



LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE USED ON THE
C. P. R. MAIN LINE IN MANITOBA.

The First Manitoba Locomotive.

F. W. Jones, formerly Assistant to the Manager C.P.R. Western Lines at Winnipeg, and now Secretary of the Columbia River Lumber Co. at Golden, B.C., writes: "Referring to the article on early transportation in Manitoba, in your Feb. issue. For the information of those interested in the history of transportation in the Northwest, I am sending you the latest photograph of the first locomotive to arrive in Manitoba, the history of which was given in your article, up to the time it was rechristened the Countess of Dufferin. It was afterwards numbered 131 by the C.P.R. In the course of events it was turned into a coal burner; handled main line traffic on the C.P.R. for a number of years; was afterwards in service on the Manitoba branches; was then transferred to switching service at Cannora; was loaned to the municipality of Delsmarie for pumping service in connection with a reservoir at that point, and was finally sold by the C.P.R. to M. Carlin for use by the Golden Lumber Co., and came into the hands of the Columbia River Lumber Co. when it took over that business. In its latter days this locomotive, instead of going to the scrap heap when it became too light for C.P.R. service, is running regularly, where the climate and the water are good, on a railway which, if not as long as the C.P.R. is just as wide, where the work is easy, and where it runs through one of the prettiest villages in North America, in the valley between the main range of the Rockies and the Sel-