Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1907

07/01/1907  Ottawa Journal  General
D'Arcy Scott elected mayor of Ottawa.

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.

18/01/1907  Eastern Ontario Review  Montreal and Ottawa  Caledonia Springs
There is a report in circulation to the effect that the C.P.R. will spend $200,000, or more, the coming summer on an immense bottling establishment at Caledonia Springs.

It is said that the company intends to ship these waters in very large quantities

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.

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.

26/01/1907  Ottawa Journal  General
Hon. A.G. Blair dies.

30/01/1907  Ottawa Journal  Chalk River  Renfrew
Collision of Imperial Limited trains - see accident file. January 31 - two pictures of engines in collision.

31/01/1907  Pembroke Observer  Beachburg  Pembroke
Railways for Pembroke
The Northern will enter along with others

Pembroke is destined to become a great railway centre. In addition to the two present railways we are getting the Canadian Northern from Ottawa and also we have two bright prospects of getting a line from Pembroke straight to Peterboro built by the Northern company to connect with their main line to Toronto which will put Pembroke in connection with Toronto by seven hours run. The C.P.R. will also run the K. & P. to Pembroke, also the Pembroke with a line striking the P.P.J. at some suitable point. With the coming of all these roads and the prospect of cheap power in sight for manufacturers, we see no reason why Pembroke should not assume the dignity of a city in the near future.

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.

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.

14/02/1907  The Equity, Shawville  Waltham
Owing to the run on engines in those stormy time we understand the freight engine was run up this line on Monday with a plow, and upon returning the latter got derailed at Aylmer. On Tuesday we had a freight however.

20/02/1907  Ottawa Citizen  Renfrew  Galetta
BLOCK AT GALETTA
Caused by Deraiment of Freight Cars in Early Morning.

The east and west bound local express trains on the Grand Trunk railway were delayed for nearly two hours this morning by the line being blocked at Galetta through the derailment of a couple of freight cars. A west bound freight consisting of about thirty cars and hauled by engine number 1367 was passing through the village at 6:45 o'clock this morning and when about half way over the switch a brake rod dropped and caught in the frog, throwing the switch open and side-tracking the rear end of the train. The train proceeded for some distance in that peculiar manner. The draw-bars held firm and the two sections were held together through the derailment of a couple of freight cars.  A west bound freight consisting of about thirty cars and hauled by engine number 1367 was passing through the village at 6:45 o'clock this morning and when about half way over the switch a brake rod dropped and caught in the frog, throwing the switch open and side-tracking the rear end of the train. The train proceeded for some distance in that peculiar manner. The draw-bars held firm and the two sections were held together by one of the derailed cars, which was being dragged crosswise of the tracks. The wrecking train and crew were sent from Ottawa and had the line clear for traffic about 11.45 o'clock.

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.

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.
Wreck at Mountain. There is already a good record of this in the accident reports. Details not taken - two long accounts.

George's Lake. It is expected that construction work will recommence here on the Canadian Northern Rly. Early in April and farmers with help and spare teams are arranging their plans accordingly

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.

On March 5 a foot of snow fell causing the B&W train to stall and the crews had to spend the night at Fort hton 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.

The C.P.R. contemplates removing the Pembroke station to the front of this townm somewhere along the track between the new and the old wharf. This would be a good move towards securing the town traffic.

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 meeting.

From the Star-Enterprise: About 2,000 cords of wood is now piled on the Jamieson quarry property, and to view it one would imagining 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.--

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.

Superintendent Spencer of the Ottawa division of the CPR confirmed the announcement that Smiths Falls would supercede 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.

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.
Train for West jumps from tracks.

Three men injured at Sand Point

Accident occurred at station, a little beyond Amnpori, at 4:20 this morning. Five cars on CPR Winnipeg train leave the tracks as result of broken rail.

The injured.- Details not taken

PSuch is the list of injured in a wreck on the CPR at Sand Point at an early hour this morning, in which the early west - bound train figured. It was only a lucky turn of fortune however, which brought the train around the curved embankment leading to the station before it took the leap from the tracks, that a serious wreck was not the result. Had the cars jumped a second or so sooner the whole train would have been drawn over the embankment and plunged into the Ottawa River below. Few if any of the passengers and trainmen would have escaped with their lives.

Cause is uncertain.

Advises received from Sand Point are to the effect that the wreck was caused by a split rail. This seems to be the likely explanation, but officially no cause has yet been ascertained.

It was announced at CPR headquarters in the city this morning that the real cause was not known, but that an investigation would be made at once.

