

# Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1907

- 07/01/1907** *Ottawa Journal* **General**  
D'Arcy Scott elected mayor of Ottawa.
- Friday 11/01/1907** *Ottawa Journal* **Alexandria** **Central Depot**  
Order in Council passed yesterday ratifying agreement for the construction of a Grand Central Depot. All railways may use on reasonable terms.
- 20/01/1907** *Athens Reporter* **Westport**  
The new snow plough of the Brockville and Westport Railway was run out over the line last week. It weighs twenty tons and proved very efficient.
- 23/01/1907** *Athens Reporter* **Westport** **Elbe**  
The gale on Sunday took off roofs and partly overturned the railway station at Elbe.
- 23/01/1907** *Athens Reporter* **Westport**  
Albert Gallagher of Portland has entered an action for \$2,000 damages against the B&W Rwy. for injuries sustained in a fall on their Brockville platform.
- Friday 25/01/1907** *Renfrew Mercury* **Renfrew** **Madawaska**  
Officials of the Grand Trunk Railway say that a new round house is to be built at Depot Harbor similar to the one just finished at Madawaska, and the work is likely to start soon. In the way of equipment, the Madawaska one is very fine, there being thirteen stalls for engines, a turntable with some of the most modern mechanical devices, and a complete coaling plant. Engines drawing trains, both from Ottawa to Madawaska, and from the latter point to Depot Harbor, are now coaling at the new coaling plant, and the engineers and others interested are much pleased with what has been done. The new structures are practically all of concrete and steel.
- Saturday 26/01/1907** *Ottawa Journal* **General**  
Hon. A.G. Blair dies.
- Wednesday 30/01/1907** *Ottawa Journal* **Chalk River** **Renfrew**  
Collision of Imperial Limited trains - see accident file.  
January 31 - two pictures of engines in collision.
- Thursday 31/01/1907** *The Equity, Shawville* **Pontiac Central**  
An application will be made to the Legislature of Quebec at its next session for the passing of an act to incorporate the Pontiac Central Railway Company with power to construct a railway from Bryson, PQ, along the valley of the Coulonge River to a portion on James Bay, with such branches as may be required and with power to develop the mineral, timber, agricultural and other resources of the district to be traversed.
- Tuesday 12/02/1907** *Ottawa Journal* **Alexandria** **Union Station**  
GTR offer to the city. Drawing and plan of proposed Union Station and hotel. Hotel is where the station was ultimately built - no provision for CPR access to Interprovincial Bridge.
- Thursday 14/02/1907** *The Equity, Shawville* **Waltham**  
Owing to the run on engines in this stormy time we understand the freight engine was run up this line on Monday with a plow, and on returning the latter got derailed at Aylmer. On Tuesday we had a freight however.
- Friday 27/02/1907** *Renfrew Mercury* **Winchester** **Kemptville**  
A gang of men is at work putting additions to the C.P.R. bridge near Kemptville necessary for the double tracking which is to be built between Smiths Falls and Montreal this summer.
- Friday 01/03/1907** *Renfrew Mercury* **Renfrew** **Renfrew water**  
The Grand Trunk evening express going west on Monday night was frozen to the track at Renfrew station through the overflow of water from the tank. It was not until a freight came along and pushed it out that it made its way westward, nearly three hours late.
- Thursday 07/03/1907** *Chesterville Record* **Winchester** **Mountain**  
Wreck at Mountain. There is already a good record of this in the accident reports. Details not taken - two long accounts.
- Thursday 11/03/1907** *The Equity, Shawville* **Waltham**  
On Friday last the locomotive of the mixed train gave out a few miles above Campbell's Bay, and it was some time before it could be got down to that point, where it was side tracked for repairs. An extra was sent up from Ottawa at night to haul the freight train to destination. Passengers who were aboard when the engine gave out came on from C. Bay to Shawville by stage.
- 13/03/1907** *Athens Reporter* **Westport**  
On March 5 a foot of snow fell causing the B&W train to stall and the crews had to spend the night at Forthton and Athens. All day long the storm blew in from the north-east and then at night a full moon came out to present a sight of wondrous brilliance.
- Friday 15/03/1907** *Renfrew Mercury* **Chalk River** **Pembroke**  
The C.P.R. contemplates removing the Pembroke station to the front of this town somewhere along the track between the new and the old wharf. This would be a good move towards securing the town traffic.
- Wednesday 20/03/1907** *Ottawa Citizen* **Lachute**  
Railway Tracks in Hull City  
The city council of Hull are at present taken up with the question of tracks in and about their city.  
A special committee of the council met last night when Mr. Baker of the C.P.R. representative of Sir Thos. Shaughnessy was present to talk over the subject of double tracking Hull, also establishing a spur line from No. 5 ward to Little Farm. Nothing of any moment was carried out the question being deferred until a later date.
- Friday 29/03/1907** *Renfrew Mercury* **Eganville** **Dominion Rock Products**  
From the Star-Enterprise: About 2,000 cords of wood is now piled on the Jamieson quarry property, and to view it one would imagine that the supply now on hand would be almost inexhaustible. But burning day and night, the kiln will consume a lot of fuel in 24 hours and it is likely that at least 2,500 cords will be required every year.--
- Friday 03/04/1907** *Renfrew Mercury* **Belleville** **Perth**  
From the Perth Courier: The C.P.R. car shops are being torn down, and the lumber is being used to build 40 feet more to the present freight sheds. The present doors in the sheds are being altered to suit the long freight cars now in use on the C.P.R.
- Thursday 11/04/1907** *The Equity, Shawville* **Waltham**  
The mixed train coming east on Monday afternoon had a run off about a mile west of Campbell's Bay. Several freight cars - mostly containing pulpwood - left the rails, and ran along the ties a considerable distance before the engine coupling broke. A wrecking train and crew went up to the scene of the accident about an hour in advance of the express, to clear the line and to repair the road bed. The accident impeded traffic for several hours.
- Thursday 11/04/1907** *Chesterville Record* **Smiths Falls**  
Superintendent Spencer of the Ottawa division of the CPR confirmed the announcement that Smiths Falls would supersede Carleton Place as the terminal point and site of the CPR shops. About 200 employees of the company's shops now at Carleton Place will be moved to Smiths Falls this summer.

