

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Ogdensburgh and Rouses Point Railroad

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It is announced that the Ogdensburgh and Rouses Point Road will be finished and ready for the passenger train from Rouse's Point to Ogdensburgh, before the first day of next month. Only thirteen miles of the whole road remain unfinished and the rail is being laid with despatch. For strength, workmanship, durability, and easy grade - for directness of road, superiority of construction, and economical outlay, says the Ogdensburgh Beacon, perhaps there is no road in the United States surpasses it - Transcript.

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Ogdensburgh Railroad completed - opening of the road.

From the Prescott Telegraph.

Last Thursday was a great day with our neighbors over the river - an epoch in the history of Northern New York truly. On the evening previous the last rail of the great line of communication between Lake Champlain and Ogdensburgh, was nailed down, and word was sent by telegraph to Prescott, that a train from Rouse's Point would arrive at Ogdensburgh about noon of the next day. This information being rapidly circulated, a very large assemblage from both sides of the river, were in attendance to greet the first visit of the iron horse from the shores of Old Champlain. A little before noon The peculiar "???" of the self-moving vehicle was heard in the distance, just as it came in sight of the beautiful waters of a noble St Lawrence, and then the booming of cannons come on the huzzaing of the people, and the running and yelling of boys and girls, old men and young women, told truly that the great and happy moment had arrived, so long and so anxiously looked for by an impatient population. The beautiful locomotive, the "Deer," with three splendid passenger cars, elegantly finished, came rumbling on, and took quarters in the immense new freight house which is in course of erection. This building is upwards of 300 feet long, and more than 100 in width. Another of the same description, but much larger, is also being built. A band of music was in attendance, and helped to increase the joy of the occasion. At three o'clock two trains heavily laden with "sovereigns", and "subjects", proceeded, by the kindness of the managers, as far as Columbia, a distance of 18 miles, and returned about 6 o'clock, making the run each way with the greatest ease, in one hour.

This concluded the outdoor celebration of the opening of this great and important thoroughfare, which now connects the waters of St. Lawrence and Champlain, and places the Johnstown district and St Lawrence County within a few hours travel of the best market in the United States. All parties returned home much gratified with the manner in which the day had been spent.

In the evening a supper in honor of the occasion, was served up at the St. Lawrence hotel, to a large company.

Thus at length has the scene opened - the great movement commenced, which will at once raise our neighboring towns into the ample dimensions and consequence (sic) of a full-grown city - and we fondly trust will exert a beneficial influence on the north side of the river. Of this we have little doubt. The spirited Bostonians will not let business flag; they have erected a monument to their own liberality and enterprise, in the completion of this work, imperishable as that which commemorates the first great battle of the Republic, directly in view of his own doors; and they will press on, extending, if need be, the iron arms into Canada, drawing to their bosoms the productive wealth of Northern New York, Vermont, and Canada.

Business has already commenced on the road. On Monday a daily line (except Sundays,) was formed. A train leaves Ogdensburgh every morning at half past seven, and Rouse's Point at 2 p. m. Until the 15th instant, the passengers will be charged but one fare if they return within three days. Arrangements have been made to forward passengers by this route to all the ports on the river and Lake Ontario, immediately on the arrival of the cars in the evening; and at Rouse's Point means have been provided to send parties to Boston and Montreal without delay.