

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1870

Monday 31/01/1870 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

After the 10th of next month the midnight sessional train will commence to make regular trips for the accommodation of Members of Parliament.

Tuesday 01/02/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

From the Ottawa Courier:

Street railways in a city like Ottawa, with a long straight and wide street, running at right angles with one another, are more than ordinarily desirable. There does not however, seem to be any prospect of their being instituted in such a manner as to be of public utility. Rails are laid from the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Railway Station along the whole length of Sussex street, and up Sparks and Wellington streets to the Chaudiere, and it is not impossible that the railway may be in running order in a few years. --

01/02/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars

MORE NEW CARS: Yesterday ten new box freight cars were turned out by the CE&MCo. This is the first instalment of 500 for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, (the) whole of which is rented by the GTR, externally resemble what is known as the Grand Trunk Standard Car, that is, the best description of car known on that road, and combining all the improvements which its experience has suggested ...

Thursday 17/02/1870 Ottawa Citizen Other

Report of a conference of delegates from the Corporation interested in the construction of a direct line of railway from Ottawa to Montreal via the Ottawa Valley.

10/03/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars

CANADIAN ENGINE & MACHINERY CO: Prosperity is dawning anew on the operations of this company. They are building, at their works on Ontario Street, 300 box freight cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, the whole of which are to be delivered on the track of the GTR during this year. ... Five of the new box cars were turned out of the Works yesterday, complete.

28/03/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars

CANADIAN ENGINE & MACHINERY CO: ... About fifty of the freight cars of the Canada Rolling Stock Company are complete.

Saturday 09/04/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rideau river

The track of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway is flooded from the Montreal Road to the railway bridge. The Rideau River is rising rapidly and the remaining ice forms a sort of dam at the bridge which materially affects travelling on the Gloucester ?

Monday 11/04/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rideau River bridge

The cars on Saturday moved no further than the Montreal (road?) crossing owing to the flood on the Rideau River.

Monday 11/04/1870 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa City Passenger

Montreal - The City Passenger Railway track is now clear of ice and cars are again running. This date is evidently suspect.

Tuesday 12/04/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rideau River bridge

The adieu of the ice on the Rideau River was a further injury to the railway bridge.

Monday 25/04/1870 Ottawa Citizen Union Forwarding

On Friday morning the steamer "Ann Sisson" left Aylmer for the Quio and the steamer "Alliance" came down from Gould's Landing. The "Jason Gould" will be ready for her trip about Tuesday next.

Monday 25/04/1870 Ottawa Citizen Union Forwarding Chats Falls

Advertisement. Steamers of the Union Forwarding Railway Co. will commence their daily trips to Portage du Fort on Tuesday morning the 26th April, leaving Aylmer at 8:30 a.m. It is expected the line will be open to Des Joachim in two or three days.

28/04/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars

MORE CARS: Yesterday five fine new freight cars, out of the contract for 100 cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, were turned out of the CE&MCo's Works. They turn them out at a rate of one a day.

Monday 02/05/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Mr. Luttrell, the new superintendent of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, was introduced along the line of the road on Saturday.

Tuesday 17/05/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street railway progresses very slowly and it has at last been laid round the corner of Bank and Wellington streets.

Friday 27/05/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

A large number of men were engaged last Wednesday night in working on the Street Railway across the Sapper's Bridge by lamp

Saturday 28/05/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

A large gang of men were working on the bridge again last night and the track was to have been finished the whole way across before morning.

04/06/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rideau River bridge

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railroad Company will have some forty men employed on Monday next raising the grade of the track one foot higher for half a mile along the Rideau River commencing near Mr. Satchell's residence. The work will be done under the superintendence of the able roadmaster, Mr. Ronaldson.

07/06/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The work on the street railway is being rapidly proceeded with and early next month the road will be in proper condition for the running of cars.

17/06/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

We are glad to see the company pushing on so energetically with that enterprise. But while constructing it opposite the Russell House it would be well not to put on night hands, and to get the work in that particular place done quickly.

17/06/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

Canada Central Railway. Mr. H. Abbott, the contractor, has added about 150 men more to his already large force. This looks like business. No doubt the road will be completed by the first of September.

23/06/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

NEW CARS: Five more cars were turned out by the CE&MCo on the Canada Rolling Stock Company contract and left on the GTR.

