

## The Ferrophiliac Column

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While everyone is talking about VIA and passenger trains these days, who has been watching the station scene? A few comments on things I have seen and heard about. If you see some rail happenings in your area, regardless what, how about jotting them down and sending them to your **Newsletter** in Toronto. Your fellow ferrophiliacs (lovers of railways would like to hear about them.

CN St. Marys, Ontario – This station was sold in 1988 to the Town who have restored it. It has a couple of commercial ventures in it as well as used by VIA.

CN Niagara Falls, Ontario – VIA is currently carrying out some restoration on this building. During the recent TTS trip to this City, I noted that much of the wood trim around the doors and windows, etc. of this brick building has been scrapped, with considerable replacement work to the wood, especially in the shed portion at the west end of the building.

CN Stratford, Ontario – I got the word from a fellow ferrophiliac that the station and former division office building here, like Niagara Falls is getting at least a partial face lift with the restoration of woodwork around the buildings.

CN Napanee, Ontario – The Town has bought this station, with at least part of it to be used by a local craftsman.

CN Orillia, Ontario – This station is undergoing extensive restoration under the direction of the Town that purchased it from the Railway. I hear the roof has been replaced and that the brickwork is presently being restored.

CN Otterville, Ontario – The old Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway station built in this village in 1876 as a station and baggage room still stands. It is now used by the public works and is located in the eastern part of the town north on the main road leading in from Hwy. 59.

CN Port Dover, Ontario – The single storey frame station built here by the CN in either the late 50s or early 60s is located on the west side of the Lynn River in Port Dover. Like its older sister in Otterville it is used by the Town's Public Works Department.

This month has been rambling about stations, but lets hear the titbits from you and maybe we can get enough little news items to make this a regular column.