The train was due to pull out of the Union Depot at 1:10 a.m., but it was considerably after that time when the start was made. The train was well filled, mostly with settlers, and men from the West, who had come through from Montreal and points for the East.

A few people got on at the station but the local officials state that most of them were returning from Ottawa to intermediate points in this vicinity. At any rate, no official record is obtainable as to whether any local people figured in the smash.

Scene of the wreck.

Sandpoint is situated 5 miles beyond Amnpori, and therefore about 55 miles from Ottawa. At that point there is a curve in the track, bending in at the station, and then bending out again somewhat in the shape of an S. The train had pulled around the first curve and was just getting into the station when the wreck occurred. Luckily for all on board, they had pulled safely pass the danger point, where the embankment overhangs the river, and any deviation from the tracks would have meant instant death for practically everyone.

Those on board are certain that a defective rail must have been the cause. The engine, the tender and the mail car had got over the dangerous part, when the first of the second-class cars jumped the rails. Four others followed suit and breaking away from the rest of the train in front and behind plunged along the tracks. Of the five cars, three were second - class, one a tourist and one a first- class coach.

Luckily the train had eased down on coming around the bend into the station. Otherwise the five coaches would probably have been smashed to kindling-wood.

As it was they plunged along for some distance, tearing up a deep furrow, cutting the ties and spreading the rails. After tearing up the gravel for some distance because the cars blocked up and was thrown over against the platform at the station, where they keeled over.

The dining car and theparlour car, both of which were going straight through to Winnipeg, were left on the rails in the rear.

Passengers frightened.

The crash came at 4:20. Most of the passengers were sound asleep in their berths at the time. The sudden crash and shock, followed by the rocking headlong motion of the cars as they plunged from the tracks, awakens the frightened passengers and tumbled them out of their beds.

Pyjama - clad menclung to the first means of suppor t and hung to save themselves, expecting at any moment to feel the cars take the plunge over the embankment. With visions of another Chapleau wreck fresh in their minds, quite a panic prevailed.

Luckily however, the only ones really injured were the three men in the tourist car - McBride, Barn and Belanger. The first two named received their injuries in the first shock which hurled them across the car. Strangely enough both sustained injury in the same way, wrenched and perhaps broken ankles being the result.

None of the men were seriously injured, however, as far as the reports received this morning go to show.

Relief was felt.

As soon as all possible danger was over, the passengers from all the cars turned out into the open. Great relief was felt when it was seen that the wreck was no worse. Many white, scared faces was seen among the crowd, however.

People from Sand Point soon crowded to the scene of the accident and considerable excitement prevailed illegible.

Story of a passenger.

The Journal was notified at an early hour of the occurrence and managed to get one of the passengers to the long-distance 'phone at Sand Point. Mr. E.J. Brownlee of Stittsville is his name. He had boarded the train at Ottawa and was bound for Winnipeg.

He gave a graphic story of the night's exciting occurrences, from the time when they were all tumbled out of bed by the first shock.

"First thing I knew," he said, "I felt myself pitched head first into the side of the car. The coach seemed to have suddenly struck a bumpy incline and we felt ourselves going along rocking from side to side and expecting to be killed at any moment. Then the motion stopped and we all got out as fast as we could go."

"I tell you they were a pretty scared crowd," he continued, "all of them had heard of the wreck the other day and that seemed to have got on their nerves." He soon got over the shock however. "The rest of the night was spent by the passengers in the station and in the coaches."

Nearly all immigrants.

A large majority of the people on board were immigrants bound for the homesteads of the West. Most of them were men.

The train was in charge of conductor Aubrey, whose home is in North Bay. The engineer was Mr. T Chapman of this city. None of the train hands were in the cars which left the tracks.

Line was blocked.

The spreading of the rails effectually blocked the main line. There is a siding running near the station, which is used for the passing of through trains in cases of emergency. This also was blocked, however, by the fallen cars and as a result it was impossible for the trains following in the wake to get by. The Soo train was blocked up for some hours. As soon as word have been received at headquarters, two auxiliary trains, manned by wrecking crews, were dispatched to Sand Point one from Ottawa, the other from Chalk River.

