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Shop NOTES

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Billerica, Mass. B&MRR

Built 1910-13.

Concord, N.H. CRR, C&MRR, B&MRR

E. Deerfield, Mass. B&MRR

Machine Shop built c1917. In 1917, the Ann Rpt has a full paragraph on East Deerfield. A new 15 stall Enghouse, 85 foot turntable and a MACHINE SHOP.

E. Fitchburg, Mass. B&MRR. Devoted exclusively to freight car repairs in 1922. (per itinerary for inspection trip, Dec. 1922)

Keene, N.H.

New spring manufacturing plant erected at Keene, N.H. in fye 30 Jun 1902 after destroyed by fire per B&MRRHS Archives Cat. No. 2010.14.7, R2452 BM 1899-1914.

Lakeport, N.H. BC&MRR, C&MRR?

Boston, Charlestown, Mass.

Prison Point, Island Shops B&MRR

Boston, Somerville, Mass.

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Lawrence, Mass. B&MRR

Car shops. Car construction.

Lyndonville, Vt. C&PRR, B&L (lessee), B&M

Annual Report C&PRR fye 5-31-1868. 300 acres set aside for Lyndonville shops. So far have expended $194,000 for round house, machine shops, four double houses, six cottages, and a 70,000 gallon reservoir with an aqueduct.

Annual Report fye 6-30-1880. Built 40 freight cars in their shops

Annual Report 6-30-1884. Built one new locomotive in their shops.

Mechanicville, N.Y.

Being rebuilt in fye 30 Jun 1902 after destroyed by fire per B&MRRHS Archives Cat. No. 2010.14.7, R2452 BM 1899-1914.

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St. Johnsbury, Vt. C&PRR

3-21-1866. Fire destroys “machine and car shops at St. Johnsbury…together with the engine house and two locomotives in for repairs.

Salem, Mass. ERR, B&MRR

Springfield, Mass.

B&MRR Empee Mag., Apr. 1928. Vol. 5 No. 1 p. 5 a short article, "The Springfield Shop" by George Wood, told of improvements at the new locomotive shop, replaced one built by the Conn. River RR prior to 1864. There was also a car shop.

New loco shop opened “recently.” Erecting floor 180 x 50 for class 5 and unclassified repairs. Machine shop 120 x 27. Two tracks run the length of the shop. The westerly track connects with the car shop track.

In 1905, Tuttle laments the lack of modern shops. Nothing seems to have been done until 1909, when new facilities were constructed in Somerville (panic of 1907 may have slowed this down).

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