**Saturday 13/04/1907 Ottawa Journal Chalk River Sand Point**  
 Derailment at Sand Point - see accident file.  
 Photo in edition of 17th but too poor to reproduce.

**Friday 19/04/1907 Renfrew Mercury Winchester Smiths Falls**  
 The C.P.R. is to build an addition to their round-house at Smith's Falls. It is 508 feet around the curve at the back and 308 feet across the front. It will have 22 stalls for engines. The present one has 13, and the two combined will hold 35. At one end of the round-house a new machine shop, 40x90 feet will be built and alongside this there will be offices.

**Tuesday 23/04/1907 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Bells Corners**  
 Explosion of engine.  
 The whole side of the engine on the Toronto train was blown out in an explosion yesterday evening resulting in the stopping of the train. .. no injuries. The accident occurred at Bells Corners. One of the axle rods broke and commenced to revolve round at a terrific rate of speed, tearing up the ties as the train passed along. Before the engine could be stopped the ties had been torn up for a long distance. To make matters worse an explosion finished the engine for keeps stopping the train up at Bells Corners. More.

**01/05/1907 Athens Reporter Westport**  
 Miss Maude Blair and Joel C. McCullough of Westport were married April 24 at the bride's home. The employees of the B&W Rwy of which the groom is a popular conductor presented them with a solid oak dining set.

**Friday 03/05/1907 Renfrew Mercury Eganville Dominion Rock Products**  
 From the Eganville Leader: The Jamieson lime kiln, located just east of the village, was fired on Tuesday for the first time.--

**Monday 13/05/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Bank Street**  
 Car trucks leave rails - when crossing the temporary bridge over the Bank Street subway, the material for the new steel bridge is all ready to be placed in position..

**Friday 17/05/1907 Renfrew Mercury Eganville Dominion Rock Products**  
 From the Eganville Star-Enterprise: Several car loads of lime were shipped during the past week from the Jamieson lime kiln.--

**Friday 24/05/1907 Renfrew Mercury Eganville Dominion Rock Products**  
 From the Eganville Star-Enterprise: A work train reached Eganville on Monday with a large gang of men who are now engaged building a short spur from the C.P.R. main line into the Jamieson lime kiln.--

**Thursday 06/06/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Rideau Canal drawbridge**  
 Plans are being prepared by the GTR for a new steel bridge across the Rideau Canal to replace the present structure leading from the yards at the foot of Elgin Street to Ottawa East. The new bridge will be placed a little to the south of the present one, in order that traffic may not be interrupted while it is being constructed, It has not yet been decided whether it will be a lift or swing bridge. The bridge will be made wide and strong enough to accommodate two tracks, as it is the intention of the company to have their system in Ottawa double-tracked. Cost about \$50,000 More.

