

# Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Ottawa and Aylmer Railway and Bridge

*14/12/1894 Eastern Ontario Review Ottawa and Aylmer Railway and Br*

The C.P.R. and the Ottawa Electric Railway Co. are said to have decided to build an electric railway from Ottawa to Aylmer by way of Hintonburg, Skead's Mills and Britannia, crossing the Ottawa River at Deschene Rapids on a bridge to cost \$150,000

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The railway committee passed the bill incorporating the Ottawa and Aylmer Railway and Bridge Co. This is the bridge promoted by electric railway capitalists. The company are given power to build a line of railway from Ottawa through Nepean township to Britannia or Skid's Mills and thence across the Ottawa river by bridge. The company are also authorized to extend their lines to Hull and Aylmer and Fort Coulonge in Pontiac county.--

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Bill reported to the House.

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At the Railway Committee this morning the bill incorporating the Ottawa and Aylmer Railway and Bridge company was finally put through. On the objection of the Hull Electric Railway, represented by Mr. J.M. McDougall, Q.C., an amendment was added providing that before the Ottawa company build any of their line in Quebec, they shall be obliged to have the bridge and the Ontario part of the line built. This, Mr. McDougall said, was a necessary precaution, as the company have power to build their line via Hull to Aylmer, and in any event the Viau line would be paralld from opposite Britannia to Aylmer by the line incorporated under this bill.

Mr. Mulock wanted the capital stock reduced from \$1,000,000 but this was lost on division.

Mr. Ouimet wanted it made compulsory for the company to let the bridge be used for carriage and foot passengers as well as railway, but this was objected to and lost on division, and the committee agreed to report the bill as amended.

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That residents of Ottawa will have the pleasure of taking a trip by electric cars to Britannia by the middle of July 1896 appears to be a settled point.

The Ottawa and Aylmer Railway and Bridge Company, which is practically the same as the Ottawa Electric railway company, are calling for the supply of 120,000 hemlock, cedar or tamarack ties for the construction of an electric road from this city to Britannia and work will begin the first moment that the opening of spring will allow.

Two routes have been surveyed by Mr. Brophy. The one runs in a line with the new street recently opened through Hintonburg to escape the electric cars running to the Experimental Farm and will go direct along the river bank until Britannia is reached. The line runs north of Skead's mills and will give a beautiful view of the river from the point where it passes the C.P.R. bridge until the village is reached.

The other route surveyed is located south of the Richmond road a short distance in rear of the farm houses along this route. Skead's mills is passed and just this side of Cleary's hotel the line bends northward, crosses the C.P.R., and enters the village. Which route will be accepted depends upon the cost of land.

It has been stated that the road to Britannia will be in operation by the middle of July next. The line will, in all probability, enter the city by the Somerset street route.

Whichever route is accepted will be a most picturesque one and will be certain of heavy patronage, Later on the company propose constructing a bridge across the Deschenes rapids to Aylmer where the law respecting the running of trains between the provinces will permit Sunday cars and this is likely to develop a large summer travel on that day.