

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1878

15/01/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Hull. The station master of the railroad depot made an application to mayor Brigham to have the police at the station for half an hour before the departure or arrival of trains as the platform was a resort for ?? who obstruct business and jump on and off trains, making themselves a general nuisance.

24/01/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Hull 24th. Passengers by the M. & O.R.R. were very much amused on the arrival of the train at Hull, by the conductor opening the first class door and calling out Ottawa, then going to the second class car and calling out Hull.

31/01/1878 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa Gloucester

St. Lawrence and Ottawa train off the track.

The Brakesman and Passengers injured

An accident happened yesterday afternoon to the half-past two o'clock St. Lawrence and Ottawa train about a mile beyond Gloucester station, by which some persons sustained injuries, but fortunately of no very serious nature. The train left the depot at the usual time under the charge of Mr. Freeman, conductor, and proceeded at its customary rate of speed until it reached the place where the mishap occurred, when suddenly the cars left the track, the through carriage to Montreal and the first class car being thrown on to their sides, and their occupants, of course, were hurled violently from their seats. The second class and baggage cars also left the metals, but maintained an upright position, and no passengers in them were hurt. The engineer stopped the train as soon as he possibly could, and the train scarcely moved more than a couple of car lengths, but the shock and jolting were sufficient to seriously alarm those on board the train, and who numbered 21 in all. Of course it is not to be expected that all escaped unscathed. Mr. T.P. French the Post Office Inspector, sustained a slight cut on the head, and Mrs. Hanlon was also hurt on the forehead; another lady passenger, whose name our reporter did not learn, was also slightly hurt, as indeed many others were in a minor degree. The worst case of injury is that to Jas. Wallace, the brakesman, who at the time of the accident was in the first class car, and was thrown violently against one of the seats, which struck him in the stomach, hurting him considerably. So soon as the news of the accident reached headquarters here, Mr. Reynolds despatched a train for the double purpose of clearing the track and transhipping the passengers and baggage, both of which were forwarded to their destinations. The first-class cars were found lying on their sides beside the rails, and the second-class and baggage cars were soon placed on the metals again and the line was put ready for traffic again. The cause of the accident was a broken rail and no blame appears to be attached to any of the servants of the company. Those who were hurt were carefully attended to and made as comfortable as the circumstances would permit. The locomotive fortunately kept the rails, and, escaped uninjured, but the two first class cars are, of course, more or less damaged.

It is a matter for congratulation that the accident was not attended with worse results, for less causes than a broken rail have frequently been attended with severe personal injury and loss of life. When the news first spread in the city, the most exaggerated stories got ahead, but careful enquiry showed the facts of the affair to be as above given.

01/02/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O water

Mr. W. Perry jr., of Montreal, arrived in this city yesterday for the purpose of completing further arrangements for the water supply on the Q.M.O. & O. R.R. All the tanks will not be in position until June or July next.

01/02/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Hull. While the brakesman was underneath the cars coupling the connections of the vacuum brake on the express train yesterday afternoon, at the station here, the train placer, not knowing the man was underneath, gave the signal to back the train. As the cars were moving the brakesman scrambled out from among the wheels having a narrow escape from being cut in two.

02/02/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Some loud talking was done at the railroad station yesterday afternoon by a youth who wanted to get up a fight. He was sent off by the police. The youth has endeavored to raise a disturbance at the station several times before.

03/02/1878 The Times, Ottawa Canada Central Renfrew

The late fire at Renfrew

Burying the remains of two of the victims,

The mortal remains of Mr. James McAdam were interred yesterday in the family burying ground at Pakenham.

Mr. McAdam, at the time of his death, was station master at Renfrew, and was well and favorably known, not only to the employees along the line, but also to nearly everyone living along the route of the railway. Orders were given from head office that special trains should run yesterday for the purpose of conveying relatives and friends to and from the funeral.

Unfortunately the intimation that the special train was to leave the city did not reach Ottawa until Saturday afternoon when it was too late to advertise the fact in the newspapers, and the consequence was that very few city members of the Masonic lodge body attended the funeral.

Precisely at nine o'clock, however, the train left. and by the time Carleton Place was reached a large number of the fraternity were on board. Here it was joined by the train from Brockville, containing over 130 Masons, and on arriving at Pakenham the number was augmented to nearly 250.

After waiting for few minutes, the train from Renfrew arrived containing the remains of Mr. McAdam in charge of the members of the Renfrew Lodge to which the deceased belonged.

The funeral procession - details omitted

The brethren from Pembroke and Renfrew then got on board the train and proceeded to Arnprior where the funeral of Mr. James Tierney awaited them, the remains having been left at Arnprior on the way down.

08/02/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Renfrew

A large quantity of rails were recently brought to Renfrew. Whether they are for the repair of the C.C. line, or in preparation for further extension we cannot say: but there are ?? Illegible.

08/02/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Advertisement. QMO&OR. Special train for Montreal will leave Hull Depot tomorrow, Friday afternoon at 4.30 pm.

08/02/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O* *Hull*

The special train for the accommodation of members and others desirous of attending the opening of the Parliament, arrived at Hull at a quarter after one, having made the run from Montreal in three and a half hours including four stoppages. Mr. Duncan MacDonald, manager of the line, and Mr. Chisholm, superintendent, accompanied the party and spared no effort to provide for the comfort of the passengers. It is estimated that there will be no difficulty in making the run over the line in three hours. The road is increasing in popularity every day.
More - details of passengers.