**Thursday 06/06/1907 Ottawa Journal Ottawa Electric Bank Street subway**  
 Car 100 left the track in the Bank Street subway.

**Thursday 13/06/1907 Chesterville Record Winchester**  
 McKay and Wilford, railroad contractors are busy working at the contract they have of double tracking the CPR from Finch to Mountain Station. Of late the weather has somewhat interfered with their operations.

**Friday 21/06/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Carlsbad Springs**  
 A station is being erected at Carlsbad Springs.

**Friday 21/06/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Bank Street**  
 Improvements are now being made at the Ottawa yards of the Grand Trunk railway. Men are engaged relocating the main line through Bank and Elgin street yards preparatory to replacing the trestles at Bank street subway. It is expected that the work including the replacing of the trestle will take about two weeks.

**Friday 21/06/1907 Ottawa Journal Locksley**  
 ..steam shovel(s) are at work filling in the trestles and roadbeds on the Pembroke branch.

**Monday 24/06/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Carlsbad Springs**  
 As a result of a bad head on collision on the G.T.R. about three miles west of Carlsbad (Eastmans) Springs late Saturday, William R. Douglas of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, a C.P.R. brakeman met a terrible death. He was pinned under a locomotive---  
 As a result of the accident a locomotive and three cars were ditched and from 100 to 200 feet of track torn up.  
 Late Saturday night, a shunting engine, which was running light, and was westbound, collided with the regular east bound freight train. Both train and shunter were travelling at a high rate of speed and it is said they came together with a terrible impact.  
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 The collision happened about 11:30. No. 70, the regular eastbound freight left Ottawa around 11 in charge of Conductor W. Summers, Engineer W. Cooper and Brakesman W.R. Douglas. It was proceeding at a high rate of speed as the crew understood they had the right of way and that the track ahead was quite clear. Suddenly the fast moving freight collided with a shunting engine, on its way to Ottawa, and also running rapidly. This engine had been coming from Hawkesbury, was driven by Edngineer Alexander Dewar, and was on the way here to allow certain repairs to be made to it.  
 More.  
 Inquest to be held.

**Thursday 27/06/1907 The Equity, Shawville Waltham Campbells Bay**  
 The C.P.R. are putting up a new water tank and a dwelling house for the section foreman at Campbells Bay.

**Thursday 04/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Kingston, Portsmouth and Catarqui**  
 Kingston, July 4. "Accidental death" was the verdict in the case of little Hilda McGillivray, killed by a street car. The jury found that the crew did all it could to avoid the accident. As no fender was on the car, it having been removed to put on a new one approved by the government, the Jurors suggested that the old fenders be retained until new ones replaced them.

**Thursday 04/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Carlsbad Springs**  
 Long account of the inquest into the wreck at Carlsbad Springs.  
 Train 1337 was making its way for Ottawa from Oxford (sic) - had a clearance from South Indian to Rideau Junction.  
 Inquest postponed until the next day.

**Friday 05/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Carlsbad Springs**  
 Detailed account of coroners inquest.  
 "We find that the late William R. Douglas came to his death in St. Luke's Hospital on June 23, 1907. The death was due to a collision of trains 70 and 1337 near Carlsbad Springs.  
 "We further find that the collision was due to a misreading of a time table owing to a defective light in the cab of engine 1337.  
 "We further believe that if the headlights had been properly displayed on train No. 70 the collision might have been averted. We would strongly recommend that all stations on the main line of a railway system be open day and night and that a responsible person should be on duty there."

**Monday 08/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Bank Street**  
The GTR expects to have the permanent bridge at the Bank street subway in place this day week. In order that this may be done the change in the yard trackage consequent upon the installation of the bridge will be temporarily made. The temporary adjustment, however, will be as substantial as if it had been permanently made.  
The temporary arrangement will put the company to about \$700 additional outlay, the total expenditure on the work being about \$6,000. The magnitude of the work may be gathered from the fact that in the readjustment of the trackage 21,000 feet of rails and 50 switches will be required.

