR Prosperous

2/18 DAR Digby the terminus

3/8 South Shore by

3/15 Digby to St John

3/22 DAR folder

3/22 855, box Falls Pulp Mill

3/29 Charlotte town P&T small 3/25

3/29 by structure

4/5 DAR new express service  
Maundie Express

4/26 DAR pier 25/01

4/26 Shelburne NB to S.T.G.

6/7 Annapolis station

7/5 Flying Blue nose train start

7/5 DAR Prince Rupert disabled

7/26 DAR runs special train  
Annapolis to Digby

7/26 DAR bridge over water  
NS Coast by

8/28 Electric semaphore is being  
placed near the water tank at the  
Raquette. The poles have been set  
and wires run from the station

8/30 DAR Book

1895



— Digby — 1895

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9/20/1895 DAR freight 22 cars

9/27 DAR have a contract to haul one hundred car load of granite from Hantsport to Harmonville for the South Shore Ry.

9/27 DAR and Digby

10/4 DAR freight only will go into Annapolis; Express stops from there.

10/11 DAR - Buffet Parlour cars  
10/25 Coast Ry  
to use DAR Terminal until June

11/1/1895 Coast Ry  
DAR engine used by contractor

George B Poane.  
11/8 Ry restaurant being built

11/8 A serious railway collision took place Weds. night at Windsor. It was a DAR train freight ran into an ICR freight during a heavy sand fog with a result of destruction of several cars. Pretty well covered.

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DIBBY 1895-

Nov 15 1895

The DAR have purchased a new locomotive named "Crise"

11/22 The Parlor cars of the DAR were taken off lat work

11/22 DAR route up down and to Jordan

12/6 New France Milling Co build Electric Railway to meet DAR DAR and N/S Central

12/13 1895 DAR is building a large Y bridge in Smalley's fields and have it about completed. Trans will turn here now instead of going to Weymouth. It is the only one along the line and will be of great convenience.

12/27 DAR Mail contract

Digby - 1896

1/10/1896 Two men killed on DAR

DAR earnings

1/31/96 NS Central bought

1/31 DAR Montello lease

2/21 DAR subsidy

2/28 DAR snow plow case has been argued in Supreme Court of Canada

- death of Pudsey the engineer

3/6 NS Central changed to Central Ry

Coast Ry defunct Saturday

3/13 DAR will move their freight business at Halifax to the building formerly occupied by the Intercolonial at North Street

3/13 DAR Montello

3/20 early train planned Halifax 9 Digby there will be 200 or 300 sleeping cars

- Digby - 1896

4/3/1896 The DAR engine "Kentville" wrecked in the Windsor Jct collision last winter left the paint shops last week. She looks ~~through~~ thoroughly repaired and now looks handsomer than ever. She will be ready for the road again in a short time.

4/3 South Shore Ry  
14 1/2 miles completed

4/10 Stephen's Lumber railway  
New France to Weymouth  
12 miles long

4/24 DAR "Mementos"  
4/24 I.R. and C.R.

5/1/96 A new Y is being constructed in the railway yard at Amnapolis.

5/1/96 Accident on DAR

5/8 Parlor cars of the DAR are now running on the train lines between Weymouth and Digby

5/8 Flying Bluenose Cross at Digby

6/5/1896 A new railway engine house is

Digby 1896

6/12/96 DARR model Prime Rupert in Boston office window

7/3 The express trains of the DARR are now carrying weather bulletins on the outside of the baggage cars

7/3 DARR Digby yard improvements

7/3 DARR early train to Yarmouth leave 5:15 am Halifax

7/17 New France by surveyed

7/17 Mr Bauer parlor car conductor 1896 on the DARR has gone to Chicago to come back with the new dining car to be put on the road

Tuesday 7/17 Engines on the DARR collide Collision at Wolfville As Bluenose was entering Wolfville collided with a freight eastbound

7/24 Runs between Digby and Halifax DARR dining car service - new Pullman Dining Car "SANS-PAREIL" first trip Weds. - runs Bluenose Halifax to Digby

- Digby 1896

8/7/1896 DAR yard not to be improved

8/14 ICR Dartmouth branch completed

8/28 Killed on DAR  
Plaster train

11/13 DAR fatal accident  
ballast train  
Meteghan

11/20 Sissiboo Falls Pulp

11/27 Shelburne Ry

12/11 DAR withdraws parlor  
car service for the  
winter

12/11 Springfield Ry

12/18 Weymouth & New France  
Ry road grades and rails  
laid from New France to  
Comau & new locomotives  
needed

- Digby - 1897 -

1/27<sup>1897</sup> M usquodobit Valley Ry

2/5 steel bridges on Coast Road  
being erected

2/5 DAR broke wheel

2/5 CPR derailment Kennoxville PO 1/3,

3/26/97 A working train is here this week  
carrying away gravel from the vicinity  
of the 2 DAR coal shed,  
the increase of traffic to and from  
Digby demanding more room

5/7 Central Ry to Halifax

5/7 Granville & Victoria Beach Ry

5/14 Parlour cars start

5/14 Coast Ry meeting

6/4 DAR engine damaged

6/4 DAR and Sheep

6/18 DAR in Carmichael

6/18 Fast Driving on DAR

7/2 Smash up CPR Woodstock NB

7/9 J.R. & C.R.

