

# The Bell Story

Camp Jackson Dodds was established as a Wolf Cub Camp on Lac Cloutier, near Rawdon Que. around 1954. There was a bell installed on a rock pedestal in front of the Dining Hall and beside the Canteen. Cubs used to sit on the platform, try to ring it, look under it, ask where it came from, and so on. During the summer it would ring more than 10 times a day to announce Swim times or meals or instruction periods. It was also used for rotating games where it would ring at 10 minute intervals: "change" !Once a week in the summer it would be rung continuously for a fire drill; just before dessert, I remember!

In 2005 the camp was sold and a new one built at Tamaracouta Scout Reserve, near Mille Iles. A new pedestal was built and the Bell placed on it. Its use has been curtailed due to “bother” from the neighbours. Hopefully this will die down and the bell will return to its glory!

After years of curiosity, I tried to find the origins of the bell. It bore the stamp “C.P.R” and the number “6125”. Surely this was a locomotive bell! Ray Verdone runs a website on old CPR Locomotives and replied with the data he had on ours.

“Hello Terry,

This is very interesting. As a child I was a member of "les Louveteau" (Wolf Cubs) in the catholic system in Montreal. I went to camp 3 years in an area called St Adolphe d'Howard. I believe there were a few camps set up for this purpose there and they also had a locomotive bell. This was in the early 60's at a time CPR was very busy scrapping steam locomotives as they had all been put out of service in 1961. Brass bells were one thing they tried to salvage for whoever wanted to buy them. Heavy as heck but "priced to sell" at about \$75 each. I just wonder if the bell you see is the same one which got moved to the Mille Iles camp (not sure where that is).

Anyway, here is the info for your bell. I believe it is the same one though the loco it was on was apparently scrapped in 1932. Next time you see it check if you can also find the number 2125 as that was the loco's original number. Sometime they file them away but I have seen many bells with both numbers.

## History and details about every CPR Steam locomotive

### System Message

**Information for locomotive:  
CP 6125**

- This locomotive was built by Canadian Pacific Railway Company, New Shops\*, Montreal, Quebec, June 1904.
- Its builder's plate number was 1378.
- CP6125 was originally built as number CP2125.
- It entered CPR service as a brand new locomotive on that date (June 1904).
- CP2125 was changed sometime during 1905:
  - - The locomotive was reclassified from SU3 to U3a.
- CP2125 was changed November 1912:

- - CP2125 was renumbered to CP6125.
- The locomotive was scrapped August 1936 after 32 years and 2 months of service.
- Locomotive CP6125 was of class U3a.

## Six Wheeled Switcher Type.

### Class U3a

Some specifications for this locomotive	
Characteristics	Specifications
Wheel arrangement:	0-6-0
Wheel schematic:	:OOO
Driving Wheel Diameter:	52 inches
Cylinder Diameter x Stroke:	18x26 inches

I do not have a photo specifically of 6125 but here is a link to CP 6107 which is essentially identical to 6125. They were built within 2 months of each other.

<http://photoswest.org/cgi-bin/imager?00020418+OP-20418> \*\*

Oldhathi Notes:

\* The “New Shops” referred to are not the Angus Shops. The New Shops were located on De Lorimier Street below St. Catherine. Around 1904 they were replaced by the Angus Shops further uptown.

\*\* Try this URL instead:  
<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/index.php> and search on “6107”

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