The gangs got to work with a will and after a few hours effort had cleared the cars off the rear siding so as to allow the trains to pass through that way.
Narrow Escape for Passengers
In the Saturday Morning Wreck at Sand Point

If Accident Had Occurred A Few Lengths Above or Below the Station, cars Would Have Rolled to River's Edge

Sand Point. April 15. Providence was certainly kind to the passengers on the C.P.R. transcontinental No. 97, which left the tracks in front of the station here at 4:20 o'clock Saturday morning. A couple of train lengths above or below and the derailed cars must have rolled down a steep embankment to the river's edge, and what would have been the result is something one does not like to contemplate. As it was, the passengers all escaped without serious injury. A jolt, rude and unexpected, wakened the sleepers, and that was about all the damage done. Only three men required doctor's care, and in these cases the injuries were trifling. G. Belanger, of Montreal, had a cut over his eye which required a couple of stitches. and John McBride and Charles Burr, of the same city, had each an ankle slightly sprained. None were so injured that they could not mingle with the crowd which curiously watched the work of the wrecking gang.

Cracked Rail Gave Way,
4.20 o'clock Saturday morning. A couple of train lengths above or below and the derailed cars must have rolled down a steep embankment to the river's edge, when the first tourist car, laden with navvies for work on the railroad near Medicine Hat, and colonists for the West, struck it the crack meant a broken rail. This slightly sprained. None were so injured that they could not mingle with the crowd which curiously watched the work of the wrecking gang.

In the cars off the track and tipped at such a dangerous angle there was at first a wild scramble, but as no danger seemed imminent this soon subsided. Some broke their way through the windows, but the greater part left by the doors, disagreeably wakened, but glad to be safe. Word of the wreck was at once wired to headquarters and from Carleton Junction and Chalk River wrecking trains were soon on the way. Between seven and eight o'clock the wrecking gangs were at work. A gang was at hand to help those who had been employed laying new steels. Eighty-pound rails were replacing the present lighter ones, and in a couple of days Sand Point would have been reached and the defective rail would have been taken out before it had signaled its retirement from duty by such an expensive act to the C.P.R. About 8 o'clock Mr. H.B. Spencer, superintendent of the division, arrived and took charge of the operations. General Superintendent Zimmerman, of Montreal and Trainmaster D. Robertson, and other Ottawa officials arrived to see what could be done. On the special came also Doctors Mayberry and Kidd, of Ottawa, whose services fortunately were required only for minor injuries, which took them but little time.

A Temporary Track

The rear cars were pulled back into a siding and then the under structure of those derailed which projected was removed and the workmen set at once to building a temporary track around the wreck. This, however, was not accomplished until 4 o'clock in the afternoon and then the train, so inauspiciously stopped, was made up and attached to the Soo train, which had been waiting since early morning to get by for the west. With two engines coupled to the 14 cars the long train puffed panting forth on the interrupted journey and traffic was once again open. But all day yesterday the work of getting the derailed coaches on the track and repairing the main line went busily on.

An Eye Witness

Probably the only eye witness of the accident was Mr. James Stewart, who lives close by the station. As every patriotic citizen Mr. Stewart is interested in the immigrants to Canada. "I got up early," he said, "to see the size of the train as I understood it was to be entirely for immigrants. I was walking from my house when I heard a ripping crash and then the cars ploughed through the ground. The noise was tremendous. The passenger coaches in front I could see tipping over and then the coupling broke and the engine and baggage car went ahead like a shot. Some of the passengers broke through the window and got out, but in a little the most came out by the doors. After the first excitement they seemed to cool down, for some were still sitting in their seats when others came to the trouble."

Superintendent Speaks

Mr. H.B. Spencer was greatly pleased that there had been neither loss of life nor serious injury, though regretting greatly that the accident had happened at all. "So far as our investigation goes the trouble was caused by a broken rail," he said a couple of hours after his arrival. "Nobody was hurt at all seriously and those who were slightly injured are able to get around already. While very sorry that such an accident should happen, I am not worrying nearly so much as I would if any lives had been lost. Wrecking trains were sent at once from east and west and we will work right through Sunday to get the cars on the rails and the track repaired."

Immigrants Cheerful

The laborers and immigrants all took the accident in cheerful mood when it was found no one was hurt. They were good humored, although it rained during part of the day. and watched operations with interest. One old country man named D. Williamson took the delay very philosophically. "It sure was a big shock," he said, "but we were lucky it didn't happen lower down. One good thing the company stood us a good meal," he concluded with evident satisfaction. Mr. J.D. Dixon, also from Merry England, was congratulating himself that he had left the upper bunk an hour before the wreck happened. He had examined the rail which gave way and was satisfied from its appearance that it had been cracked some time.

Another man was both surprised and indignant at the abrupt termination to the journey. "Hive been on the sea an' had to tike to the small boats, but such a thing as bein' stuck tight in such a blasted way hi never see," he commented wrathfully.
Six cars on the G.T.R. at Moulinette were derailed one day last week and much damage was done.  

