

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1881

01/01/1881 Globe and Mail QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The difficulty about the formal opening of the Chaudiere railway bridge has not yet been settled and no passenger train has yet run into the city.

01/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Canada Central wood

The Canada Central Railway will discontinue the use of wood on their road, commencing today, and will burn coal altogether.

01/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki Hull

The provisional directors of the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway will meet in the City Hall on January 12 to discuss important business relating to the proposed railway.

03/01/1881 Globe and Mail QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The North Shore Railroad bridge above Chaudiere Falls is receiving its finishing touches and the new depot at Chaudiere Flats will be constructed within a month.

03/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press Maniwaki

The Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Company will likely be shortly agitated for. A meeting of the provisional directors will be held in Hull, in the City Hall at that place on the 12th of January.

05/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Mr. Hiram Loomis, in charge of the locomotive attached to the western train on the St. L. & O. Railway last evening, although starting from Prescott nearly two hours after time, through a delay on the Grand Trunk, "let her out" on the way hither, and arrived only about an hour behind time, doing the 53 miles in 1.20.

06/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere

The QMO&O Railway depot at the Chaudiere will be completed in a few weeks.

06/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The arbitration in the Chaudiere Railway Bridge matter was resumed today. It will take a day or two to decide the disputed points.

07/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The arbitrators, Messrs. Taylor and Fleck, are still busy considering the value of the Chaudiere Railway Bridge, under seizure by the Government, for alleged under valuation of material subject to duty. It will probably be some days before a conclusion is arrived at.

In connection with this matter, the Monetary Times makes the following mention in a late issue:

"Position taken by this firm, Messrs. Clarke, Reeves & Co., of the Phoenixville Bridge Works, Philadelphia, is that they should be permitted to enter wrought iron in prepared form for bridge building, at 3½c. per lb.; indeed they put down that price as the "fair market value" of such material. This will hardly be conceded by any one conversant with the values of iron, and it is disproved by evidence gathered by the Government. For example, the Cleveland Bridge Company considers that the market price for such materials at the time they were brought in was five and a half cents (5½c) for wrought iron which constitutes the bulk of such work, and three and a half (3½) for cast iron. And we are told that the Phoenixville Bridge Works people themselves, somewhat inconsistently, entered at Clifton, within a month of the Chaudiere bridge entry, the very same description of material, intended for a G.W.R bridge, at five cents per lb. There is no room for surprise, therefore, at the seizure, much less for a plea of "hardship." The authorities fixed upon 4½ cents as the price at which an amended entry might be made, and offered to accept this valuation, the increased amount of duty, consequent upon which would be, say \$6,000. This offer the Philadelphia firm refused, and meantime a return of the value of the materials for all iron bridges imported of later years has been moved for in the House, which may be the means of bringing out some interesting facts, as, for instance, what relation the entered price of the bridge material for the North Shore Railway of Quebec bore to its market value, for those were made by an American firm, from materials of American manufacture."

Paper referred to comes out in strong support of home manufactures, and insists upon a full imposition of duties in each and every case.

07/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The formal opening of the QMO&O Railway Chaudiere bridge will take place in a few days. The invitation cards are of a very handsome and unique design, on the back of which is a cut of the structure and below a view of the capital.

08/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The iron work of the QMO&O Railway bridge will be fully completed next Tuesday and the men will return immediately thereafter to their homes in Philadelphia.

08/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press Maniwaki

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th inst., at the City Hall, Hull, of persons interested in the project of the construction of a railway from this city to the valley of the Gatineau. It has been called by Dr. Duhamel. M.P.P.. Of Ottawa County. The provisional directors will be appointed at the coming meeting.

08/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere

It is estimated that it will cost the QMO&O Railway between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to build the bridge across the waterworks aqueduct.

10/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The formal opening of the Q.M.O. & O. Railway bridge will take place next week.

12/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The Chaudiere Railway bridge will be open for regular freight and passenger traffic on Monday next.

The date of the formal opening of the Chaudiere Railway Bridge is not yet publicly known.

12/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki Hull

A meeting of those interested in the construction of the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway will be held today in Hull.

12/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press Maniwaki

Full account of meeting.

13/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The Chaudiere Railway Bridge is fully completed and trains will begin running over it regularly on Monday next.

13/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Cumberland street

An inebriated individual was sleeping peacefully last evening on the track of the St. L. & O. railway near the Cumberland street crossing. Were it not for the kindness of some of the residents who bore him to a safer place, he might have been run over by an incoming train.

13/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The QMO&O Railway bridge was fully completed yesterday and trains will commence to cross on Monday next.

13/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki Hull

Account of meeting in Hull.

14/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Canada Central Chaudiere

The Canada Central Railway intend erecting another freight shed in addition to those now in course of construction. The Canada Central Railway is putting up a new and improved danger signal at the Chaudiere.

14/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Chaudiere

The Canada Central Railway are going to build a new freight shed at the Chaudiere.

14/01/1881 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP)

Col. Flower's company, of Watertown, N.Y., will immediately commence the work of extending the Kingston and Pembroke railway, with headquarters at Watertown, N.Y.

17/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

Trains commence running regularly today on the Q.M.O. & O. Railway Bridge.

18/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

Railway trains crossing the Chaudiere Bridge regularly.

19/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The Chaudiere Railway Bridge arbitration case was resumed today.

19/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Osgoode

Derailement caused by a broken rail about a mile south of Osgoode station. Full account.

19/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Canada Central

The Canada Central expects to increase their rolling stock by the addition of new cars, locomotives, etc. at an early date.

19/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The arbitrators of the Chaudiere Railway Bridge seizure case will resume their labors today, when further evidence will be taken on behalf of the Government.

19/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

The St. L&O Railway have had twenty new freight cars built at Coburg for use on their line. The cars will be painted blue and are expected to arrive here next week.

21/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

Mr. W.A. Blackman, of Augusta, Maine, one of the foremen and superintendent of the painting of the Chaudiere iron bridge left Ottawa a few days ago for Rondout, New York where he has gone to superintend the construction of another bridge for Clarke, Reeves & Co.

22/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

On and after Monday 24th inst., the Street Railway Company will run an early and late car to accommodate passengers departing or arriving by the Q.M.O. & O. Railway trains.

22/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki

Mr. Walter Shanly is in favor of building the railway to the Dessert by degrees, constructing only that portion the trade of the section demands. It is said objections will be made to the granting of the charter to the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway if it does not agree to build the whole line.

22/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

The new freight cars required for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway are being built at London and will be here in a few days.

About eighty cars are being loaded with lumber at the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway depot for shipment to the United States. This company is shipping a larger quantity of lumber this winter than at any other similar period.

24/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere

On and after Monday 24th inst. the Street Railway Company will run an early and late car in order to accommodate passengers departing or arriving by the Q.M.O. & O. trains at the Canada Central depot.

24/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere

The two new palace day and sleeping cars on the Occidental Railway cost \$20,000 each. They are 75 feet in length, 10 feet in width, and 13 feet in height. Each car is admirably finished. A number of cabinet ministers visited the station grounds Saturday and inspected the new cars which are a credit to home manufacture.

24/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere

One of the finest Pullmans brought to the city arrived here Friday evening by the QMO&O Railway, in which company's workshops it was built. It is elegantly furnished and in all other respects compares favourably with the most luxurious coaches in use.

On and after Monday 24th instant the street railway will run an early and a late car in order to accommodate passengers departing or arriving by the QMO&O trains at the Canada Central depot.

24/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen Canada Central Haley's

On Saturday, between three and four o'clock, Edward King, a brakeman on the Canada Central Railway lost his life at Healey's station, being run over by the cars and instantly killed. At the time the accident occurred he was coupling the cars but slipped and was caught by a frog. His body was taken to Perth where his relations reside.

Presume this should read Haley's.

26/01/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The evidence in the Chaudiere Railway seizure case is all in, but no decision will likely come for several days, as Mr. Taylor, one of the arbitrators, is now confined to his house in Montreal by sickness.

26/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere bridge

The Chaudiere railway bridge arbitration case has not yet been settled.

27/01/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa

A number of the new cars for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway have arrived and are being put to use.

29/01/1881 Globe and Mail St. Lawrence and Ottawa Osgoode

O.S. Burr of New York, who was slightly hurt by the accident on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway at Osgoode, has demanded payment from the Company for the loss of personal apparel, amounting to about \$150, and also for a similar sum as compensation for loss of time. The Company refuses to pay the claim on the ground that the claimant's clothes were not destroyed in the accident, as he had no baggage, and his clothing consisted of what he actually wore at the time of the accident. As far as loss of time is concerned, Mr. Shant is willing to allow a reasonable sum, but thinks Mr. Burr is rating his services at \$100 per week too high. Mr. Burr has placed the matter in the hands of Mr. D.B. McTavish, who will bring suit for damages if Mr. Burr's claim is not paid. Mrs. Von Koerber and Miss Fellowes have also made claims for compensation, and it is expected that in their cases an amicable adjustment will be arrived at.

