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Emery: I went to Boston on the train. Probably cost me \$7 for a round trip ticket back then<*laughing*>.

Brian: Oh, those were the days < *both laughing*>

Emery: Ahh. Even better than that was before those days when people used to go on the excursions. Have you heard people talk about going on the Boston Excursions?

Brian: No, I don't think I have.

Emery: Oh, yeah. The Bangor and Aroostook Railroad used to have the excursion trains. A ticket to Boston and return \$7.

Brian: From Presque Isle?

Emery: From Presque Isle <*laughing*>

Brian: No kidding.

Emery: And can you imagine the crowds that used to get on those trains.

Brian: Is that right?

Emery: In fact, they always had people standing in, in the trains. There were so many people that took advantage of that.

Brian: Now did you, did you take advantage of it?

Emery: I didn't, no. Because I was just enough younger. Just starting out in life, you know.

Brian: Yuh

Emery: I had so many other things that I was trying to resolve. I never did, but the adults, so called. They used to go. And there were all kinds of reasons for going. The women, they used to shop, you know. You could go down and stay for two or three days and come back. Yup.

Brian: It's kind of like the Bangor trips now for shopping where people went down. Except it's a bit more of an excursion when you went to Boston. Where was the, uh, depot?

Emery: It's right down where, uh, where young Collins has the Riverview?

Brian: Yup. That's the little restaurant down there.

Emery: That's where the railroad station was. That was the B&A.

Brian: OK.

Emery: And the CPR was up where - on Howard street where that housing development is?

Brian: Yes, Yup