**Tuesday 09/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Ottawa Electric Albert Street**  
Letter of complaint from resident near Albert street car barns. Cars brought in late at night and lots of shunting noise. Also the windows are shut which makes a lot of noise.  
Superintendent Hutcheson - some truth to this, shunting is inevitable but will stop the closure noises - windows must be closed to be washed. OER is looking for another place for a car barn outside the city.

**Friday 12/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Other Latchford**  
J.R. Booth is to build a siding at Latchford on the T&NO for the accommodation of cars carrying supplies for the working of his concession on the Montreal River.

**Monday 15/07/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Bank Street**  
Bridge now ready over subway  
The Grand Trunk Railway Company has now finished its work on the Bank St. subway. Operations began on Saturday night, and the work was rushed until the work was completed. Cars were running over it yesterday afternoon. The railway officials say that it now only remains for the city and the electric company to do their part of the work.

**Friday 19/07/1907 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP) Madawaska river**  
The K. & P.R. iron bridge over the Madawaska main stream is being painted this week.

**Friday 19/07/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**  
Early in the season the C.P.R. talked of putting down a concrete platform around their station here. Apparently, however, they have abandoned that intention, as workmen have been laying a new and heavy tamarack platform this week.

**Friday 19/07/1907 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP) Calabogie**  
Calabogie. Preparations are being made for the building of a new station, to be situated on what is known as the island, and for the use and convenience of campers whose traffic which lasts only a few months during the summer is considered, according to reports, of more value that merchants who pay on an average of from sixty to eighty dollars per month, freight and express charges. More.

**Thursday 01/08/1907 Chesterville Record New York Central Newington**  
A large number took in the excursion to Cornwall on Saturday.

**Thursday 01/08/1907 Ottawa Journal Sussex Street**  
Article "The Evolution of Transportation". Includes a picture of the Sussex Street station.

**Friday 02/08/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**  
The track at the C.P.R. station here is being raised several inches this week; and will be, it is said, only five inches below the level of the platform.

**Friday 02/08/1907 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP) Barryvale**  
What was once Barryvale station on the K. & P.R. is now nothing more than a platform. The old building was somewhat large for the place, it was unattended, and was more or less abused, until it was hardly a shelter and was considered an eyesore. So the company had it torn down. But it is not likely to be left that way. It is probable that present day officials of the road are not aware that the right of way was given free through that point by the late Messrs. Barry and Wilson on the condition that a station building was to be built and maintained there. When this becomes known, it is likely that a small but neat structure will be erected again for the shelter of passengers and the farmers who draw gristing there for shipment to Renfrew.

**Friday 02/08/1907 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP) Calabogie**  
The contract for building the new station at Calabogie has been awarded to the Renfrew Manufacturing Company. The plans call for a neat structure - 17x60 feet, of what is known as the C.P.R. No. 4 standard station. It provides two waiting rooms - one on each side of the office; and a freight shed; all under the one roof. The architectural effect looks good.

**Thursday 08/08/1907 The Equity, Shawville Waltham Shawville**  
The local gang of railway section men have been reinforced during the last few days by a number of Italians, and considerable track repairing has been undertaken. A new switch has been put in the yard here and it is said a new platform is to be built at the station. It is needed.

**Saturday 10/08/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Union Station**  
New plans submitted to premier for magnificent railway depot.  
August 13, 1907 - station plans approved by Deputy Minister.

**Friday 23/08/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Rideau Canal drawbridge**  
Locomotive on rampage.  
An unusual accident, luckily involving no loss of life, took place this morning shortly after 6 o'clock at Ottawa East. Engine No. 451 backing west through the Grand Trunk yards to be attached to the regular daily way freight train going east, on reaching the drawbridge over the canal at Ottawa East, became unmanageable and started to back towards the river, instead of over the bridge. The engine ran off the rails and travelled nearly the full length of the bridge on the ties, ripping and tearing them badly, and finally hung with its tender suspended over the waters of the canal. The engineer - J. McKenna and fireman - G. Johnston, vainly attempted to check their engine. The brakes seemed to be out of order and only after the application of both the air and emergency brakes was the mogul freight engine brought to a standstill. The engineer and fireman both remained in their cab until relieved by personal orders of Mr. Donaldson, the G.T.R. general superintendent. Three engines to the rescue.  
No less than three huge engines were required to haul the runaway back to the metals, and in the meantime, for nearly two hours, traffic was at a standstill over the Grand Trunk tracks.  
The back truck of engine No. 451 are somewhat damaged, the tender is smashed and the underbody of both tender and engine are pretty well tangled up. A large force of men was quickly put to work, the ties of the draw bridge were patched up and the damaged locomotive was towed to the repair shops. Both engineer and fireman were badly shaken up and had to go home.  
Various craft on the canal, including the steamer Rideau King, were delayed for an hour or so, being unable to get under the bridge until the engine was removed.