From the Eganville Star-Enterprise: Several car loads of lime were shipped during the past week from the Jamieson lime kiln.--

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.--

As a result of the accident a locomotive and three cars were ditched and from 100 to 200 feet of track torn up.  

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Judge Killam said that on the terms of the judgment previously given a formal order for the widening of the bridge would issue reserving the question as to Hintonburg being compelled to pay a share,
C.P.R. had taken it up, but owing to disagreement an application had been made to the board for an order and this had not been finally determined. Till then, he
account. The C.P.R. had repeatedly pressed the Canada Atlantic, under the old management for a settlement, but without avail. Since 1906 the G.T.R. and
Judge Killam expressed the opinion that as a matter of fairness the Grand Trunk should be paid that amount previously ordered by the old railway committee for
thought, no payment should be exacted.

Mr. E.W. Beatty for the Canadian Pacific argued that no payment should be made till the board settled the basis of compensation. The Grand Trunk had ne ve r
do so.

Mr. W.H. Biggar stated that the companies could readily figure out what was die for wheelage, and this will be done.

Mr. Beatty said that if the board considered this desirable he would agree to it.

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Mr. John Cumming, East Hawkesbury met with a severe loss the past week. He had a valuable ream of horses pasturing in a field bordering on the C/P/R. trac kks.

By some means the horses got out and on to the track and were run down by one of the C.P.R. fast trains and both animals killed. The loss is a heavy one as the team was a very fine one and valued at $500.

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Mr. Matthews, West Hawkesbury, also had two young cattle killed this week on the C.P.R.
A horse was also killed near Byers crossing on the G.T.R. this week

Detailed account of coroners inquest.
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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.

The company hopes to begin next Saturday night to place the permanent bridge in place, and see the work completed by the next morning.

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.
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.

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.

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 avarage of from sixty to eighty dollars per month, freight and express charges. More.

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.

Mr. Bronson of St. Albans is loading cedar ties for the C.N.R. at the Edwards Mills.

The K. & P.R. iron bridge over the Madawaska main stream is being painted this week.

A large number took in the excursion to Cornwall on Saturday.

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The track at the C.P.R. station here is being raised several inches this week; and will be, it is said, only five inchd below the level of the platform.

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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.

Ottawa Aug 3. - Mr. carey, C.E. of Montreal, has been appointed by the Deputy Minister of Railways to investigate and report upon the route of the Canadian Northern short line through Eastern Ontario, and is now engaged upon the work. His report will be ready to lay before the new Minister of Railways as soon as the latter gets into official harness.

The route of the C.N.R. into Ottawa will be formally decided at the same hearing, although the Company has practically accepted the route suggested by the Deputy Minister of Railways, namely that of the Grand Trunk from the Rideau River to the Central Station.

New plans submitted to premier for magnificent railway depot. August 13, 1907 - station plans approved by Deputy Minister.
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 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 is 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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 prostate man. At this juncture, one of the burlu laborers who has been putting in a new water pipe for the C.R.P., and who had seen the wanton assault, raised is 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.

Rockland. The house moving on the new C.N.R. right of way down in the Flats is just about complete. The work of building the dump across Mill street has been stopped on account of the main water pipe. The company have to drive spikes and build a culvert.

A kad traveller on the C.P.R. between Montreal and ottawa gave her little child her purse to play with, when the infant threw it out of the windiow. G'the purse contained considerable money, but was found the following day.

There was a full grown male wild cat killed by the train on the C.P.R. track about 1½ miles from the station towards Montreal over the Iron Bridge on Sunday night the 25th of August. It is said that there is a whole family of them in this vicinity, This is supposed to be one of them. Mr. Chas H. Regsbeck has mounted the head of the wild cat and the boys in "Happy Hollow" say wait until the first snowfall until they get the rest with their hounds.

Account of wreck at Plantagenet. See accident file.

The work of moving the houses belonging to the W.C. Edwards is about completed.
Bad Accident at Plantagenet
C.P.R. Fireman Killed

Plantagenet, September 12. John Knox Blackburn aged about twenty-two, a fireman, was killed and Herbert Reynolds, engineer, aged about twenty-eight of Rochester street, Ottawa, was seriously injured as the result of an accident on the Canadian Pacific Railway at Plantagenet.

Reynolds and Blackburn were found beneath the overturned engine. Blackburn dead and Reynolds unconscious. The others of the train crew escaped with slight injuries.

Fifty Miles an Hour.