7/9 DAR apple car

7/9 DAR shearer - what's Hornum

7/9 Smash up Pictou

1897 - Dgby -

8/6 Coastline opens

Thurs last week

8/6 Change in DAR staff

8/20 DAR steamer Prince Gen

8/20 DAR station Kentville hit by lightning

5/27 Coast Ry

8/27 Greenwich & Victoria Beach Ry

9/3 DAR Prince Gen arrives

9/10/97 GTR wreck Strathroy Ont. 9/2

10/8 New France Railroad

10/8 Coast Ry

10/8 Work on DAR bridge at Windsor over Avon River 25 men at work

10/22 DAR and Windsor Jn

10/27 " " "

11/19 Midland Ry

12/3 Coast Ry construction

31 miles in operation Yarmouth to East Pubnico

12/3 Midland contract expires

12/17 DAR have order for new engines

12/17 \* DAR engines being named

12/17 Job by Stephenson new engine is here



- Diary - 1898

1/28/98 DAR's Latest

1/28 ICR wreck Truro 1/25

2/4 Change in DAR steamers

2/11 Chignecto, Murine Ry

2/11 Crows Nest Ry

2/18 South Shore Ry

3/4 DAR's Headquarters

3/11 " " "

3/18 DAR building for bus

3/18 Timiscouata, Wachenau Mills

3/25 Suburban train service

4/22 DAR model boat Prime Belu

7/1 Sissiboo Bridge Accident  
bark Alice Reed hit bridge

7/29 DAR wharf Yarmouth

8/26 GTR collision 5 miles east  
of Greenwood 8/23

9/23 The DAR have lately laid a new track branching off the CPR track and leading into the north side of the Kentville station platform. This will make things more convenient for all concerned as passengers and baggage can be transferred immediately from one train to another.

- Pigby -

1898

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9/23/98 CPR wreck Hartland NB

9/30 ICR wreck Pictou

10/14 Jumped from train

10/14 DAR steamers

10/14 ICR Moncton

11/4/98 Accident at Weymouth  
jumps from train

11/4/98 A heavy east bound freight  
Wednesday evening being drawn  
by one engine and helped by  
another from the rear became  
derailed about 60 yards to the  
west of Porters bridge near  
Clementsport. Several cars  
of iron left the track and

11/4/1898 DAR accident near Windsor  
On the DAR accommodation train  
at noon, Friday, from Halifax  
at Pigeon siding two miles east of  
Windsor Station, on the Windsor  
branch, a bolt in the bar connecting  
the points broke as the train was  
approaching. The last three cars  
viz a baggage car, passenger car  
and a freight car left the rails.

DIGBY 1898 1899

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12/2/1898 DAR Steamship Prince George drawing

12/9 CPR wrecks Montebello

12/9 St Poly coupe hit with CAR

12/23 DAR have new snow plow for Rhodes, Cherry, & Underst

12/30 DAR repairs bridge at Weymouth

12/30/98 A new station wanted - Digby

-1899-

1/6/99 CPR collision Mattanoke

1/20 CPR landslide Spenser Bridge BC

2/3 Midland purchases rails

2/3 Rogers Pass landslide 2/1

2/3 Rutland - Cdn Ry

2/10 The Midland has engaged two locomotives from the DAR for use on their constructed trains. The DAR will also furnish the crews.

2/17 Digby fire

DAR trains snowbound blocked  
straits

3/10 PAR new flyer

Digby 1899

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3/17 GTR Collision Granger Ind. 3/11

3/24 Yarmouth Street Ry accident

3/24 Plant is DARR

3/31 Daily Mill Sissiboo Run

4/7 Good man for DARR

4/7 DARR Bear River Agn

4/7 Almost a fatal accident

4/21 DARR annual meeting

4/28 Accident to the Ry

4/28 Capt Mc Gray leaves DARR

5/5 Victoria Beach

DARR now manager Mr Campbell

Fires along DARR

5/26 MEC

6/2 Victoria Beach Ry

7/14 DARR Book

8/18 DARR New station to be built  
at Digby

9/1/99 Midland Ry Accident (Monday)  
Shake a cable Bridge  
Casson - Gleason  
4 died

9/15/99 Accident on DARR

9/15 ICR locomotive "70"  
passed through here yesterday for  
Yarmouth where she had been  
hired by the Coast Railway

She was in charge of a Mr  
Ingles, accompanied by a Coast  
Railway man

9/15 Accident DARR Rupert

1899

Digby 1899

9/29/1899 DAR train with the  
63rd Rifles and Blower Comp.  
From Aldershot, went off the track  
at Mt. Uniacke on Saturday  
Morning, at the station, turning  
the engine over on a bank