28/06/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

The Ottawa station of the Canada Central will be completed in a few days. The outside is now being painted.

28/06/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

Yesterday four cars of the Ottawa Street Railway were brought to town. They are of a gauge similar to that of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railroad and consequently they only had to be attached to the train like any other and drawn in. Some lumber cars will arrive shortly. They will be loaded with lumber at the Chaudiere and be taken through to Prescott. Those arrived yesterday, we understand, were passenger and light freight cars. We shall all be able to have a trip on Dominion Day.

07/07/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

... Five additional new cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Company were completed and sent off by the CE&MCo yesterday, from their foundry. This completes the first order of 150 cars, which has been supplanted by another for a similar number.

09/07/1870 Montreal Gazette Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CANADA ROLLING STOCK: Canadian Engine is building 300 box cars for the Canada Rolling Stock Co.

12/07/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Sussex Street

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway have undertaken to fill up the land near the depot in consideration of the privileges granted them on McTaggart Street. The nuisance will be - week. Gravel trains are to be - requisition for the speedy execution of the undertaking.

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway have in course of erection a depot for coal oil near the corner of Dalhousie and McTaggart streets. A slide from the track will enable the employees to unload before coming to the main depot and thus avoid the disagreeable consequences of a close proximity of coal oil with other articles of commerce.

14/07/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

The work of laying rails on the Canada Central line is being pushed forward energetically. Already five miles are laid from Carleton Place and the track is being finished at the rate of one mile per day. The connecting link will thus soon be established between Ottawa and Carleton Place.

Friday 22/07/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street railway is now an established fact. Many delays and disappointments occurred and many obstacles had to be overcome, but the pushing the Company allowed nothing - their enterprise, so that now, but only short time after rumor had pronounced it we have the Ottawa Street Railway - accomplished. A trial trip was made yesterday morning at five o'clock for the purpose of detecting all parts of the track needing improvements. A number of laborers were then - and the work of thoroughly - the track proceeded with. The men made their first trip in the afternoon around five o'clock and seemed quite - to the citizens and were for a time the subject of street corner conversation - people sufficient to fill a half dozen Grand Trunk cars, were gathered here and there along the course of the track waiting to get a view of them and many impatient for a trip to the Chaudiere on the first run of the street cars. There are four cars made on the most improved pattern. They were imported from New York and for lightness, elegance and comfort stand second to no street cars in the Dominion. A patent farebox dispenses with a conductor. They run from J.M. Currier's residence to the Chaudiere, and are drawn by fine looking horses.

Tuesday 26/07/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

A couple of waggons came to grief yesterday on the street railway. -- loaded with brick impeded the way of - for a good while in the morning breaking down on the track on the far end of Sappers Bridge.

Wednesday 27/07/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The Ottawa street railway is certainly proving a most successful service. Day after day the street cars are --ied on every trip and from present appearances, two or three more cars are required to accommodate the people of --. There is one little thing, however, at present neglected, but which sooner or later must be attended to; we -- the carrying of small bells by the horses as is done on street railways in other cities. The cars make so little noise while in motion that accidents will occur unless something be employed to give warning of their approach.

Tuesday 02/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street cars are still crowded, more are wanted.

Tuesday 09/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Bells Corners

It is expected that the cars on the Canada Central Railroad will be run as far as Bells Corners by next Saturday night. The track is at present within four miles of that place.

Wednesday 10/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street railway track is about completed to the Suspension Bridge. The company are shoving on the work with their usual energy.

Saturday 13/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

The track of the Canada Central is now laid between Bells Corners and Carleton Place, with the exception of small pieces across some culverts which are in the course of completion. Trains are busy drawing gravel to fill up the line.

Tuesday 16/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

Only two cars are running on the street railway during the day, but in the evening the business is so much - as to necessitate the employing of four. In the course of a few days, when the track is completed to the Suspension Bridge the four cars will run through the day as well as at night. The track is laid from Pooley's to Suspension Bridge, - the short connecting piece at the east of the former bridge is in course of completion.

