

# Ottawa Items from Railway and Shipping World - 1938

01-Feb-38            Page 74            Hull Electric

The HER is reported as having communicated with the Hull city council with a view to securing a new franchise agreement with the city. This action is said to have been taken following a meeting of the company directors on Jan. 21, and a draft of a suggested new franchise was forwarded to the city clerk. The original franchise expired Sept., 1936 and since November of that year, the fare has been 5c, it having been 7c previously. The company is seeking relief from the obligation of removing snow from streets in Hull on which there are electric railway tracks, and also wishes to be relieved of the business tax which is imposed upon it. A communication to the civic authorities from J.A. Millar, counsel for the company, stated that, while the 5c fare had secured an increase in the number of revenue passengers carried, it was not sufficient to compensate for additional outlays which were made by the company to improve the service. It was stated also that at the present time the revenues are barely sufficient to cover expenses.

01-Feb-38            Page 77            Ottawa Electric

OER stock has been approved for listing on the Montreal Stock Exchange, this following the recent action of the Ottawa Traction Co. shareholders in agreeing to an exchange of their holdings for OER stock on the basis of five shares of the latter for eight of the Ottawa traction Co. shares.

01-Apr-38            Page 184            Ottawa Electric

OER results.

01-Apr-38            Page 186            Ottawa Electric

Death of Major Burpee on Feb. 25. Mr. Ahearn said "The passing of major Fred Burpee means that Ottawa has lost one of its finest citizens. To those of us who have been connected with the OER since its start, it not only means the passing of a sterling character and a dear friend but one who, starting as a youth in the offices of the OER, worked up by sheer ability to the office of Vice President and general Manager. The clam courage with which Major Burpee faced two major operations within a few years of each other is, I think, a matter of common knowledge. I sincerely mourn his passing".

Mayor Lewis said "The City of Ottawa loses one of its finest citizens in the death of Fred Burpee. He was a leader in business and sport. Fred, as he was known to all, rose to the top by his ability and hard work. He was a true friend and in the business and sporting life of the city he will be sorely missed. The crippled children of Ottawa will especially regret his passing."

The funeral service was held at Ottawa, Feb. 28 and interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

01-Jul-38            Page 358            Ottawa Electric

The OER has been negotiating during recent weeks with representatives of its employees; the employees are asking for wage increases of approximately 10%, and a revision of working conditions. It was reported that the management is not disposed to grant the employees' request and that, in the event of further direct negotiation being unsuccessful, the employees will apply to the Dominion Minister of Labour for the formation of a board of conciliation and investigation under the terms of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, to deal with the matter.

01-Aug-38            Page 401            OER

Death of Thomas Ahearn at his residence, Buena Vista at 9.40 p.m. on June 28 -

01-Sep-38            Page 454            Ottawa Electric

Early electric traction in Ottawa - .

01-Oct-38            Page 520            Ottawa Electric

OER stops dividends.