

SA846758

Antique Waltham Canadian railroad pocket watch, 1918

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA846758****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique Waltham Canadian railroad pocket watch, 1918. The watch has a high grade stem-winding movement, grade 645, which is working nicely. The movement has beautifully patterned plates and it is fully signed and has the serial number 22,200,146 which dates it back to 1918. The 645 was a high grade 21 jewel movement (adjusted in five positions) which met all the required specifications for a railroad watch. It has screw-set jewels, Ohlson 1908 patent regulator and a Breguet hairspring for enhanced precision. 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. The railroad staff had to purchase the watches themselves with three monthly instalments being deducted from the...

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