Tuesday 23/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Union Forwarding Chats Falls

On Saturday last something like a half a mile of the Union Forwarding and Railway Company's railroad, Pontiac, was destroyed by fire. Mr. B. ? Capt.. of the steamer Emerald was seriously burned on the occasion in the endeavors to check the fire. Mr. Cas?, President of the Company has gone to Pontiac, and under his superintendence - no doubt the railroad will soon be repaired. Traffic will not be interrupted by the accident.

Tuesday 23/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

A switch to the street railway is about complete on Sparks street.

Two additional cars will be put upon the street railway on the 1st of September next. The cars will then run through to the Suspension Bridge.

In addition to the work just completed on Sparks Street another one is in course of construction on Albert Street. The multiplication of switches on this manner will impede street traffic more than a second track would do.

Saturday 27/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street railway is now completed to the Suspension Bridge to which the cars made their first trip yesterday afternoon.

Another switch to the street railway is being laid on Sparks Street between Bank and O'Connor Streets

30/08/1870 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars

The CE&MCo have just completed and despatched ... ten cars of revertible gauge for the Rolling Stock Company of Boston, being part of a contract for 150 cars.

Wednesday 31/08/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street cars will not run to the Chaudiere until the 1st September.

Friday 02/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

The track for the Canada Central Railway is now being surveyed on Ashburnham Hill by Mr. R. Sparks.

Monday 05/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

We alluded a few days since to the fact that the Canada Central Railway was fast approaching completion and that we might hope before many days had elapsed to see the work finished and trains running into Ottawa. Eventually the company intend to have the station built close to the city, almost in line with Elgin Street, and within five minutes walk of the Russell House; at first we believe, however, that the terminus will be at the Chaudiere flats where the Company have purchased a considerable space of ground for the purpose of accommodating the extensive business which they expect to do with the mill owners of that place. There will be two passenger trains and one freight train running each way daily, and the distance from here to Brockville (74 miles) will be performed in about three hours and forty minutes. Mr. Abbott, the contractor of the line, was in the city Saturday. he appears to have no doubt about the line being ready for public traffic on the 15th inst. on which day it is intended that the formal opening shall take place. We wish all possible success to the Canada Central, and hope that the remaining links in that interoceanic railway chain, of which we regard the Canada Central of forming a part, will soon be completed also. Meanwhile the people of this vicinity will have good reason to be satisfied with their railway service, so long as two well managed lines run into Ottawa connecting us with all parts of the continent east and west.

It will be seen by reference to an advertisement in another column that the trains will run on the Canada Central on the 16th inst. It is that then the stages will cease to run on Perth and Pakenham lines and that the service between Ottawa and those places will be performed by rail. (N.B. Could not find the advert in this day's issue)

Thursday 06/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

Canada Central is making its way into the city. So near are the rails laid to the city that this morning the whistle of the engine was heard by persons living on Bank street. The road is graded to near Paterson's? Creek, over which a culvert or small bridge is being built and the rails are laid to within about two miles of the city. If the work progress at the same rate as it has done on the rest of the road, and we have no doubt that it will, a great posse of men being employed, in a few days we expect to see cars running into the city. The road through the city is already about all surveyed and the work preliminary to grading is being proceeded with. Many persons through whose property the track passes are much depressed supposing themselves completely at the mercy of the company. The surveyor goes first with his small force and strikes a line through orchards, sheds and sometimes through houses. The line is blazed out, and immediately after a number of men with axes, who whilst the astonished proprietor stands by in silent rage cut, hew and smash down trees fences, sheds and, when necessary, armed in force and lay siege to a house which soon succumbs to the onslaught. The unfortunate proprietors imagine they are ruined. Others are of quite a different idea. They are under the impression that they can make whatever demand they make and it will be given them as a thing that cannot be helped. Both parties are labouring under very wrong impressions, and both needs a little enlightenment. For the former we may state that though the line is run through their property without consulting them, yet they will be adequately and justly indemnified for all damage done and for whatever property may be taken from them. The company will appraise the land etc. themselves and make their offer, which if the claimant does not consider just, he may leave to the arbitration of two disinterested parties, one to be chosen by the company and the other by the claimant, both parties to abide by their decision. As for those who would make easy money by the line the above explanation also explodes their expectations. They will receive the value of their property etc. and nothing more. There are many persons who, although they may receive the real or even more than the real value of their property, will not yet be adequately rewarded, and only when it is taken into consideration that the proximity of the railroad to their house will be a source of lasting loss to them and indemnified in holding with this consideration will they be fully remunerated.