03/02/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Prescott

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway are putting up a large frame building at Prescott for the storage of pressed hay awaiting shipment. The export trade in hay has been very active this winter owing to the shortness of the crop in the States last season.

05/02/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere

Several car loads of ties arrived from Franktown this morning for the Occidental Railway branch at the Chaudiere.

09/02/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere

The new Chaudiere station now under construction by the QMO&O Railway is rapidly approaching completion although building operations were only commenced some five weeks ago. The passenger depot, a substantial wooden erection of rustic design, and two storeys in height, is situated in close proximity to Broad Street. A glance shows that the arrangements for the convenience for the travelling public have been carefully considered and intelligently provided for. Reaching the interior of the building by the main entrance from Broad Street, the ticket office is found to stand on the right hand and passing on any of the three sections into which the covered platform is divided, may be approached without going into the open air. There are two tracks, one for arriving and one for departing trains. Opposite each of these tracks is one of the sections of the platform, and the other intervenes between them. At least, such is the plan, for the construction is not yet completed. Besides the ticket office in the lower floor, there are also a general waiting room, manager's office, ladies waiting room and a private apartment connected with the general manager's office. In the second story the general business offices of the railway will be placed. The two tracks referred to will require to be laid from the present Canada Central depot to the new station, and in order to effect this it will be necessary to remove the company's freight shed.

The work is carried out by the Quebec Government under the superintendence of Messrs. Wise and Fotheringham, and will, when finished, cost over \$7,000 apart, altogether, from the large outlay for sewage purposes.

The freight house, a building 286 feet in length, 43 feet in width and costing about \$6,000 is being erected by Mr. Beemer on a site about 100 yards nearer the river than the passenger depot and is expected to be completed today. Whether or not the passenger depot is to be a union one for the transaction of business for both the Canada Central and the QMO&O Railways is not yet definitely ascertained, but it is more than probable such an arrangement will be arrived at as it would be more advantageous to the interests of the roads as well as conserving in a high degree the convenience of the traveling community.

11/02/1881 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Renfrew wood

When Mr. Archer baker, the General Manager, and Mr. Stephenson, the Road Superintendent, of the Canada Central Railway, were seen taking a survey of the railway grounds at the Renfrew station on Tuesday of this week, visions of the long talked-of new station were indulged in by some of the spectators. They were a little ahead of time, however: it was only a new wood shed that was under discussion.

14/02/1881 Globe and Mail Tramway Haycock horse railway

Description of the Haycock Iron Mine.--

--In addition there is a small tract of ten acres on the east bank of the Gatineau, at the head of navigation. This latter tract has been secured partly to serve as a storing place for ore and partly as a convenient site for the erection of a furnace. This lot is connected with the three hundred acres of mineral land by a tramway six and a half miles long. This tramway is of three feet gauge, and was originally very substantially constructed, but is now so out of repair that the project is entertained of substituting for it, or rather converting it into a narrow gauge railway. This tramway, after running for a short distance through the Haycock location is continued along the town line between Hull and Templeton to the storing ground on the west bank of the Gatineau. In addition to the tramway and twenty cars belonging to it, the property contains -- more.

QMO&O Palace Cars.

on another page we give some illustrations of the new palace and sleeping cars which have been lately added to the rolling stock of the Q.M.O.&O. Railway. The cars present some entirely new features, and are by far the most comfortable and luxurious travelling carriages yet introduced into this country. Besides the numerous advantages of construction, which we shall presently notice, these carriages have a special claim to our consideration as being from first to last of Canadian manufacture. The principal features of the new plan were originally invented by Mr. Leve, of the tourist firm of Leve & Alden, but the principal mechanical points have been invented, and the whole new plan has been practically carried out by Mr. A. Davis, the mechanical superintendent of the Q.M.O.&O. Railway works, in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired. The improvements are numerous, but the two which must affect the comfort of the ordinary passenger are the luxurious chairs which replace the ordinary seats, and the comfortable beds, which consist of mattresses supported on spring beds of ingenious construction. As compared with the haed cushions upon which the ordinary traveller rests, retaining, as they do, the heat occasioned by their ordinary use during the day, and pressed into lumps and divisions; the free circulation of air through the springs and the use of mattress and bedding entirely separate from the day accommodations, form an improvement, the advantage of which is obvious. The method of construction is sufficiently ingenious. Bed and bedding fit, when not in use, into a cupboard which closes into the side of the car, presenting to us only an elegantly decorated panel, which this same cupboard, when opened out, forms a support for one end of the bed frame, and completely partitions off one compartment from the next. These cupboards work each upon three short hinges, the plates of which run across the inside of the cupboard itself, thus adding great strength to the supports. To show how everything has been considered to the smallest detail, an ingenious contrivance so locks the fastenings so as to prevent any rattling of bolts in whatever position they may be placed. The upper beds are slightly lower than is usual, affording at once greater facility for getting in and out, and giving the occupant the use of a portion of the window which is in the centre of the compartment. The chairs, of which mention has been made, are undoubtedly the most comfortable devices ever introduced into a railroad carriage. They are luxurious arm chairs which can be raised or depressed to any angle, wheeled in to any position, and finally used as rockers at will. Withal, they are of such simple construction that their liability to get out of order is reduced to a minimum, and, when not in use, they fold up like magic, and are stowed away under the lower berth, as shown in our illustration. The other fittings are much what we are accustomed to expect in such carriages. A more luxurious drawing room than usual occupies one end of the saloon, and lavatories and dressing rooms of the best appointment have an addition in a luggage closet, which will be a great convenience to travellers with bags and bundles. The decorations are most beautiful, and the general effect of the car is sumptuous in the extreme. The Q.M.O. & O. Railway deserve great credit for the attention to the wants of the public which they have always shown, and the present improvements are but a new proof of their determination to do all in their power to render their passengers comfortable. The new invention is known as the Davis & Levis Patent parlour and Sleeping car Combination.

21/02/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* QMO&O *Chaudiere bridge*

In November last the Chaudiere Interprovincial Railway Bridge, built by Clarke, Reeves & Co., of Philadelphia, was seized by customs authorities at this port on the grounds of under valuation of material in entry, the money in the hands of the Quebec Government who contracted for the bridge, being garnished by the Dominion Government until the matter could be settled. The Philadelphia firm had entered the iron superstructure at \$3.53 per hundred weight, paying \$21,780 in duty, being 25 per cent on \$87,130.40. The Customs Appraiser who made this seizure on behalf of the Government, held that duty should be paid on the material at a value of \$4.50 per hundred, which would make an increase of nearly \$6,000 in the amount of duty to be paid. The firm objected to this and the matter was referred to arbitration, Messrs. Taylor (Montreal) and Fleck (Ottawa) being appointed. The report of the arbitrators was placed in the hands of the Minister of Customs on Saturday, and it is expected that he will announce his decision on the matter shortly. More.

22/02/1881 *Globe and Mail* QMO&O *Chaudiere bridge*

If the Chaudiere iron bridge seizure difficulty is settled on the basis supported by the arbitrators, the importers will have to pay \$12,612 duty in addition to the \$21,750 already paid.

25/02/1881 *Globe and Mail* *Canada Atlantic*

A private meeting of several of the directors of the Canada Atlantic Railway was held in this city for the purpose of considering an offer to build the road, and arrangements have been made to carry through the work at once with Mr. Daniel C. Linsley, of Burlington, Vt., a thoroughly practical man. He has given the necessary security which is perfectly satisfactory. The road is to be completed from Coteau to High Falls on the Nation, on the 1st of January 1882, and from the Nation to Ottawa by the 1st of September 1882; and the portion south of Coteau Landing to the province line in about two years. Work is to commence within thirty days after signing the contract.

25/02/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Canada Central* *Brockville*

The Canada Central Railway are building a new ferry to ply between Brockville and Morristown.

25/02/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Canada Central* *Chaudiere*

The passenger depot of the Canada Central Railway depot is about completed and the companies will occupy it early in March.

26/02/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Central*

During the present week the Kingston Locomotive Works have turned out two splendid new engines, one for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway and the other for the Canada Central.

26/02/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *locomotive*

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26/02/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

Report of meeting. Contract awarded to Daniel C. Lindsey of Burlington, Vermont.

28/02/1881 *Globe and Mail* *Canada Atlantic*

At the adjourned meeting of the Canada Atlantic Railway, held at Lancaster yesterday, the contract for the construction of the road was awarded to Daniel C. Linsley, of Burlington, Vt., for the sum of \$15,000 per mile and the bonuses granted by municipalities amounting to some \$400,000. The contractor put up \$300,000 in cash, and a bond of \$100,000 as security for the completion of the work. The portion of the line between High Falls and Ottawa is to be all completed by the 1st of September, 1882 and the rest of the railway, exclusive of the bridging over the St. Lawrence, by the 15th of May, 1887. The resignation of Hon. D.A. McDonald as President was accepted.

