

# Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - Carp, Almonte and Lanark

**Friday 01/01/1892 Renfrew Mercury Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

An election railroad is doing duty in the North Lanark campaign. The following advertisement is published:- "Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line of railway in the province of Ontario, from a point at or near Carp, in the township of Huntley, in the County of Carleton, or from such a point in that vicinity as will enable a connection to be made with any railway that may be built between the City of Ottawa and the village of Arnprior, touching the town of Almonte, a distance of about 10 miles, thence to the village of Lanark, a further distance of 16 miles, thence to any point in the township of Oso at or near Sharbot Lake, where a connection can be made with the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, a further distance of about 24 miles; the total length of about 50 miles, with the benefits, privileges and powers usually granted to railway companies.

**Friday 05/02/1892 Renfrew Mercury Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

A public meeting was held in Almonte last week to boom the project of a new line of railway from Carp to Bridgewater, passing through Almonte. Mr. Bell, C.E., explained the route as follows:- From Carp to Almonte, 10 miles; Almonte to Lanark, 16 miles; Lanark to Sharbot Lake, 24 miles; Sharbot Lake to Bridgewater, 35 miles; in all 35 miles. In the discussion, Mr. D. Shaw said the farmers around Renfrew received 5 cents a bushel more for their grain than did those residing 25 miles further north, owing to two lines of railway running into the village. A large committee was formed to forward the undertaking.

**Friday 16/03/1894 Ottawa Free Press Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

A charter was issued for the Carp, Almonte and Lanark railway by the Ontario legislature some time ago to a company composed of prominent business men in Almonte, Lanark and the Carp. A lively interest is now taken by the citizens of Almonte and the Carp to have the construction of this road commenced at once. Almonte proposes to take \$40,000 stock in the new road, and the townships of Huntley and Lanark will contribute handsomely also. Dr. Rains, mayor of Almonte, and W.H. Stafford, barrister, were in the city yesterday interviewing prominent railway men with reference to the matter and met with successful encouragement.

**Friday 15/06/1894 Renfrew Mercury Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

Only five ballots were cast at Almonte last week against the by law to take \$40,000 stock in the Carp, Almonte and Lanark railway.

**Friday 02/11/1894 Renfrew Mercury Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

The township of Ramsay will vote on a by-law to take \$20,000 stock in the Carp, Almonte and Lanark Railway.--

**Friday 13/03/1896 Renfrew Mercury Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

From the Alonte Gazette.

The scheme to build a railway from Carp via Almonte and Lanark westward has been revived of late, and we understand that a company has offered to build it provided a government subsidy is secured. Application for aid has been made to both governments and these will be backed up by a strong deputation which is likely to seek interviews with "the powers that be" in the near future.

**Friday 22/05/1896 Renfrew Mercury Carp, Almonte and Lanark Carp**

Carp citizens have guaranteed \$50 towards the expenses of an engineer to make a survey of the proposed Carp, Almonte and Lanark Railway. Dr. Raines, who is president of the provisional board of directors, promised that the Almonters would raise at least \$100.

**Saturday 01/08/1896 Ottawa Citizen Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

At a meeting of the Carp, Almonte and Lanark Village Ry. Co. of carp on Wednesday, it was decided to begin the preliminary surveys for the line next week. It is proposed to have the line from Carp to Bridgewater, a distance of some 68 miles, passing through Almonte and Lanark. From Bridgewater the line will connect with the Central Ontario R.R. and the Grand Trunk.

**Saturday 01/08/1896 Ottawa Free Press Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

The directors of the Carp, Almonte and Lanark Railway company held a meeting on Wednesday and it was decided to commence surveying for the line at once. Sixty eight miles from carp to Bridgewater will be the first section of the line, the second section running from Bridgewater to the Central Ontario and Grand Trunk railways.

**Saturday 31/10/1896 Ottawa Citizen Carp, Almonte and Lanark Lanark**

Messrs. James Fowler of Almonte and W.J. Fowler of Boston two of the leading promoters of the Lanark electric railway, were in town on Monday afternoon, and state that the prospects for a railway are now very encouraging. The ties, poles and other necessary timbers will be prepared during the winter. Mr. W.J. Fowler is spending a few days here in locating the lines. - Lanark Era.

**Tuesday 25/10/1898 Ottawa Free Press Carp, Almonte and Lanark**

The people along the line of the proposed Carp, Almonte and Lanark railway are bestirring themselves with a view to putting the project into early effect. The line would branch from the O.A. & P.S. road at Carp and run through Lanark county to Almonte and tap the C.P.R. near Madoc. It is claimed for it not only that it would open up an exceptionally valuable piece of new country but would provide the shortest possible route between Ottawa and Toronto. The promoters have had their charter for some time and the surveys of the route have been completed.