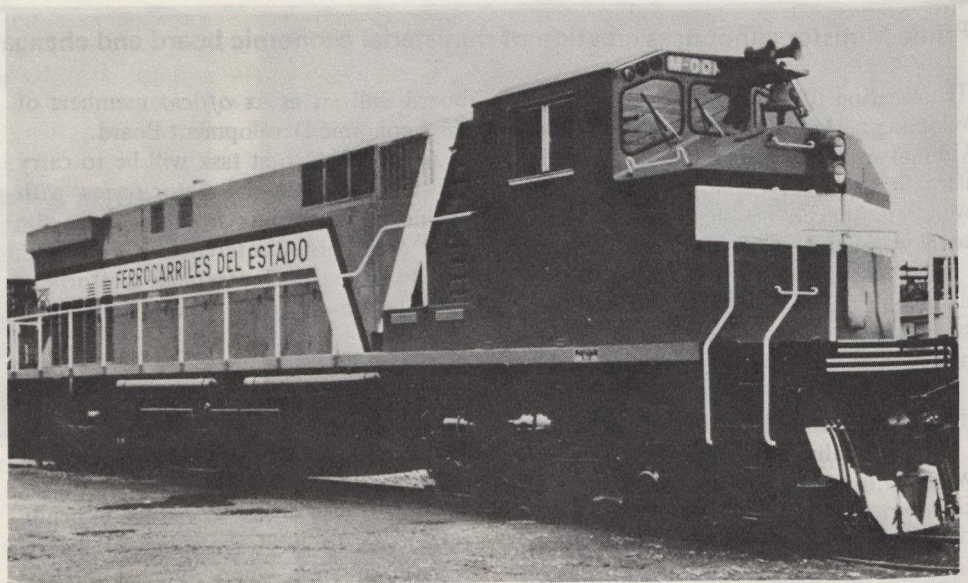


Interest in Latin American railways

Canada's membership in the Pan American Railway Congress Association (PARCA), announced in mid-October by Industry, Trade and Commerce Minister Jack Horner, will strengthen this country's involvement with railway projects in Latin America. PARCA, a railway technical organization with membership including the countries of South, Central and North America, promotes railroad developments through research, study and information exchanges.

A Canadian delegation attended the fourteenth PARCA meeting in Lima, Peru, November 6 to 15, headed by the Director General of the Transportation and Industries Branch, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Martin Brennan, and Canadian Ambassador to the Organization of American States, Arthur Blanchette. Representatives of other government agencies and from private industry were included in the delegation.

During the past few years, the Canadian Government and private industry have been involved in a variety of railway projects in PARCA member countries, including Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Peru, Cuba, Colombia and El Salvador. Canadian companies have exported quantities of rail, locomotives, freight cars, passenger cars, track maintenance machinery and various other railroad equipment, as well as technical expertise to these countries. In the past year, for example, export contracts worth a total of over \$100 million have been signed with Latin American countries.



(Top) Canadian MLW locomotive for use in Venezuela.

(Above) Hawker-Siddeley Canada passenger cars for Mexico.

(Left) Canadian Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS) (alternate leader of the Canadian delegation to the Pan American Railway Congress Association (PARCA) Arthur Blanchette (left), and Director-General, Transportation and Industries Branch, Industry, Trade and Commerce (leader of the Canadian delegation to PARCA) Martin Brennan at the association's meeting in Lima last month.