04/03/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Canada Central* *Chaudiere*

The Canada Central has taken possession of their new freight shed. The old one is being pulled down.

07/03/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* QMO&O *Chaudiere bridge*

Clarke, Reeves & Co., contractors for the superstructure of the Chaudiere Railway Bridge, have been adjudged by the government to pay a forfeit of \$26,000, in addition to the \$26,000 of duty already paid, making a total of \$52,000. This will take most of the cream from off the job.

08/03/1881 *Globe and Mail*

QMO&O

Chaudiere bridge

The Citizen says the result of the investigation into the alleged undervaluation of property in the case of the ironwork for the bridge across the Ottawa on the line of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, will probably be laid before Parliament on Tuesday. It is understood that the valuation by Mr. Fraser has been fully sustained by Messrs. Fleck & Taylor, and that the contractors, Clark, Reeves & Co., Philadelphia, have been adjudged to pay in addition to the amount already received by the Customs Department the sum of \$26,000. There are a number of other bridges on this railway the valuation of which for duty are likely to be matters of Departmental concern.

08/03/1881 *Globe and Mail*

Maniwaki

All opposition the the Hull Mountain Iron Mining Company's Bill, asking for power to construct a railway from Hull to their mines, has been withdrawn on the company agreeing to give right of way over their line to the proposed Gatineau Valley Railway Company, should the latter require it.

12/03/1881 *Ottawa Free Press*

Canada Atlantic

The Canada and Atlantic Railway Company have opened an office at the corner of Wellington and Kent streets. This looks like business, Mr. Linsley, the contractor, is in town.

16/03/1881 *Ottawa Free Press*

QMO&O

Chaudiere bridge

The papers and correspondence in connection with the Chaudiere Railway Bridge arbitration case were brought down in the House last night. More.

19/03/1881 *Ottawa Citizen*

Ottawa City Passenger

Laborers were engaged yesterday removing the snow from the street railway. It is expected the cars will be running on the track in a few days.

21/03/1881 *Ottawa Free Press*

Maniwaki

A meeting of the ratepayers of the Township of Aylwin was held in the Town Hall, village of Wright, on the 16th March, Mr. Gainford, Mayor, presiding, at which the following resolutions were carried.

Moved by Benjamin Reid, seconded by John Little, and resolved, that the right of way and a bonus be granted to any company who will build a railway from the city of Hull to Desert village.

It is further proposed by Benjamin Reid, and seconded by John Little, that this meeting is opposed to the scheme which proposes as the route of the Gatineau Valley Railway a junction with the Pontiac Junction Railway in the county of Pontiac; that it would be against the interests of the Gatineau population, and would put the distance to Ottawa, their natural and only market, fifty or sixty miles longer.

22/03/1881 *Toronto Daily Mail*

St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Ottawa Sussex street

Forty-eight cars are being loaded at the lower town depot of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa railway at Ottawa with oatmeal for shipment to England.

22/03/1881 *Toronto Daily Mail*

Kingston (CP)

Lavant

The proprietors of the Mississippi iron mine shipped by rail yesterday, for Erie, Pa., over 100 tons of ore, of which there is a scarcity in that city. From Briam Gilhuly - this would have been from Lavant station.

23/03/1881 *Ottawa Citizen*

Ottawa City Passenger

The street railway cars resumed their usual style of locomotion yesterday, the tracks having been cleared of snow.

24/03/1881 *Ottawa Free Press*

Morrisburg and Ottawa

The Morrisburg and Ottawa Railway scheme is being talked over by residents of the section of the county which it would pass in Carleton and Dundas counties.

24/03/1881 *Ottawa Free Press*

Canada Atlantic

Mr. Linsley, contractor for the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, has placed the \$30,000 security in the Bank of North America.

06/04/1881 *Ottawa Citizen*

Canada Atlantic

Surveyors commenced work yesterday on the line of the Coteau Railway. Mr. William Surtees, a son of the city engineer, is engaged in the work.

06/04/1881 *Ottawa Citizen*

St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Twenty five car loads of steel rails have arrived at the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway depot within a few days past.

18/04/1881 *Ottawa Citizen*

St. Lawrence and Ottawa

locomotive

The St. L&O Railway are rapidly replacing that portion of the line laid with iron with steel rails, five miles and a half being laid last week with the latter.

The engine used for years past by Mr. Hiram Loomis on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway has been sent to Montreal to be rebuilt. Hiram is anxiously awaiting its repairs, as it is one of the best engines on the line.

21/04/1881 *Ottawa Free Press*

Ottawa City Passenger

A project is on foot to extend the street passenger railway from Sparks street to the exhibition grounds by way of O'Connor street. The estimated cost is between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars. The movers in the matter are the capitalists now controlling the agricultural grounds and the street railway company. It is understood that the Council will shortly be petitioned to open up O'Connor street to Stewarton as a preliminary to the proposed plans.

21/04/1881 *Ottawa Citizen*

Canada Central

The shareholders of the Canada Central Railway will have a general special meeting at Brockville on 1st June to arrange for amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate.

22/04/1881 *Renfrew Mercury*

Canada Central

Renfrew

A new siding has been laid down this week at the Renfrew station, extending from the tank, and round the engine-house, to the switch where the track in front of the station building joins the main line. This new siding is on the west side of the main line, and is intended to afford space for shunting off the accumulation of freight cars which now frequently occurs at this station. It cannot be said, however, to afford increased accommodation, in the way of ease of approach to the public, but it actually adds to the inconvenience of passengers having to procure tickets and all others having business to transact at the office. The former have now three tracks and two platforms to cross before they can take their tickets; and those having freight to deliver at, or receive from the shed, have to haul it over three tracks. All this inconvenience might be avoided if the long-talked of new station were only built, and, as it should be on the west side of the line, or that nearest the village. Of course, if that is going to be done soon, the new siding would be out of the way. Meanwhile the public have the privilege of grumbling as much as they like; but that seems to be all they can do about it.

Owing to the laying down of the above new track, the telegraph pole supporting the wires from the Montreal Telegraph Co.'s office to the office in the station building, was too close to the rails and brought the cars which were being shunted to a standstill on Tuesday night. By 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Mr. W. Kelly was at work taking down the wires and superintending the removal of the pole to a distance of some eight feet from the rails. By eight o'clock the weighty pole was firmly fixed in the new position, and the wires in working order.

30/04/1881 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

A farmer's waggon collided with streetcar No. 7 on Sappers Bridge this morning, hurting one of the horses attached to the latter. The farmer drove on without waiting to see the extent of the damage.

09/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Mackay's

A branch of the western extension is being constructed from Mackay's station to the banks of the Ottawa, to facilitate the shipment of timber by rail.

09/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Chaudiere

The vicinity of the new Union Depot, at the Chaudiere, presented a lively appearance yesterday. A large number of laborers were employed in removing the track from in front of the C.C. depot, into its position at the new depot. Another track was also placed to run to the new freight shed. The new depot will be used for the first time today.

10/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere

The departure of the 4.50 train on the Q.M.O. & O. Railway was delayed a short time yesterday afternoon, owing to the front wheels of the engine running off the track. The accident was caused through the carelessness of a switchman, who left the points open. No damage was caused by the accident.

12/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

The headlight of the locomotive "Ottawa" caught fire last evening at the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway yard, owing to it being overfull of oil. The blaze was extinguished before any damage of consequence could result.

12/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

Work on the railroad between Coteau and Alexandria is progressing favorably. The engineers are Messrs. Geo. Mountain and Wm. Hall, Quebec; Mr. C. Keefer, this city; Messrs. Ennis, Duffy and Willis of Burlington. Messrs. Fitzgerald and Powell have a heavy subcontract from Mr. Linsley, and Mr. H. Boyd also has a large contract. It is expected that a train of cars will be run into Alexandria from Coteau Landing on the first of July. The work on the road is being pushed forward rapidly.

13/05/1881 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP)

News was received in Kingston on the 5th inst., of the sudden death, in New York, of Col. G.W. Flowers, of Watertown, N.Y., Vice-President of the Kingston and Pembroke Railroad. He was in Kingston two weeks before in excellent health. In tribute to his memory the engines and cars of the K. & P.R. were draped in mourning.

14/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Aylmer branch

An extra train will be run between Hull and Aylmer and return beginning next week.

16/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Chaudiere

The work of track laying and ballasting at the new Union station is about completed and trains will commence to land passengers there in a few days.

20/05/1881 Ottawa Citizen QMO&O Chaudiere

The QMO&O Railway will take possession of their passenger and freight depots at the Chaudiere on Monday. Mr. Chas. Gouin will be in charge assisted by E. Martin. The Hull station will be managed by Mr. C. Kearney and Jno. Sheldon.

