

The transcontinental railroads, the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National, are Canadian emblems too.

It was difficult in the mid-nineteenth century for the citizens of Vancouver Island to feel a kinship for the citizens of Nova Scotia or for the prairie farmers to feel much in common with les habitants of Quebec. The Canadian Pacific or CP gave them a line of constant communication. More than rails and locomo-

tives, it was the essence of the Canadian dream, a unifying steel band across a broad, disparate land.

The Canadian National or CN was consolidated in 1919—followed in time by the Trans-Canada Highway, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, communications satellites and Saturday night hockey.