Friday 07/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street cars made their trips yesterday with one horse.

Monday 12/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

The line of the Canada Central through the town has been surveyed so that it now passes 18 feet under Lewis' Hill. This change is welcomed by persons owning property on the flats which were likely to be rendered almost useless from the proximity of the track.

13/09/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA - A GLANCE AT IMPROVEMENTS (from the International Railway Guide) ... Several hundred new freight Cars have been built by the Canada Rolling Stock Company, and leased to the GTR.

Tuesday 13/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

On Saturday evening last a locomotive passed over the new bridge of this railway at the Chaudiere for the first time.

Wednesday 14/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

Long article on Canada Central.

Tomorrow the Canada Central will be opened from Ottawa to Carleton Place and Sand Point.

Pembroke isolated. Advantages for Ottawa. Gauge the same as the Grand Trunk, freight cars will be able to run over that line and avoid the transfer and breaking of bulk.

Wednesday 14/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Three trains will run henceforth, commencing today on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railroad. We understand the third train is to run at night.

Wednesday 14/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

Advertisement. On and after Friday 16th September through trains will run over the B&O and CCR as follows. Express trains will leave Ottawa at 9 a.m. and 5.25 p.m.

The train leaving at 9 a.m. will connect at Brockville with the Grand Trunk express going west and at Sand Point with the Union Forwarding and Railway Company's steamers for Portage du Fort, Pembroke etc.

Express trains will leave Brockville at 8.05 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. The 4.40 train will await the arrival of the Grand Trunk Mail train going east, if late making a certain connection for mails and passengers for Ottawa. Grain and other freight in car loads will go through from points west to Ottawa without trans shipment.

Arrangements will shortly be made to connect with the Grand Trunk express trains so that passengers can go through without change by sleeping car from Toronto to Ottawa.

Canada Central Railway. The section of this railway between Ottawa and Carleton Place forming with its connection a broad gauge rout (sic) from Ottawa to the west will be open for traffic on the sixteenth instant.

Thursday 15/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

Switches are a hindrance. Would not have cost any more to put double track in - would be better for Sparks Street. Streets are in a bad condition. Would like to know who to blame.

Accidents are still a very common occurrence owing to the inconvenience caused by the street cars. Yesterday a young lady was thrown out of a buggy which accidentally collided with one of the street cars. She was thrown on her head, receiving a few cuts, though no serious injury.

Yesterday was all that could be desired for the trip to Sand Point, and soon after nine o'clock a large crowd had collected at the terminus of the Canada Central Railway at the Chaudiere Flats, where a train of eight cars was in readiness drawn by the powerful engine, H.A. ABBOTT.

This engine was built in Taunton, Mass and is one of great speed and power. She forms one of three which have been constructed for the Canada Central Railway Company. No. 1 is named after to well-known English capitalist Mr. H.W.F. Bolckow who is, we believe, the largest shareholder in the company; No. 2 is named after the president (H. Allan), and No. 3 after the contractor for the line to whose untiring energy and enterprise we owe the speedy completion of the road, Mr. H.A. Abbott. This engine, as before stated was the one destined to propel the excursion train on the opening day. She was profusely decorated with Union Jacks and Red, White and Blue flags interspersed with evergreens.

The band of the Brockville Garrison Artillery arrived about 9.30 o'clock and had a car assigned for their accommodation.

List of the invited guests - omitted.

And now the signal is given and at fifty nine minutes past nine o'clock

WE'RE OFF

A few grunts and puffs and the good engine settles down to her work, and soon at a fast accelerating speed we are rattling down the grade out of Ottawa. Past farm houses, the occupants of which, male and female, hurry to the door so soon as the sound of the approaching engine is heard, and with loud hurrahs and waving of handkerchiefs wish God speed to the Canada Central as our train rushes past. Past little log cabins, whose inhabitants have done what they could to show their appreciation of the great event by hoisting miniature red and white flags, and who give us a hearty greeting as we pass; through green woods upon whose leaves the first tint of autumn is seen, and among the branches of which we now and then catch hasty glimpses of the Ottawa flowing calmly on. Presently we reach the "burnt district" where black charred trunks and here and there smouldering ashes, afford evidence of the fiery ruin that has past over this part of the country. The track, as many amongst us remark, instead of being rougher than that of other railways as might have been expected considering how recently it had been made, seems smoother than usual. There is little perceptible oscillation, none of that "bumping" up and down which sometimes renders railroad travelling so fatiguing, but we travel smoothly and steadily along and soon run past Bells Corners where traces of the late terrible fire are still more perceptible on both sides of the track. In fact our course from this point to our first stopping place.

