

# Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1928

01-Jan-1928 Page 35 Ottawa Electric

The OER has moved its offices from 248 Albert St. to a 10 story building which has been erected by the OE Co. at 56 Sparks St. on a site 66 x 198 ft. running through to Queen Street and including the site of Ahearn and Soper's former offices. The OER has taken the whole of the sixth floor and also some other offices and will rent or sell its old office building on Albert Street

01-Jan-1928 Page 101 Ottawa Electric

The OER has received 6 cars from Ottawa Car Manufacturing, making a total of 20. The rear door has a treadle device, leather upholstered rose spring cushions with individual fittings have been installed and all sashes are metal instead of wood.

01-Apr-1928 Page 183 Belleville

Rock ballast will be laid on 21.5 miles between Glen Tay and Sharbot Lake.

01-Apr-1928 Page 183 Prescott

The locomotive house at Ottawa West will be extended to provide accommodation for large locomotives. A 300 ton ice house will be erected at Ottawa

01-Apr-1928 Page 183 Winchester

The locomotive house at Smiths Falls will be extended to provide accommodation for large locomotives. The station roadways at Finch and Chesterville will be paved.

01-Apr-1928 Page 183 Chalk River

A locomotive house will be erected at Pembroke. A stores department building will be erected at Carleton Place.

01-Apr-1928 Page 184 Kingston (CP)

A stores building and oil house will be erected at Kingston.

01-Apr-1928 Page 184 Maniwaki

An improved station will be built at Gracefield.

01-May-1928 Page 251 Ottawa Terminal

The steel framework of the addition to the hotel (Chateau Laurier) has been completed and fair progress made with the walls and floors. The foundations for the addition were carried to an average of 24 ft. below street level, the total quantity of earth and rock removed being 47,000 cu. yd. The addition will contain 250 guest rooms and the space between the original building will be occupied by the kitchens. The Foundation Co. of Canada is the general contractor, the steelwork being supplied and erected by Dominion Bridge.

01-May-1928 Page 254 Montreal and Ottawa

Heavy floods in the Rideau River, April 6, resulted in considerable damage to bridges, etc. The CPR single track bridge near Hurdman Station sustained damage to one of its masonry piers which resulted in the tracks being thrown out of alignment. Traffic was rerouted while the tracks were realigned.

01-Jun-1928 Page 343 Alexandria

New 85 lb. rails to be laid Coteau and Alexandria, 15 miles.

01-Jun-1928 Page 343 Beachburg

New 85 lb. rails to be laid Radiant and Brent, 10 miles.

01-Jul-1928 Page 395 Waltham

We are advised officially that the company is building with its own forces a new station at Aylmer, mile 7.4 from Hull West. It is a single story structure located at the corner of Front and Chaudiere Streets, 20 x 54 ft. with an umbrella roof extension at each end. It includes office, general waiting room, ladies' waiting room, lavatories, and a combined baggage, express and freight room. Including the grounds it will cost around \$10,000.

01-Jul-1928 Page 406 Westport

CNR is running 15808 without trailer between Brockville and Westport, two round trips a day.

01-Jul-1928 Page 406 Alexandria

CNR is running 15826 hauling trailer 15742 between Montreal and Ottawa via Coteau, one round trip a day.

01-Jul-1928 Page 406 L'Orignal

CNR is running 15818 without trailer between Montreal and Ottawa via Mount Royal Tunnel, one round trip a day.

01-Jul-1928 Page 406 Beachburg

CNR is running 15825 without trailer between Ottawa and Pembroke, one round trip a day.

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The OER has adopted a transfer slip similar to that used by the TTC and by HEPC with some slight changes due to the special needs of the company.

01-Aug-1928 Page 463 New York Central  
 During a heavy gale and thunderstorm on July 9, the roof of the freight shed was blown off.

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 OER authorized to raise fares - .

01-Aug-1928 Page 489 Ottawa Electric  
 Wages - .