9/29 Sissiboo Pulp

10/20 DAR lots of train at Digby (4)

10/27 DAR Magnate here

11/10 DAR Steamer changes

11/10 DAR wants another steamboat

12/1/99 DAR gets the Coast Ry

12/1 DAR steamer to wonder  
work for Flagler System

12/15 Special train

1899

✓ The train drawn by  
locomotive 14 Evangeline  
which has just come out of the  
DAR's shops at Kentville where  
she was repaired and painted

1/5/1900 CPR Ottawa fast train wrecked 12/29  
Fred Jacques Carter got

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2/16/1900 Tram wrecking  
New Glasgow

Digby 1900 23

3/9/1900 Washout on DAR  
High tides last week  
caused quite a washout  
on the DAR near Annapolis

3/23/1900 Old engine Aurora / Pioneer  
~~Pioneer~~ Pioneer

4/13 Snow storm

4/20 DAR officials visit Digby

4/20 DAR WA Day f. specials

4/27 DAR express rate

5/18 DAR Aurora freight steamer

6/12 Giffen new DAR GM

6/8 DAR Boats fed

6/15 DAR and Curworth SS.

6/22 W.P.

8/21 News DAR steamers

2/14 Accident Midland

Digby 1900

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9/21/1900 Digby Electric Co

10/5 DFR charges

10/5 Accident on DFR

10/12 Flying Bluewood withdrawn  
Perdour cars how  
attached to express how  
PAR entrance

CPR express struck Cyclor

12/14 Robt. Gurnes for the coast B.C.

12/21 DFR votes  
Suburban drive  
Digby - Bangor

1901 1/11/1901 DFR at Digby

2/15 DFR at Digby

3/22 DFR engine Western

3/22 W & D electrically

4/19 South Shore Co

4/19 A Legal Battle DFR and Yarmouth

5/10 CPR train in west of Brunswick Ave

6/7 Heavy train

6/28 Beregundy at DFR station Yarmouth

7/12 Digby Bangor

7/12 DFR ball of train

7/12 CPR collision Coniper 10 7/23

8/2 Royal train

8/9 DFR report of Digby



Digby 1901

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8/9/1901 Accident on the DNR  
8/16 DNR officials at Digby

8/30 DNR wreck engine Rego. and  
LKR 232

9/16 The South Shore Ry

9/13 DNR and Small Coy

11/15 A narrow Gauge on Passa Pumped

11/29 Big Storm

11/29 DNR conductor injured  
Walker Driscoll

- 1902 -

2/7 The enterprising DNR  
Special to

through land cleared

2/14 DNR turns project address

2/14 Victoria & Middleton Road

2/28 Rhodes. Army fire

2/28 M. V.B.

1902

~~2/28 DNR~~

3/17 Social. Am.

3/17 Y.P.

3/21 Another Reg.

4/11 S. Lumberland DNR yard

5/16 DNR boats

5/16 DNR stores

6/20 New DNR Digby station

6/27 DNR station Digby

7/18 Photo Bear River Frestle

Disby 1902

8/8/1902 MVB work gone on  
9/5 Fell from DAR

10/3 DAR News

10/31 CPT orders engines in  
Scotland

11/7 Sydney flyer wreck

~~11/22 by a locomotive~~

12/26 DAR notes  
- 1903 -

1/2/1903 12/29 Sydney ~~by~~ engine

1/2/1903 DAR fire station Rocky Lake

1/23/1903 Close call for DAR skaners  
burning sleds at 1000

2/20 Struck by a locomotive

3/27 DAR change  
1903

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Disby - 1903 - 27

4/3/1903 DAR annual meetg

4/17/1903 Railway Disaster  
Head on ~~at~~ collision  
Windsor Jet ICR  
Atlantic Express and Halifax  
Fast Freight

4/17. SL train Mira Cut 4/4

4/24 Y&D Train

4/24 ICR accident Stellart

5/1 Halifax near collision STK

5/8 Schooner Palma hits  
Weymouth Ry drawbridge

5/15 ICR Windsor Jet wreck inquiry  
Whistle Cord was wrong

7/10 DAR accident to locomotive

7/17. DAR Conductors and Drivers

7/24 Wreck ICR and Canada Coal  
Amherst

7/31 MVB Ry sold to MVM

9/4 DAR officials agree  
Sans Pareil Private Car

- Digby - 1903 -

9/11/1903 DAR is making improvements on the branch near the Meteghan Station

10/16 Work on MVB

11/27 FB OM

12/4 ICR wreck De Lottanceie 11/26

12/11 MVB work stopped

12/25 Mail Clerk Ill from  
DAR

- 1904

1/1/04 DAR station Soulmewood road

1/4/1904 Snow block

2/5/1904 Wreck on ICR  
express Milford shore

2/12/04 Delt leader collection  
Plattsburg N

2/19 Storm

2/19 KR cancells train  
2/26 Accident DAR at Plympton Station

2/26 Accident DAR Two cars leave  
rails 1 1/2 miles east of Westville  
Derailment Snow plow train