Stittsville

In almost entirely through burnt woods, although a little way back from the track, as our readers are aware, there lies a beautiful stretch of rich agricultural country. Stittsville was reached at 10.25. Thus we had accomplished our first fourteen miles in thirty four minutes, not by any means bad travelling over a new road, with eight heavily laden cars behind us.

After a very brief stoppage at Stittsville we proceeded on our way until Ashton, twenty-two miles from Ottawa was reached at 10:45. At eleven o'clock we arrived at the Carleton station of the Canada Central, and scarcely had we halted when the Brockville train arrived, filled with a number of persons who joined the excursion train on its way to Sand Point. Carleton Place is the end of the new road, and our way from thence lay along the track which has, for some time, been used by the Brockville and Sand Point trains. There is nothing of the scenery along this part of the trip worthy of especial note. The country appears, for the most part, to be exceedingly well adapted for agricultural purposes and the clearings already made are numerous and extensive. Every stream we crossed was almost filled with a quantity of lumber showing how large a lumbering business is done in this section of country and promising well for the future prospects of the railway in this respect. At half past eleven we reached the thriving town of Almonte, with its extensive woollen and other manufactories, and here we found a large number of persons waiting on the platform to greet our arrival. We were now 36½ miles from Ottawa. After giving our iron horse a little refreshment in the shape of wood and water, we once more started on our way. Pakenham was reached at 11:52; a few minutes after 12 o'clock we crossed the long bridge which spans the Madawaska river and at ten minutes after twelve reached Arnprior, about fifty-three miles from Ottawa. The remainder of the distance, about four miles, was performed very rapidly, and at twenty three minutes after twelve (Ottawa time) our train drew up in front of the commodious freight shed belonging to the company at Sand Point. Across the road a sort of triumphal arch had been erected, from which was suspended a number of flags and in the centre a banner upon which was inscribed the word

WELCOME!

And as our train halted we received a cordial welcome in the form of three rousing cheers from the crowd assembled on the platform. Here the passengers alighted; some strolled up to the terminus, a short distance off, which is close to the steamboat wharf; others went into the freight shed and spent some time in admiring

THE DECORATIONS

which were very profuse and at the same time in excellent taste. At each end of the room was a cross table, while down the sides extended two long tables, and all of them were almost covered with a bountiful supply of eatables. The walls of the building were decorated with evergreens and with streamers bearing various mottoes. "God save the Queen" at each end of the room. "Success to the railway enterprise," "Success and prosperity to the Canada Central Railway," "Brunel and Watt," "Rendal, Stephenson, Ross, Cubitt," "Dominion of Canada," "Brockville and Ottawa Railway," Northern Colonization Railway, "Ottawa Valley Railway," and many others. At each end of the room were the arms of England, Scotland and Ireland emblazoned on shields in proper colours and round the different parts were festoons of laurels etc.

LUNCH

was provided by Mr. Kavanagh, the well known caterer of Ottawa. It is usual on such occasions, to say that "the entertainment was served in Mr. So and So's usual excellent style," but we feel that on this occasion we ought to say more than mere stereotyped words of compliment, for we certainly never saw a lunch of the kind gotten up under similar circumstances in such creditable style. Not only was there enough of everything, but what there was of the very best kind and was well served up.

BILL OF FARE

Relevés - boned turkeys with apple jelly; game pate; hams; ornamented rounds of beef; smoked beef tongue.

Entrees - Chicken salad; partridges with jelly; oyster pates.

Roast joints - Roast beef, roast turkey, roast mutton, roast chicken, roast geese, roast veal.

Game - Partridges, wild duck, prairie chickens, plover.

Relishes - Olives, pickled oysters, pickled cucumbers.

Pastry - Jelly tarts, fancy cakes, wine jelly, blanc mange, charlotte russe, charlotte of apples.

