

Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1924

01-Jan-1924 Page 29 Ottawa Terminal

The Ottawa Town Plan Commission submitted a plan recently to the city's cross town tracks committees for the removal of the cross town tracks. The committee is reported to have discussed the plan and data in the light of the correspondence between the city and Sir Henry Thornton and to have decided to send the plan to the railway authorities for consideration. The committee states that no time will be lost in coming to an agreement, but there are a great many details to be worked out and the costs apportioned. The agreement, when ready, will be submitted to the municipal voters for approval, and the Ontario Legislature will have to be asked to authorize the city to spend the money on works outside of its limits.

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OER franchise - see photo copy

01-Feb-1924 Page 83 Ottawa Electric

OER franchise amendments approved - see photo copy.

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Major F.D. Burpee, Manager, Ottawa Electric Railway, was operated on for appendicitis at the Ottawa Protestant Hospital, Jan. 1. He was able to return to his house on Jan. 10 and to be at his office on Jan. 21.

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OER franchise - see photo copy.

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Transfers. Heretofore transfers on this line have been acceptable at the transfer point, or anywhere beyond it in the direction that the passenger desires to go, so that if a car does not come at once the passenger may walk on and board it when it over takes him. The management has given orders to conductors that transfers must be accepted only at stops just before the transfer point is reached, the object being to relieve congestion at transfer points, and make the transfer from one car to another more convenient to passengers.

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Major Burpee, J.A. Ewart, the company's architect; and A.F. McCallum, City Commissioner of Works, Ottawa, visited Toronto, Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland early in February to look into car design, track construction and repair shops, in connection with the construction work to be done this year, details of which were given in Canadian Railway and Marine World p. 83.

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A press report states that the employees' executive committee has been instructed by a mass meeting of the men to continue the effort made for the last two or three years to secure an 8-hour day for motormen and conductors.

01-Apr-1924 Page 186 Ottawa Electric

Ottawa Electric Railways Extension Bill - see photo copy.

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The straight 5c fare, under the new agreement with the city, was put into effect on Feb. 25, without protest or incident.

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The OER has ordered 15 steel motor cars from the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co.

The Lindenlea Garden Suburb Association, Ottawa, recently appointed a delegation to bring before the Central Council of Municipal Associations, the matter of electric railway car stops, with a view to having the far side stop retained.

The Ottawa Electric Railway has put into operation a motor bus service, on a 5-minute schedule, from the terminus of the Elgin Street line to the foot of Clegg Street. It is stated that this is to be a temporary service pending the extension of the tracks to Ottawa East.

01-May-1924 Page 224 Interprovincial Bridge

The question of the reflooring of the highway section of the Interprovincial Bridge between Ottawa and Hull is being considered. The CPR is stated to have threatened to close the bridge to general traffic until the planking is put in order. The Ottawa City Council, at a recent meeting did not favour taking any action until the Hull City Council agrees to pay for its share of the work.

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OER franchise extension - see photo copy.

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Major F.D. Burpee attended the city council's street railway committee, April 2, and discussed a number of matters connected with the extension construction programme for the season. The committee authorized the preparation of an estimate of the cost of opening up Ruskin St. from Holland Ave. to Fairmont Ave. in connection with the extension of the Fairmont Ave. line, and the company agreed to consider Holland Ave. as an alternative route, provided the Dominion Government gives permission for the construction of a loop near the hospital. The rails for this line have been ordered, although it is not on the construction programme for this year. The Bronson St. line is to be built this year, and it was stated that the City Engineer was preparing a report as to the opening up of Muriel St., and the provision of a loop.

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Major F.D. Burpee advised the city council's street railway committee on April 2, that the company was prepared to adopt the near side stop on its lines, and the committee passed a motion of approval.

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01-Jun-1924 Page 280 Lachute

A meeting of ratepayers at Hull, May 19, unanimously approved a bylaw, which has to be confirmed by the Quebec Superior Court, granting the E.B. Eddy Company a fixed assessment of \$4,000,000. The company proposed to make extensive enlargements, and, including the construction of a private railway line, to remove its heavy traffic from the city streets.

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Death of Warren Soper - obit - not noted.

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Company has used about 400 tons of 85 lb. steel rails, CPR T section bought from Algoma Steel Corp. on its west bound track between Deschenes and Aylmer. New sub station 26x30ft.

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We are officially advised that the company expects to start construction at an early date on a car house on Champagne, Elm and Maple Streets, with a capacity of 50 cars, and laid out so as to be used as the chief maintenance shop. A press report of May 20 stated that a contract for its construction had been given to John Sutherland on a cost plus basis.

