

Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1905

01-Jan-1905 Page 9 Ottawa Terminal

The mayor of Ottawa recently had an interview with C.M. Hays 2nd Vice President and General Manager of the GTR respecting the building of the central station in Ottawa. Mr. Hays stated that as soon as the CAR was taken over by the GTR he would discuss the whole situation about the station and no doubt that a satisfactory arrangement would be reached.

01-Jan-1905 Page 9 Bessemer and Barrys Bay

The line will extend from L'Amable on the COR to Barry's Bay, 30 miles. The route will be through the Mineral Range Iron Co's mine and lands. McArthurs Mill, Fort Stewart, Craigmont and Combermere to Barry's Bay, through the townships of Mayo, Carlow, Raglan, Radcliffe and Sherwood, in Hastings and Renfrew Counties. The line will be built for general traffic, as well as for the development of the mineral lands through which it will pass. A certain amount of work has been done, and we are advised that construction work will be taken up again in the spring and pushed to completion. The B&BB Ry. is promoted by the Mineral Range Iron Mining Co. which has its head offices in Windsor. Chief officers are E.W. Voight, Treasurer and General Manager, H.C. Farnum, Secretary, H.L. Bingham, who are located in Detroit, MI.

01-Jan-1905 Page 13 New York Central

The transfer of the shops from Santa Clara to Ottawa is in progress. The tools are being installed and a shop storage house has been erected.

01-Jan-1905 Page 19 Kingston (CN)

J. Allan, foreman car inspector GTR Brockville was recently presented with an address and a purse of money by the employees of the department on his leaving for Quebec.

01-Jan-1905 Page 19 Dominion Construction

G.S. Deeks, railway and general contractor, St. Paul Minn, who has completed the construction of the Winnipeg subway for the CPR, was recently married at Toronto Jct. to Miss. H. Campbell, daughter of A. Campbell, M.P.

01-Jan-1905 Page 25 Waltham

ON&W. Application will be made in the next session of the Dominion Parliament for an act extending the period within which this company may commence and complete the construction of its projected line from Shawville across the Ottawa River to Pembroke; from Waltham to Sault Ste. Marie and from Waltham northwesterly. These are lines projected under the charter of the PPJ which was amalgamated with the ON&W prior to the transfer to the

01-Jan-1905 Page 27 L'Original

The James Bay Ry has given notice that it will apply next session of the Dominion Parliament--for an act changing its name -- and to construct the following additional lines -- easterly to Montreal through or near Ottawa and Hawkesbury with branches to Ottawa and Hawkesbury

01-Feb-1905 Page 49 Kingston and Dominion Central

Kingston and Dominion Central. Application will be made during the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act authorizing the company to construct a line from its projected line between Brockville and Westport to Montreal and from Newboro or Westport to Ottawa. Power is also asked to change the name to Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Georgian Bay Ry. Co.

01-Feb-1905 Page 61 New York Central

The officers and directors of the O&NY and the NY&O appointed on the reorganization of the companies on the transfer to the New York Central and Hudson River Ry, interests are: President, W.H. Newman; First Vice President, E.V.W. Rossiter; Second Vice-President, W.C. Brown; Third Vice President, J. Carstensen; Fourth Vice President, W.J. Wilgus; Treasurer, E.L. Rossiter. H.W. Gays, who was President and receiver under the old organization, has been appointed General Manager.

01-Feb-1905 Page 76 Ottawa Electric

The by-law submitted to the tax payers at the municipal elections Jan. 1 to authorize the purchase of the company's line was defeated, the voting being 819 votes for and 3,557 votes against. A project is under discussion for the purpose of amalgamating the electric companies in Ottawa and Hull. The combined capital of the several companies would be about \$10,000,000. The companies to be amalgamated would include the OER and the HER, the latter of which is owned by the CPR.

01-Mar-1905 Page 89 Westport

Application is being made at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an extension of time for the construction of the proposed extension northerly from Westport of its railway.

01-Mar-1905 Page 94 New York Central

Press reports state that it is intended by the NYC&HR, which has recently acquired this line and its continuation in New York to Tupper's Lake, to effect considerable improvements in the line so as to make it available for the running of heavy engines and trains, such as are used on the NYC&HR.

