
Carp, Almonte and Lanark Railway

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Carp, Almonte and Lanark. Interest has been revived on this proposed line which is projected to run from Carp on the OA&PS through Lanark County to connect with the CPR at Almonte. It is claimed by the promoters that aside from opening up one of the finest sections of new country in Ontario, it would also furnish the shortest and quickest route between Toronto and Ottawa. Among the promoters are A. Bell, C.E., Dr. Raines & W. Stafford of Almonte. President Booth, of the OA&PS has, it is said, declined to take stock, preferring to confine himself to his present lines. It is said the present lines have been surveyed.

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Carp, Almonte & Lanark. A statement which has been extensively published to the effect that work is to begin soon on this road is at least premature. The charter granted by the Ontario Legislature has lapsed without any work being done and Andrew Bell C.E. of Almonte, who is interested in the scheme, informs us that it has not yet been decided whether application to revive the charter will be made next session, though it is probable it will be if arrangements for building the line are made by that time. The lapsed charter was for a line from the OA&PS at Carp, 20 miles west of Ottawa, through Almonte and Lanark to Bridgewater, Hastings County, where connection was to be made with the since disused Madoc branch of the GTR. Mr. Bell says this would make the shortest possible line, with least works required, from Ottawa to Toronto, and adds that the country through which the line would pass is generally easy for railway building, especially as it was intended to utilize some 40 miles of the grading done by the intended Toronto and Ottawa Railway.