09/02/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O* *Hull*

QMO&ORR - the managers of this line will run a special train on Tuesday next 12th inst. for the accommodation of parties wishing to attend the grand ball given by the citizens of Montreal to His Excellency the Governor General.

15/02/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O* *Hull*

Hull. The QMO&O RR are making preparations along their line to receive the Governor General with fitting honours tomorrow. Arches have been erected on different parts of the route and a large one is under construction near the station here.

15/02/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* *QMO&O* *Hull*

His Excellency the Lord Dufferin is to arrive here by the Q.M.O. & O. R.R. tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A arch is in course of construction at the Railway Station.

16/02/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *Sussex Street*

About half past three o'clock yesterday afternoon the heater in a Pullman car the "Rimouski" lying at the St. L. & O. station, exploded, doing considerable damage. The windows were blown out and the car fired. An alarm was sounded from the nearest box and the fire engine responded. The fire in the interior was put out by using the Babcock Extinguishers. The damage to the car will amount to about \$300, The car was the Friday night Pullman for Toronto.

16/02/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* *QMO&O*

Account of Lord Dufferin's special train Montreal to Hull.

16/02/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O*

Account of the journey of the Vice-Regal couple from Montreal to Hull. Exerpts.

Their Excellencies took leave of the committee of management and friends at Montreal at 12.15 o'clock, the station and environs being crowded with spectators. Addresses of farewell etc. as their Excellencies entered the 1st car of the special train. As the train moved from the station the explosion of fog signals added to the enthusiasm of the occasion which will be long remembered. After a pleasant ride of half a mile (hour?) the train approached Ste. Therese where the station was handsomely decorated with flags and evergreens and a band enlivened the scene. Miss Seguin presented an address of welcome to their Excellencies who occupied chairs on the elevated platform.

The party left Ste. Therese at one o'clock.

Lachute. 2.30 p.m. the Governor General and Lady Dufferin arrived here at 1.45 p.m. and remained fifteen minutes. A huge crowd was present at the station. Great preparations had been made. A handsome arch was built across the track. The railway station was also freely decorated. The train moved off from the station at two o'clock amid cheers, the assemblage singing God Save the Queen.

On the arrival of the special train with the vice-regal party, which is expected to arrive by the Q.M.O. & O.R.R. about five o'clock this afternoon the Governor General will be met at the station by Mayor Graham and the Aldermen of the city and the St. Jean Baptiste Society, accompanied by the Hull Brass Band. The Railroad company are decorating the station and putting things in shape to receive His Excellency in a fitting manner,

02/03/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O* *Hull*

Hull. The railroad crossing on the Gatineau Road is in a dangerous condition, on account of the bush, which is, on both sides of the road, close up to the track, it being impossible for parties driving into the city to see the cars until they are right on to the track, and on the Hull side of the road the bush prevents people seeing trains coming into the station.

On the arrival of the 3 o'clock train at the station here, yesterday afternoon, two cab drivers got into a dispute about passengers until blows were struck, and others then taking a hand in a general melee ensued. One of the crowd was badly beaten.

March 4. Loud talk was heard about the streets on Saturday afternoon, about what was to be done at the railroad station in the evening, as a result of the fight between two cabmen the night before. The police were instructed to be in attendance at the station. They found a large crowd around the depot but the sight of the brass buttons mad the would be pugilists conclude that discretion was the better part of valour, and they remained very quiet, leaving their feud until a more convenient season when the police are not so near.

07/03/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O* *Hull*

Potatoes have been coming in by the Q.M.O. & O. Railroad, which has been the means of bringing the prices down much to the discontent of the local farmers who have been holding back for one dollar a bag.

09/03/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O* *Hull*

A slight disturbance occurred at the railroad station between two carters yesterday but was quickly settled by the prompt action of Mr. Ogilvie, the Baggage-master.

15/03/1878 *Renfrew Mercury* *Union Forwarding*

The Ottawa Citizen says the Union Forwarding and Railway Company have come to the conclusion that there will be more money in towing sawlogs and square timber during the coming season than in carrying passengers, and consequently there will be no regular passenger boat between Aylmer and Pembroke. Since the opening of the Canada Central Railway the river traffic has been very light.

18/03/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O*

QMO&O advertisement. Until further notice a special Parliamentary train will leave Hull at 8 o'clock a.m. commencing the 18th inst and Hochelaga every Monday at 8.30 a.m.

04/04/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O*

It is understood that the mails usually carried by the Ottawa River Navigation Company during the summer months will go via the Q.M.O. & O. this season.

02/05/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* *QMO&O*

The M.O. & O.R.R. took the mails for the first time yesterday morning leaving Hull at 8.30 a.m. and arriving from Montreal at 2.30 p.m., being only one mail a day by this route, the other mails coming by their usual routes.

28/05/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* *QMO&O*

Mr. Shanly, the new inspector of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental R.R., Mr. Duncan MacDonald, contractor and manager, and Messrs. Stark, Peterson, engineers, passed over the road yesterday for the purpose of making an inspection and returned again today.

