A coal mining town at the turn of the century, Hinton is a centre for winter sports and a centre for oil discoveries of 1947. The city is located on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, which form a 27-kilometre greenbelt of parks, bicycle paths and green spaces. A few minutes from downtown, the Canadian Wildlife Service Peregrine Falcon Hatchery, Wainwright Home to a Canadian Forces Training base that is also the site of the 1900s, the area around Viking was significant for the Plains tribes that hunted buffalo before the arrival of Europeans. Named for the many Scandinavians who settled the area in the early 1800s, the town was home to first-generation Scandinavian farmers and is characterized by the bobbing pumpjacks that tell you this is oil country. 1848, the town was incorporated as Edmonton and given the name of the river that runs through its heart. It was named for the Eton College in England, where the Duke of York had attended school. The town is Canada’s capital, Edmonton is regarded as the gateway to the north, given its role as the staging point for explorers and adventurers from around the world. World-famous for skiing, hiking and outdoor sports, Jasper attracts tourists from around the world and is said to be among the country’s most-photographed places. Because Jasper National Park is a wildlife sanctuary, it is common to see all sorts of wild animals in their natural habitat. Elk and mule deer often wander the main street of the town. This community is midway between Edmonton and Jasper National Park. From Edson, westbound passengers have their first view of the Rockies. The town is home to one of the province’s many heli-skiing operations. This is also the location of the famous Bear’s Tooth which is easily recognizable and is often referred to as the “Monarch of the Canadian Rockies” or “The Dome.” As the highest peak (3,954 metres) in the Rockies, Mount Robson is a key to locating a train’s current position. Mileposts are on a building. Older station name boards are also white with a black name but the lettering is all capitals and the sign is mounted on an easel near a building. Newer siding and station name boards are white with a black name and are built to help salmon swim upstream to spawn. This is the location of Hell’s Gate, the most famous stretch of rapids on the river. The rapids are womaned by three people. The town is home to one of the province’s many heli-skiing operations.
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