

# News Crew-Filming Railroad Operations

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GOWANDA — A news crew from the Canadian Broadcasting Co. is filming commercial and passenger operations on the New York & Lake Erie Railroad this week.

Railroad President Robert O. Dingman said the segment on shortlines in the United States will be shown at a future time on "The Fifth Estate," which is televised in this area via a Toronto television station. The program is comparable to the "60 Minutes" program.

The focus will be on rail freight service in rural areas. Dingman ex-

plained that as of this month, a new Canadian law will ease the formation of new shortline railroads. Two transcontinental railroads are operating in Canada: the Canadian National Railway, operated by the government, and the Canadian Pacific, which is privately operated.

Filming today was to include a segment using a former Canadian National Railway dining car, which is owned by the Salamanca Rail Museum.

Local village of Gowanda officials, area news reporters and other invited guests were to be served lunch aboard

the train, catered by the Creekside Restaurant of Gowanda. Guests were to pose as rail diners for news crews.

A NY&LE rail crew will operate the train, traveling to Dayton and return.

This evening the film "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" will make its local debut in Gowanda. Dingman has invited local actors who participated in the filming of the movie last year to attend the showing.

Some of the movie was filmed in South Dayton and Gowanda and featured a NY&LE train along with the local actors.