17/06/1878 Ottawa Free Press Tramway Bronson & Weston

On Saturday last a man named Parr, employed at Messrs. Bronson & Weston's, fell from a tramway and broke his leg above the ankle.--

18/06/1878 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Sussex Street

Yesterday afternoon a flat car on the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway, laden with rails, got off the track at the Dalhousie street crossing, and was considerably injured.

21/06/1878 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

The case of Kelly vs. the Street Passenger Railway Company, was in progress at the county court today, before His Honor Judge Ross. This is an action for damages. The plaintiff was engaged at work on the water works extension on Sussex street, in September last, when along came a street car and he was compelled to jump into the open drain in order to escape being run over. He was injured by the jump, and was laid up for some time thereafter. Hence the suit.--

25/06/1878 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Eganville

A party of engineers employed in laying out the route for the extension of the C.C. Railroad from Pembroke to Lake Nipissing are now camped about two miles from Pembroke. It is rumored that work will be commenced on the route in the course of a few weeks.

27/06/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Brewery street, near Brewery Bridge, was kept in a state of uproar from 10 o'clock last night until this morning by a lot of railroad hands who received their pay yesterday. The men grew uproarious at their boarding house, smashed three bedsteads, broke five panes of glass, and then had a free fight in the street throwing stones pretty freely. The police were notified this morning and succeeded in making one arrest.

28/06/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Pembroke

The work of preparing for the extension of the railway from Pembroke progresses favorably. The line which, we believe, has now been definitely located across the bay, maintains the course mentioned by us in a former issue, and the actual work of construction is only delayed by the non-arrangement of right of way difficulties. The engineers say that the work will be fairly begun by the first of July, if not before that time. Pembroke Observer.

28/06/1878 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Great sculling race at Brockville.

Cheap excursion on Dominion Day, via St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway. Tickets by the 8 a.m. train as follows: To Prescott and Back \$1.00; to Brockville by Grand Trunk or by boat, \$1.25. Good for that day only. Will leave Brockville on return at 6 p.m. By the 11.15 a.m. train. Single first class fares good for next day.

29/06/1878 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa Prescott

Mr. Murray, a railway contractor, missed the train at Prescott this morning and had to run in on a special train. It made good time - one hour and fifty minutes.

29/06/1878 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa

A good story is told of a contractor who tendered for the Georgian Bay Branch contract. He was required to be here at noon today, but fell asleep on the G.T.R. and was carried past Prescott Junction. He hired a locomotive at Prescott, and had the pleasure of a ride of 53 miles this hot day on the tender.

02/07/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Over 1300 excursionists came up from Montreal on the QMO&O last Saturday morning making the City of Hull look quite lively. Police cells full etc.

20/07/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Hull. Sixteen carloads of excursionists came in this afternoon by special train from St. Jerome, Ste Therese and adjoining places. The special leaves tomorrow evening on the return trip.

25/07/1878 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Bush fires have been raging very heavily in this section, and last evening the city was enveloped in smoke. Along the line of the St. L. & O.R.R. and more especially between Osgoode and Kemptville, they were especially bad. A portion of the track near Oxford station caught fire and the ties were destroyed. Men were engaged last evening in tearing down the fences in some portions and replacing the ties. No impediment to travel is expected.

29/07/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O

The Official Gazette today contains the Order in Council approved by the Lieutenant Governor on the 25th inst., which provides for the coming into force on the 31st inst. of the act passed last evening, and entitled "An Act to place the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway under the control of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works."

30/07/1878 Ottawa Citizen Canada Central Stittsville

Bush fires between Stittsville and Ashton. The fences along the road were destroyed and men were at work trying to save the ties on the road. The heat was so great that passengers on the trains durst not put their heads near the windows while passing.

05/08/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Over three hundred pleasure seekers took advantage of the excursion by the QMO&O Railway on Saturday afternoon to visit the city of Montreal. They returned at about half past eleven Sunday evening.

Shortly before the excursion train left the Hull station Saturday afternoon, an unexpected flash of lightning followed by a heavy crash of thunder, startled the people waiting, over a hundred being in the road to see the train start. The lightning struck two cedars opposite the railroad gate, not fifty feet from where a crowd were standing, peeling the trees from top to bottom. The same flash knocked down a Mrs. Renaud, who was stupefied for a few minutes but soon recovered.

08/08/1878 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Pembroke

The work on the railway extension goes slowly but steadily on. The work of driving the piles for the construction of the road across the bay has begun in earnest and, though it is necessarily a slow process, it cannot, with the efficient force at work, take many weeks to have this portion of the work completed. It is expected that the work of grading will be begun at once on the section belonging to Messrs. T. & W. Murray - Pembroke Standard.

The work of railway construction has now commenced in real earnest at this town. On Wednesday evening at exactly nine minutes to four o'clock, the pile driving scow was got into position close to the new wharf and the first pile driven solidly home. The piles are driven over 30 feet into the earth, and as the latter is of a close and solid character, it is likely that the work will prove quite a lengthy one. About twenty men are engaged in building a sort of elevated wooden breakwater to connect with the "piled" structure, on the western shore of the river. When completed this work will be seven or eight feet above the river level and will amply protect the shore at that point from the inroads of the river. We understand that Thos. Murray Esq. has secured the contract for grading the first fifteen miles of the road above Pembroke, and that he is already at work making preparations to push it forward vigorously. Messrs. Aldon and Eaton, contractors for the pile driving portion just at this town, are also evidently determined to "rush" matters with vigor. Pembroke Observer.

