

Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1904

- 01-Jan-1904 Page 3 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui
Application has been made for an extension of the switch on Princess st. to Clergy st. and the matter has been referred to the Kingston city solicitor.
- 01-Jan-1904 Page 7 Other
Point Ann Ry. This line is 3½ miles in length from the GTR at Belleville to Point Ann where the Belleville Portland Cement Co.'s works will be situated. The line is being laid with 56 lbs. rails. it was expected to be completed by Dec 31, 1903. Will be used solely for the business of he Belleville Portland Cement co. the outgoing freight consisting of cement and the incoming of supplies for the mill.
- 01-Jan-1904 Page 13 New York Central
The sale of the line was further postponed to Dec 29 with the consent of the court.
- 01-Jan-1904 Page 23 Maniwaki
A press report states that it is intended to extend the old O&GV Ry. from Maniwaki, to which point it was extended in 1903, for a further distance of 100 miles, to effect a junction with the line which the Dominion government proposes to construct between Winnipeg and Moncton in connection with the GT Pacific Ry.
- 01-Feb-1904 Page 43 New York Central
The sale of this line, under order of the court, has again been postponed, this time for six months.
- 01-Feb-1904 Page 43 Belleville
The 216 box cars and 325 flat cars under construction at the CPR Perth shops are 30 tons capacity and are equipped with Simplex body and track bolsters, Susemihl frictionless roller side bearings and Simplex brake beams. Delivery has been made of a number of these cars.
- 01-Feb-1904 Page 49 Waltham
R. Bamforth, CPR Bridge and Building foreman, Carleton Place, dropped dead on a handcar near Aylmer, while returning there after inspecting some bridges on the Waltham section of the line.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 73 Renfrew
Nothing is being done in the way of making surveys for the proposed extension from near Whitney to Sault Ste. Marie.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 73 Ottawa Terminal
Plans are stated to be in course of preparation for the proposed central station at Ottawa, and it is expected that matters will be so far forward that work will be started in the spring. Two sets of plans are being considered, one of which will call for the expenditure of \$75,000 more than the other.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 75 Du Lievre and Ottawa
Du Lievre & Ottawa Ry. Application will be made in the next session of the Dominion parliament for an act incorporating a company with this title to construct a line from Ottawa, via Hull to Buckingham, Que., along the Du Lievre River valley to James Bay with a branch from Buckingham to the Ottawa River between Thurso and Templeton. Power is asked to use electricity or other motive power.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 78 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui
The Kingston city council has declined to grant permission for the extension of the switch on Princess Street and the company has withdrawn its services from all lines. The Company says that all it is required to do by the terms of the franchise is to run a car over the line every six months. The city authorities have applied to the Ontario legislature for an act providing that the company shall forfeit \$100 per day for each legal day that the cars are not operated, and also for power to purchase the line as a going concern at a valuation after giving six months' notice of such intention.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 79 North Lanark
The route which it is proposed to follow will start at High Falls above Calabogie via White Lake to Arnprior thence to Galetta and Fitzroy harbour, and then on to Ottawa. It is intended to have a survey made at an early date.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 79 New York Central
We are informed that while the matter of changing the line so that it may be operated by electricity is under consideration, the matter has not been sufficiently far advanced to permit any definite announcement being made. The management is looking into the question of the cost of making the change. The press reports referring to the matter stated that in changing the motive power the line would not lose its identity as a steam road - the cars and equipment will be the same, but the motive power will be electricity instead of steam. It is proposed to generate power at Ottawa and Cornwall and for the United States section of the line at Massena Springs.
- 01-Mar-1904 Page 80 Ottawa Valley
Ottawa Valley Ry. was constructed in 1892-93 and extends from Lachute to St. Andrews, Argenteuil county about 10 miles. It was operated for some years in harmony with the CPR but when that company acquired the M&O from Vaudreuil to Point Fortune opposite St. Andrews thus controlling the traffic on both sides of the Ottawa River, a dispute arose as to the terms for the exchange of traffic at Lachute and finding that it was impossible to work the line without loss it was closed and has not been operated since. It is proposed to utilize the line in connection with the proposed electric line which the Ottawa River co. has projected to connect Montreal and Grenville

01-Mar-1904 Page 89 Ottawa Electric
The storage battery was completed on Feb 3 since which it has been in continual operation, giving most satisfactory results. During the summer new 72 lb. rails were laid on Bank Street from Gladstone Avenue to Exhibition grounds, on Rideau Street from Nicholas to Waller and on the south side of Rideau Street from Waller St. to Charlotte St. Arrangements were made to extend the Bell Street line but the work was postponed until 1904 to give the city and the CAR time to strengthen the bridge over the railway tracks.