**Monday 26/08/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Pembroke**

New station at Pembroke

Pembroke Aug 26. The citizens of Pembroke are jubilant over the anticipation of a new station to be erected in the centre of town by the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

The company has bought out the property of several parties in town in order to increase its yard and station grounds. It is expected that with the advent of the Northern Railway to Pembroke that the new station will become a Union station for both railways.

The land which has been secured will give ample accommodation for both railways to enter the town, and will afford much better accommodation for the travelling public, as they can get on and off the train from the centre of the business portion of the town.

**Tuesday 27/08/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Chateau Laurier**

Premier approves plan for hotel on Major's Hill Park.

**Wednesday 28/08/1907 Ottawa Journal Montreal and Ottawa Interprovincial Bridge**

The Department of Railways and Canals has arranged that there shall be two tracks from the new Central depot to the Interprovincial Bridge. Deputy Minister Butler with representatives of both G.T.R. and C.P.R. companies visited the ground yesterday and it was decided that two tracks should be put in.

The G.T.R. and C.P.R. were both satisfied with this arrangement and the plans will be amended accordingly.

**28/08/1907 Athens Reporter Westport Newboro**

The Steamer Brockville and the BW&NW Railway will run another of the popular trips Thursday and Friday.

**Friday 30/08/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew water**

A Row at the CPR station.

Each year the harvesters who go through from the Maritime Provinces to the west earn an unenviable reputation for a rowdyism as they pass through the Ottawa Valley. One year before, it will be remembered, Chief McDermott received serious injury at their hands, as have also the police officers at points further up the line. Last week one of the excursions passed through Renfrew and the "Nova Scotians", as they were called, left something to remember them by. They wantonly smashed the heavy glass in Mr. Jacob Harris' restaurant and the big plate window glass had a narrow escape. More than that, as one of the Englishmen who is a corporation laborer was walking quietly along the platform - (it was the noon hour) - he was struck heavily in the face and was knocked over by one of the harvesters who, with his companions, proceeded to kick the prostrate man. At this juncture, one of the burly laborers who has been putting in a new water pipe for the C.P.R., and who had seen the wanton assault, raised his shovel and struck the offending harvester a terrific blow on the back with the implement. It cut through his clothes and made the blood fly from his back; and as the C.P.R. man was preparing to follow up the scrap face to face, and there were more laborers about armed with shovels, the harvesters deemed discretion was the better part of valor and dragged their wounded comrade into the cars. The spectators were not sorry that he had something to remember Renfrew by.

**Thursday 12/09/1907 Ottawa Journal Montreal and Ottawa Plantagenet**

Account of wreck at Plantagenet. See accident file.

**Friday 20/09/1907 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP) Wilbur**

For a day or two K. & P.R. engines have been coming into port in Renfrew wrong way around. This followed an interruption in traffic caused by the development of a sink hole near Wilbur. In the memory of the present staff there has not been trouble at this particular spot before. The track sank down about three or four feet for about a car's length. It proved a veritable "sink hole" for a lot of filling. On both Monday and Tuesday no trains could get across, and passengers had to transfer from one train to another at that point, but by Wednesday the trouble was remedied and trains crossed again.

**Friday 27/09/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**

The Renfrew Manufacturing Company has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new C.P.R. freight shed, but have not yet been directed where it will be placed.

**Monday 30/09/1907 Ottawa Journal Ottawa Electric Hillson Avenue**

Accident on Britannia line - see accident file.

**Wednesday 02/10/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Union Station**

Grand Trunk will refuse to join in any project to remove Corry block at any expense to the company. More.