01-Mar-1905 Page 95 Salmon River and Northern

Application will be made at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act incorporating a company with this title to construct a railway from Hawkesbury to Monte Bello, thence via the Salmon River and other valleys to the crossing of the La Lievre river by the projected National Transcontinental Ry. Hibbard & Orr, Montreal, are the solicitors for the applicants.

01-Mar-1905 Page 109 Ottawa Electric

Report for the year ended 31 December 1904.-- The work of replacing the old 40 and 42 lb. rails with new 80 lb. rails was continued throughout the past summer. Elgin and Archibald streets were double-tracked from Sparks Street to the swing bridge and Dalhousie and St. Patrick streets from Rideau to King Street. The expenditure for those betterments amounted to \$54,9226.54. A motor generator set of a capacity of 1,300 h.p. installed in a new power house built on a lot owned by the company on Middle Street is giving satisfactory results. This equipment furnishes an additional power house capable of operating the road and can be supplied with motive power from outside sources. Last winter the company experienced the worst snow storms since the opening of the road, the snow clearing amounting to \$20,186 for the year, an increase over 1903 of \$5,701. The company's park at Britannia-on-the-Bay has been added to by the purchase of 42 acres from the estate of the late Judge Mosgrove. Owing to the large increase of summer travel 12 new open cars have been ordered. These will be ready and fully equipped for the opening of next season's business. The company's tracks and equipment are now in better shape than at any time since the beginning of the company's operations. The directors sincerely regret the death of one of their number, A. Lumsden, whose counsels were of great value to the company.

01-Mar-1905 Page 111 Ottawa River

Ottawa River Ry. Press reports state that a contract has been let to M.P. McGrath, of Easton, PA. for construction of the line between Montreal and Ottawa. The company has power to construct lines to Georgian Bay, and it is proposed to use steam for the through traffic and electricity for city and suburban

01-Mar-1905 Page 127 Other

The Standard Construction Co. has been incorporated with offices in Ottawa and a capital of \$1,000,000, the incorporators being E.J. Chamberlain, railway manager; J.W. Smith, railway official; C.J.R. Bethune, barrister at law; G.E. Fauquier, contractor; H. Christin, bookkeeper, Ottawa. The corporate name was changed to Pacific Construction Co. by letters patent issued April 28, 1905.

01-Apr-1905 Page 145 Salmon River and Northern

Application will be made next session of the Quebec Legislature for an act incorporating a company with this title to construct a railway from the Ottawa River to a junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. near the La Lievre River.

01-Apr-1905 Page 151 Waltham

The ON&W application for an extension of five years for the construction of the projected lines from Shawville towards Pembroke and other points on the upper Ottawa River has been approved by the Railway Committee of the House of Commons.

01-Apr-1905 Page 153 Canadian Pacific

F. O'Hara, heretofore Bridge and Building foreman at Sherbrooke has been appointed Bridge and Building Master at Ottawa, succeeding E. Best.

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H.J. Beemer, contractor, formerly of Montreal and Ottawa, is now mining in Arizona and is building a railway from Congress Junction to the mine.

01-Apr-1905 Page 165 Kingston, Portsmouth and Catarauqui

The KC&P has been closed down, the bond holders having taken possession and being unable to obtain power from the Kingston city council at a rate which the council says is less than cost. The indebtedness is said to be about \$150,000 and it is stated that the bondholders have not received and interest for some years.

01-May-1905 Page 181 Bessemer and Barrys Bay

It is hoped to obtain a subsidy in aid of the construction of this projected line from L'Amable during the current session of the Dominion Parliament and we are advised that as soon as this is arranged for construction will be started and pushed to completion.

01-May-1905 Page 181 Westport

C. Harris of Kingston has completed a preliminary survey of this line from the present terminus at Westport to the French River and a location party is reported to be in the field. It is expected that some construction will be done during the current season. A Dominion Government commissioner has been investigating certain claims against the old company, which, it was agreed by the new owners, were to be discharged out of a portion of the unearned subsidy which was to be paid on the company bringing the line up to the Government standard.

01-May-1905 Page 193 Ottawa Valley

Col. E. McMullen, who originally came to Montreal in connection with the promotion of the Montreal Bridge Co. but who has latterly been connected with the promotion of the Ottawa Valley Ry. died in the Royal Victoria Hospital there, April 2, aged 78.

