



CANADA'S TRAIN COLLECTORSSM

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SYDNEY & LOUISBURG RAILWAY

The Sydney and Louisburg Railway was a 39-mile common carrier linking the steel-making centre of Sydney with the port of Louisbourg on Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island by way of Glace Bay and Mira Bay, with branches to various coal mines. The S&L was completed in 1895 by the Dominion Coal company, which after 1928 was known as the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation (DOSCO).

On July 7, 1967, DOSCO was replaced by a new crown corporation called the Cape Breton Development Corporation (DEVCO), and the remnants of the S&L became known as the Devco Railway. By late 2000, coal hauling by rail on Cape Breton Island was little more than a memory, with only a single mine still operating and the Devco Railway hauling its output to a nearby power generation plant.

All told, the S&L owned a total of 1,525 steel, 50-ton and 60-ton hopper cars, all of which were built in Trenton, Nova Scotia by the Eastern Car Company, Limited between 1935 and 1951. S&L 4044 and 4763, as modelled by the LCAC, were built in April, 1952 and July, 1959 respectively; and are Weaver 50-ton, two bay cars authentically decorated in the "as delivered" lettering schemes. The cars come complete with diecast sprung trucks.

You may obtain a single road number (our choice), or the complete set of two cars, up to a maximum of two sets.

The 50-ton, two-bay hopper car was widely used in Canada by all the major railways into the 1960s, and many lasted in work train service, later than that. They will fit well with almost any era of model railway.

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