13/08/1878 *Daily Telegraph**St. Lawrence and Ottawa**Ottawa, Sussex Street*

From Ottawa this p.m.

A Riot in Ottawa Last Night

The Volunteers Called out by the mayor

Several people Shot and Wounded

A Priest's House Attacked

Couple of Young Britons Beaten

Police and Young Britons

Shots Fired in all Directions

Last night the city was considerably excited over the report that the members of the Catholic Union intended to assemble at the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway depot to prevent the Orange Young Briton delegation from Montreal boarding the train in a peaceable way. The matter having been reported to Mayor Bangs, he held a consultation with a number of Aldermen when it was decided, in the interests of peace, to call out the militia to be used in case of emergency. Application was made to Colonel Ross at three o'clock and one hundred men were ordered to parade at the Drill Shed, at seven o'clock under command of Lieut.-Col. White and officered as follows:- Major Walsh. Capt. Tilton, Capt. Aumond, Lieutenant Graham, Lieut. Toller, Lieut. White, and Ensign Graham. Surgeon Mallach was also on hand. At 8 30 the troops marched to the depot, accompanied by mayor Bangs, and shortly afterwards Aldermen McRae, Stewart and O'Keefe filed in an appearance. The men were drawn up in line on the platform east, of the station house with fixed bayonets, and immediately a crowd began to pour into the railway yard from Dalhousie street. In a few minutes there could not have been less than 800 or perhaps 1,000 persons present. Nothing much occurred until about 9.30 o'clock, when a general rush was made for the side-entrance to the station, where it was ascertained that a young Briton, named McGibboney, was observed to alight from a streetcar with his colors on, when he was severely jostled, but managed to get away from the crowd minus his coat and shirt. He was taken into the station house and remained there for some time. This was the only trouble that occurred at the station and the train finally moved off without the Britons, the railway authorities having received word that they had marched out to Chaudiere junction and would embark there. About 7 o'clock whilst three Young Britons were walking down York Street with three ladies, they were attacked by a crowd who insisted on their removing their colors. This they refused to do, when one of them was struck and they immediately drew their revolvers. They subsequently continued on down to Dalhousie street, followed by a mob, and on reaching the corner of Dalhousie and St. Patrick streets, were obliged to take refuge in Stratton's store, the crowd having become so boisterous. They remained there for some time until the police arrived and arrested them for carrying firearms.

After the crowd left the depot they marched through Lower Town, shouting and cheering. A Young Briton named Gavin, was attacked near the corner of George and Dalhousie streets, whilst proceeding along quickly with his sisters, and another young man was hit on the head with a brick. On learning of this the Ottawa Young Britons who had escorted the Montreal delegates out of the city, on returning, marched in a body to Lower Town, armed with revolvers and stones. On reaching the corner of Sussex and York streets, a number of men used some insulting language when they immediately fired at them, none of the crowd were injured, but a quiet inoffensive man named Giles, who was homeward bound, received a shot in the right leg, and another man, named Marks was wounded in the arm. After a large number of shots had been fired, the crowd hurried down Sussex street to St. Patrick street, firing several shots through the windows of the Revere House, but injuring no one. They marched down St. Patrick street in a noisy manner until Villeneuve's House was reached, and the first intimation the members had of their appearance was a shower of stones sent through the windows, several persons were injured. A scene of the wildest excitement ensued which was made more terrible by the firing of revolvers. The women screamed and rushed out in every direction, several fainted and were subsequently found secreted in corners and other places. The police all this time were following the crowd and made several arrests, but had not succeeded in breaking up the gang. Father Malloy's home was next attacked and several windows were broken. Then Larocque's Hotel and other places suffered, several persons being wounded. The next move was up Dalhousie street where a constant fire was kept up until the corner of George street was reached, where two others were shot and several persons struck with missiles. At this point other arrests were made and the police succeeded in breaking up the gang which scattered in every direction. The whole of lower town had by this time been awakened and the greatest excitement prevailed. The streets were soon crowded, but the police, under chief Langrell and sergeants Hornidgee and Okeife, kept moving about and before 1.30 a.m., succeeded in inducing the crowd to disperse. Before two o'clock everything was quiet and the trouble was over.

The wounded, as far as can be ascertained, are: J. Marks, shot in the arm; Gilbert Allere, Murray street, shot in the arm; W. Taylor, shot in the hand; J. Borthwick wounded in the arm; P.C. Hugh McKenna, shot in the leg; Giles, shot in the leg; Kelly, skull injured by a stone; R. O'Neil, shot in the leg; P. Conway, Beaten with a stick; P.C. Mitchell, struck with a rock; J Larocque, cut over the right temple with a stone. Mr. Williamson had a narrow escape, bullets passing through his hat; Mr. W. Bedard, whilst removing Giles to Dr. Rouleau's surgery, had a bullet whistle past his ear in too close proximity to be pleasant. P.C. Raine had a portion of his whiskers removed by a bullet.

Several other persons are reported injured, but their names are not as yet known.

The following arrests were made during the row:- Andrew Foster, Ennis Fabien Larocque, Isadore Larocque, Wm. Limbourin and S. Campbell.