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G.A. Mountain, whose portrait appears on the first page of this issue was born in Quebec City, 1860, and began his professional career in the employ of Kinipple and Morris of London, Eng., engineers for the Louise Embankment and graving docks, Quebec, remaining with them during their work on the Island Railway of Newfoundland and the Quebec and lake St. John Ry. he joined the engineering staff of the Canada Atlantic Ry. in 1881 and was Assistant Engineer until 1887, when he was appointed Chief Engineer, which position he held up to July 1904 when he was appointed Chief Engineer to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada. As Chief Engineer for the CAR, he had been in charge of the construction of the line between Ottawa and Parry Sound and of the Coteau Bridge across the St. Lawrence River. He became a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in 1887, has been a member of its council for several years and is a past vice-president.

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W.H. Davis, a member of the firm W.H. Davis & Sons, contractors for railway and canal works, died at Montreal, March 23, aged 54.

01-May-1905 Page 205 Kingston (CN)

Surveys have been made with a view of bringing about the reduction of the grade between Kingston and Kingston Mills. In connection with this proposed work, a suggestion has been made that the city should offer a site for a station on condition that the main line should be taken into the city.

01-May-1905 Page 207 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui
The Kingston City Council engaged a special accountant to examine the company's books with a view of considering the question of the city taking over the line. The report presented April 4, showed that in addition to the present outstanding bond issue of \$200,000 there were outstanding liabilities of \$80,000. No interest has been paid on the bonds. The total capital invested was stated to be \$215,000. The council decided not to grant any concessions to the company pending arrangement of its various entanglements. It is expected that the bond holders will arrange to have the line sold, as the council, at its last meeting, declined to purchase the line.

01-Jun-1905 Page 241 Westport
Press reports state that the survey party had reached Clyde Falls, 300 miles north west of Westport, that the construction gang had reached Bolingbroke and that tracklaying would soon be commenced. A later report states that the survey party had given up work on account of wages not having been paid.

01-Jun-1905 Page 241 Bessemer and Barrys Bay
A general meeting of shareholders was held at Bessemer May 12 when an issue of bonds not to exceed \$20,000 per mile or \$100,000 in all covering the construction of five miles of the projected line from L'Amable northerly was approved and the issue of a mortgage to secure the same authorized.

01-Jun-1905 Page 247 New York Central
W.T. Buckley, a conductor on the O&NY, Ottawa, is reported to have inherited \$65,000 under the will of an uncle who died in Buffalo recently.

01-Jun-1905 Page 247 Cornwall Street
S.W. Bradley, Superintendent Cornwall Electric Street Railway, was presented with a gold-headed cane by the employees, May 3, on the occasion of his removal from Cornwall to Buffalo.

01-Jun-1905 Page 247 Alexandria
D. McNicholl, Vice-President CPR was in his private car Matapedia when a shunting engine backed violently against it at the central Station, Ottawa, May 8. Mr. McNicholl was thrown from his berth but was uninjured.

01-Jun-1905 Page 253 Dominion Construction
A contract has been let to Deeks & Co. for the grading of 128 miles (CPR) from Parry Sound southerly to Bolton on the Toronto - Owen Sound line

01-Jun-1905 Page 259 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui
The line has been advertised for sale by the bondholders, by tender. The line comprises nine miles of track, and has recreation park facilities. The car barn, 23 cars, two sweepers and a motor are also included in the sale.

01-Jul-1905 Page 281 Bessemer and Barrys Bay
The Ontario Government decided not to ask the legislature to vote any subsidies for railway construction at the recent session. We were informed May 25 that the management had been informed that it would be aided by way of loan, to put the line through. To what extent, or in just what way this help will be given, has not been announced. The mortgage and bonds approved of at the meeting of shareholders May 23 are in process of execution.

01-Jul-1905 Page 281 Renfrew
The question of the construction of the subway at Bank Street at the joint cost of the CAR and the OER is before the Railway Commissioners. The application is being made by the Ottawa City Council. The Commissioners have heard the evidence and the arguments and it is expected that a special engineering report will be obtained before a judgement is given.

01-Jul-1905 Page 295 Westport
The BW&NW has sold two old type engines to be scrapped.

01-Jul-1905 Page 297 Westport
M. Zimmerman, General Manager, BW&NW, has taken up his residence at Brockville for the summer.

