

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - Gauge Change Cars

Friday 05/02/1869 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CE&MCo: This morning this company despatched from their establishment ten freight cars, being part of a contract of 100 with the National Car Company of Boston Mass. The cars are intended to run from Boston through to Chicago on the GT Line, and the difference in the gauges of the American and Canadian lines is overcome by a new and ingenious contrivance on the axle whereby the wheels are adopted to either broad or narrow gauge. This contrivance is very unique, and requires great accuracy of workmanship in the make.[A] The line of these cars is to be known as the 'Green Line', and is meant as an opposition to the 'Blue Line', already well known and established, its headquarters being at New York, and whose cars traverse the Great Western line, an additional rail having been laid down on that road to obviate the differences in the gauge, the cars not having the shifting contrivance of the axle tree of the present. The cars are very handsomely finished, being, of course, painted a fine bright green colour in conformity with their name, and during their stay at the depot at the foot of William Street, their fine appearance attracted a good deal of attention, and were the subject of much remark.

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THROUGH WITHOUT BREAKING BULK: A new device for through-freighting is now being put into operation on the Grand trunk Railway. Last Tuesday morning (2-02-69) a train of twelve cars went west laden with merchandise for Chicago, St.Louis and other points in the West. These cars run through from Boston to their destination, be it St.Paul or Salt Lake City, adopting themselves to the different gauges on the route. The wheels are made to shift on the axle, to which they are perfectly fitted by means of the keep. When fixed to any required gauge, the wheels are retained in their place by keeps, which are easily withdrawn when it is necessary to change gauge. The contrivance is a very simple, ingenious, and apparently effective one. The right of the invention is patented, and held, we believe, by Mr.Yates of Brantford, and is worth a very large sum of money The change of gauge is easily affected by with drawing the keys and running the cars on a siding of track inclining from broad to narrow gauge, or vice-versa. If this plan succeed, and its success can hardly be doubted, it will entirely supersede the very expensive device of a third rail. A large number of the class of cars in question are now being constructed, and doubtless we shall have(?) daily trains running to and fro from the seaboard and the Mississippi, and ere-long to the Pacific coast, with breaking bulk. The already very heavy through-freight traffic of the Grand Trunk must be incalculably increased by the success of the 'change gauge' cars, and the ability to make successful competition with other routes relatively enhanced. A principle application to the running gear of freight cars can also, no doubt, be applied to that of passenger coaches. We may reasonable expect very shortly to see the Pulman (sic.Pullman) Palace, and other cars, passing our doors from the Atlantic and St.Lawrence ports to the extreme western points of travel. Should the success we anticipate from the change gauge plan be realized a traffic already respectable will tax, if it do not exceed, the greatest capacity of a single line of rails, and gladden our breasts, we trust, of now despondent proprietors.
(from the Cornwall Freeholder)

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CHANGE GAUGE CARS: Ten more of the one hundred change gauge cars, under contract to be constructed here by the CE&MCo, for the National Car Company, were despatched from the city on Friday last (2-05-69) ... neat construction and appearance ... untended ... on the through line from Boston to Chicago and the Great West ...

[Kingston Daily British Whig:2-08-1869 & Kingston Weekly British Whig:2-11-1869]

Monday 23/02/1869 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CE&M WORKS: The third installment of freight cars for the 'Green Line' of the Boston Car Company, consisting of ten, were turned out by the Company today, and the others are in a state of forwardness. The cars remained for a short time on the track near the Company's premises, and their handsome appearance was the subject of a good deal of curiosity and remark.

25/02/1869 Kingston Weekly British W Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

MORE CARS: Another installment of ten cars for the Chicago and Boston "Green Line" were turned out of the CE&MCo Works yesterday.

Friday 02/04/1869 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CE&MCo: This company a few days since despatched ten additional freight cars for the National Car Company of Boston, which completes half the number of its present contract with that company. The cars were in every respect similar to those previously despatched, and the same pains have been taken in the make and finish.

28/04/1869 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CANADIAN MACHINE WORKS: the CE&M Works Company despatched this morning ten additional cars to the Boston Car Company, another instalment of their contract. The present cars are quite equal to those previously despatched, and are a credit to the company.

31/05/1869 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

AMERICAN FREIGHT CARS: The CE&MCo this morning turned out ten additional freight cars for the National Car Company of Boston, making a total of ninety already completed for the firm, and leaving ten to complete the existing contract between the firms. The cars have given perfect satisfaction.

01/02/1870 Kingston Daily British Whi Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

MORE NEW CARS: Yesterday ten new box freight cars were turned out by the CE&MCo. This is the first instalment of 500 for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, (the) whole of which is rented by the GTR, externally resemble what is known as the Grand Trunk Standard Car, that is, the best description of car known on that road, and combining all the improvements which its experience has suggested ...

10/03/1870 Kingston Daily British Whi Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CANADIAN ENGINE & MACHINERY CO: Prosperity is dawning anew on the operations of this company. They are building, at their works on Ontario Street, 300 box freight cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, the whole of which are to be delivered on the track of the GTR during this year. ... Five of the new box cars were turned out of the Works yesterday, complete.

28/03/1870 Kingston Daily British Whi Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CANADIAN ENGINE & MACHINERY CO: ... About fifty of the freight cars of the Canada Rolling Stock Company are complete.

28/04/1870 Kingston Daily British Whi Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

MORE CARS: Yesterday five fine new freight cars, out of the contract for 100 cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, were turned out of the CE&MCo's Works. They turn them out at a rate of one a day.

23/06/1870 Kingston Daily British Whi Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

NEW CARS: Five more cars were turned out by the CE&MCo on the Canada Rolling Stock Company contract and left on the GTR.