**Thursday 03/10/1907 Ottawa Journal Hull Electric Hull**

City Clerk Boulton of Hull, when asked about a rumour current that the Canadian Pacific Railway had decided to lay their proposed double track on the company's property, instead of accepting the terms offered by the Hull council, for the privilege of using the city's streets on another proposed route, stated that he placed no credence whatever in the report, owing to the fact that if the C.P.R. did so the project would necessitate the construction of a great many trestles in addition to extensive grading, and when finished would probably cost several times the amount asked for the other route by the city.

When the question was first laid before council, and the proposed route outlined, it was decided that the building of several trestles which would be required would make it necessary, that the waterworks system be lowered on several streets, and that the railway should pay the expenses of the undertaking, which was placed at \$7,500.

In addition to this the council demanded that a yearly bonus of \$3,000 be paid to the city for the privilege of using the city streets. To this the C.P.R. would not agree and since then the matter has been left in abeyance and will likely remain so until after the elections.

At any rate, it does not appear at all likely that the more expensive route over the company's property will be used.

**Thursday 03/10/1907 Ottawa Journal New York Central Ottawa**

Cyrus J. Suffron yesterday sustained a very ugly fracture of the right leg just above the ankle and a fracture of his wrist in falling about 28 feet from a beam in the coal trestle at the Ottawa and New York Railway yards

Suffron is a carpenter and is employed as foreman for George Tomlinson, the Waverly street contractor. He was directing some work at the trestle - more.

**Friday 04/10/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**

The C.P.R. surveyors are busy at work preparing the site for the new freight sheds, which are to be erected immediately. There seems to be no doubt now that the freight shed will be located just where the Wright elevator now is. -- The plan of the new freight shed, now in the hands of the Renfrew Manufacturing Company, who are to build it, calls for a wooden building on a stone foundation, 96 feet long by 40 feet wide. Of this 32 feet in length by the full width is for office purposes, the rest for storage. There will be five tracks on the town side of it, where the livery stable now stands; but these tracks will end at Railway street, from which vehicles can get down between the several sidings.

**Friday 18/10/1907 Renfrew Mercury Westport**

On July 4th last, Conductor Joseph C. McCullough, of B.W. & N.W.R., at the risk of his own life, saved a boy from being crushed to death by the wheels of a moving train. Last Saturday at Brockville he was publicly presented with a bronze medal, granted by the Royal Canadian Humane Association. Judge McDonald presided, and mayor Fulford pinned the medal on the breast of the recipient.

**Friday 18/10/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**

Something like seventy-five men are busily employed this week in various works down about the site of the new C.P.R. freight shed. About one third of the number are with the Renfrew Manufacturing Company, who have the contract for the erection of the new freight station. The foundation, of concrete, is now well under way.

Other workmen are busy under Mr. W.A. Moore, who has the contract for the removal of the Brownlee livery stables, to the rear portion of the Stafford lot on Renfrew-Plaunt street. The stable has been cut in half, and starting on Wednesday morning was out on to Railway street by night. On its hard surface the building will move along rapidly. The drive shed of the elevator has been torn down and the brick work of what was once the power house of the Renfrew Electric Co. has been nearly levelled to the ground. The little rough cast cottage lately occupied by Mr. T. J. Smith was purchased by him, and is now being moved on to a lot on Ann street purchased from Mr. O. Wright.

A large gang is also busy for the C.P.R. itself, putting in sidings.

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Colin J. Churcher

**Friday 18/10/1907 Renfrew Mercury Kingston (CP) Wilbur**  
On Thursday afternoon the Kingston and Pembroke Railway moved the first shipment of iron ore from the Wilbur Mines to Renfrew, whence it was shipped to Sault Ste. Marie. This train load was the first shipment of a 100,000 ton contract. The Kingston and Pembroke will start on November 1st, a special train and crew to do nothing but handle the ore taking it from the mines to Renfrew. At present they are moving 350 tons a day, and when all the machinery is installed they will be able to load a train in one hour.

**Wednesday 20/10/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Concession Street yard**  
The Grand Trunk Railway has just about completed the entire re-arrangement of four miles of tracks in their yards at Concession Street. Some of the tracks have been raised considerably. While the work has been under way shunting had been impeded somewhat at times, but in a few days all of the sidings will be open and the work of moving trains will be greatly lessened by the new arrangement of the yard.