01-Jul-1905 Page 297 Prescott
W.J. Fairbairn, agent at the St. Lawrence & Ottawa station in Ottawa has been appointed Appraiser of Customs at Ottawa.

01-Jul-1905 Page 299 Other
M.J. Haney, C.E. contractor, Toronto, has been elected a director of the newly organized Home Bank which proposes to take over the property, assets and liabilities of the Home Savings and Loan Co. Mr. Haney has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new tunnel from Toronto to the Island, for the corporation water works and will lay out yards etc. for the assemblage of material on Ashbridge's bay.

01-Jul-1905 Page 301 Ottawa Terminal
In connection with the taking over of the CAR it was recently stated that a station building and large hotel would be built at Ottawa. We were advised June 21 that it was as yet too early to say what plans will finally be adopted in this respect.

01-Jul-1905 Page 303 Canada Atlantic
It is understood that the formal transfer of the line to the GTR will be made in September.

01-Jul-1905 Page 315 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui
No offers were received for this line which was advertised for sale by the bond holders/ The city council, which has the matter of purchase, under revised conditions, under consideration, has directed the company to remove its generators from the corporation power house.

01-Aug-1905 Page 349 Ottawa Terminal
The GTR is reported to be securing lands adjoining the Central Station, Ottawa, with a view of yard extension as soon as the line passes under its control. Plans have been approved for the strengthening and reconstruction of a number of bridges on the line and work is being proceeded with.

01-Aug-1905 Page 373 Kingston, Portsmouth and Catarqui

An agreement has been reached between the city corporation and the bond holders of the company as to the concessions to be given to a new company to take over the line. The summarized concessions are as follows;

Power at 1.66c a kilowatt hour

The right to double track any portion or portions of line

The right to cut out the Williamsville branch

Reduced service from Sept 15 to June 15

Exemption from taxpaying for 25 years

Relief from paying part of the cost of removing snow from the streets and from keeping roads between tracks graded

It is understood that the bonds have been turned over to the new company for \$70,000 and that an additional \$8,000 or \$10,000 will be expended upon improvements. The principle people in the new company are W.F and H.C. Nickle; G & H.W. Richardson. the car service was resumed July 11.

01-Aug-1905 Page 375 Cornwall Street

The conductors and motormen of the Cornwall Street Railway struck on June 28 for an advance of wages. They first asked 17c an hour, then offered to accept 15c, and finally went back to work July 4 at the old rate of 13c.

01-Sep-1905 Page 375 Cornwall Street

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01-Sep-1905 Page 427 Ottawa Electric

The OER has issued orders to its conductors not to wet their fingers in their mouths before separating strips of tickets for passengers, on the ground that it is unsanitary. Some of the conductors on their part, have talked of refusing to take money from passengers who hold it in their mouths.

01-Oct-1905 Page 459 Canada Atlantic

The work of strengthening the bridges on the line between Parry Sound and Swanton, VT has been commenced by the GTR although the line has not been formally transferred to it.

01-Oct-1905 Page 461 Salmon River and Northern

An act was passed last session of the Quebec legislature incorporating J.S. Fassett, Elmira, NY; G.W. Thayer, Rochester, NY; C. Adsit, Hornersville, NY; W.L. Haskell, F.W. Hibbard, Westmont, QC; J. Walker, Montreal as a company with this title to construct a railway from Grenville to Montebello thence in a northerly direction along the Salmon River Valley to Lake Papineau, thence along the North Nation and Rouge River valleys to a point of junction with the Eastern Division of the GTP. Power is given to construct telegraph and telephone lines, to acquire ferries, construct docks, develop electric power, construct workshops etc. and to enter into agreements for running powers over connecting or joining railways, acquiring branch lines etc. The capital of the company is fixed at \$300,000 and bonds to the extent of \$25,000 a mile of railway may be issued. The company's offices are to be at Montebello.

01-Oct-1905 Page 471 Kingston (CP)

The K&P car shops at Kingston were destroyed by fire Sept 12, the extent of the damage being placed at \$50,000. The shops have been unused for some time, but contained a lot of machinery, a locomotive, some box car patterns, etc.

01-Oct-1905 Page 471 Canada Atlantic

CAR transfer to GTR effective midnight Sept 30. Covers the jurisdiction of the various officers.