20/05/1881 Renfrew Mercury Cobden and Opeongo

Cobden and Eganville Railroad. Concerning this project - quotes the Enterprise - that must come--

21/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Morrisburg and Ottawa

Account of a meeting at Morrisburg.

21/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central Chaudiere

All passenger trains by the Canada Central Railway and Q.M.O. & O. Railway at the new Union Chaudiere Station commence arriving and leaving on Monday morning next under the new arrangement, by which Mr. Frederick Baker, of the Canada Central, has full supervision of the interests of both roads. Mr. C.L. Louin has charge of the freight interests of the North Shore Road, and Mr. D. Hamilton, of the C.C. Railway, has charge of the freight interests of the latter road. The Canada Central issue tickets for both lines, and all passenger tickets will be sold from the one office, and all trains leave the yard under the supervision of the Canada Central officials.

26/05/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

Satisfactory progress is being made with the construction of the Canada Atlantic R.R. The line between Coteau Landing and Alexandria is all under contract; the bridges, to be of iron and steel, of the standard of the Q.M.O. & O. R.R., are being made by the Toronto Bridge Company, and steel rails for this section, about 30 miles, are now en route from England. Cars are expected to be running in September next. The route between High Falls and Ottawa is now being located by Mr. C.H. Keefer and staff. The annual general meeting will be held in Lancaster next Tuesday when full reports will be made.

01/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

The St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway locomotive Lady Lisgar, has been entirely reconstructed at the Kingston workshops, and is now one of the best on the road. The Lady Lisgar in charge of George Brackenbury, a practical engineer. The Countess of Dufferin, Hi Loomis' locomotive, is still in the G.T. shops in Montreal, but will be on the road next week.

02/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen Other

The Crossen Car works at Coburg were destroyed by fire on Tuesday night, the loss reaching \$40,000 with an insurance of \$13,000.

03/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa

The Prescott Messenger says: In laying down the new steel rails on the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway, many of those originally laid 27 years ago are being taken up. Having lasted so long they of course prove to be of excellent quality of iron, and are being made into fish plates, bolts etc., for use in laying the new rails, for which they answer an admirable purpose. If the new steel rails last as long in proportion the company will be fortunate.

08/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa Chaudiere bridge water

Wm. Perry & Co. have just put up one of their water tanks at the lower station of the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway, by which all the water required for an engine can be procured in a minute. The same kind of tanks are in use on the QMO&O Railway.

09/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company is adding to its rolling stock some splendidly finished first and second class cars and baggage cars and may now be considered one of the best equipped roads in the province. The second class cars are all of the new style with cushioned seats.

10/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen Aylmer branch Aylmer

Aylmer. The local trains of this place now run to and from the Union Station at the Chaudiere, which is just finished. As the train carrying passengers is now no longer utilized for drawing freight to Hull much better time is made between here and Ottawa and there is a general expression of satisfaction in consequence.

11/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Central

At a meeting of directors and shareholders of the Canada Central Railway Company held here yesterday afternoon, the necessary steps were taken to consummate the amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The lines hitherto known as the Canada Central are henceforth part of the Canadian Pacific, and will be operated by that company. Mr. Archer Baker, formerly, general manager of the Canada Central has been appointed superintendent of the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific - the district extending eastward from Lake Superior. -- Brockville Recorder.

11/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Brockville. 10th. At a meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Canada Central Railway, yesterday, the necessary steps were taken to consummate the amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific Railway. The lines hitherto known as Canada Central are henceforth part of the Canadian Pacific, and will be operated by that company. Archer Baker, former General Manager of the Canada Central Railway has been appointed superintendent of the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific, the district extending eastward from Lake Superior. The amalgamation of the two companies is another step towards placing the Canada Central in the position which its promoters foresaw many years ago would be its destiny. It now forms a vast important link in that great chain of railways connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific on Canadian territory. Mr. Cassels, president, who on signing the transfer papers might virtually be said to have signed his death warrant; but as he himself puts it, the Canadian Pacific does not require two presidents, and therefore he steps down and out.

15/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

Mr. Chatfield's light express delivery wagon, while being driven by Dr. K. Graham, yesterday, came to grief on Sparks street, opposite the Russell House, through having a wheel wrenched off by the Street Railway track. The vehicle was drawn for some distance on three wheels before the horse was stopped. No other damage resulted.

18/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa City Passenger

Article on the running of the street cars. Exerpts:

There are six car drivers, three stable men and four for miscellaneous work.

Each driver makes ten trips a day. The first car leaves New Edinburgh at twenty minutes past seven in the morning in order to catch the North Shore train going out, and the last at twenty minutes past nine at night, so as to connect with the return trip on the Occidental. Sixty-three trips a day are now made in all, with fifty trips a day during the winter season.

We have eight cars and thirty five horses. Each horse makes an average of four trips a day.

The line is counted as three miles from New Edinburgh to the Suspension Bridge, so that each trip is as good as six miles, and the four trips gives 24 miles travel a day for the horses.

An hour and twelve minutes is allowed for a trip.

Good care is taken of the horses but each spring we sell off the old ones and get new stock.

Goes into type of horses and their keep.

Annual consumption - about 100 tons of hay are consumed and 8,000 bushels of oats, in addition to bran, provender and carrots. The horses are fed hay and oats daily with bran mash and provender every Saturday night, along with some condition powder.

The stable was then visited. It was found in a cleanly condition and well ventilated. The horses were nicely groomed while one of the stablemen was at work grooming down a team just brought in. On warm dusty days the horses are driven into the river on being brought in, when they are well washed with river water and then rubbed dry, thus being made as fresh as ever in a short time under such treatment. They get plenty to eat and look well. About one half of the thirty-five horses were in the stable at the time of the reporter's visit.

"That is Ed. Skead's old steeple chaser, the Captain," remarked Mr. Graham, as he pointed to a well built animal with the head of a flyer.

"Gone from racing to street car work?" observed the reporter.

"Yes, and he does his job well. We have had him a little over four years and he is as good as when we first got him."

The old racer tossed his head as if approving what was said of him.

The car shop is entirely separate from the stable, the entrance being from the main street. The cars are washed daily but it is difficult to keep them clean, owing to dust and mud. In the repair shop the car can be run over a culvert, as it were, where any needed repairs can be made to the under portion, or the wheels removed and replaced, the car being raised up by tackling, when necessary. The blacksmith shop is adjacent.

Mr. Prosser makes change and counts the contents of the bags brought in by the car-driers, making the official returns.

In the running of the cars considerable depends on the management of the drivers, who are conductors as well. The daily receipts from each car average about the same, as one car makes the same number of trips as another. The company have very little trouble with the drivers. If anything wrong is suspected in connection with the returns, a "walking ticket" is promptly given, and that ends it. The men are paid at the rate of a dollar a day, all the year round, putting in twelve hours. They have a steady job.

The principal trouble of the street car driver is the average small boy, who makes a business at certain portions along the line of stealing rides daily. The youngsters rather seem to enjoy the pleasure of just being missed by the whip lash.

Timetables - difficulty of sticking to published timetables.

18/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press Morrisburg and Ottawa

The people in the neighborhood of West Winchester have subscribed \$200 towards the survey, map and charter of the Morrisburg and Ottawa Railway.

21/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Bidon Renaud was charged with trespassing on the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Chaudiere.

27/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

This company have been purchasing the right of way into the city through Stewarton and property for station grounds. The McDougal property has been purchased \$3,000 an acre being paid therefore. A block of the By estate has been bought from Mr. C. Magee, and a quantity of land from McLeod Stewart, in all thirteen acres.

29/06/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa Chaudiere water

A water column was fixed up at the Chaudiere station of the St. L. & O. Railway today by Mr. Perry, of the firm of Buchanan & Co., Montreal, being the second supplied the company. This will easily supply 2,000 gallons of water in thirty seconds. The columns are used for filling locomotives but can be used for fire as well.

01/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Buckingham Jct. Wood

Farmers are enjoying the benefits of the railroad. They get the following prices for wood: Maple and Birch \$3.50 per cord; beech \$2.50; dry hemlock and other soft woods \$2.00; green basswood \$1.50; hemlock bark \$5 and \$6. Of the latter there is a great supply. Before the railway was built the prices for wood were very low. Hop poles, oak staves, ash for oars, and railroad ties are in good demand.

03/07/1881 Ottawa Citizen Tramway Booth's Mill

A horse belonging to Mr. J.R. Booth was so injured by falling through a tramway at that gentleman's mill on Saturday that the animal was ordered to be killed..

05/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

The engineers now locating the balance of the Canada Atlantic line are expected to reach the city in two weeks. They are now near Eastman's Springs. The track has now been laid from Coteau Landing to Alexandria, over which part a train now runs, and it is thought that the railway will be complete to Kenyon village a distance of 35 miles by September. The road is to be finished to the city by June of next year, at least that is the terms of the contract, and work is being pushed forward satisfactorily. The company have been buying the necessary lands in the city and Stewarton for station grounds and for workshops. Some six blocks are to be used, five of which are in Stewarton and one within city limits. Quite a number of lots in several blocks have been bought and paid for, but the price of others will have to be decided by arbitrators, the owners asking high figures therefore. The road will cross the canal shortly above the Deep Cut. The blocks of land for station grounds etc., lie between Elgin and John streets, in Stewarton, and between Elgin and Cartier in the city.