16/08/1878 *Renfrew Mercury**Canada Central**Pembroke*

Favorable progress on the railway extension continues here. The pile driver which, it will be remembered, commenced its work at the new wharf, has completed the distance between that point and the end of the street running down by the Copeland House (Prince of Wales street). The breakwater on the western bank of the river is also making good headway. It is now intended, we believe, to continue this latter work as far as the roadway leading to Thistle & Green's saw mill, the point where the "piled" portion of the road will terminate. A considerable portion of the right of way plans have been prepared for registration, after which the grading can be proceeded with irrespective of the claims of the various property holders along the line of rest; that is disputed claims of damages can not delay work on the road, and failing an amicable arrangement, must afterwards be settled by arbitration. Pembroke Observer.

The amount of unemployed muscle in this town is something marvellous to contemplate. The operations of the railway contractors are evidently a god-send to the idle community. Heretofore they could only loaf at the street corners, now they can watch the pile driver and criticize the actions of the men who run it. Pembroke Standard.

20/08/1878 *Ottawa Citizen**Aylmer branch**Hull*

Platelayers are here to continue the laying of rails to Aylmer.

21/08/1878 *Ottawa Free Press**Canada Central**Pembroke*

According to law, the plans and book of reference of the Western extension of the Canada Central Railway has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Peace, Mr. H.C. Loucks, where they may be inspected by those curious about such matters. The profile shows a wonderful easy piece of road building between Pembroke and the Petewawa. The line is almost a dead level. - Pembroke Observer.

21/08/1878 Ottawa Citizen Aylmer branch

The work of laying the rails on that portion of the QMO&O between Hull and Aylmer has commenced. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of the month and that a few days later the people of Aylmer will welcome "the first snort of the iron horse" in their town.

23/08/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Smiths Falls wood

On Friday last, as the one o'clock train for Brockville was just going out, several parties went into the freight shed at the depot and the baggage master Earle, not knowing of their presence in the shed, and having duties elsewhere, locked the door and went off. Shortly after a great racket at the door. Mr. Bayley was near at the time, and inquired what the matter was, when the prisoners made known their distress. They were passengers by the train and were in danger of being left behind. Mr. B. started for the key, but the chaps, fortunately discovered another door which they could unbar inside, and caught their train while she was taking on wood. Smiths Falls News.

28/08/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O

The contract for the construction of the QMO&O was rescinded by order in council, MacDonald refused to give up the road, had 300 men on hand at Hochelaga, took the precaution of having all rolling stock removed from Hochelaga.

30/08/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central

Messrs. Worthington & McIntyre, contractors for the building of the Canada Central extension to the Nipissing have made a proposition to purchase the Canada Central between Brockville, Ottawa, Perth and Pembroke, from the present owners, and Mr. McIntyre has gone to England to negotiate the purchase. Perth Courier.

30/08/1878 Renfrew Mercury Aylmer branch

A posse of men will begin work this morning on the extension of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway from Hull to Aylmer. The work will be completed and trains will run to Aylmer within two weeks. This exhibition of enterprise is characteristic of Mr. Duncan Macdonald, Manager. Aylmer Times.

30/08/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Pembroke

Several teams are engaged in drawing stone from Mr. White's quarry to Petewawa, for construction of the piers of the railway bridge there. Quite a number of men are employed at the quarry.

With the stir occasioned by the railway extension, the running of the mills and foundries, and the building of new platforms, Pembroke presents quite a busy appearance at present. We notice that building operations are also increasing. Pembroke Observer.

30/08/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O

A special train having on board the Hon. Mr. Cartwright arrived at the Hull station at eleven o'clock last night.

The QMO&O is at a complete deadlock, traffic being completely stopped. The train due at 2 o'clock yesterday did not arrive until 5.25, and returned immediately to Ste. Therese, the railroad authorities refusing to take any passengers. No train left this morning and none are expected to run on the road today.

30/08/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O

Montreal, August 30 - It is stated that Mr. Doutré, last evening, submitted to Mr. Joly a proposition, that if the Government would pay the amount of profit annually made out of the Occidental Road, namely \$60,000, to Mr. Duncan MacDonald until the arbitration should settle the dispute, he would give up the road. Mr. Joly accepted this arrangement but this forenoon Mr. MacDonald went back on the proposition of his solicitor. MacDonald, in the meantime, obtained from the Superior Court a writ of injunction against Messrs. Joly, Premier, and Peterson, Government Engineer, which were served today noon, these two being ordered to appear on Tuesday next before a full bench. The Government cannot take further action until then.

31/08/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Hull

Sheriff Coutlee of Ottawa County, assisted by the Deputy Sheriff, this morning seized on the depot and plant of the Q.M.O. & O. R.R. at Hull. This is owing to the present difficulty with the Government.

31/08/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

Sheriff Coutlee and Deputy Haldane, accompanied by Mr. Massey, proceeded to the Hull station of the QMO&O at ten o'clock this morning with the necessary documents to secure the premises, track and rolling stock on behalf of the government. No resistance was attempted. The sheriff demanded the keys of the various buildings and on receiving them took formal possession of them in the name of the government and handed them over to Mr. Massey as government guardian. The following notice was attached to the station house at the time the sheriff opened the door:

"Province of Quebec, District of Montreal in Superior Court.

Duncan MacDonald, petitioner, plaintiff against the Hon. H.G. Joly and Peter A. Peterson, defendants.

