

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1916

10/02/1916 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Newington*

One of the news boys on the ONY Railway, which runs through this village was arrested and taken off the train on Friday last. He is a German about 22 years old. He was arrested on the morning train going south by Chief Smith of Cornwall and taken to Ottawa again on the evening train.

19/02/1916 *The Equity, Shawville* *Beachburg*

"Poincaire" is the name of the C.N.R. station down at Clarendon Front, and some people are kicking and wanting to know why it has been so named. Well, we can't furnish the information, and can only remark that it might have been called after a person of much less importance. Poincaire, as the president of the French nation is figuring pretty largely in the limelight just now,

10/03/1916 *Eastern Ontario Review* *New York Central* *Cornwall*

Cornwall, March nd(sic) - The inquest into the case of the death of Abraham Roundpoint, the Indian, who was killed at the O. & N.Y. bridge on Feb. 18, was held by Dr. a Ross Alguire, coroner, at the court house on Friday (3/3) evening. After hearing the evidence, the jury brought a verdict of accidental death and recommended that the frnce on the sides of the bridge be built of stronger material, so as to bettwe protect pedestrians,

24/03/1916 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Vankleek* *Hawkesbury*

Accident at Hawkesbury

Mr. Stanley Robertson, a brakeman on the G.T.R. and a brother of Mr. James Robertson, formerly a G.T.R. agent here, was killed instantly at Hawkesbury on Tuesday night last. He was standing on the rear of the engine when it was shunting in the yards. He was out over the edge, and was crushed between two cars. His chest was crushed in and nearly all his ribs were broken. Death resulted at once, The young man was very popular and his death will be greatly regretted. His home was in Glen Robertson.

13/04/1916 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Berwick*

Mr. Chas. Thompson, our station agent, resigned his position on account of ill health. he went to his home in Newington last week. He made many friends while in Berwick and all hope for a speedy recovery

14/04/1916 *Arnprior Watchman* *Gananoque & Arnprior* *Gananoque & Arnprior*

Toronto. Despite the opposition of Sir Adam Beck, the railway committee of the legislature reported the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company bill. The bill, which was introduced by G.C. Hurdman of Ottawa, proposed to give the company an extension of its charter. It was bitterly opposed by Sir Adam, who held that the extension would close the way to Hydro radial extension. The matter was finally decided by the adoption of an amendment moved by Mr. Sinclair of Oxford and John Allan of Hamilton. Allowing the extension subject to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. If the municipalities interested vote for Hydro radials the charter will not be extended. If not the company can go ahead.

04/05/1916 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Newington*

The O&NY are employing a number of men again this season to work on the road and the company also intends to enlarge all the stations along the line and put the road bed in first class condition.

08/05/1916 *Ottawa Journal* *Belleville* *Perth*

Five Ottawa Men Were In Train Derailed Near Perth

Details of the derailment on the C.P.R. near Perth last night show that among those in the train were James Simpson, former controller; Rev. Ben Spence. D.H. Reynolds of the immigration department, Ottawa; W.D. Matthews, Ottawa; Captain Hutt, 97th Battalion, whose left arm was hurt; T.D. Higginson, Ottawa; ex-Ald. Lavoie, Ottawa, whose head was badly cut, and J. Pharand of Hull.

One passenger, Dr. T.F. Graham, od the 86th machine gun section of hamilton, was injured, his back and side being crushed, but not seriously.

26/05/1916 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Berwick*

Chas Thompson of Newington is once again acting as station agent, much improved in health.

26/05/1916 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Kingston (CN)* *Morrisburg*

Terrible accident.

Brockville. - May 24 the Toronto mail train coming west today struck a buggy at the Morrisburg public crossing containing Clinton Casselman and his three daughters Olive Gladys and Christy. The last mentioned two were almost instantly killed by the impact. Casselman and his youngest daughter Olive were thrown clear of the express and on being brought to Brockville hospital for treatment it was found that Casselman besides having minor cuts and bruises suffered a fractured hip. His daughters jaw was broken and one leg fractured. The doctors hold out good hopes of recovery notwithstanding that the patients are badly shocked.