Fruit - Isabella grapes, oranges, fameuse apples, almonds, raisins, figs etc. crackers mixed, celery.

While lunch was proceeding the Brockville Garrison Artillery previously referred to played the following

PROGRAMME

1. March "Distant Greeting" - Doran.

2. Lancers "Merrie Tunes" - Godfrey.

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Colin J. Churcher

3. Comic fantasia "Echos of the night" - Riviere.
4. Valse "Milgrove" - Stanley.
5. Galop "Post Horn" - Leomig.
- 6 "God Save the Queen".

Chair was occupied by Abbott. Proposed a toast to the Queen.
 Many speeches - omitted

The train was by this time in waiting and soon the passengers were all on board and well satisfied with their day. Everything had passed off most satisfactorily without a single contretemps. At 3.42 the train started and arrived safely in Ottawa about six o'clock. Thus ended the celebration of the opening of the Canada Central Railway

Tuesday 20/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Nation River

A new bridge over the Nation River at Spencerville is being built by the St.L. & O. to replace the old one.

Tuesday 20/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

The Canada Central did another good day's business yesterday. The train that left in the morning was literally crowded, there being scarcely standing room.

It is a fact likely of notice now that this railway has been so far completed; though employing between six and seven hundred in the summer, there was not one in that large number brought before His Worship for drunkenness.

Friday 23/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

Two new streetcars of a different model from those already here will be brought to town today or tomorrow for the Street Railway in this city.

23/09/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

NEW ROLLING STOCK: Yesterday morning the new locomotive {likely GTR 284 #77} for the GTR left the CE&MCo's Works and steamed out on the city branch line. It is now on duty on the named line. Another instalment of five freight cars for the Canadian Rolling Stock Company, were also delivered over by the CE&MCo, and were taken out by the new engine.

Monday 26/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

Few break downs have happened on the street railway lately owing to the manner in which the rails are kept and probably also because the teamsters have learned how to drive over them.

Tuesday 27/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The two new cars for the street railway have arrived. They are of the same capacity as the others but of a somewhat different construction.

Wednesday 28/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

The Canada Central Railroad is laying a branch track from the station to the Chaudiere for the convenience of loading lumber.

Wednesday 28/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Sussex Street

The frog pond is filled up and the St. Lawrence and Ottawa station looks better. A permanent side track is laid across it for the use of wheat cars.

Friday 30/09/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

The freight shed at the Ottawa station of the Canada Central is rapidly building. The company have pushed on all work connected with the road with commendable energy.

Saturday 01/10/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street cars had an unusually large number of passengers yesterday owing to the excursion to town.

08/10/1870 Kingston Daily British Whig Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CANADIAN ENGINE WORKS: Another locomotive, no.285, and two tenders for the GTR, together with the usual compliment of five freight cars, for the Canadian Rolling Stock Company were turned out of the CE&M Works yesterday.

12/10/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

The business of the Canada Central Railway continues to steadily increase. A large number of passengers left by yesterday evening's train. Freight is being sent away in large quantities.

13/10/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rideau River

The piers of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway bridge damaged by the ice last spring are being repaired.

15/10/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa

We have learned with pleasure that Mr. Reynolds is having a new car constructed at Prescott for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, on the same principle as the Pullman car. The cost of the new car is estimated at from ten to twelve thousand dollars.

Monday 17/10/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

A buggy with a couple of men in it broke down on the street railway track on Saturday afternoon. For a time it caused a pretty extensive jam of vehicles among which was a street car. With deep mire on the road it was a very unpleasant experience.

18/10/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Ottawa City Passenger*

With reference to the inquiry of a correspondent, as to the street railway timetable, we understand that the Company will establish a timetable as soon as they ascertain by experiments at what hours the traffic requires the cars should be run.

The wheels first sent in gave way, and until the new cars arrived the Company could not depend on running at all regularly. Some time is required to get sufficient horse stock for an increase of trips. The oftener the cars are run the more horses and stable accommodation are required also.

At present the cars are run from each terminus every quarter of an hour, counting the hour, half hour and quarter hours evenly, between 8 a.m. and noon and from 2 to 6 p.m. Before, between and after those hours the cars run at 20 and 30 minutes. Some changes may be made in the early and late cars, but during the day the public will get a car every quarter of an hour except between noon and 2 p.m.

