

# Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1930

01-Jan-30 Page 12 Renfrew

Ottawa City Council decided recently by the mayor's casting vote, to apply to the Ontario Legislature for an act authorizing the borrowing upon debentures of \$350,000 as the city's share of the cost of the proposed cross town railway tracks.

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Ottawa City Council, having received the deeds for the land granted by the CBR, is in a position to proceed with the work of widening Besserer Street by 15 ft. on the south side between Nicholas Street and the Station.

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The HER announced recently that it was in the market for manganese steel frogs, with corresponding combination plates, switches and special rails.

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Ten of the employees had their services dispensed with in Aug. 31, 1929 as they had reached 65, which is the retirement age. The executive of division 279, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America and Magnus Sinclair, an international officer of the association, took up the matter with the Dominion Labour Department and with the company's management, and after considerable negotiations it was announced at a meeting of the Division on Nov. 27, 1929, that the 10 men would be re-engaged by the company in some capacity in the car department, but would not be restored to their former positions as conductors and motormen.

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W. J. St. Aubin, who has been an OER employee motorman since Nov. 16, 1927, has been elected an alderman for the Ottawa Ward in that city.

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Sir Henry Thonton has arranged for S.J. Hungerford, Vice President, Operations and Construction and C.B. Brown, Chief Engineer, to meet the Ottawa city board of control to discuss the proposal to remove the cross town tracks, in view of the city's application to the Ontario Legislature for authority to expend \$350,000 for that purpose.

01-Feb-30 Page 71 Winchester

A fire on Jan. 6, supposed to have originated from a carelessly thrown cigarette, resulted in the ground floor of the station at Smiths Falls being burnt out, and considerable damage being done to the upper floor. The fire brigade prevented the fire spreading to the division offices close by. Temporary provision for carrying on business has been made and the station will be rebuilt.

01-Feb-30 Page 79 Kingston (CN)

The CNR early in January ceased operating a passenger service over the Kingston sub. between Kingston Jct. and the City of Kingston, 2.25 miles from the junction switch. Previously 5 passenger trains had operated in each direction daily and 4 others daily except Sunday. A freight and express service only is now being operated over the Kingston sub. and the people have to use the electric railway cars, automobiles or taxi cabs to reach the junction, as most have been doing in the past. It is expected that when the main line in the Kingston neighbourhood is diverted a station will be built at Princess St. and the Bath Road. In the meantime the station known as Kingston Junction will be known as Kingston.

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Ottawa board of control met with Hungerford and other CNR offices on the proposed removal of the cross town tracks on Jan. 20. Representatives of the Ottawa Board of Trade were also present. It is said that the CNR shops in Ottawa East will not be removed; switching operations will be restricted, and the CNR will not oppose level crossings over the cross town tracks. After a lengthy discussion, A.R. McCallum, City Engineer and M. Cauchon were named as the city's representatives to consult with the railway engineers in preparing an estimate of the cost of the proposed work.

01-Feb-30 Page 101 Cornwall Street

Has built 2,400 ft. of track on Seventh St. from Pitt St. to Cumberland St. to serve the Dominion Tar and Chemical Co.'s plant, 65 lb. rails having been used. A track 615 ft. long has been laid in the DT&C Co.'s yard, 56 LB and 65 lb. rails having been used. The company intends to extend its tracks to the Howard Smith Paper Co.'s mill, by adding a siding 2,140 ft. long, which will be laid with 65 lb. rails. The company will install two new turnouts, one on Pitt St. and one on Second St. West.

The company is contemplating installing 2 new single track turnouts on concrete and also installing the Nachod signal system for operation of cars in 3 miles of single track.

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Cross town tracks removal - .

01-Apr-30 Page 224 Chalk River

A reinforced concrete coaling plant of 150 tons capacity will be built at Chalk River.

01-Apr-30 Page 224 Prescott

A new station will be built at Ottawa West. New sidings or extensions will be provided at Prescott.

01-Apr-30 Page 224 Maniwaki  
The station at Wakefield, begun in 1929, will be completed.

01-Apr-30 Page 224 Lachute  
The stations at Buckingham Junction and Point au Chene will be extended or otherwise improved.

01-Apr-30 Page 224 Montreal and Ottawa  
New sidings at Hull West.

01-Apr-30 Page 224 Winchester  
Colour light automatic signals will be installed between Glen Tay and Bedell.

01-Apr-30 Page 232 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui  
Fire - .

01-Apr-30 Page 232 Ottawa Electric  
The OER management advised representatives of employees at the Dominion Experimental farm, March 13, that it has no intention of restoring jigger car service to the farm, which is outside city limits.

01-Apr-30 Page 234 Ottawa Electric  
The Second Divisional Court at Toronto allowed, on March 11, the OER's appeal from a judgement of Mr. Justice Kelly and a jury finding the company liable to Mrs. George Athonas for \$8,500 for injuries received by her in a collision between an automobile and a street car which occurred near Westboro, when a motor car, driven by Carl Glover of Detroit, collided with a streetcar and hit Mrs. Athonas, injuring her severely. She sued both the railway and Glover, and an Ottawa jury held Glover guiltless and awarded Mrs. Athonas \$8,500 and costs against the OER which appealed. Redmond Quain, counsel for the OER argued that the jury was obviously prejudiced, and that the finding of negligence in the verdict did not, when analyzed, constitute negligence at all from the legal standpoint. The Second Divisional Court's judgement holds that Glover's negligence caused the accident.

