

Annual Report – Ferrier Collection

We received the following letter on July 4th 2023, which outlined the plans for this summer.

- *We are inundated with visitors! What a nice change from the last few years :)*
- *Things are progressing! We have officially finished accessioning everything that is present both in-person and on the spreadsheet that came with the collection. Unfortunately, that has left us with 2 boxes of documents that are not on the spreadsheet and about 40 documents on the spreadsheet that don't exist. I had a student working on this but it's very much outside of her abilities so I will be taking the reins from this point forward. I may have mentioned this before, but there were also about 200 more documents than we expected overall, and we have run out of storage tubes. I'm waiting until we are fully done cataloguing to budget out how many more we will need.*
- *Not a very exciting update, but we are definitely in the home-stretch of this project. I'm going to have to assess how we do scanning next, I think it would be easiest to give the spreadsheet to the CPHA and 7th Division, identify which ones both parties would like copies of, and then have it done in town. Originally I had planned to ship them to Ontario for scanning, but in terms of sheer cost I don't think it will be worth it. We're looking at \$3500 each way, minimum, but in town we can get documents scanned for \$10 each.*

*Laura Van Zant
Curator, Revelstoke Railway Museum*

The 7th Division requested a progress report at the beginning of October but we haven't heard anything yet. As you can see, the Museum Curator has taken on the project herself and I suspect she has many other tasks. I am not at all concerned that she hasn't responded, and I am reluctant to bother her. The collection has been in limbo for roughly 20 years and work is finally being done.

When we eventually receive a report, we'll post something in the Bulletin Board. Meanwhile, we continue to be grateful that the Ferrier Collection has a safe home and is being catalogued and maintained by professional archivists.

Rest assured we will continue to be involved and monitor progress, along with our friends at the Canadian Pacific Historical Association (CPHA).

Respectfully submitted,

John Martin, Ferrier Collection Representative