We hereby certify that a writ of injunction has this day been issued from this court, ordering the defendants to desist and abstain from further intrusion and interference on the line of railway and accessories, and with the station agents, clerks, locomotive and train hands, sectionmen all other servants or men employed by Duncan Macdonald, under pain of being in contempt of this court and treated accordingly.

(Signed) Herbert, Honey, Gebdron, Prothonotaries."

After the seizure Mr. Massey asked Mr. Gouin the station agent if he would take charge of the station on behalf of the government and on his replying in the affirmative the keys were given to him and he will act under the instructions of Mr. Massey.

Mr. Ogilvie, the Baggage-master, Crawford, the foreman of locomotives, Mason, a carpenter; and McDonald, the switchman were also employed on behalf of the government. No freight will be allowed to leave the freight shed before Monday. Trains may not run for the next eight or nine days. The sheriff and deputy, with Mr. Massey, have left to seize the different stations below Hull.

31/08/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O

Interview with the Premier Joly.--

MacDonald felt he should retain possession of the railroad until the arbitration, had outstanding debts.--

MacDonald ready to lease to the Government--

We were ready to take possession yesterday --

An order in council was passed yesterday giving the necessary authority to carry out the purpose of the Government and he was waiting for the warrant to arrive --

Doutré, lawyer for MacDonald obtained a writ of injunction --

MacDonald states that he will open the road again, and the trains will probably be running tomorrow.

02/09/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O

Proceedings on Saturday. Troops marched to Hochelaga station etc. No references to Hull area.

02/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O** *Ste. Therese*

Detachments of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, altogether some 300 men, were called out by order of the Quebec government, and put in possession of the Occidental Railway at Hochelaga, Mile End and Ste. Therese. Mr. Macdonald had run off all the rolling stock belonging to the road into a sand pit at Ste. Therese owned by him where the locomotives were dismantled and put under a guard of 200 or more men.

1 p.m. Sheriff Rouselle, under protection of the military, between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning seized the station, offices and all the plant belonging to the Occidental Railway at Ste. Therese, including the locomotives in Mr. Macdonald's sand pit. The locomotives have been put out of running order but the pieces which had been hidden have been found and already several locomotives are on the track. No resistance was offered by Mr. Macdonald's men.

03/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O** *Hull*

Trains on the QMO&O will leave both ends of the road regular time tomorrow (Wednesday). Freight on Wednesday regular time.

A large crowd assembled at the railroad station this morning to see the first train start under the new state of affairs. The military were on hand, having come up from Montreal by a special train last night. Their services were not required.

03/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa*

Commencing today a passenger train will be despatched daily for the East leaving Ottawa at 2:30 p.m. a through car for Montreal will accompany this train, thus avoiding change of car at Prescott.

07/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* **QMO&O**

Case argued and taken en delibere.

10/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* **QMO&O**

Further legal proceedings.

12/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* **QMO&O** *Papineauville*

Montreal, September 12 - The local government have called on the services of a company of the Prince of Wales Rifles which has been ordered out and will leave for Papineauville on the Occidental Railway this afternoon. It is anticipated that owing to judgment favoring MacDonald's pretensions, he will attempt to recover possession of the railroad, at least on that point, and this movement is precautionary on the part of the Government.

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Q.M.O. & O. advertises a grand excursion to Montreal on Saturday next at 2.30 p.m.

13/09/1878 *Renfrew Mercury* *Canada Central*

The conductor of the C.C. freight train, Mr. Thos. Malone, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon while the train was passing under the bridge at Mansfield, opposite Mr. Malloch's mill. He had gone on the roof of the car looking after some tramps whom he suspected were on board, when his head came in contact with one of the beams of the bridge dislocating his neck. This is the third or fourth fatal accident that has occurred in the same place, from the same cause. Arnprior Review.

There is a full account in the Renfrew Mercury of 20 September.

Coroner's jury verdict: "The deceased came by his death from his head accidentally coming in contact with Dockart bridge railway crossing while on top of the car in discharge of his duty; and we recommend that this being the third accident of a similar fatal nature which has occurred at this locality, that the attention of the railway company be called to the fact, so that accidents be prevented, or danger in future, if possible, be obliterated."

13/09/1878 *Renfrew Mercury* *Canada Central* *Pembroke*

The work of dressing down the piles driven to support the railway track past here was commenced several days since and is now proceeding vigorously, quite a large piece of the track thus elevated being apparently almost completed. The breakwater in Moffatt's bay is also drawing towards completion. The construction of the road is likely - in fact, is certain - to cost our town corporation something extra for street improvements. The heavily laden wagons which are portaging stone from White's quarry for the bridge at Pettewawa are already beginning to cut up Main street considerably, and will doubtless, before long necessitate a fresh coat of macadam, and at the same time attract the attention of our Town "fathers." Pembroke Observer.

13/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O** *Hull*

A ? of ten men of the Prince of Wales Rifles under the command of Lieut. Wilgress arrived by special train last evening. Lieut. Wilgress left this morning for Montreal, leaving the men in command of Sergt. Hayden. One hundred and twenty of the Prince of Wales Rifles are stationed along the road, the force being under the command of Major Mudge; also nine men of B Battery. This precaution is taken to prevent any attempt to dispossess the government. Court actions etc.