05/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Morrisburg and Ottawa

The Morrisburg and Ottawa Railway promoters seem to have fallen quite asleep. Perhaps they are dreaming over the matter prior to doing something.

05/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Winchester

The Ontario and Quebec Railway Company will hold their first general meeting of shareholders at Montreak on the 19th of July instant, for organizing the con=ompany etc. Mr. Lumsden, Chief Engineer and his assistant, have just gone over the northern route again westward from Carleton Place.

05/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Toronto and Ottawa

Mr. Campbell of Port Perry, has commenced to purchase the right of way for the Toronto and Ottawa Railway between Peterboro and madoc, and where the line crossed the Brockville and Ottawa Railway. It is expected that work will be actively begun within a few days in constructing the line.

15/07/1881 Ottawa Citizen Canada Atlantic Rideau Canal

The surveying party in charge of the Canada and Atlantic Railway were engaged yesterday in running a line across the Canal.

16/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

We understand it is contemplated to cross the canal with this line somewhere in the vicinity of the stave factory on the bank of the canal in Gloucester, and thence deflect the line along the east side of Elgin street to the city limits, where the station will be built.

16/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Morrisburg and Ottawa

An engineer will shortly go over the route between the two points and make a preliminary survey, reporting thereon to the promoters of the scheme.

16/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Pontiac & Pacific Junction

A circular has been addressed to each mayor of in the county of Pontiac, notifying him that a special session of the county council will be held on Tuesday the 26th inst., for the purpose of meeting members of the Pontiac Junction Railway Company, to ascertain what bonus the county will give to the company, and take the necessary preliminary steps to bring the matter legally before the electors. Hon. Mr. Church leaves for England on Saturday next to raise the money required to build it. Mr. Peterson, the engineer of the Occidental road, has been instructed to visit the county and examine the crossings at Portage du Fort, La Passe and Black River. Messrs. Hector McLean and Thomas Bryson will accompany Mr. Peterson on his trip. The result of the council meeting will be telegraphed to Mr. Church who will be in England at that time. He says that favorable action on the part of the council will materially help him in getting what he wants. He favors the county giving a bonus in preference to taking stock in the enterprise.

16/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

Mr. D.S. Linsley, contractor for the construction of the Canada Atlantic Railway, is in the city. He has just come over the line from Coteau Landing to this point. He says the work is progressing favorably and that by the middle of next summer - probably the 1st of August - the railway from Coteau to Ottawa will be completed. The Toronto Bridge Company are now at work putting up the bridges on the eastern section of the route between Coteau and the Nation River. There are five bridges under way. It is not yet known exactly how many will be needed, as the western section has not yet been finally located, but parties of surveyors are at work. The largest bridge to be constructed, with the exception of the proposed one over the St. Lawrence, is the one that will be required to cross the Rideau River, and that over the Nation River the next in size.

The grading of the road has been completed from Coteau to Alexandria, and track laying has begun from Coteau. It is expected that the road will be finished to the Nation River by Christmas. There are about six hundred men employed on the line, the largest force being at work near Alexandria, in one section alone there being one hundred laborers. A large quantity of ties will be got out this winter for the western division of the road. The distance from Ottawa to Coteau is about 80 miles. Mr. Linsley is having the work done by sub-contract. The 45 miles of road on the south side of the St. Lawrence, to give connections with the American system of railways, will also be built next summer. The right of way into this city has been secured, and by the end of a twelve month the Canada Atlantic Railway, it is expected, will be about ready for traffic, becoming an accomplished fact.

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27/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Pontiac & Pacific Junction

Bryson. The Pontiac County Council met here today and unanimously passed a by-law granting a bonus of one hundred thousand dollars to the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway. The council were addressed by a deputation of the directors, and by a number of gentlemen from Pembroke. The Hon. Geo. Bryson also urged the adoption of the by-law with great ability and effect. The impression is general that it will be adopted by the ratepayers on the 23rd of August by a very large majority. The greatest enthusiasm prevails and the utmost confidence is expressed in the personnel of the railway company.

28/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Another first class passenger car has been added to the rolling stock of the St. L. & O. Railway. It was built at the works at Prescott and is a model one. The car will be attached to one of the express trains. In speaking of he railroad line mentioned, the Prescott Telegraph says; "When the new steel rails are all laid on the St. L. & O. R. it will be one of the finest roads in the country." Our contemporary is correct.

30/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

Work on the Canada Atlantic Railway is booming; sufficient men cannot be had to do the work.

30/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Kingston (CP)

A meeting of the stockholders of the Kingston and pembroke R.R. will be held at Kingston on Wednesday, to authorize the issue of bonds and the balance of the unsubscribed capital stock of the company, for the purpose of paying off all liabilities of the company and completing the road to the junction with the Pacific Railway at Renfrew,

30/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Winchester

The Ontario and Quebec Railway survey party, headed by Mr. Lumsden started from the town of Perth, and is thus referred to by the Courier newspaper of that place : "Commencing at Drummond street on the ridge near the 3rd line, they ran the line across Wellandville, then across Wilson street, intersecting Mr. John Thornton's field at Greenley's Corner, near the house. After this the line runs into Bathurst, through Messrs. F. Tovey and Duncan McDonald's front field, towards Glen Tay, and within a half mile of it, in the meantime crossing to the north of the Toronto & Ottawa line, near the toll gate. Both lines keep nearly parallel between the town and Glen Tay, and east of the town into the 3rd concession of Drummond. The switch from the O. & Q. to the Canada Pacific track, will be placed back of Mr. Peter McLaren's and the connection about half a mile long. The party comprises Mr. H.D. Lumsden, C.E., and eight assistants, Messrs. Stuart, Cummie, Noble, Allan, Jones, Ford, Maddock and Ling." Peterboro' party is the objective point of the survey.

30/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Toronto and Ottawa

The line surveyed for the Toronto and Ottawa road

The engineers of the Toronto and Ottawa Railway have run a line from Richmond village through to Manotic, and are now on their way towards Casselman to form a connection with the Canada Atlantic road at or near that point. The engineer in charge is Mr. A.S. Hogg, who has for assistants, Messrs. S.H. Sykes, D.C. Charles, J.S. Patterson, and W. Mackenzie, with a staff of fourteen chainmen, axmen etc. The survey, says the Kingston Whig, has been a long one, and has been carried through the most rough and inhospitable districts of the province. Starting from Peterboro in December last the route lay through the ridges of Otonabee and Asphodel to Norwood, where the line crosses one mile to the north of the village, thence through a good farming district to Marmora, where the difficulties (usually found in mineral ranges) of securing a good line commenced. Much time was spent in this locality, and we must bear in mind that hitherto work had been carried on amidst the rigours of an unusually severe winter when the snow was deep everywhere and the frost hard and severe. Every man was swathed like an Esquimaux, but unlike them, the latter gentlemen

DISPLAYED A DEGREE OF ENERGY

invigorating to themselves and astonishing to outsiders. The crossing of the Crow river was made upon the ice in the same manner as the Otonabee, Indian and Ouse rivers had already been crossed. From Marmora the work towards Madoc was through a very rough district, but Madoc was reached and the line located to that point before the breaking up of the ice. The staff proceeded thence to Bridgewater, and were now amidst the mineral bearing mountains that attracted considerable attention thirty years ago, and which caused the Hon. Billa Flint to invest heavily in lands and to lay out the above named village. The Scoutanatto river was crossed here a short distance above the rapids known as "Hells Gate". The first camping ground after leaving Bridgewater was in the vicinity of Caniff marsh, and from this point difficulties were encountered and overcome which will, doubtless, at some future time reflect great credit upon those engaged. When perusing accounts of bush and frontier life we cannot help feeling a certain degree of pity for those who

BATTLE WITH THE ELEMENTS

under such very unpropitious circumstances, but we must not overlook the fact that a party who are pushing forward from day to day, and compelled by virtue of necessity to follow one line, from which there must be no divergence, however tempting the surroundings may be, must endure far more privations than those who are settlers in the district. The Bald Mountains were passed through the now famous gorge and a good run made to Arden, near which point the Salmon River was crossed at Newton's mill. The party were next heard of at Mountain grove, where they encamped for a few days previous to reaching the Narrows between White Lake and Sharbot Lake, three miles north of which the line crosses the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. The weather at this time was commencing to get warm, nature was assuming her delightful spring garb and everything was lively; but civil engineers and surveyors look at these things in another light, and saw only myriads of famishing mosquitoes, squadrons of deer flies and their allies in black. The bright green grass was

SWARMING WITH GARTER SNAKES,

the picturesque islands lost their beauty and their black snake denizens remained unmolested. Lovers of nature must be healthy, wealthy and wise before they fully appreciate her beauty. Imagine a hungry engineer meeting a deer in the woods. One thought is paramount "venison steak". And the beauties of curved neck, flashing eye, or symmetrical antlers are dilated upon when the bones are picked. At Sharbot Lake a long stay was made, and lines run, upon both sides, one line crossing the lake upon a string of islands (there are ninety islands in the lake) a short distance east of the narrows. The Fall river was next followed by Maberly, where some time was spent owing to the drowned land, through part of which the line was run. Perth was reached early in the present month, and the party enjoyed themselves in endeavoring to recall the various modes and manners of civilized life. At Franktown and Ricjhmnd the party were well used. They will be through with their work in about a week. The first sod of the road was turned at Madoc on the 19th of July instant, a contract for a portion of the line having been given out.

