

SA559078

Longines Express Monarch Canadian railroad pocket watch, 1901

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA559078****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

Longines Express Monarch Canadian railroad pocket watch, 1901. The watch has a high grade stem-winding movement, 21 jewels, five adjustments, which is working nicely. The movement is fully signed and the serial number 1,818,621 dates it back to 1901. The movement is also signed with the name of the original retailer and jeweller, J Guy Barber of Revelstoke, British Columbia. In 1907, Guy Barber was also listed as an inspector of Canadian Pacific Railway watches. The great North American railroad watch became an institution after a fatal crash in 1891, which was caused in part by the stopping and then restarting of the engineer's watch, which caused it to be four minutes slow. In the early days of railroading, when trains ran by strict time and timetable rules, that four minutes proved to be fatal. As a result, in 1893, the General Railroad Timepiece Standards were adopted, which mandated high grade specifications including a minimum of 17 jewels in the movement, five adjustments and micro-metric regulation. While the US railroad watches had American movements, the Canadian railroad watches often had Swiss movements, most notably Brandt (Omega), Longines and Zeni...

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