**Tuesday 23/10/1907 Ottawa Journal Montreal and Ottawa Interprovincial Bridge**  
A C.P.R. engine used in the trestle repairing operations on the track at the north end of the Interprovincial Bridge exploded yesterday afternoon at about three o'clock, but beyond the damage to the engine there were no serious results. The place at which the accident happened is a dangerous one, as there is a drop of from twenty to fifty feet on either side of the bridge. The force of the explosion was not severe enough to cause the engine to be derailed, but it blew out the front "air drum" part of the locomotive. It was removed later for repairs.

**Saturday 26/10/1907 Ottawa Journal Alexandria Union Station**  
Station and Hotel Construction Begins  
City Council almost Unanimously in Favour of Grand Trunk Terms  
By a vote of twenty to four Major's Hill Park Site is approved.  
Sod will be broken at two o'clock today. More.  
Monday 28 Oct. edition contains a description and a photograph of the ceremony. Mayor D'Arcy Scott turns the first sod. A nickel plated duplicate of the tool used by the sappers in excavating the Rideau Canal was used.

**27/10/1907 Ottawa Citizen Chaudiere Chaudiere**  
Ottawa Citizen 23 July 1938:  
On October 27, 1907, Ottawa was the scene of an accident in which many people had narrow escapes from death. A street car on the Chaudiere line crashed into a G.T.R. freight train at the Queen street west crossing. The entire vestibule of the car was crushed in, and the car turned across the tracks. It was on its way to the Chaudiere filled with passengers. Motorman Page and Conductor Brisbois were in charge. As the car came down the grade nearing the G.T.R. crossing, a long freight train was pulling out of the city. The motorman tried to apply the brakes but they failed to work. Then as the car went on down the incline, Conductor Brisbois ran back and put the brake on at the rear. He then shouted for the passengers to jump for their lives. Many of the passengers sprang through the windows and doors but others were too slow and were still in the car when it struck the freight train. A middle-aged woman was just leaving the rear steps when the crash came, and was thrown towards the train. This was not the only narrow escape. Just at the moment when the car struck the train Motorman Page jumped. The next instant the entire vestibule was crushed in.

**Friday 01/11/1907 Renfrew Mercury Renfrew Renfrew**  
The Grand Trunk station is being much improved this week by the painters. It is now a myrtle green, up four feet from the base, drab from that to the eaves and the roof an emerald green. The Junction station has been similarly freshened.

**Friday 22/11/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**  
The old Wright elevator has been down the town streets this week in sections on wheels. It was intended to take it down the railway track on flat cars: but day after day went by and the cars did not come, so the moving is being done on low trucks mounted on small wheels. Later. The cars arrived in Thursday, and the first storey is being loaded on them in two sections.

**Saturday 23/11/1907 Ottawa Journal Chaudiere Queen Street**  
Electric car No. 36 is "sandwiched" between car No. 35 and a Grand Trunk freight train. See accident file.

**Friday 29/11/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Pembroke**  
From the Pembroke Standard. Quick delivery. On Saturday the C.P.R. were shunting a car of coal on to the National Manufacturing Company's siding, when bang went the car through the end of their tin shop, which was rather quicker delivery than the National folks bargained for. Considerable damage was done to the end of the building and the workmen in it had a narrow escape.

**Friday 06/12/1907 Renfrew Mercury Chalk River Renfrew**  
The last vestige of the old grain elevator has now disappeared from the C.P.R. yard district, and the approach somehow looks the more attractive for the opening of the view. Standing further back, the frame work of the new freight shed has arisen on its concrete foundation, and is about ready for the roof. The siding tracks are now also being laid.

**Saturday 07/12/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Renfrew**  
Rear end collision at Renfrew - see accident file.

**Thursday 07/12/1907 Chesterville Record Kingston (CN) Prescott**  
Two masked men at 3 o'clock Thursday morning threw two rocks through the ticket office window and covered the night operator, Gamble, and night baggageman Tyner, with a revolver. The robbers ordered operator Gamble to open the door. After entering the office the men were tied and the till rifled. They got about \$47 and escaped leaving the two victims bound.  
Operator Gamble succeeded in releasing Tyner by untying the ropes with his teeth. As soon as released they gave the alarm to the police over the telephone.  
NB. Not clear if this relates to GTR or CPR.

**Wednesday 11/12/1907 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Arnprior**  
Wreck at Arnprior - see accident file.