The company is building 800 ft. of single track on Coburg Street connecting the car house with St. Patrick St. and is also building the following double track lines:-

between Powell St. and Centre St. on Bronson Ave. 4,000 ft.;

connecting Bell St. with Bronson Ave., 500 ft.;

on Laurier Ave. connecting Elgin St. with Nicholas St.

Orders have been given for the following track materials:-

450 gross tons Lorain section 82-505 steel rails; double track left hand branch off for Elgin St.- Laurier Ave., in the United States.

20 gross tons 80-lb A.S.C.E. steel rails, Algoma Steel Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie;

tongue switch and mate, 9 frogs and rails, using L.S.C.O. 122-491 and L.S.C.O. 140-468, including one locking spring box, style N; 1 tongue mate, 1 mate compounded with 2 intersections and 1 single track, using L.S.C.O. 140-468 with L.S.C.O. 70-264 cast in externally; 1 locking spring box style N, from W. Wharton, Jr.

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We are officially advised that the CNR has acquired some property at the corner of Besererer St. and Mill Lane, Ottawa, adjoining its freight sheds, on which it is proposed to build an additional freight shed and to extend the team track facilities.

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Double truck motor cars, OER - see photo copy.

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Major Burpee's promotion - see photo copy.

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The E.B. Eddy Co. is reported to have let contracts for the enlargement of its plant at Hull. Among the works to be constructed is a railway line to connect the upper and lower mills, and the intervening lumber yards, which will require the building of two bridges across two channels of the river crossing the

01-Aug-1924 Page 415 Ottawa Electric

The city council on July 7, adopted its street railway committee's report which recommended that the company be requested to begin laying rails on Rideau Street from Charlotte St. to the existing tracks on Cummings Bridge, in accordance with its offer. The City Solicitor was authorized to prepare the necessary bylaw.

We are advised officially that the company's construction programme this year includes the following:-

1,600 ft. double track on Laurier Ave., connecting Nicholas St. with Tolgin (sic) St. (should be Elgin);

4,000 ft. double track on Bronson Ave.;

500 ft. double track on Powell, connecting Bell St. with Powell and Bronson Aves.;

800 ft. single track on Coburg St., connecting car barns with St. Patrick St.;

800 ft. double track on Wellington St. connecting Preston St. with Champagne Ave.;

300 ft. single track on Champagne Ave., entering west approach of Champagne shops;

500 ft. single track on Elm St. connecting Preston St. with the east approach of Champagne shops.

It is also replacing 1,000 ft. of double track line and substituting 85 lb. T rail for 56 lb. rails; and is installing a loop at its terminus in Hull which will permit the use of single end cars.

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The OER has ordered 80 Westinghouse 510-A-2 motors, 600 v., 42 h.p. from Ahearn & Soper Ltd.

The OER has put on a motor bus service to Eastview, giving a ten minute service during the rush hours, and a 20 minute service at other times. Tickets are sold 8 for 25c; with a straight 5c fare on Sundays.

01-Sep-1924 Page 447 Kingston (CN)

We are officially advised that the westbound passing track at Cornwall is being extended 840 ft. westerly and the east bound passing track is being extended 1,350 ft. also westerly. the first extension necessitates the crossing of Cumberland St. in Cornwall and the second the crossing of Nine Mile Road, in Cornwall tp. At the time of writing it was expected to have the work completed by Aug. 30.

Brockville Yard is to be enlarged by the addition of 6 tracks, with capacity of 75 cars each, the work to be done by railway forces.

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The Hull city council has passed a resolution recommending the Board of Railway Commissioners authorize the E.B. Eddy Co. to build its projected railway to connect its various plants, across Hotel de Ville St. and Bridge St. Hull.

01-Oct-1924 Page 517 Ottawa Electric

OER bus operation in Eastview - see photo copy.

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The OER is reported to have put in operation, Sept. 15 the new Laurier Ave. line loop, and on Sept. 22 the new Bronson Ave. line loop. These loops form part of the construction programme, under the new franchise. The new loop line in Hull which will enable the company to operate its larger cars into Hull, has been completed and was put in operation Sept. 15.

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OER new subs-station - see photo copy.

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Application is being made to the Board of Railway Commissioners for an order to authorize the company to build its Ottawa East extension under the CNR at Elgin St.

01-Dec-1924 Page 628 Ottawa Electric

Double truck electric cars for OER - see photo copy.

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A waiting room, erected at the company's terminus in Hull, was opened for public use by the mayor on Oct. 18.