30/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Morrisburg and Ottawa

A survey party for the proposed Morrisburg and Ottawa Railway, leave the city on Tuesday morning next.

30/07/1881 Ottawa Free Press Maniwaki

The promoters of the Gatineau Valley Railway scheme must all be asleep, as nothing is now heard about the projected road.

04/08/1881 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway company have made a contract with McRae and Co. to carry 800 car loads from Scranton, Pa. to Ottawa during the next four months. The first consignment of 30 cars arrived last night and are being unloaded at the depot. Messrs. McRae & Co.'s coal dumps are so arranged this season that a train of 30 cars can be unloaded inside of three hours.

10/08/1881 Ottawa Free Press Brockville

Account of excursion Ottawa-Brockville.

19/08/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Union Station Clock. The public clock at the Union Station, Chaudiere, has the bad habit of stopping occasionally, and yesterday made up its mind to stop again and thereby puzzle travellers intensely as to the time for the departure of trains. When, however this railway clock condescends to go, its indecision as to time of day is very inexcusable, considering it is within earshot of the great sounding notes of its parliamentary superior, the tower clock. Nevertheless, it will hold its own opinion and obstinately insist that the true time of day is falsely set forth by the sun and his abject follower the Parliament tower clock. The sooner it confesses its errors and sets itself right the better for the travelling public and their friends.

20/08/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The Canadian Pacific Railway has received 400,000 tons of steel rails at Brockville, which will be utilized in laying a new track between here and Brockville. This is quoted correctly but it seems like an awful lot of rail, maybe 3,500 miles.

22/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa*

The train carrying the Gouverneur excursionists the other day made the run between Prescott and Ottawa in 1:56 including stoppages of probably 20 minutes making the actual running time 1:36 for the 54 miles. The train consisted of eight cars laden with passengers. This is remarkably good. The road is in fine condition, being laid with steel rails throughout.

22/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Carleton Place* *Carleton Place*

On Friday last a second class car on the Canadian Pacific Railway, was left standing on a down grade, with brakes down, at Carleton Place, while the balance of the train was being shunted. The car contained some seventy shanty men, returning to the city from up the river. A freight car was standing some one hundred yards off on the same track. One of the occupants of the second class car, unwittingly let go the brake, the car, as a result, starting at a swift pace down the grade, and colliding with the freight car, made a loud crash, damaging the latter car considerably. The shantymen, who were all more or less shook up by the collision, blamed it on the train hands, and were going to clear out the station, when it was discovered that it was one of their own number who had perpetrated the act.

23/08/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Chalk River* *Pembroke*

Pembroke Post. A train of thirteen cars containing the first of Mr. Allan Grant's timber from Kippawa passed through Pembroke last Friday about noon. The timber was driven down in single sticks from Kippawa to Mackie's station where it was loaded on the cars and goes direct to the Commissioner's Wharf at Quebec by rail. It is a splendid lot of very fine white pine of good girth and dimension and in excellent condition. Quite a crowd of lumbermen viewed it while it stopped here and their comments and opinions on the manufacture and appearance after such a long drive were exceedingly complimentary. It will no doubt find a ready market when it reaches its destination. An extra engine had to be put on the train between here and the Government Road. There will now be a continuous freight travel between Mackie's eastward until the timber is all taken down, the authorities having promised to send down if possible two trains a day containing about 600 feet, to carry down the timber of the Scotch Syndicate represented by Mr. Allan Grant. Another train of cars went down last Saturday.

23/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic* *Moose Creek*

Mr. R.A. Sims of Bay street left this morning for Moose Creek with fifteen men, engaged to work on the Canada Atlantic Railway for one year at \$1.25 per day. Board is \$2.50 per week. Some fifty men will leave next month for the same destination in charge of Mr. Sims.

25/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Carleton Place* *Ottawa, Broad Street*

Palace advertising car inspected by a reporter from the Free Press.

25/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Morrisburg and Ottawa*

The preliminary survey for the Ottawa, Morrisburg and Potsdam Railway is progressing satisfactorily. The line is about located between Metcalfe village and this city and in a few days a start will be made between Morrisburg and Metcalfe. So far an easy route has been found.

30/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

The terminus of the Canada Atlantic Railway at this end will be in Stewarton, where lands have been purchased for station grounds. The Chaudiere branch of the St. L. & O. Railway will be used in the shipment of lumber.

31/08/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *QMO&O* *Chaudiere*

Several bus loads of young people, destined for the Christ Church picnic at Deschenes Rapids today, arrived at the Union station this morning, in time to miss the train. Mr. Scott, General Superintendent, was telegraphed to, with the request that the train should be put back for the late comers. This was kindly acceded to and the train was backed up from the Hull station, taking all on board. The delay occasioned was about half an hour.

31/08/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Carleton Place*

The work of laying the track of the Canadian Pacific Railway from here to Brockville with steel rails has commenced.

31/08/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Chalk River* *water*

The Canadian Pacific Railway is finding some trouble in securing an adequate supply of water from the tanks along the line as for the past fortnight there has not been sufficient wind to move the mills with force enough to pump the water. The result has been that train hands have been compelled to pump the water into the tanks by hand. This is the first time in the history of the road that such a contingency has arisen.

10/09/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Aylmer branch* *Aylmer*

Mr. Jackson, the genial baggageman on the Aylmer branch of the Q.M.O. & O. Railway was presented yesterday with a beautiful pipe and case by the civil service employees, who have been staying in Aylmer during the summer months. Mr. Jackson was rather taken by surprise, but made a suitable reply in thanking the donors for their gift. Mr. W. Aumond made the presentation. Aylmer Times.

12/09/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *Sussex Street*

Special coal trains are arriving daily at the Lower Town depot of the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway for local dealers. One of a number of similar reports.

17/09/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Morrisburg and Ottawa*

Morrisburg - The site for the international bridge in connection with the Morrisburg and Ottawa Railway was located today. Mr. Keefer of Ottawa, assisted by an engineering staff comprising Mr. Imley, contractor, Mr. Soars C.E., of Ottawa and others accompanied by Messrs. Farlinger, Munroe and Kennedy of Morrisburg, examined the different locations along the river and after a close inspection and the taking of several measurements of the river, it was found the point at Mr. James Doran's across to Ogden's Island was the most desirable site on the St. Lawrence for a bridge, it being eminently satisfactory in every respect. The distance from the north shore across deep water at this point is only 400 feet; then a shoal, and not more than 7 feet depth of water to Ogden's Island. The spot chosen will be

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to Morrisburg and Waddington as offering great conveniences to those places. At Morrisburg the station can be brought in south of the Grand Trunk line, in the centre of the town touching Waddington, also in the heart of the village. The engineer conveyed the thanks to Mr. Munro for his assistance, his being thoroughly conversant with all the peculiarities of the river in this section. While the engineers were engaged in this work two steamers passed up the other down, thus giving them a favorable view of the channel, and enabling them to select a spot that would not interfere with navigation.

22/09/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *QMO&O* *Chaudiere*

A new siding is being constructed at the Union Station yard. It will be principally used for freight cars on the QMO Railway shunted off the main track. A number of section men are laying the rails at present.

28/09/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

It is expected that the final survey of the Canada Atlantic Railway upon the western division will be completed into the city by Saturday evening. Work upon the line is being steadily pushed forward.

30/09/1881 Ottawa Citizen Morrisburg and Ottawa

The preliminary survey of the proposed railway from Ottawa to Morrisburg is progressing rapidly. Looking at the proposed crossing of the St. Lawrence River at Waddington.

30/09/1881 Renfrew Mercury Canada Central Gauge change

The gauge of the Western Extension of the C.P. R'y., between Mackey's Station and Mattawa was changed on Saturday last and is now uniform width with this end of the line. This will be a great convenience to shippers, no doubt materially reducing the cost of heavy goods. If the company would only make some sensible running arrangements now, their road would be a real benefit to the lumber trade. As trains are at present run, unfortunately, the trade is nearly as much hampered as in the old steamboat days. There is no truth in the report that, with the change of gauge the Mattawa end of the road would be handed over to the Canada Pacific Railway Company by the contractors, Messrs. Duncan McIntyre & Co. This latter will run the section in question for yet an indefinite time. Pembroke Observer.

