

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1847-49

12/06/1847 Bytown Packet

Union Forwarding

Chats Falls

The Union Rail Road is now in operation and is a work of vast consequence to the people on the banks of the Ottawa. When it is considered that the enterprise of three individuals, Messrs. Egan, Aumont and Wright caused this improvement to take place and that it has cost some thousands ought we not to wish that we had many like this and venture to hope that as it is a boon to trade it may be a source of ultimate profit to the proprietors. The land through which it passes is very uneven, and as the cost of levelling has been a principal item in the outlay. Every means have been employed to render comfort and convenience to the traveller upon this line and when we take into consideration the --- conduct of the company is indeed praiseworthy. On landing from the Emerald you enter the "reception room", mount a flight of stairs and take your place in the cars. The luggage &c. is drawn up by machinery and at a signal the cars start and in a few minutes you arrive at the terminus. The distance is three and a half miles and there are several beautiful curves along the route. The road is lined on both sides by wild, unbroken woods, if we except a beautiful little lake named after one of the proprietors Lake Aumont - round which you whirl until you strike the woods again. The lover of sport, the huntsman born or our neighbour the scribe might find amusement on every terms here for fish and fowl roam here at will. Crossing the only railway within a hundred miles. Leaves Union Village.

25/06/1847 Bytown Packet

Union Forwarding

The Hon. James Ferrie and Mr. Davidson of the Bank of North America assembled on the Ottawa to inspect the Union Rail Road on Monday last.

31/07/1847 Bytown Packet

Bytown and Britannia

Prospectus of Bytown and Britannia Rail Road

A rail road having been sanctioned by legislation from Montreal to Lachine, another projected from Carillon to Grenville and again another completed of 3/4 miles at Chats Portage above Bytown which is proved to work most effectively it becomes evidently essential to facilitate the communication by railroad and steamboat from Montreal to Portage du Fort. A rail road should be constructed from Bytown to meet the steamboat on Lake Chaudiere above the Deschenes Rapids, a distance of 6 3/4 miles from Central Basin. Should cost £3,554 plus 30% = £4,621, doesn't include land damages, stations, cars, wagons - no mention of locomotives.

27/11/1847 Bytown Packet

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Chats Falls

Advertisement. Emerald and Oregon with the Union Rail Road are now in operation. Cars connect with the boats.

27/11/1847 Bytown Packet

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Ottawa

A rail road car intended for the "Union Rail Road" was drawn through the streets from the wharf to the premises of Joseph Aumont Esq. (one of the proprietors) on Monday last. The green "on's' " were at a dead stand as to the exact character of the new arrival.

24/06/1848 Bytown Packet

Ottawa and Prescott

Noted first meeting concerning the Bytown and Precott Railway.

08/07/1848 Bytown Packet

Ottawa and Prescott

Meeting held in the Court House, Bytown, Saturday July 1, 1848 regarding the propriety of a railroad between Bytown and Prescott.