19/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O** *Hull*

Trains are now running regularly on the QMO&O Railway and are making the very best of time. The gentlemanly and very courteous agent Mr. M. O'Meara is pushing the business pretty lively.

20/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O** *Hull*

The line is now running in full blast under the following excellent management. F.A. Peterson Manager, C.A. Scott Superintendent, A. Stark Gen travelling manager.

23/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* **QMO&O** *Hull*

A detachment of volunteers, ten in number, are still on duty at the Hull depot of the Q.M.O. & O. R.R., in order to prevent disturbance.

24/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O**

QMO&O, first day of advertisement. Trains will leave Ottawa instead of Hull. Of course this was impossible as the bridge had not been built. This was changed back to Hull on Oct 25.

25/09/1878 *Ottawa Citizen* **QMO&O**

A considerable amount of new rolling stock has been added to the QMO&O Railway within the last few weeks.

29/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* **QMO&O**

The regular running of trains is now resumed under the control of the Quebec Government, with Messrs. Peterson, Manager, Scott, Superintendent, and Stark, General Traffic Manager; Mr. M. O'Meara, jr., Ottawa Agent. Business will now be pushed lively.

30/09/1878 *Ottawa Free Press* **QMO&O** *Hull*

The detachment of volunteers is still on duty on the Q.M.O. & O. R.R.

11/10/1878 *Renfrew Mercury* *Canada Central* *Pembroke*

The contracts for supplying ties for the railway extension westerly from Pembroke have been given out. Messrs. T. & W. Murray have received a contract to supply 40,000 and A. Cameron & Co. have received a contract to supply 13,000. Pembroke Observer.

14/10/1878 Ottawa Free Press Aylmer branch

Rails are now being laid between Hull and Aylmer on the Q.M.O. & O. R.R.

14/10/1878 Ottawa Citizen Aylmer branch Aylmer

At last the residents of Aylmer are quite satisfied that they will hear the "grunt of the iron horse" echoing through their town. A gang of men are now engaged in laying the rails between Hull and Aylmer and there is every prospect of the work being completed immediately. They may therefore expect trains to be running into the town in the course of a month. Whether the work will be extended beyond that point is not known at present.

15/10/1878 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa City Passenger New Edinburgh

On Saturday afternoon two streetcars met on a single track at the New Edinburgh bridge. No. 1 wanted to know why No. 2 didn't switch off at the proper place, No. 2 asked the very same question. A wordy warfare followed, both drivers expressing the intention of spending the whole night on the bridge rather than take a back seat. About this time things began to become beautifully interesting for the passengers, and they awaited the grand finale with the utmost curiosity. Five minutes passed and not a car budged; ten minutes and not a blow was struck; fifteen minutes and not a sign of reconciliation; twenty minutes and the passengers began to leave one by one; thirty minutes and both cars were deserted and the conductors sat on the railing of the bridge, sneering most painfully and hurling epithets at each other. Whilst engaged in this pastime a road official came up and heard their grievances. He considered that both were right. A few minutes later two street car conductors again sat on the railing of the bridge, but this time in silence, for their occupation was gone; they had created a vacancy for someone else.

18/10/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O

Complaints are being made by passengers along the line of the QMO&O that no pains are taken for the comfort of those travelling by the freight train, there being only an old van with seats for their accommodation. Interested parties consider that the railway ought to attach a second class car to the freight trains.

25/10/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O

Express east of Lachute, saw a cow on the tracks, engineer - blew the whistle, reversed the engine and applied the vacuum brakes

26/10/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Hull

When the Quebec government took forcible possession of the QMO&O Railway 13 watchmen were stationed at the Hull depot. They were there for five days. Some of them state that they have only received half of their pay, though the agreement was that as soon as they left the money should be forthcoming. The men are all in straightened circumstances and cannot afford to lose their time. They are very anxious to ascertain who is to pay them the balance. November 18 - still waiting.

28/10/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O

In an interview with the Superintendent of the Occidental Railway today, it was learned that the contractor for the completion of the ballasting, Mr. Gibson, is pushing forward his work. He has now two ballast trains actively engaged between Grenville and Papineauville., and one between Gatineau and Thurso. New station houses are now under construction along the line, and will be opened next month at the following points: - St. Augustin, Ste. Rose, Lachute and East Templeton. The rolling stock has just been put in thorough and efficient repair for winter service, and snow ploughs and all the requisites for encountering a severe winter are now on hand; two new snow ploughs of a superior make will be delivered next month. Fresh contracts have been entered into for the conveyance of large quantities of lumber for shipment to South America, and this, together with the increased passenger traffic the past month, has necessitated the putting on of additional cars, - one new baggage and post office car besides a new locomotive from the Kingston works having arrived on Wednesday last, while several new freight cars are ready for delivery. The Company's freight cars have been built by the Messrs. Crossin (sic) of Coburg, and the London, Ont., Car Works and the passenger cars by the Patten Car-Company of Maine, and also the London Car Company. The road appears, taken in all, to be in good hands. - Witness.

01/11/1878 Renfrew Mercury Aylmer branch Aylmer

A large posse of men are at work on the Q.M.O. & O. Railway between this village and Hull. The ties are now laid as far as the crossing at Deschenes and the iron horse may be expected here about the middle of next week. Aylmer Times.