05/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press Maniwaki

Account of a meeting of the provisional directors of the Gatineau Valley Railway.

06/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

The final location of the Ottawa section of the Canada Atlantic Railway is now about completed. The survey party quit work at Hurdman's Bridge last evening, and will have the exact route right into the city figured down before another day goes by. Mr. Hale is engineer in chief of the Canada Atlantic road, being assistant to Mr. Linsley, the contractor. He is now in the city. Mr. Ambrose Duffy is the engineer engaged in the final survey now being made. His party is composed of H. Rees, W.R. Davidson, W. McMillan, F. Reynolds, C. O'Neil, E. Janacque, Y. Janacque. The Western Section.

A magnificent route has been surveyed from High Falls to this city. From the Falls to Taylorsville the road runs along the flats in a straight line, the distance being a little over 22 miles, and an easier section for building a railway cannot be found anywhere on the continent, as it is perfectly level; to use the expression of engineer Duffy, "it is as level as the floor." The line passes just south of Eastman's Springs, crossing one corner of Messrs. Swalwell & Borbridge's hotel property; and runs in a northwesterly direction. It crosses the road a short distance west of the Springs, and runs along the north of it. After passing Taylorsville, the line breaks to a more northerly direction, in order to strike the city as the first trial line took the surveyors some seven miles to the south. The road passes south of the Cyrville Church, thence through Kelly's farm, and will cross the Rideau River about 100 feet north of the Hurdman's bridge, and will come into the city through Archville striking Stewarton. The necessary property in Stewarton and the city has already been secured, although a few lots have yet to be arbitrated upon.

THE EASTERN DIVISION

Work is rapidly being pushed forward on the section between Coteau Landing and High Falls. Already the track has been laid some distance west of Kenyon, which is 34 miles from Coteau. It is expected that the track will be laid to High Falls by the first of November. Three trains are operating upon the built portion, one at the head of track, one for ballasting and the other for bringing up the iron. Over 200 men are engaged in tracklaying alone, and 4,000 feet or three quarters of a mile of track, is being laid daily. The ballasting of the road is being pushed forward with all rapidity, a night gang working as well as a day gang, the electric light being used by the enterprising contractor for the construction of the road so as to facilitate night work. This is at the gravel pit a short distance east of Kenyon. The best steel rails are being laid upon the road, which will doubtless be first class in construction.

THE SOUTHERN DIVISION-- ENGINEERS IN CHARGE

The assistant engineers under Mr. Hall, who have charge of the work of construction upon the road are as follows: Mr. Lampman at High Falls; Mr. Hobbart at Kenyon; Mr. Mountain at Alexandria, and Mr. McInnis at Coteau.

THE ROUTE --

07/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press QMO&O Chaudiere

A number of carpenters are engaged at present constructing a new platform for the North Shore Railway at the eastern end of their yard on Broad street. The new platform will be over two hundred feet long and will be used principally for loading freight.

08/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

The splendid locomotive Countess of Dufferin, belonging to the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway, which has been in the Grand Trunk workshops for some time past, getting reconstructed, returned to the city last evening, bringing in the 855 train from the east. Engineer Hiram Loomis assumes control of the Countess once more.

10/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

A splendid new locomotive constructed in England for the St. Lawrence & Ottawa railway, arrived in the Montreal workshops last week where the finishing touches will be given it. It is intended as a yard engine for the Lower Town depot of the railway named and will be under the control of engineer Thomas O'Neil. The newly reconstructed St. Lawrence & Ottawa railway locomotive Countess of Dufferin made quick time under engineer Hi Loomis on Friday last. Although starting behind time at Prescott, the train to which the Countess was attached arrived in Ottawa five minutes ahead of time. His engine is a credit to the road and Hiram knows how to make her fly.

10/10/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki

Mr. M. Mitchell with a staff of engineers and twelve men, proceeds to the Dessert early this morning to commence operations on the Gatineau Valley Railway survey.

11/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press Brockville

The Brockville Recorder gets off the following: One of our back country exchanges announces the recent construction of a new car on the Canada Pacific for the exclusive use of shantymen, and says it is large and high. There ought to be a bar in both ends and the rest left for a battleground.

11/10/1881 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence and Ottawa

Seventy five cars of coal arrived by the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway last week.

17/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

The St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway are adding another new locomotive to their rolling stock. It is being made at present at the Kingston Locomotive Works, and will be a fine specimen of Canadian workmanship. The new yard locomotive imported from England for this road arrived in Prescott on Friday last, and is said to be the strongest in the country, every part of it being very powerfully constructed.

22/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa, Waddington & New York

Article on the advantages of the Ottawa, Waddington & New York Railway.

22/10/1881 Ottawa Free Press Pontiac & Pacific Junction

The voting in Pontiac on the \$100,000 bonus by-law resulted in it being carried by a majority of 551, the votes in favor of the by-law 1,063 over 512 against it.

22/10/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

A second line approaching the Rideau river is being located by the Canada Atlantic engineers. The first one was not in a position so that the St. L. & O. Railway trains could switch upon it, but the new line, further south will render such a thing perfectly easy.

24/10/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *locomotive*

The new English locomotive being put together at the Prescott workshops for the St. L. & O. road, is a monster, weighing some 50 tons, or 15 tons more than the average engine. It will be called the "Turtle" and will possess sufficient power to draw forty loaded freight cars. The locomotive being built at the Kingston workshops for the same line, will probably be christened "Grenville." She will also be of powerful make.

24/10/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Aylmer branch* *Deschenes*

A new railway station has been built at Duchesnes (sic).

26/10/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

This morning Governor Smith, Messrs. J.R. Langdon, James M. Foss, of Vermont and W.H. Dubois of Boston, left the city to make an inspection of the proposed route of the Canada Atlantic Railway between this city and Moose Creek. They will drive to the point named and then take the cars for the trip to Coteau, the eastern section of the road being completed to within a couple of miles of Moose Creek. The gentlemen named are all interested in the railway now being built and will aid in the completion of the southern section which will give a connection with the American system of railways.

Mr. Linsley, contractor for the Canada Atlantic Railway, has given instruction for profiles of the western section of line to be prepared for the inspection of contractors who wish to tender for portions of the work. It is expected that tenders will be let for all the work on the section between this city and Moose Creek within two weeks. Messrs. Corbett & Snaith, who have been doing work on the eastern section, have secured Mr. James Murphy, a good man, as partner.

The engineers will have the new line crossing the Rideau River finally located by tomorrow night. A splendid crossing has been secured - water only four feet deep with rock bottom. The first new line struck hit the river where it had a depth of twenty feet. A hundred feet further south gave them a solid bottom at a depth of four feet. The road will strike across the river just at O'Dell's brickyard and come across to a point just south of Paterson's Creek.

Chief Engineer Hall states that the company will endeavor to make one bridge across the canal do for both the through freight lines and the passenger line turning into the city. The road to the Chaudiere will pass along through the Stewart estate, taking the southern roadway at present cleared through the bush. A conjunction will be made with the St. L. & O. branch before the Chaudiere is reached. The distance from the canal to the Chaudiere will be about two and a half miles. The St. L. & O. Railway will be able to use the Canada Atlantic line running into the city.

It is understood that the contracts for the bridges over the Rideau river and canal will be let this fall, so that they can be constructed as early as possible in the springtime. With the work on this end of the line at full blast it will make the city livelier than ever. Ottawa is just beginning to come right again.

The erection of the station and freight buildings in the city and Stewarton will be begun next spring and completed by the time of the opening of the road. The Canada Atlantic will be an accomplished fact in less than nine months at the present rate of progress.

27/10/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Ottawa City Passenger*

"How do you like driving a street car?" asked a free Press man of a handler of reins and turner of the brakes on a street car today.

"First rate; only a pussons got to put up with a great deal from the public!" was the reply.

"How is that?" was asked.

"Well, you see, som on 'em thinks we is made o' iron, wood or authin an' has no feelinks, but I tell this is a mistake."

"Yes, what do they do?"

"What I complain of and find fault with is this. The wimmin folks punch us with their umbrellers an' men with their walkin' sticks when they want us to stop the ker, an' they don't do it in any very easy manner at that."

"Punch of that kind is not so palatable as liquid punch, eh?"

"That's so," remarks the driver with emphasis as he smacked his lips. "Why my back's sore as kin be where the pints of canes and umbrellers has fetched me. I feel as though I got the lumbager." And he pathetically passed his hand down the side of his back, while he winced his face.

"Is there any other trouble?"

"Yes, the brats of boys at various places bother us by jumpin' on behind an' sometimes hailing us pretendin' there's a passenger comin' when there haint. Its enough o make a saint swear sometimes."

"And do street car driers swear?"

