

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - L'Orignal and Caledonia Railway

03/10/1871 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

We are informed that a renewed interest is being evinced in the proposed Caledonia and L'Orignal Railroad. It is thought likely that the Hon. Mr. Foster will be appointed of the position of President of the Company.

12/10/1874 The Times, Ottawa L'Orignal and Caledonia

Work on the L'Orignal and Caledonia Springs Railroad has been suspended for this season, owing to difficulty experienced in getting a right of way through some farms. The enterprise will be resumed, however, early in the spring and pressed forward vigorously towards completion.

15/01/1875 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

By reference to an advertisement in another column it will be seen that a meeting of the Provincial directors of the above company will be held at the Russell House on the 21st. inst. at 4 p.m. for election of officers etc.--

22/01/1875 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

Account of provisional meeting of directors held in Ottawa.

11/02/1875 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia L'Orignal

During the last summer, when the project of a railway from this place to Caledonia Springs was first mooted, the people in general took the matter as a joke, but we are happy to inform them that what they then considered as a joke has now assumed a practical shape. The engineer in charge of the work (D.E. Haycock, Esq.) with his staff of surveyors, has arrived and commenced locating the line, and has advertised for Tenders for Railroad Ties, &c., to be delivered along the line before first April next. Mr. Haycock informs us that the road from here to the Springs will be in operation by the 1st of July next, and that it is the intention of the company to continue the line to connect with the Coteau and Ottawa railway at the village of Dunnegan, in the Township of Kenyon. The latter road, we understand, is to be pushed to completion with all possible haste; which event will give the people of this section communication with the cities of Ottawa and Montreal, on their own side of the river, without the necessity of crossing at unfavorable seasons to avail themselves of the facilities of the Northern Colonization Road, which is being pushed ahead with great energy. A stock book was opened here yesterday, Friday, at the law office of E.A. Johnson, Esq., and nearly \$2,000 subscribed in a few hours. The shares are only \$25 each. We hope to see our farmers and others in this section come forward cheerfully and subscribe their names to a project which must prove of interest to the welfare of this section of country, and of great personal benefit to its inhabitants. L'Orignal Advertiser.

27/02/1875 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

L'Orignal and Caledonia Railway. Messrs. Cockburn, Wright and Clemow were yesterday appointed solicitors for this company. We congratulate the company on their choice.

10/03/1875 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

Meeting of those interested in the Northern Colonization and L'Orignal and Caledonia Springs Railroads with a view to suggesting to the Government the propriety of establishing a ferry between L'Orignal and the depot of the Northern Colonization Railroad on the north shore of the Ottawa. More.

12/03/1875 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

A meeting of the Directors of the Caledonia and L'Orignal Railway Company took place yesterday afternoon at the Russell House. The principal business of the meeting was the allocation of stock. A resolution was also passed instructing the Engineer to give contracts, as far as possible, for the erection of fences to the farmers, through whose property the line will pass, reserving however, one mile at each end, over which the Company will probably build ornamental fences. The capital is to be drawn upon at the rate of 10 percent every thirty days. The first demand will be made on 20th inst. This will give the Company the means to proceed with the immediate and rapid construction of the line.

07/05/1875 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

It has been decided to commence the grading of the Caledonia & L'Orignal R.R. on Tuesday next. Mr. Haycock is at present in town, receiving instructions to proceed with the work immediately. Everything will be ready for the laying of track by 15th of June.

14/05/1875 The Times, Ottawa L'Orignal and Caledonia

The first sod of the proposed railway between L'Orignal and the Caledonia Springs was turned yesterday forenoon at 10 o'clock at Treadwell Hill, just outside the town of L'Orignal. The ceremony was duly performed by J.N. Marston Treasurer and Director of the company in the presence of a large assembly. More.

19/05/1875 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

The contractor is hard at work at present doing the grading for this railway and the iron will be negotiated for in a few days. The company may possibly effect arrangements with the Toronto & Nipissing R.R. for the purchase of some light rolling stock, which will be suitable for the purpose.

09/06/1875 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

We are glad to see the progress that is being made in the grading of this road, and taking into account the few hands employed, it is evident with a stronger force the whole would be completed within the term contemplated by its projectors.

On and after the 12th instant the company will be in a position to exercise the powers given them by the General Railways Act, and can take possession of the land required by them for their road, when it is contemplated to put on such additional force as will prepare the way for the rails and rolling stock. It is to be regretted that many of the proprietors of the lands through which the road runs, are so obstinate as to refuse the company leave to take possession of the land required, thus retarding the work, when they must know that however distasteful to them possession after the date above mentioned can be taken without their leave. In a work in which all are deeply interested, the obstinacy of those objecting seems misplaced and we would urge upon owners the propriety of agreeing with the engineer in charge for the price of the land taken before they are forced to take such sums as disinterested arbitrators may award. - L'Orignal Advertiser.

21/08/1875 The Times, Ottawa L'Orignal and Caledonia

The railroad to Caledonia Springs. The L'Orignal and Caledonia Springs Railroad is now - thanks to the energy of Mr. Kavanagh, the contractor - so far as grading is concerned, in an advanced state, having all the laborious and difficult parts completed, the rest being easy of accomplishment, as the balance is over perfectly level ground. We perceive it is not only the intention of the company to run it to North Plantagenet but also to run it through the intermediate townships to Morrisburg on the St. Lawrence. More. (L'Orignal Advertiser.)

24/08/1875 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

The Directors of the Caledonia Springs Railway propose continuing their line from the Springs to High Falls, connecting there with the Ottawa and Coteau Landing Railway. The survey has been made as far as the Nation River, and will shortly be completed to the point of intersection. It will pass through a wealthy farming community and several prosperous villages.

11/10/1875 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

C. & L. O. Railway - Work on this undertaking has been stopped for this season, which is due principally to the difficulty in obtaining the right of way. It is the intention, however, to resume work early in the spring of the year, and to have the road in running order by the middle of June.

12/10/1875 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

The contractor, Mr. Kavanagh, has suspended work on the Caledonia Springs Railway for this season owing to the difficulty experienced in securing the right of way from some of the farmers on the route. The work will be resumed early next spring, and will be completed to the Springs in time for next summer's traffic.

19/05/1876 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

It is said that an endeavor will be made this summer to complete the Caledonia Springs Railway.

12/06/1876 Ottawa Free Press L'Orignal and Caledonia

Fifteen thousand railroad ties belonging to the old Caledonia Springs Company were sold at L'Orignal last week at public auction for \$400.

26/09/1876 Ottawa Citizen L'Orignal and Caledonia

Work to resume. More.

26/09/1902 Eastern Ontario Review L'Orignal and Caledonia

Now that there appears to be a big boom about a railroad being built into L'Orignal and an electric railway taking in L'Orignal, Caledonia Springs, Vankleek Hill and Hawkesbury. It will be interesting to read the minutes of a special meeting of the L'Orignal council a quarter of a century ago in which the same question was under consideration..