01-Apr-1904 Page 113 Maniwaki
The extension of the ON&W from Gracefield to Maniwaki was put in operation Feb 8 and trains are running daily from Ottawa to Maniwaki.

01-Apr-1904 Page 133 Belleville
The CPR's 4 vans which are being built at its Perth shops are 33 ft. long by 9 ft. wide and will be equipped with the Westinghouse brake. They will have four upper hinged berths for trainmen's sleeping accommodation.
The CPR's 176 flat cars which are being built at its Perth shops.

01-May-1904 Page 146 Westport
The BW&NW commenced running a second daily train each way on April 1, thus doubling the service.

01-May-1904 Page 149 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataract
An act was passed at a recent session of the Ontario legislature on the application of the Kingston city council amending its agreement with the Kingston Street Ry., now part of the KP&C by providing for the payment of a fine of \$100 per day for every day during which the Company neglects to run its cars; and for the forfeiture of the charter if the Company makes default of five successive days. In the event of an order of forfeiture being obtained the city may take over the Company's line at a valuation as provided for at the expiration of the franchise. A clause in the agreement giving the Company power to close the line in winter and to substitute a service by sleighs was struck out, and the consequent provision of a continuous service winter and summer was

01-May-1904 Page 159 Belleville
Between Feb 17 and Mar 9 CPR added to its equipment 10 box cars (completing an order for 500) and 165 flat cars from its Perth shops
The CPR's 216 box cars which are being built at Perth.

01-May-1904 Page 165 Other
H.J. Beemer, who was engaged in railway contracting work for many years in Canada, is leaving in May for Arizona where he will engage in gold mining.

01-Jun-1904 Page 189 New York Central
H.M. Gays, General Manager, recently stated in an interview that it was proposed to remove the machinery from the shops at Santa Clara, NY to Ottawa and to employ 50 men in repairing and building rolling stock.
The engineers who have been going over the line with a view to reporting on the cost of changing the motive power from steam to electricity have nearly completed their work and their report is expected to be laid before the directors at an early date.

01-Jun-1904 Page 195 Kingston (CN)
A new bridge has been built over the Rideau River at Kingston Mills to replace a lighter one erected when the line was double tracked about 1890. The Dominion bridge Co. had the contract.

01-Jun-1904 Page 207 Prescott
W. Powell, CPR yardmaster at Prescott was killed there May 4 by being run over by an engine.

01-Jun-1904 Page 207 New York Central
S.B. Beamish has been appointed Acting Superintendent at Ottawa vice M.G. de Shaw, Superintendent who has been granted an extended leave of absence on account of ill health.

01-Jul-1904 Page 227 Other
F.H. Hopkins who have opened offices in the Imperial Bank Building, James Street, Montreal have acquired the goodwill of the late James Cooper's business.

01-Jul-1904 Page 228 Belleville
The CPR received between May 16 and June 13 183 box cars from its Perth shops.
The order placed at the Perth shops for 50 ore cars has been cancelled.

01-Jul-1904 Page 231 Ottawa Terminal
Plans for the construction of a central station at Ottawa have been rejected by the Minister of Railways on the ground that inadequate provision was made for through traffic. A suggestion has been made by the Minister that the CAR officials should consult with the CPR and the Ottawa city officials and come to an agreement as to what is required.

01-Jul-1904 Page 240 Other
G.A. Mountain, who has been appointed Engineer to the Board of Railway Commissioners, was born at Quebec City in 1860, and after a term in the office of the City Engineer there, was engaged in survey work on the Newfoundland Ry. and the Q&LS&J Ry.; in 1881 he was appointed Assistant Engineer, CAR, becoming Chief Engineer in 1887, which position he occupied until his present appointment.

01-Aug-1904 Page 261 Canada Atlantic
J.R. Booth denies that a contract has been signed with Mackenzie and Mann in the interests of the Canadian Northern Ry. The price, which press reports stated had been offered, was \$13,000,000. It also denied that the D&H is negotiating for the purchase of the line and on July 6 the Minister of Railways stated the government was not negotiating with the company with the view of buying the line. The object of the purchase was stated in press reports as either to use the CAR as an extension of the ICR to Georgian bay or to lease it to Mackenzie & Mann as part of the CNOR.
There has been deposited with the Secretary of State, a mortgage of the line etc., as security for an issue of \$14,000,000 of 4% 1st mortgage bonds.