01-Aug-1928 Page 491 Ottawa Electric  
 A letter read from major Burpee at the meeting of the board of control July 12 stated that if the city wanted 103 lb. girder rails on Laurier Ave. instead of 87 lb. T rails, it would have to pay the extra cost involved. There was some discussion on the matter and it was stated subsequently that a conference would be arranged at an early date to discuss this and other matters.

01-Aug-1928 Page 494 Ottawa Electric  
 grooved rails for Laurier Avenue. .

01-Sep-1928 Page 548 Ottawa Electric  
 The new schedule of fares authorized by the Board of Railway Commissioners went into effect Aug. 13 at 6 a.m. The new tickets are red for adults and green for children. The company gave previous notice that it would redeem all unused tickets and unpunched spaces in school cards of the old issues at its offices or by conductors on the cars, either in cash or on account of the purchase of new tickets, or that the old adult tickets might be used with 2c to pay the new cash fare. Major Burpee stated that there had been no trouble whatever in putting the new fares into effect. About 5% of the passengers pay cash fares, the balance buy tickets. The returns for the first day showed that most of the passengers bought the 4 for 25c strip of tickets, and that there was an increase despite the increased fare.

01-Sep-1928 Page 549 Ottawa Electric  
 Wages - .

01-Oct-1928 Page 613 Ottawa Electric  
 The company is selling 14 tickets for 50c to school children under 14 years of age. This order is not effective outside the city, therefore children going to school on the Britannia line or using the buses on Montreal Road can buy 20 school tickets for 50c, which however, cannot be used on the city lines.

01-Nov-1928 Page 669 Ottawa Electric  
 Ottawa city council's plans for a new bridge at Somerset Street are ready and preparations are being made for calling for tenders for the work. The Board of Railway Commissioners order for the building of the bridge requires the OER to pay 60% of the cost.

01-Dec-1928 Page 712 Ottawa Terminal  
 CNR was reported, Nov. 8, to have bought land with a frontage 150 ft. on Laurier Ave. and 100 ft. on Nicholas Street and to be negotiating with owners of some adjoining properties. It is reported that these properties, with some others acquired some time ago, are to be used for yard enlargement. Chateau Laurier. Plans for the Chateau Laurier addition have been so altered that the service entrance instead of being directly off MacKenzie Avenue, as planned originally, would be reached through a tunnel to be built under the avenue with an entrance beside the Connaught Building on Sussex St. The board of control approved of the plan and suggested that the Minister of Public Works be interviewed as to the possibility of a runway or ramp being built from MacKenzie Avenue to Sussex Street so that the market square would be available for parking the automobiles of the guests at the hotel.

01-Dec-1928 Page 718 Alexandria  
 Car 15826 hauling trailer 15743, on run 20, operates between Montreal and Ottawa via Coteau, as trains 615 and 616 one round trip a day.

01-Dec-1928 Page 718 L'Orignal  
 Car 15818 without trailer, on run 21, operates between Montreal and Ottawa via Mount Royal Tunnel as trains 685 and 686 one round trip a day.

01-Dec-1928 Page 718 Beachburg  
 Car 15828 without trailer, on run 22, operates between Ottawa and Pembroke as trains 611 and 612 one round trip a day.

01-Dec-1928 Page 718 Westport  
 Car 15808 without trailer, on run 23, operates between Brockville and Westport as trains 677, 678, 679 and 680 two round trips a day.

01-Dec-1928 Page 738 Ottawa Electric  
 Ottawa city council let a contract to Farley and Grant, Nov. 16 for the construction of the viaduct at Somerset Street at a cost of \$119,025. The council has discussed the raising of about \$145,000 to pay the cost of the structure including cost of sidewalks, land damages, etc. OER is by the BRC order to pay 60% of the cost.  
 In connection with the construction of a line on Templeton Avenue which forms part of the extension plans for 1929, the city council is to open up a street through the varsity oval. A press report states that the company is considering making an offer to the city to place a bus line on the route to find out what traffic may be expected, before it is decided to build the proposed extension.