



Photo: Gaspésie Railway Society

## CN hasn't resumed passenger service in the Gaspé Peninsula!

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CARLETON: – On May 1, several individuals noticed the presence of a Budd car bearing Canadian National letters rolling between Caplan and Matapédia.

CN has owned and operated that specialized vehicle since 2008 and uses it for its own needs. In addition, sometimes other companies such as the Gaspésie Railway Society require its use.

This Budd car contains highly modern electronic inspection equipment that monitors the curvature, alignment and levels of a rail line. Moreover, onboard high speed cameras and optical recognition software can detect flaws in rail joints. Luc Lévesque, director general of the Gaspésie Railway Society, even received the car's report about the state of the Caplan-Matapédia portion of the line the same day. "It went very well. There are way fewer defaults than before despite traffic increase. Our big programs of tie replacement, ballast spreading and level work are starting to pay off," he stated.

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