

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - North Lanark

Friday *20/04/1888* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark*

North Lanark Railway. A despatch from Kingston says - Mr. Nash, engineer of the Kingston & Pembroke Railway, went over the proposed line from Sharbot Lake to Appleton. He estimates the distance, allowing for deviations, at about forty-two miles. The country is favorable for the railway, and the road might be easily built at a minimum cost.

Tuesday *24/01/1899* *Ottawa Citizen* *North Lanark* *Arnprior*

The North Lanark Railway, incorporation of which is to be asked for at the next session of the Ontario Legislature, is a scheme now dividing interest in Arnprior with Mr. Mcleod Stewart's undertaking. The railway, if built, is certain to be of immense benefit to Arnprior, as it will open up a section rich in mica, corundum, copper, feldspar, soap stone and white marble. There is also hematite and magnetic iron ore, said by experts to be of better grade than is found in the mines of Bilboa in Spain, whence comes the English supply. Along the line of the proposed road, which is from Mile Lake on the K. & P. Ry. to Arnprior, timber of various kinds is to be had, while there will be considerable to haul in the way of farm produce. Mr. Andrew Bell, C.E. has gone over the route and finds no great engineering difficulties. Behind the promoters is the necessary capital. The scheme carried to a successful issue means a smelting works for Arnprior.

Friday *09/03/1900* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark* *Arnprior*

A meeting of the directors of the proposed North Lanark railway was held in the town hall here on Thursday morning. There were present: the president, Mr. John Stewart, Waha; Messrs. Andrew Bell, W.J. Wylie, Almonte; Messrs. H.F. McLachlin and James Bell, Arnprior. Resolutions were passed to memorialize the government for the usual subsidy for the railway, and appointing a delegation to interview the government. The following additional provisional directors were appointed: Messrs. A.J. Campbell, A.W. Reid, B.V. Stafford of Arnprior; and Mr. W.H. Wylie, of Niagara. The directors are confident that they will receive the subsidy, and that the present year will see the railway well advanced. - Arnprior Watchman.

Friday *06/11/1903* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark* *Arnprior*

The first general meeting of the North Lanark Railway Company, for the purpose of organization, will be held in the town hall, Arnprior, on Monday, November 16th, at eleven o'clock a.m. The railway will soon be in such a shape as to commence construction.

Friday *24/11/1905* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark* *Arnprior*

From the Arnprior Watchman. A staff of civil engineers commenced the survey of the North Lanark railway on Tuesday, starting from this point. Should this line be run by electricity the rails will probably be run through the town according to the route set forth in the minutes of council elsewhere given, but if steam is to be used, and which is most likely, the line will run parallel and on the north side of the G.T.R. tracks, crossing Tierney street near the end of the new sidewalk. More-- secured a right of way on the other side of the Madawaska through McLachlin Bros. lumber yard.--

Friday *17/04/1908* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark*

North Lanark Railway Company.

The bill which Mr. T.W. McGarry, M.P.P., has introduced into the legislature to extend the time for building the above road for five years longer, gives the following description of the course of this line, which was to be operated by either steam or electricity.

From a point at or near lot number thirteen or lot number fourteen in the second concession of the Township of Blythfield in the County of Renfrew, thence passing through the Township of Bagot in the County of Renfrew, through the Townships of Darling and Pakenham in the County of Lanark, and through the Township of McNab in the County of Renfrew, to a point at or near the village of Braeside, on the Ottawa river; thence continuing through the said Township of McNab to a point at or near the Town of Arnprior; thence continuing through the said Township of McNab, and through the Township of Fitzroy in the County of Carleton to a point at or near the Village of Fitzroy Harbour on the Ottawa River; thence continuing through the said Township of Fitzroy and through the Townships of Torbolton, March, Nepean and Gloucester in the County of Carleton, to the City of Ottawa.

Friday *25/06/1909* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark* *Arnprior*

At a meeting of the directors of the North Lanark R'y Co. held in Arnprior Mr. James Bell, of Arnprior, was re-elected president and Mr. John Stewart, of Waba, again chosen for the office of vice-president.

Friday *12/04/1912* *Renfrew Mercury* *North Lanark*

Mr. McQuade, secretary of the North Lanark Railway Co., last week issued notice for a meeting in Arnprior on Tuesday the 9th, for the purpose of considering and if approved, adopting a proposal to finance and construct the railway.