



Milltown Border Station

Calais, Maine

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The Calais Milltown Land Port of Entry (LPOE) border station was built during a period in which increased automobile travel led to improved customs and immigration facilities at United States land port of entries. The Milltown station stood at the east end of the Milltown Bridge, connecting the Milltown section of Calais, Maine, to the Milltown section of St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

The standard plan border inspection stations erected by the federal government from the late 1920s to the early 1940s represented the first attempt by the Treasury Department to address the issue of border control at land ports of entry in a comprehensive manner by standardizing locations,

facility types, and inspection procedures. Second, the primary impetus for the improvement of selected land ports of entry was the increase of automobile traffic at border crossings, which was partly a result of improvements to highways during the 1920s and 1930s.

Only a small number of standardized plans were used for these stations. The small border crossing station at Calais Milltown was in a relatively simple version of a Georgian Colonial Revival style of building and was one of only two stations built of this type, the other being constructed just downstream in Calais at the Union Bridge.