01-Apr-30 Page 234 Hull Electric  
Will in the near future relay 2,400 ft. of single track in Main Street, Aylmer, with 85 lb. CPR standard T rails to replace 65 lb. T rails. It has ordered special track work for Youville St. and Laurier Ave., Hull from United States Steel Products Co. It reported recently that it was in the market for 65 tons 85 lb. T rails, CPR standard.

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franchise - .

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Electric railway or bus - .

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Bus competition - .

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01-Jun-30 Page 373 Cornwall Street  
is installing a new switch on Pitt St. and a curve 105 ft. long to Canadian Pacific Ry. It is contemplating installing a new turnout, 231 3/4 ft. long on Pitt St. and one 240 ft. long on Second St., also 2,140 ft. of new track for Howard Smith Paper Mill. It ordered recently 6 switches and mates, 6 frogs, 6 Jackson switch stands from Canadian Steel Foundries, Montreal.

01-Jun-30 Page 373 Ottawa Electric  
major Burpee advised City Council, May 8, that the company has no objection to a plan under discussion for the reduction of the number of poles in certain streets by combining them with those of the Hydro-Electric Commission, but could see no reason why it should share the expense. The company's poles on Sparks St are of iron and small size and not unsightly.

01-Jun-30 Page 375 Ottawa Electric  
OER states in a recent advertisement that due to the presence of the Ottawa River to the north, traffic into and out of the business district in Ottawa must come and go by three directions, viz., south, east and west, and says:-  
"There is a point beyond which further downtown motor parking becomes a real obstacle to business as well as transportation. That point is rapidly approaching in Ottawa, and the effects are sure to be felt in reduced business. The OER carries over 80% of the buying public to the shopping districts. In cities in the USA and Canada where a similar situation exists, parking in business districts is prohibited. It is estimated that in those cities hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost monthly by merchants because of the traffic congestion caused by parking. The solution is one that Ottawa must consider in the near future."

01-Jul-30 Page 446 Winchester  
Installation of automatic signals between Glen Tay and Smiths Falls has been completed.

01-Jul-30 Page 458 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui  
A press report of June 18, stated that a start has been made on taking up the company's tracks, the first spike having been drawn by H.C. Nickel, General Superintendent. This is the result of the fire which destroyed the company's car house and all its rolling stock except one car, on March 1, and the vote of the Kingston people in favour of entering an agreement with Kingston City Coach Co., a Colonial Coach Lines subsidiary, for provision of bus service in the

01-Aug-30 Page 508 Renfrew

A recent press report stated that on the recommendation of the City Works Commissioner, the board of works would recommend to the city council that application be made to the Board of Railway Commissioners for an order requiring the construction of a new bridge at the Fairmont Avenue crossing of the CNR tracks. The works commissioner is said to estimate that the cost of a bridge giving a 60 ft. roadway would be about \$40,000.

01-Aug-30 Page 525 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui

It was reported from Kingston, July 14, that the Mayor would ask the city council to decide whether the company's rails would be allowed to remain in the paved streets or be taken up. On July 18 it was reported that the council had decided to buy the rails and track appliances on the paved streets for \$5,500 and to have them removed in the autumn by its works department.

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The OER is building or replacing double track as follows:- On Somerset St. from bay St. to Bronson Ave. 1,100 ft of street; on Dalhousie St, from George St. to St. Patrick St., 1,300 ft.; on Rideau St. from King St. to Nelson St., 550 ft.; on Bank St. from Gladstone Ave. to Argyle Ave., 750 ft. It recently bought 230 gross tons Bethlehem section 103-287a groove rail.

01-Sep-30 Page 585 Ottawa Electric

Owing to the removal of pavement on Somerset St., the OER Britannia route cars using that street were routed on Aug. 12 via Preston and Albert Sts. for the duration of the pavement renewal work. The Holland and McKellar route cars continued to use Somerset St.

01-Sep-30 Page 585 Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui

The Kingston City Council is reported to have decided, at a special meeting on Aug. 18, to buy from the KP&CR which has ceased to operate, its park property on the lake Ontario waterfront, with equipment for \$17,500.

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The KP&C passed out of existence Oct. 7 when the last employee was paid off. It started operation about 53 years ago, but did not resume running after a fire in March last, which destroyed its car house and cars.

01-Dec-30 Page 767 Vankleek

Gas electric car 15797 is being operated as trains 644 and 646 from Hawkesbury to Glen Robertson; as trains 643 and 645 from Glen Robertson to Hawkesbury

01-Dec-30 Page 767 Westport

Gas mechanical car 15816 is being operated as trains 677, 678, 679 and 680 between Brockville and Westport.

01-Dec-30 Page 767 L'Orignal

Oil electric car 15826 is being operated as trains 695 and 696 between Ottawa and Montreal (maybe via Coteau).

01-Dec-30 Page 767 Beachburg

Oil electric car 15824 is being operated as trains 611 and 612 between Ottawa and Pembroke.

01-Dec-30 Page 784 Ottawa Electric

The Supreme Court of Canada gave judgement, Nov. 4, reversing one given by the Supreme Court of Ontario, Appellate Division, and restoring the original one made by Mr. Justice Kelly, by which the OER was ordered to pay \$8,500 and damages to Mrs. Catherine Athanas for injuries sustained in July 1929, when, while standing waiting for a westbound streetcar to approach, she was struck by an automobile which had been struck and pushed along the rails by an approaching eastbound streetcar.