The train of ten empty coaches left the Union Depot Ottawa at 8.10 in the evening, following the second section of the Transcontinental from the west.

Reynolds, one of the most careful engineers on the road was in charge, with Fireman Blackburn assisting him. The cars were being taken to Montreal, and the train, it is said, travelled about 50 miles an hour, making several stops on the way down. Repairs are being made to the tracks at Plantagenet, and the gravel train was standing on a siding near the station, which is on the left side of the track, going east. Just how the accident came to occur is not yet definitely known, but the train ran into the siding and plunged into the ballast cars with terrific impact.

Blackburn Instantly Killed.

Physicians were immediately sent for, and efforts made at once to rescue the engineer and fireman. Reynolds was first taken out of the wreckage. He was badly cut up and bruised, and it was feared that some bones were broken. He was carried to a nearby house where medical aid was given him. Blackburn was also found under the wreckage, but his injuries had proved fatal. Death evidently had come to him instantly.

Ottawa Sept. 17 - Inspector McColl of the Railway Commission, is holding an inquiry into the accident at Plantagenet, on the C.P.R. last week, in which the fireman of the express, J.N. Blackburn lost his life, and the engineer, Reynolds, was injured.

Reynolds recovering

Herbert Reynolds of the C.P.R., who was injured in the wreck at Plantagenet in which Fireman John Knox Blackburn, was killed, is doing nicely in St. Luke's hospital. He was brought to Ottawa in Mr. H.B. Spencer's private car. His left leg is crushed and his nose smashed.

The dead fireman was 23 years old and the son of Mr. Andrew Blackburn, Cantley, Que.

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The remains reached Ottawa at midnight and were taken to Cantley on the morning train. The funeral will be held from his father's residence to the Presbyterian church thence to the family cemetery.

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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 variable "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.

27/09/1907 Renfrew Mercury
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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.

30/09/1907 Ottawa Journal
30/09/1907

Accident on Britannia line - see accident file.

02/10/1907 Ottawa Journal
02/10/1907

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

03/10/1907 Ottawa Journal
03/10/1907

City Clerk Boul 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.

03/10/1907 Ottawa Journal
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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.

04/10/1907 Renfrew Mercury
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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.

07/10/1907 Ottawa Citizen
07/10/1907

The formal notice from the board of railway commissioners has been received authorizing the G. T. R. to construct a siding from the G. T. R. line at Second avenue, along Second avenue crossing Elm street to the premises of Argue. McColl and Son. west of First avenue The company is given two years in which to construct the siding.

18/10/1907 Renfrew Mercury
18/10/1907

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.
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A large gang is also busy for the C.P.R. itself, putting in sidings. 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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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 presented, and mayor Fulford pinned the medal on the breast of the recipient.

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Chesterville - the C.P.R. has had a very large gang of men here all summer working on the double track and one cannot fail to notice the crowds on the streets in the evening.

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.

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.

Rear end collision at Renfrew - see accident file.

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.

Wreck at Arnprior - see accident file.

Fire originating from an unknown cause destroyed the pumphouse engine room and water tank of the Grand Trunk Railway company on Saturday afternoon. The building was a wooden structure and the flames made such rapid progress that nothing could be done to save the property. A quantity of coal and oil was in the engine room and only added to the intensity of the heat. A crowd of employees, mostly section men and residents of the village gathered around, but the flames raged so fiercely that it was impossible to get near the building. It is estimated that the damage will be about $1,100.

Atlantic Express In Small Collision

Struck the conductor's van of a freight train at Carleton Place.

No one was seriously injured, but a couple of gentlemen who were passengers on No. 2 and the chef and a waiter in the dining car sustained slight abrasions. Messrs. J.F. Warren, J. Douglas, J. Black and Ed Steacy, of the C.P.R. staff and Dr. R.F. Preston, M.L.A., the railway company's physician, were quickly on hand and rendered all necessary assistance to the passengers, as did also Conductor Cameron of No. 2 and members of the train crews. The passengers for Ottawa and other local points were transferred to Carleton Junction station for the 3.56 o'clock eastbound. Many of those on the delayed express were bound for the Old Country by Christmas sailings. The locomotives (sic) was only slightly damaged. The cause of the mishap is said to be the break of a coupling about the middle of the freight train.

Breadalbane. What have (sic) been a serious accident took place on the Grand Trunk Ry. on Tuesday, as the 10.45 a.m. train was going up the rails spread and the coaches went for about a hundred feet on the trees, No serious damage resulted however and by 3 p.m. the train was got on the rails and proceeded to Hawkesbury.