01-Aug-1904 Page 269 Westport
The BW&NW has added to its equipment a new locomotive built by the Locomotive and Machine Co. of Montreal.

01-Aug-1904 Page 281 Westport
W.J. Curle, heretofore freight agent CPR at Brockville, has been appointed Superintendent succeeding E.A. Geiger resigned. E.A. Geiger, who recently resigned his position as Superintendent, is spending a holiday at Wolfe Island.

01-Sep-1904 Page 307 Canada Atlantic
Current press reports state that an arrangement has been completed for the transfer to the GTR of the CAR.

01-Sep-1904 Page 323 Westport
W.J. Curle, who has been appointed Superintendent, entered railway service with the GTR at Brockville about 22 years ago, but for the past 20 years has been with the CPR, being successively car checker, telegraph operator, night agent, and outside agent, general yardmaster at Carleton Place and latterly freight agent at Brockville.

01-Sep-1904 Page 329 Belleville
The CPR added to its equipment between June 14 and Aug 12 40 box cars from its Perth shops.

01-Oct-1904 Page 329 Belleville
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01-Oct-1904 Page 359 Canada Atlantic
At the GTR semi annual meeting a resolution will be submitted for the approval of the proprietors authorizing the directors to enter into an agreement for acquiring control of the CAR.

01-Oct-1904 Page 361 Montreal and Ottawa
Mrs. Merkley, wife of he CPR station agent at Navan was killed in a collision at St. Louis, Sept 3, between a passenger train and a street car.

01-Nov-1904 Page 385 Canada Atlantic
Grand Trunk acquisition, GTR semi annual meeting. See photocopy.

01-Nov-1904 Page 391 Canada Atlantic
It is unofficially stated that nothing will be done in the way of transferring the CAR to the GTR until after the necessary legislation has been secured from the Dominion Parliament. There are a number of reports being circulated as to the future of the line. One is that the general offices in Ottawa will be closed and the staff moved to Montreal, and another is that the line will be operated in connection with the Central Vermont Rt.

01-Nov-1904 Page 395 Westport
E.A. Geiger, formerly Superintendent, BW&NW, has removed to New York. Mrs. Geiger and family will remain at Brockville for the present.

01-Nov-1904 Page 405 Westport
The office building at Brockville has been rearranged, the upper floor of the station building having been fitted up as offices for the Manager, the Superintendent and a board room.

01-Dec-1904 Page 421 Bessemer and Barrys Bay
The line has been surveyed from L'Amable to an iron mine, in which H.C. Farnum, president, B&Bry. is interested. Construction is likely to start this year.

01-Dec-1904 Page 429 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui
The Kingston City Council has been recommended by the fire and light committee to increase by 25% the charge for power for operating this railway. The present charge is \$6,000 a year, which the committee states, is less than the actual cost of supplying the power. The city has recently taken over the company supplying power and lighting to the city.

01-Dec-1904 Page 429 Ottawa Electric
The double tracking of the line on Broad Street from Wellington Street to the station, will be gone on with as soon as the necessary consents have been obtained.

01-Dec-1904 Page 441 New York Central
The office of Assistant General Freight Agent, heretofore held by G.A. Brown, who has been appointed to a position with the Board of Railway Commissioners, has been abolished. The duties heretofore discharges by G.A. Brown have been assumed by G.H. Phillips, General Freight Agent.

01-Dec-1904 Page 443 Ottawa Electric
A deputation from the Ottawa City Council waited on the President of the Street Railway Co. Nov. 11 to ascertain upon what terms the company would sell its undertaking. A few days later the secretary of the company wrote to say that if an offer of \$250 per share for the capital stock was made by the city, subject to ratification by by-law and legislation, the directors would recommend the shareholders to accept the same; payment to be made in 4% bonds of the city. The capital of the company is \$1,000,000 in 10,000 shares of \$100 each and the stock is quoted at about \$200 a share on the markets. There is a bonded debt of \$500,000 which the council would have to assume, thus making the purchase price \$3,000,000. The report for the last financial year shows net earnings of \$128,000 out of which was paid \$9,000 to the city for mileage, \$5,000 for taxes and \$20,000 for interest on bonds, leaving a net profit of \$94,000 out of which a dividend of 8% was paid, leaving a balance of \$14,000 carried forward to contingent fund.

01-Dec-1904 Page 443 Westport
Local papers state that the receipts for October exceeded by over \$1,000 the receipts for any month since the line was opened.