21/10/1870 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: Five new freight cars left the CE&MCo yesterday for the Canada Rolling Stock Company.

Saturday 22/10/1870 *Kingston Daily British Whig* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: On Thursday five new freight cars on the Canadian Rolling Stock Company contract left the CE&MCo's Works by the branch line, for the GTR.

Saturday 27/10/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Canada Central*

The CCRR is in a prospering condition, the traffic on it is increasing daily. The receipts for last month are said to amount to \$23,103. Those figures speak well for the line.

Tuesday 01/11/1870 *Kingston Daily British Whig* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: Five new freight cars, nearly making up the contract for the two hundred ordered by the Canada Rolling Stock Company, were turned out of the CE&MCo's foundry yesterday.

01/11/1870 *Kingston Daily News* *Gauge Change Cars* *Gauge Change Cars*

NEW CARS: Five more box freight cars were turned out on Monday for the Canada Rolling Stock Company by the CE&MCo. The large contract for 300 cars will now be completed in two or three weeks.

Friday 04/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Canada Central*

The line of the Canada Central Railroad into the city has been finally surveyed and already men are at work on it. It will pass under the brow of the hill directly below the residence of J.B. Lewis Esq. and will continue from thence to the site of the proposed station along Biddy Street, avoiding as much as possible interfering with houses. Much difficulty is experienced in running the line so as to avoid buildings but we believe Mr. Sparks has been so successful in doing so that only one house will need to be moved.

Saturday 05/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *Sussex Street*

The frog pond at the St. Lawrence and Ottawa station at present affords amusement to young boys in the vicinity. They have constructed a number of rafts and occasionally engage in naval skirmishes.

Tuesday 08/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa*

We understand another locomotive is about being purchased for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railroad.

23/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Ottawa City Passenger*

This enterprise has proved a great boon to that large class of our citizens who cannot afford cab hire and are unable or unwilling to walk. Its failure for want of support was confidently predicted but the result has proved that there was an undeveloped passenger traffic which was immediately brought out by low fares and frequent and regular communication with the extreme ends of the city.

We understand that an average of about one thousand persons use the cars daily through the principal part of the season and on gala days this number is more than doubled. The Company have proceeded cautiously increasing the number of cars and the frequency of the trips to suit the traffic but for the near approach of winter the cars would run oftener, earlier and later than they do now. Not knowing what the winter traffic will be the Company do not wish to increase their stock of horses and with the present force cannot do more at this time of year. With respect to the "one horse" question, we are informed that the company's cars are all rigged for two horses to be used whenever the state of the track requires it, and that in the spring and fall two horses will often be required until the streets are paved, or the mud in some other way disposed of. In the summer the intention is to run every ten or fifteen minutes with one horse. These from their frequency will not be overloaded and as the cars are only about half the weight of those used in Montreal and Toronto, they are, at any time as easy a load for one horse as the larger cars are for two. In the present state of our streets two horses could not work a Montreal or Toronto street car on the Ottawa grades without assistance. The one horse system which has been introduced on a very large number of the street railways of the US has superseded the two horse system in level cities like New Orleans and Chicago and in all the smaller towns. It is the only system by which in cities of moderate traffic frequent trips can be secured. The number of horses which any company can afford to keep depends upon the traffic, winter and summer, and as this number is fixed, it results that if one horse will do the work here for which two are employed in Toronto the trips here may be twice as frequent per hour as they are in that city and this is the point of greatest interest to the public in the general management of any street railway.

Track. We are glad to see that in Metcalfe, Sussex, Sparks and Duke streets the corporation has begun to complete the roadway of these important thoroughfares. This is greatly needed indeed to diminish the necessary inconvenience caused by the rails. At present the railway track is the only portion of the street which has been graded, and despite the fear of broken axles, we observe that everywhere this track is preferred.

More on the Toronto experience.

24/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Ottawa City Passenger*

The trips of the street cars yesterday were few and far between. The rails were covered over with snow and sleet and drawing the cars was very heavy work for the horses.

25/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Ottawa City Passenger*

The street cars did not run at all yesterday owing to the snow on the rails and their absence in the streets is readily felt both by carters and persons who appreciated the accommodation which they afforded.

