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Railway Mail Service

The story of the Rutland Railroad continues from the previous volume, relating the railway mail service from 1864 to 1977.

Written by Lyle K. Rice and illustrated with time tables; schedules of mail routes; a “space examination” sheet of postal laws and regulations required of employees; it presents a complete overview of the service at that time.

Beginning with the construction of its earliest cars, it describes the organization’s independent entity. It next lists the requirements of employment as a railway mail clerk; the maintenance of employment through a merit system; and a pay scale without sick leaves, vacations or overtime.

These basic topics are followed by a description of the “runs” between points called organizations, describing how assignments were organized. A description of how revenues collected by the mail service follows, and ends with the dangers of floods, wrecks and robberies, recollected from personal memories.

The memoir culminates with the decline of mail by rail.