05/11/1878 Ottawa Citizen Canada Central

The Canada Central Company have ordered fourteen new platform cars from the Coburg car factory. Business must be brightening up.

08/11/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Perth

The Canada Central Railway Co. are getting fourteen platform cars built for the road in a Coburg factory. Perth Courier.

09/11/1878 Ottawa Citizen Aylmer branch Aylmer

Hull 8th. The rail laying to Aylmer is not progressing very rapidly and fears are now entertained that the whistle of the iron horse will not be heard in that village this winter. There is only a small staff of men at work and the plate laying has had to be discontinued on account of the connecting irons for the rails not coming to hand. The men have been put to work on the fencing.

09/11/1878 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

The Street Passenger Railway Co. are now running six cars. Sixty trips a day are made, each car making ten trips. A trip covers about four miles, so that some 240 miles are covered each day by the street car horses.

15/11/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Pembroke Gauge change

The first rails of the western extension of the Canada Central Railway were laid on Wednesday last, and the track is now in running order from where it branches off below the station to the lakeshore. Five new platform cars for the extension arrived here on Saturday evening last and as they are built for the "narrow gauge" they had to be hostled out to other cars to be brought from Brockville here. The Canada Central is, we believe the only wide gauge railway now in Canada, and it seems that it is the intention to change it to narrow gauge, which is the preferable one. The portion of the track already laid has two rails on one side so as to suit either gauge, but it is likely only a temporary arrangement. The bridge across the bay is now almost finished with the exception of the spans where the spaces are left streets, and Messrs. Murray are vigorously prosecuting the work of filling and cutting, which is very heavy along the main road. A great portion of the road further up is all graded and ready for the rails, which will likely be laid in a few weeks. Pembroke Standard.

20/11/1878 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O

Mr. Bernard Gibson, the contractor for the ballasting of the Occidental Railway, between Hochelaga and Ottawa, is pushing forward the work. The principal work to be done is about forty miles of road between Papineauville and Ottawa, where the contractor now has his whole force of workmen engaged. Nothing will be done in the way of extending the road beyond Hull this winter. - Witness.

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The Quebec Government propose to establish a depot on the Q.M.O. & O. R.R. at Point au Chene, nearly opposite L'Original. A ferry boat will convey passengers to and from L'Original across the river.

22/11/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Arnprior

A new iron bridge is to be constructed by the Railway Company over the Madawaska river here. The present wooden one, the centre span of which had begun to sink, having been condemned by the Government Inspector, locomotives are not allowed to pass over the bridge. A platform has been laid across by which passengers are enabled to walk over. The freight trains and empty passenger cars are backed up a short distance on coming to the bridge, the locomotives driving themselves forward again rapidly, when being suddenly detached they are carried across by the impetus thus communicated. Arnprior Review.

23/11/1878 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

Street car collapsed - One of the street cars met with an accident and became disabled this morning. It had to be towed home by another car.

25/11/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O

Mr. B. Gibson, of Whitby, who has the contract for ballasting, lifting the track and widening the embankments along the route of the North Shore Railway between Montreal and Hull is in the city. He has completed, since commencing work in October, about twelve miles of the road, the worst places being repaired first, before winter set in. Mr. Gibson has 250 men employed and four locomotives, with ballasting trains, with which the work is rapidly being pushed to completion. In some places it has been found necessary to lift the track two feet. Mr. Gibson has also secured the contract for ballasting the road from Hull to Aylmer, and as soon as the Government has the road laid, will commence the work. The ballasting of the entire road will, however, hardly be finished before next summer.

28/11/1878 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

The line of the Coteau landing Railroad is said to be located as far as High Falls. It is not improbable that it will pass in the vicinity of the Dominion Springs, and will have a terminus at the proposed Central Depot.

29/11/1878 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Arnprior wood

There will be no wood purchased by the C.C. at Franktown this year. This will be a great drawback to farmers owning wooded lands as they have hitherto depended on that source for making money during the winter season. Perth Expositor.

The Railway Company, at length, moved by the many fatal accidents that have occurred at the Dockart crossing have decided to raise the bridge at this point, and men are now actively engaged at the work. The bridge will be raised about three feet. A similar bridge at Pakenham has also been raised in the same way. Arnprior Review.

30/11/1878 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Mr. Reynolds's private car arrived yesterday at the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Station. It has been completely refurnished and renovated throughout, new carpets, chairs, sofas, &c, having been added until the car presents an appearance of comfort and elegance seldom surpassed. The coach has been painted a bright colour and on the sides are well executed cuts of the English and Canadian coats of arms. The work was done in the Grand Trunk workshops in Montreal and reflects great credit upon the skill of the Company's artisans.

05/12/1878 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Sussex Street

Residents in that vicinity have asked us to request the railroad authorities to remove the unsightly sign post at the Dalhousie Street Crossing. They say it can be of no use, as there is no inscription on it at all.

18/12/1878 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

Mr. Peter Grant and staff are at work surveying and ascertaining the probable cost of the proposed railway bridge above the Chaudiere, to connect the QMO&O Railway with the Canada Central.

31/12/1878 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Sussex Street

Workmen have been employed for the last couple of days on the Government car, "The Intercolonial" which has been lying at the St. L. & O. R.R. depot of late. It appears that the heating apparatus was allowed to freeze up, and as a result, considerable damage resulted.