

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Whitney and Opeongo Railway

01/09/1894 Canada Lumberman Whitney and Opeongo St. Anthony Lumber

Four car loads of horses and one hundred men recently passed up the O.A. & P.S. Railway for the St. Anthony Lumber Company's limits, beyond Barrys Bay. This company have purchased the old Perley limits in that locality, and this will be the first season's operations. The company are erecting a sawmill sixty miles beyond Killaloe, where their logs will be cut, and the timber shipped over the O. A. & P. S. railway and the C.A.R. to the United States.

01/06/1902 Canada Lumberman Whitney and Opeongo St. Anthony Lumber

The St. Anthony Lumber Company are building a railway from Whitney to Big Opeongo lake, a distance of fifteen miles. The work is in the hands of Thomas McLaughlin, contractor of Ottawa.

26/09/1902 Renfrew Mercury Whitney and Opeongo

From Eganville Star Enterprise. The Whitney and Opeongo Railway has been completed to Costello's camp, four miles from the big Opeongo Lake, the proposed terminus, or a distance of fourteen miles from Whitney. A steam hoist has been erected at the camp. Men are now employed in loading cars. One train-load of logs reached Whitney on Monday of this week. The Company intend on having all of Costello's cut of logs last season, numbering 45,000 pieces, immediately removed to their mill. Four or five camps are being opened up in preparation for this coming season's cut. Each camp will take out 5 million feet of lumber. It is estimated that it will take eight years to cut the limit.

18/11/1902 Ottawa Journal Whitney and Opeongo

Having finished the construction of the Whitney and Opeongo Railway, Contractor McQuigge has returned to Arnprior with horses and implements. The horses he does not need and will sell them by public auction next week.

26/11/1902 Eganville Leader Whitney and Opeongo

After 15 months continuous labour the railway extending from Whitney Station on the western division of the Canada Atlantic to Lake Opeongo was completed last week. Lumber trains are now running daily on the new line, which connects the limits of the St. Anthony Lumber company, bordering on Lake Opeongo, and the mill at Whitney. By the construction of the railway, which is 15 miles in length, a saving of 50 miles is effected in the transportation of the logs. Hitherto they have been moved to the mill by a roundabout water route, which entailed a journey of many days' duration. The new road was constructed at a cost of \$200,000, this high expenditure being made necessary by the large amount of rock cutting and trestles, each over 400 feet in length, and of great height.

29/12/1902 Ottawa Journal Whitney and Opeongo

FROM STUMP TO SAW.
Twenty-four Hours Taken to Turn Trees to Boards.

Twenty-four hours from, stump to sawmill is the record now made by the lumber mills in the Ottawa Valley. It used to take six months as a rule to transport the logs 'from the bush to the mill', and in dry seasons a year, but all this has changed. For some time J.R. Booth has been making good time by handling the lumber from the forest to his mills at the Chaudiere over the line of the Canada Atlantic railway. Now an extension of the road from Whitney to Opeongo, Ont., connects the St. Anthony lumber limits with the Whitney mills at Whitney station on the C.A.R. main line. Over this system it only takes twenty-four hours to handle logs from the stump to the saw. This is claimed to be the quickest work in the lumber manufacturing line in America.

Also in the Merrickville Star 8 January 1903

01/03/1903 Canada Lumberman Whitney and Opeongo St. Anthony Lumber

the St. Anthony Lumber Company, at the head of which is Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, operated a big plant at Whitney, Ont., on the C.A.R. 180 miles from Ottawa. The company built last year, a logging road about 15 miles long and are putting in a stock of fifty million feet for the cut of the mill this spring.

03/06/1904 Renfrew Mercury Whitney and Opeongo Whitney

From the Eganville Leader. The St. Anthony Lumber Co's ???utilized at present for hauling logs the the big mill at Whitney. Four trains a day carry 2,000 logs to Whitney. The logs are loaded at the Great Opeongo Lake where two steam hoists are in operation. These hoists load eleven cars in an hour and a half --

01/07/1904 Canada Lumberman Whitney and Opeongo St. Anthony Lumber

The St. Anthony Lumber Company are hauling 2,000 logs daily to Whitney over their Opeongo railway. The logs are loaded at Great Opeongo Lake, where two steam hoists are in operation. These hoists load eleven cars in one hour and a half.

23/09/1904 Renfrew Mercury Whitney and Opeongo Whitney

During the past four months the St. Anthony Lumber Co. hauled from the limits over their railway to the mill at Whitney 200,000 logs. This company has already started the season's operations in the lumber woods, six camps now being started.

20/06/1920 Eganville Leader Whitney and Opeongo

The Ottawa car shops of the Canada Atlantic are building twenty-five platform cars for St. Anthony Lumber Co., of Whitney. A fifteen mile branch line is also being constructed from Whitney to the Opeongo lakes for the purpose of bringing out logs for the lumber company.