29/11/1870 *The Times, Ottawa* *Ottawa City Passenger*

The street cars attempted a trip yesterday but could not manage to get a grip on the slippery rails. So the attempt was abandoned.

30/11/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Chaudiere

The Canada Central Railway station and sheds are now surrounded by a neat picket fence. Telegraph poles, it is said, will soon be set up along the track, and the wires will then be introduced into the different stations along the route.

30/11/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The greater portion of the street railway track was cleared yesterday. The cars made several trips, and were not particular to stick to the track where it was heavily obstructed. This in all Canadian cities is the worst season of the year for the running of the railcars. There is generally just enough snow to make the running of the cars difficult and not enough to permit the use of sleighs.

30/11/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa Sussex Street

We believe the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railroad Company will have a new locomotive and a new first class car running on their track shortly.

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company are improving their grounds generally at the Ottawa station. They have run a drain through what was popularly known as the frog pond and a large platform is being built on the western side of the freight shed.

Saturday 03/12/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

In most cities, indeed, I may say all cities in which I have had occasion to remark the system of running street railway cars, the most conspicuous, and in my own estimation the most indispensable portion of their outfit, with a view to the public service and convenience, is the presence of an individual at the rear of each car with an eye to business.

Now, on numerous occasions I have come upon one of these cars, just, as some one hundred feet ahead of me, it has turned the corner of a cross street, and owing to there being no "eye" behind to observe my signal to "heave to" it has of course in obedience to the exertions of its unconscious driver pursued the "even tenor" of its way, leaving me to plod on foot the weary mile or so, I should willingly have forked over twice the fare for being carried over.

Economy should certainly be the order of the day in all things, but if there are more served like myself, (and I do not see why there should not be) it may become a question whether the absence of the individual alluded to is not a very doubtful bit of saving to the Street Railway Company of Ottawa. What do they say themselves?

A neglected signaller.

Monday 05/12/1870 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central

Commencing December 5 sleeping cars between Toronto and Ottawa going through in 13 hours.
Timetable.

Leave Brockville 4.45 a.m. express arriving Ottawa 8.30 a.m.

7.30 a.m. mail train arriving at 1.50 p.m.

3.30 p.m. express arriving at 7.16 p.m.

Leave Ottawa 9.40 express arriving Brockville 1.40 p.m.

3.45 p.m. mail train arriving 9.15 p.m.

10.30 p.m. express arriving 3.15 a.m.

Connections with expresses to and from Toronto.

A sleeping car will leave Toronto MWF nights and go through to Ottawa arriving at 8.30 a.m. returning it will leave Ottawa on TThSaO nights and go through to Toronto arriving at 11.30 a.m.

Freight forwarded with despatch as CC and B&O Railways are the same gauge as the Grand Trunk. Car loads go through in Grand Trunk cars to all points without transshipment.

Wednesday 07/12/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The sleighs of the City Passenger Railway were out for the first time yesterday. They are a little larger than the cars and are comfortably fitted up. The runners are after the bob sleigh patterns. The convenience of having these commodious sleighs running from one end of the city to the other cannot fail to be appreciated by the public.

15/12/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa

St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway. Grand Trunk passengers from the west may rely upon making sure connection at Prescott with trains of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, which under any circumstances, wait the arrival of the Grand Trunk trains.

Friday 16/12/1870 The Times, Ottawa St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

The Taunton locomotive and new car will be placed on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway track on the 20th instant, and we believe the event will be celebrated by a dinner. The car will be entitled "The Ottawa" and the engine "Lady Lisgar".

Wednesday 21/12/1870 The Times, Ottawa Ottawa City Passenger

The street cars are not well patronized just now.

Thursday 29/12/1870 Kingston Daily News Gauge Change Cars Gauge Change Cars

CE&M WORKS: The large contract of three hundred freight cars, taken by this Company in 1869 for the Canada Rolling Stock Company, has just been completed, and the last batch of three cars will be turned out tomorrow for despatch to their destination. To fill up a lull which generally occurs in the winter season, the carpenters in the car shop have been placed at work on twenty-five cars for the Brockville & Ottawa Railway, also three snowplows for the GTR, the latter of which will be finished, and leave the foundry about the beginning of next week.

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