07/07/1870 *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

... Five additional new cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company were completed and sent off by the CE&MCo yesterday, from their foundry. This completes the first order of 150 cars, which has been supplanted by another for a similar number.

09/07/1870 *Montreal Gazette* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

CANADA ROLLING STOCK: Canadian Engine is building 300 box cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Co.

30/08/1870 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

The CE&MCo have just completed and despatched ... ten cars of revertible gauge for the Rolling Stock Company of Boston, being part of a contract for 150 cars.

13/09/1870 *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA - A GLANCE AT IMPROVEMENTS (from the International Railway Guide) ... Several hundred new freight Cars have been built by the Canada Rolling Stock Company, and leased to the GTR.

23/09/1870 *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW ROLLING STOCK: Yesterday morning the new locomotive {likely GTR 284 #77} for the GTR left the CE&MCo's Works and steamed out on the city branch line. It is now on duty on the named line. Another instalment of five freight cars for the Canadian Rolling Stock Company, were also delivered over by the CE&MCo, and were taken out by the new engine.

08/10/1870 *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

CANADIAN ENGINE WORKS: Another locomotive, no.285, and two tenders for the GTR, together with the usual compliment of five freight cars, for the Canadian Rolling Stock Company were turned out of the CE&M Works yesterday.

21/10/1870 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: Five new freight cars left the CE&MCo yesterday for the Canada Rolling Stock Company.

Saturday **22/10/1870** *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: On Thursday five new freight cars on the Canadian Rolling Stock Company contract left the CE&MCo's Works by the branch line, for the GTR.

01/11/1870 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: Five more box freight cars were turned out on Monday for the Canada Rolling Stock Company by the CE&MCo. The large contract for 300 cars will now be completed in two or three weeks.

Tuesday **01/11/1870** *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: Five new freight cars, nearly making up the contract for the two hundred ordered by the Canada Rolling Stock Company, were turned out of the CE&MCo's foundry yesterday.

Thursday **29/12/1870** *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

CE&M WORKS: The large contract of three hundred freight cars, taken by this Company in 1869 for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, has just been completed, and the last batch of three cars will be turned out tomorrow for despatch to their destination. To fill up a lull which generally occurs in the winter season, the carpenters in the car shop have been placed at work on twenty-five cars for the Brockville & Ottawa Railway, also three snowplows for the GTR, the latter of which will be finished, and leave the foundry about the beginning of next week.

Friday **30/12/1870** *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

CE&M WORKS: The large contract of three hundred freight cars, taken by this Company in 1869 for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, has been completed, and the last batch of five cars will be turned out today. To fill up a lull which generally occurs in the winter season, the carpenters in the car shop have been placed at work on twenty-five cars for the Brockville & Ottawa Railway, also three snowploughs for the GTR, the latter of which will be finished, and leave the foundry about the beginning of next week.

Saturday **06/05/1871** *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

MORE ROLLING STOCK: (from the Belleville Intelligence) - The Rolling Stock Company of Canada has given orders for 500 freight cars and our enterprising townsman C.J. Sterling has the contract to supply prepared lumber for the cars ... over \$25,000 ...

15/11/1871 *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW LOCOMOTIVE AND CARS: Yesterday the CE&MCo despatched from their works the first of the new contract for nine locomotives for the GTR. It was accompanied by another installment of five freight cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company.

Monday **27/11/1871** *Kingston Daily British Whi* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

Five new freight cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company left the CE&MCo's Works this morning for the GTR.

03/01/1872 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: The CE&M Works turn out their compliment (sic) of five box cars weekly for the through line of the GTR. The workmanship is excellent, the construction substantial, and in every respect the cars class with those of any eastern or western build.

Friday **23/02/1872** *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

The CE&M Works ... has never perhaps been more busily engaged than at the present time, and the future promises to be marked with a still greater degree of activity. During the whole of the winter season the work ... has progressed ... to complete contracts of an urgent and important character, most of the mechanics - and efficient staff - have been obliged to put in many hours overtime, not infrequently till midnight. The company holds combined contracts from the IRC, GTR and GWR, ... apart from a contract of one hundred and seventy-five changeable gauge box freight cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, one hundred and thirty of which have already been built and delivered. Two locomotives and thirty cars monthly are turned out.

03/05/1872 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CONTRACT: The Canada Rolling Stock Company have contracted with the CE&MCo of Kingston for five hundred more cars, to be used on the GTR.

23/08/1872 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

THE CE&MCO: The usual weekly compliment of five cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company left the CE&M Works today.

26/09/1872 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

CE&MCO: ...Our local representative, ever true to his professional instincts, dropped in yesterday in quest for an `item', and was informed that a new contract of one hundred box-freight cars, narrow gauge, for the Canada Rolling Stock Company were then being commenced, the first compliment of five being in a partial state of construction.

16/10/1872 Kingston Daily News

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NARROW GAUGE CARS: The last compliment of four cars of the contract held by the CE&M Works for the Canada Rolling Stock Company (narrow gauge) left the foundry today for their destination. They were accompanied by one car of a contract of five hundred for what is termed the Canada Rolling Equipment Company (narrow gauge, too) for the GTRCo, the Machinery Works unable to complete the tender owing to the pressure of other business, have sublet four hundred cars to different other establishments, the whole of which are intended to be run on the American line and branches in Canada. ...

25/12/1874 Engineering

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The stock and effects of the Canada Railway Equipment Company, and also the Canada Rolling Stock Company, have been purchased by the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. The purchase price was 1,300,000 dollars.