

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui

22/03/1889 Renfrew Mercury Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Folger Bros. who bought the Kingston Street Railway, which cost \$50,000, for \$9,000. They will improve it greatly.

31/08/1894 Brockville Recorder Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Two Kingston young ladies have applied for positions as conductors on the electric railway of that city.

A man named Spooner was killed by an electric street railway car at Kingston Wednesday. This was the first fatal accident from the trolley in Kingston.

10/07/1895 Ottawa Journal Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Sunday cars in Kingston - more.

29/10/1900 Kingston Daily British Whi Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq Kingston

Incidents of the Day

G.T.R. car 3,635, loaded and marked "quick despatch," was derailed on the street car line at the city park for fourteen hours on Saturday. Passengers had to be transferred at that point. It was replaced on the line this afternoon and the belt line cars went through and "quick despatch" went on.

05/06/1902 The Record, Chesterville Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Fire did considerable damage to the street railway company's buildings in King Street east this morning. The firemen kept the blaze from the sheds in which the cars were, and confined it to the brick building in the workshop, in which it originated. Some implements and other things were stored above and were badly damaged, the whole building being gutted. The loss will be about \$10,000.

04/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Kingston, July 4. "Accidental death" was the verdict in the case of little Hilda McGillivray, killed by a street car. The jury found that the crew did all it could to avoid the accident. As no fender was on the car, it having been removed to put on a new one approved by the government, the Jurors suggested that the old fenders be retained until new ones replaced them.

13/01/1909 Ottawa Journal Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Kingston Street car barns burnt.

A \$10,000 fire broke out early this morning in the street car barns on Ontario street and was fought vigorously by the firemen in the face of the bitterest weather of this year. The alarm was given at about two o'clock, and from that hour until eight o'clock the flames were fought and the fire confined to the building, part of which was also occupied by Crawford's broom factory. The street car men got out much of their equipment, two cars alone being burnt. These were in the pits and were undergoing repairs.

The two upper flats of Crawford's factory, where the workrooms were, were badly gutted.

The fire was of so vigorous a type that it was deemed desirable to secure aid and the men of "A" and "B" Batteries were called out. They did yeoman service. Police Constable Nallon was injured by falling into a pit in the darkness.

The origin of the fire is so far unknown, but it took in the street car section. The line will be fairly well covered by insurance. The Street Railway Company owns the building.

01/03/1930 Ottawa Citizen Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq Kingston

Kingston Minus Car service as a result of Fire

Lone car survives disastrous fire which is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion.

Kingston's street car service was wiped out by fire early today when all but one car was completely destroyed. With the exception of the lone car the city was without service.

believed to have originated from spontaneous combustion, the flames destroyed the barns and all contents and for a long time threatened many houses in the vicinity. More than 25 cars were destroyed and the damage will amount to more than \$125,000. part of the loss is covered by insurance and the prospects are that Kingston will be without street car service for some time.

<http://news.google.ca/newspapers?id=XBsvAAAAIBAJ&sjid=ONsFAAAAIBAJ&pg=4453,200041&dq=kingston&hl=en>

03/03/1930 Ottawa Citizen Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq Kingston

City officials offered Kingston Lines

Kingston Street Railway company feels losses in recent fire to great to recover.

With only an hourly bus leaving the heart of the city for Portsmouth and intermediate points, the people of Kingston were today struggling along on a makeshift service, with little prospect of immediate improvement.

Officials of the Kingston Street Railway Company, who lost practically all of their rolling stock in the disastrous fire of Saturday, stated today the company had practically decided to cease operations altogether. Tonight the officials of the company are scheduled to meet with the finance committee of the city council and it is understood that a proposition will be made to the city to purchase the tracks of the street railway company as well as Lake Ontario Park which is owned by the company, and also a tourist camp.

While the company carried substantial insurance, the cost of replacement is too high to prompt the company to purchase new cars. As a matter of fact the company has been a losing proposition and two years ago the company threatened to cease operations altogether unless their power rates were lowered.

It is understood several bus companies have made application for permission to operate locally and it is possible that some action will be taken after the city council learns the official attitude of the company tonight.

07/03/1930 Ottawa Citizen Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraq

Kingston's Car Service

Fire last Saturday wiped out practically all the street cars in the city of Kingston. It is reported that the officials of the street railway company would like to be relieved of the responsibility of purchasing new cars. In recent years, according to the Canadian Press despatch, operation of the Kingston street car service has been unprofitable. Under the circumstances, reluctance to put more money into street cars is understandable.

In the meanwhile, it is reported that several bus companies have made application for permission to operate in Kingston. It may be found that an equally satisfactory service at considerably less overhead cost can be furnished. In some cities, street cars are being discarded in favor of busses without waiting until a fire has wiped out the older equipment.

Advantages in traffic handling, where busses are able to pull up alongside the kerb instead of being tied to rails and overhead wires in the middle of the street, have appealed to city authorities. The public are also finding busses more convenient for suburban service. Kingston's street car fire may prove to be as timely as some fires in stores with overloaded shelves are said to be.

Kingston electors favor bus system

Vote 1,746 to 627 to grant ten year franchise to two companies

Kingston electors today decided to have a permanent bus system of transportation when they carried a bylaw giving the city council authority to grant a ten years franchise to the Kingston City Coach Company, Limited, and the Colonial Coach Lines Limited. The vote stood 1,746 for and 627 against the bylaw.

Council had already given second reading to the bylaw to grant the franchise, and as a result of today's vote council will on Monday next give final reading to the bylaw. This means that the bus company will continue its present temporary service until July 1 the date the new agreement goes into effect, when new equipment will be put on the line by the bus company.

Kingston's street car system was put out of business on March 1, as the result of a fire that destroyed the Street Railway Company's barns and all of its street cars. The report of an expert stated that it would cost \$325,000 to rehabilitate the street railway as a civic utility, the street railway company having stated that they would not continue the road.

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