The driver looked upon the reporter with an innocent smile, but made no answer.

Three seconds later he straightened up with a jerk, an exclamation of surprise and pain, as he grabbed the handle of the brake and wound it up in a hurry.

An old lady had prodded him with her umbrella, in order to have the car stopped, instead of pulling the bell.

As the car started on again, after the woman had stepped off, the driver remarked,

"That's the way they wake a man up. Nine out o' ten passungers punch a man in that way to have the ker stopped instead o' pullin' the bell as they orter."

Just then a whistle was heard, as if for the car, and the driver looked back along the street, and then said,

"There's one o' them little imp's now, as whistles to stop the ker. I'd like to hev him by the neck for a minnit an' I'd take the whistle out on him"

A couple of boys were noticed stealing a ride on the rear platform, and bothered the driver some before he got them to get off.

Taking it all in all, the lot of a street car driver is not a very pleasant one.

29/10/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

On Wednesday morning last, on the invitation of Mr. D.C. Linsley, contractor, a party of gentlemen drove over the line of this railway now under construction. Party was composed of the following gentlemen: hon. J. Gregory Smith, president of the Central Vermont Railway; J.R. Langdon of Montpelier, Vermont; Guy C. Noble, St. Albans, Vermont; Mr. Moss, assistant superintendent of the Central Vermont Railway; J.J. Lewis and L.R. Lewis of Boston; W.G. Perley, J.R. Booth, McLeod Stewart; Alderman McDougal and Alderman Masson of Ottawa. The party drove the first day, having a four-in-hand to a comfortable van, about sixty miles.

TO MOOSE CREEK

in the Township of Roxboro, where a stoppage was made for the night. On Thursday morning the party took the first passenger train which had been run over the line about two miles from Moose Creek and proceeded to Coteau. Stoppages were made at the different stations and also at the bridges for the purpose of inspecting the work.

Went on to Valleyfield, Rouses Point etc.

08/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *Sussex Street*

The St. L. & O. R. have put in a new turn table at their round house here. It is much larger than the old one.

11/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Central* *Perth*

The Perth Expositor of yesterday says: "The Railway Company have a gang of about twenty men at work on the workshops, and they have already put down several hundred posts for the foundations of three large buildings, two of which will be over 200 feet in length. The Ottawa deputation to Montreal seems to be aiming at getting the engine works, but with poor success. In fact, Ottawa is not in a position to make any offer, it has not sufficient vacant ground within the city for workshops, and, therefore, could not give exemption from taxation, and under the present law it would be utterly impossible to carry any bonus by-law in a city, especially one so scattered and with such diverse interests as Ottawa." The remarks made in regard to this city by the Expositor are quite incorrect - it has failed to tell the condition of the popular pulse of the people of Ottawa regarding railway workshops, or else we are mistaken.

14/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Carleton Place* *Ottawa, Broad Street*

The vacant space about the Union Station yard is being filled up with gravel by a number of men. The new freight shed built by Mr. T. Kavanagh will be occupied in a day or two. Station Constable Grave's uniform was supplied jointly by Canadian Pacific and North Shore companies.

15/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Pontiac & Pacific Junction*

The Pontiac News says: The Syndicate have only a few weeks ago gained control of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, and, as they own the Canada Central; the connection of our road with the west is now completely cut off.--

15/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa*

Interview with Walter Shanly about the possible take over by Canadian Pacific - indefinite at this stage.

18/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Belleville* *Perth*

Referring to the expressions of certain journals concerning the workshops being erected at Perth, the Expositor says: We only claim the freight and ballast are works of the Canada Pacific and divisional repair shops of the Ontario & Quebec, possibly their car shops also--The reality of the shops claimed by us here lies in the fact that they are partly built already and on the pledged word of the Syndicate, on condition that Perth grant the bonus arranged for, namely twenty acres of land for the site. A siding has been built from the main line into the midst of the building site and in a day or so the heavy timber for the sleepers etc. will be on the ground. Then a large force of carpenters will appear to raise the structure above terra firma. A well or reservoir to feed the boiler has been dug and a force of men are now engaged in digging a canal from this to the river, about one hundred yards away. This shows the progress so far and we think it wholly satisfactory. Mr. Little is the general manager of the car shop construction and Mr. Ames is overseer of the men employed thereon.

18/11/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *locomotive*

The new freight engine, built in England for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway will be tested on Monday. Mr. Frank Daniels has been appointed to run the engine which is said to be ponderous and capable of drawing thirty-five loaded cars.

18/11/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Pontiac & Pacific Junction*

A meeting of the directors of the Pontiac and Pacific Railway was held yesterday at the Grand Union, when the financial arrangements of the construction of the road were discussed, and it is understood it was decided to put the company's debentures on the London market and, if successfully floated, to proceed immediately with the construction of the line.

19/11/1881 *Quebec Saturday Budget* *Carleton Place*

Tuesday (8/11/1881) The last special train of the season left Ottawa this morning for Winnipeg.

21/11/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *locomotive*

The new freight engine, built in England for the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, arrived here yesterday morning, having made a satisfactory run.

21/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *locomotive*

The new St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway locomotive "Chaudiere" arrived at the Lower Town depot on Saturday last and was inspected by Mr. Pedan and other officials of the road. The engine is a monster, the diameter of each of the driving wheels being over six feet. While going into the engine house on the other side of the Rideau river, the enormous weight of the locomotive twisted a piece of track out of shape, and broke the turntable, causing some difficulty in making repairs. The "Chaudiere" will take out freight trains from the Upper Town depot being specially constructed for such work.

22/11/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *St. Lawrence and Ottawa* *locomotive*

On Sunday morning while the new (English) engine was coming from Prescott to Ottawa, an accident occurred which resulted in the death of one of the employees of the road. So far our reporter has been unable to learn any particulars.

23/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Ottawa City Passenger*

Street car No. 1 ran off the track on Duke street, Chaudiere, last night which resulted in the breaking of one of the rear wheels. There were no passengers on the car at the time.

24/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Canada Atlantic*

The work of construction on the Canada Atlantic Railway, near the head of Deep Cut will be commenced tomorrow morning.

26/11/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Ottawa City Passenger*

The street railway busses were placed on the road this morning owing the fall of snow last night burying the track. They were replaced at noon, however, by the street cars, the track having become clear.

29/11/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Canada Atlantic*

Mr. R.A. Sims, one of the contractors on the Canada Atlantic Railway has commenced work on his section and Ald. O'Leary should commence work on his section this week.

30/11/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Maniwaki*

The engineers with Mr. Murray Mitchell have extended their surveys to the Peche and yesterday were at work on the river front with a view to reclaiming sufficient ground for the track on the bank thereby procuring a comparatively long tangent at the Peche village. This accomplished, the survey will be continued to Ottawa, and the continuation and completion of line number two through Masham to Stagg Creek will be projected without delay.

02/12/1881 *Ottawa Free Press* *Ottawa City Passenger*

Two drivers of street cars were nearly coming to a fisticuff encounter near the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway Station last night owing to one being ten minutes late in making a connection. The lights of a street car kept extinguishing every five minutes on the route between New Edinburgh and the Suspension Bridge last evening.

10/12/1881 *Ottawa Citizen* *Maniwaki*

Gatineau Valley Railway survey complete.

The engineers and party concluded their survey of the Gatineau Valley Railway yesterday having been absent for rather more than two months. We understand that the total length of the line surveyed, including trial lines, is over 110 miles, whilst the actual length of the proposed railway from Dessert to Hull station, per survey, is 75 miles, the distance by road being, it is said, 95 miles. The engineers will now commence the office work in preparation of profile, alignment, estimates, etc. a synopsis of which will be presented at the meeting of the Directors next Thursday. The engineers with Mr. Murray Mitchell were Messrs. Soare, C.E., N. Slater, C.E. and Rev. W. Chambers, geologist.

16/12/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki

Directors' meeting.

Engineer's report. Road could be equipped for \$24,000 per mile.

17/12/1881 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki

Geologist's report.

23/12/1881 Renfrew Mercury Ottawa and Arnprior Junction

For an act to incorporate the Ottawa and Arnprior Junction Railway Company for the purpose of constructing and working a line of railway from Quyon to Arnprior, crossing the Ottawa River by way of Chats Falls --

24/12/1881 Ottawa Free Press St. Lawrence and Ottawa locomotive

The new St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway locomotive, Turtle, built at Kingston came into the city the first time today. She will draw freight.

30/12/1881 Ottawa Free Press Canada Atlantic

The Witness remarks: "An effort is being made to make Alexandria the mechanical metropolis of the Canada Atlantic Railway, a free site for the workshops and freedom from taxation being the bounty offered. In favor of selecting a small place for mechanical and manufacturing operations there is always a considerable economy in the items in this case offered for nothing, yet other considerations, such as facility of obtaining labor and greater accessibility, often determine such works to greater centres. In this case Ottawa is the other claimant. The decision come to will be interesting.