The following circular was issued Sept. 30:

The lines and branches heretofore known as the Canada Atlantic Ry. will from this date, be operated as the Ottawa Division of the GTR system and will be divided into the following named districts:

District 30

Ottawa to Boundary line -- 134.7 mi.

Boundary line to Alburgh junct -- 3.1 mi.

Glen Robertson to Hawkesbury -- 21.0 mi.

South Indian to Rockland -- 16.4 mi.

Total -- 175.2 mi.

District 31

Ottawa to Madawaska -- 130.52

Golden Lake to Pembroke -- 20.9

Total -- 151.1 mi.

District 31

Madawaska to Depot Harbour -- 133.6

E.J. Chamberlain, heretofore General manager of the CAR and J.W. Smith, General Assistant, have retired from the service to go into other business.

In order that the organization and methods of operating the new Ottawa Division (formerly the CAR) may conform to those in effect on other divisions of the system, the position of General Superintendent has been abolished and M. Donaldson, heretofore General Superintendent of the CAR has been appointed Superintendent, in charge of all matters pertaining to Transportation and Maintenance of Way, office in Ottawa. Officers in charge of these departments will hereafter report to and receive instructions from Mr. Donaldson.

W.P. Hinton, heretofore General Passenger and Freight Agent CAR has been appointed General Agent, passenger department, with office in Ottawa, to have charge of immigration and other trans-Atlantic passenger traffic and to perform such other duties in connection with the General Passenger Department as may be assigned to him.

E.R. Bremner, heretofore Assistant General freight Agent CAR has been appointed Division General Freight Agent in charge of the GTR line from St. Polycarpe to Depot Harbour, inclusive, also Hawkesbury, Rockland, and Pembroke branches, office at Ottawa.

01-Nov-1905 Page 515 Ottawa Terminal

There is no truth in recent press reports to the effect that the GTR has given notice that after the current year the use of the CAR tracks into the Central station by the CPR will have to be discontinued unless new financial arrangements are made.

01-Nov-1905 Page 537 Montreal and Ottawa

CPR betterments. Plans have been filed at Ottawa for terminals, freight sheds and stations on the east side of the canal, south of Laurier Avenue, Ottawa. About one half of this land is reported to have been purchased and negotiations are in progress for the remainder. The carrying out of the plans will necessitate the closing of Nicholas Street for some portion of its length. Considerable opposition is being manifested to the plans and it is expected that the Railway Commissioners will be asked to direct the formation of a terminal company to provide a joint station etc. for all lines entering Ottawa.

01-Nov-1905 Page 541 Hull Electric

Press reports are again current to the effect that the CPR is negotiating for the sale of the Hull Electric Co.'s railway and franchises.

01-Nov-1905 Page 543 Other

Pembroke. An application will be made next session of the Ontario Legislature for an act incorporating a company to construct an electric railway in Pembroke and through the twps. of Pembroke, Stafford, West Meath, Bromley, Ross, Horton, Admaston, Alice, Petawawa, and Buchanan. Power will be asked to construct the line, or branches, in sections; to make agreements with other corporations etc., to amalgamate with other similar companies, to construct telegraph and telephone lines, to acquire water power and to sell power, and to lease or purchase lands for pleasure grounds. It will also ask for power to issue bonds to the extent of \$20,000 a mile of line constructed. J.G. Forgie, Pembroke, is solicitor for the promoters.

01-Dec-1905 Page 567 Salmon River and Northern

The SR&N is under construction from Fassett, QC, about four miles from Montebello, on the CPR north shore line between Montreal and Ottawa and runs due north. At present, it has under construction ten miles into the woods to assist in the lumbering operations of the Haskell Lumber Co. This company is doing the construction and hopes to complete the 10 miles this year. Several short lateral spurs will be built, and the line will ultimately be extended further north. The engineer in charge of construction is Mr. Nicholls.

The company has obtained the approval of the Board of Railway Commissioners to its projected crossing of the CPR near Grenville QC., with power to use it during daylight, as a temporary crossing during construction of the line. F.W. Hibbard is secretary and W.L. Haskell is General Manager. The secretary has an office at 151 St. James Street, Montreal.

01-Dec-1905 Page 583 Other

H.J. Beemer, railway contractor, who constructed the Ottawa, Northern & Western Ry. and the Interprovincial Bridge at Ottawa, returned to that city from the US early in November.