

Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1932

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A press report of Dec. 9, 1931 stated that work on planking the NYC bridge to make it suitable for vehicular traffic, will start early in the spring; that the material required will include creosoted plank, hardware, etc., for 8,000 lin. ft. of bridge, material for toll and custom houses, railway signal equipment and material for about 2 miles of concrete pavement. The estimated total expenditure was given as \$140,000. The bridge work will, it is said, be undertaken by Cornwall and Massena International Bridge Co.

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Shareholders decided to move the company offices from Montreal to Hull. Great interest was shown in results obtained from the weekly pass which had been in use in Hull for some two months. It is sold for \$1.25, is transferable, and can be used as often as desired during the week of issue. It is very popular with those who make frequent use of the cars and buses, the average cost per trip being less than 4c, compared with 6 1/4 c. for the casual traveller. In order to assist Hull people in their shopping for Christmas and the New Year, it was decided to sell the weekly pass for 41 for the weeks commencing Dec. 14, 21 and 28, 1931. Plans for securing new industries were studied, and no effort will be spared to provide adequate transportation facilities for prospective

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Major Burpee was quoted in a recent Ottawa press report as saying that rumours that the company might apply to the city for authority to operate I-man street cars exclusively were wholly without foundation.

Hull City Council decided, recently to forward to the OER management a complaint by the Association Catholique de Jeunesse Canadien that the OER is not carrying out its contract to provide bilingual transfers for its passengers.

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The Board of Railway Commissioners heard, recently an application by the City of Ottawa for an order to require the demolition and removal of the existing overhead crossing or viaduct of the CNR at Fairmont Avenue and its replacement by a plate girder bridge crossing. Alistair Fraser K.C. Assistant general Counsel for CNR opposed the application, emphasizing the lack of funds for work of the character desired by the city. Judgement was reserved.

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Proposed planking of bridge --- estimated to cost \$140,000, will be begun in the spring if Massena citizens will purchase bonds to the extent of \$70,000. Hope to have the structure ready for motor vehicle traffic by July.

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At the Ontario Supreme Court Winter Assizes on Jan. 12, an Ottawa jury awarded Miss. Ethel Nixon \$17,557.15 damages against the OER for injuries received when she was struck by a street car on Jan. 29, 1931, at the Civic hospital stop, her counsel having claimed that the car was being operated negligently and that it was going at an excessive rate of speed, the evidence showing that it travelled 400 ft. from the time the brakes were applied until it was stopped. The jury found that the negligence was 10% due to Miss. Nixon in neglecting to exercise necessary precautions in crossing the tracks and 90% due to the OER and it allowed bills totalling \$2,115, 18 months salary at \$198 a month and 50% of salary for the next ten years. An Ottawa dispatch stated that the argument would be heard by the presiding judge prior to judgement being entered on the jury's verdict, as to whether the negligence found by the jury as the basis of its decision constitutes negligence in the eyes of the law. It was also stated that the decision would be appealed.

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The OER published an advertisement in daily newspapers recently as follows:- "Safety first. use the street cars, the only safe means of travel. The law requires all other traffic to stop to allow you on and off the street car."

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The Board of Railway Commissioners passed order 49398 approving plan of proposed repairs to Laurier Avenue bridge. the repairs are being done by railway forces at the time of writing, April 15.

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The bill introduced in the Commons to empower the NYC to enter into an agreement with any toll bridge company etc. to cross the river at Cornwall passed the Commons, April 8, but before passage by the Senate, it was amended by the addition of:
Notwithstanding anything in this act or any other act, should His Majesty take, for any public purpose, the land or any portion thereof forming the site of said bridge, or the land or any portion thereof forming the site of any of the approaches to said bridge, then in any such case His Majesty shall not be liable to pay, by reason or on account of any such taking of lands, any compensation or damages, for, or on account of, any works constructed or rights exercised under, or pursuant to, any of the provisions of this Act.

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NYC has issued local passenger tariff CRC 583, cancelling O&NY tariff CRC 131, of charges over the St. Lawrence River bridge at Cornwall and which has been approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners. The new charges are:- between Cornwall and Uscon, 15c; between Cornwall and international boundary, 25c; between Uscon and international boundary, 10c; children over five years of age and under 12 years, half fares plus amount necessary to make the fare end in an 0 or 5. Children under five years, when accompanied by a parent or guardian, are carried free. For baggage, the rules and regulations in NYC Rd. tariff 159, second issue, CRC 274, and in supplements to it or new issues of it, apply.

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HER recently built a siding to the British American Oil Co property at the north end of Laurier Ave. Hull, and a double siding to Supertest Petroleum Corporation and Shell Oil Co. of Canada plants on Gignes St. The company has ordered special track work from Canadian Steel Foundries, for replacement of parts of special work at the Youville St.-Laurier Ave and Main St-Bridge St. intersections in Hull and contemplates buying 15 tons of 82 lb. T. rail.

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The OER has completed and placed in operation a loop at Buena Vista and Lisgar road, Rockcliffe Park. Cars on the Sussex route are using it as their terminal.

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The OER has installed clearance curves at Queen and Bank, Queen and Elgin, Sparks and Elgin and Laurier and Nicholas Sts., all with the exception of at Queen and Bank Sts. which was a replacement, being new installations, which were necessary to reroute the service from off Laurier Avenue bridge, via Nicholas, Rideau, Elgin and Queen Sts.

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In connection with the proposed planking of the bridge --- a deputation from Cornwall visited New York late in August to arrange for financing the undertaking, and the Mayor was quoted as saying upon his return that satisfactory progress in the negotiations had been made. A Cornwall press despatch of Sept. 9 stated that the Mayor had reported to the board of trade that actual start on the work was in prospect, and that subject to approval by a senior officer, a USA engineering company had agreed to finance the project at an estimated cost of \$150,000, adding:-
"They would expect residents of Cornwall and Massena who are primarily interested in the bridge to subscribe for a \$25,000 block of stock. As soon as the agreement is definitely closed, engineers will be sent for final surveys and to supervise construction work. The major portion of the contract may be carried out this autumn in preparation for opening of the bridge for traffic in the spring."

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Track reconstruction work scheduled includes renewal of 1,500 ft. of double track on Somerset St. between Bronson and Booth Sts., with new rail, Bethlehem section 104/287A.

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Hitch hiking - in recent newspaper advertising, shows a drawing of a customer leaving a butcher's shop with a large purchase, the expression on the shopkeeper's face indicating in no uncertain manner that he has not received payment for his goods. The caption is "If thumbs became coin of the realm," it being asked "Would this be a prosperous country if "thumbers" could buy goods with "Thank you very much" and sometimes not even that?" The advertisement goes on to say:- "Let's discourage hitch-hiking. It takes business away from the regular transportation lines."

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The OER is making improvements in a number of its cars. At the beginning of November, two had been dealt with, heavy linoleum having been placed in the floors in place of the usual slats, and seats upholstered in leather having been substituted for those covered with rattan. We were advised officially early in November, that four more cars would be dealt with, the seats to be installed to have crude rubber sets and leather covered backs. It is the management's intention to use the rattan seats taken out of the cars to replace those requiring repairs. As that stock is used up, several more cars will be dealt with, the rattan seats from them being used similarly, this process to continue until all the car seats are upholstered in leather. The placing of linoleum on the car floors is an experiment, and experience during this winter will show whether it is successful or not.

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