Casselman resides at Williamsburg and was going to Morrisburg to attend a holiday celebration he did not see the approaching train until too late to stop.

01/06/1916 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Newington*

A number from here attended the celebration in Cornwall on May 24, the O&NY having reduced rates for two days.

02/06/1916 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Kingston (CN)* *Cornwall*

Cornwall May 26 - The second railway fatality in this district this week cccurred at Summerstown this morning, when James Brennan, the twelve-year-old son of Joseph Brennan, was instantly killed by the eastbound Moccasin train while endeavoring to cross the track. Dr. A. Ross Alguire, Cornwall, Coroner, and Chief of Police Smythe were notified and a jury visited the scene of the fatality and then adjourned until Friday, June 2, to meet at the court house here.

08/06/1916 *The Equity, Shawville* *Waltham*

The service on the Pontiac division of the C.P.R. has been much improved this week by the putting on of a second daily train, which is being run on faster time than formerly, thus leaving Ottawa at 7.30 a.m. the new train reaches Shawville at 9.28 and Waltham at 11.00. Returning leaves Waltham at 1.00 p.m., Shawville 2.15, arrives Ottawa 4.10 p.m.

15/06/1916 *The Equity, Shawville* *Beachburg* *Norway Bay*

The first C.N.R. summer special brought a goodly number of people to Norway Bay on Saturday.

19/06/1916 Arnprior Watchman Ottawa and Prescott

The destruction of the House of Parliament has awakened reflections of its building in the mind of Peter Redmond, a retired locomotive engineer, who saw King Edward lay its foundation stone in 1860.

When construction work was first started Mr. Redmond was employed as a fireman on the Ottawa and St. Lawrence railroad, and he was promoted to engineer a few days before the first material for the structure was hauled to Ottawa. One train crew was employed for three summers, hauling sandstone and quarry rock from Prescott, where it was landed from streamers on the St. Lawrence river.

The train made a round trip each day. The first stone used in the building came from the quarries located where the main part of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, now stands. It was shipped to Prescott where it was loaded from the boats onto railway cars by large cranes.

Mr. Redmond's train did nothing else during three summers but haul the stone. "It required two cars and sometimes three for each piece of stone that was moved to Ottawa," Mr. Redmond said yesterday. "The smallest stone that was hauled by the railroad weights three tons, and the average weight was about five tons. We moved two stones which weighted nine tons each. I believe that they were the largest that were put into the building.

"Owing to the excessive weight on the cars, which were much lighter than the steel cars now in use on the railroads, it was necessary to run our engines slowly. We seldom went over eighteen miles an hour, and as a rule the fastest time we made was fifteen miles."

No iron or steel was used those days for the springs on the cars. Solid rubber was used for the most part, and the cars were loaded so heavy that at the end of each trip new springs had to be put in most of the cars.

Our train was given the right of way over all other trains. This was principally because of the heavy train we hauled. We were permitted to stop only in case of necessity. The necessity came frequently and was caused mostly by the excessive weight on the trucks, which caused many hot boxes.

My train brought out the first shipment of rock and stone and stone cutters' tools. The first part of the building erected was a massive wall over 500 feet long. It was on the end of the wall that the Prince of Wales laid the cornerstone. Thousands of people witnessed the laying of the stone and I had the opportunity to shake hands with the Prince as did many of the workmen."

More but no railway.

22/06/1916 Chesterville Record New York Central Crysler

Owing to the threatening weather on Saturday last few from the town joined the merry makers in their picnic to Cornwall which was held under the auspices of the employees of the O&NY railroad.

23/06/1916 Eastern Ontario Review Tramway Rockland

Rockland. - The tramway at Mill No. 2, which was undermined by high water collapsed on Friday, and fell toward the river, while 25 men, one horse and three car-loads of lumber were on it. Four men were slightly injured. It will take three weeks to repair the damage done.

07/07/1916 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa St. Eugene

St. Eugene - Mrs. L. Beaudin of maisonneuve, while walking along the C.P.R. track on Saturday was struck by a freight train, death resulted in about an hour. When the engineer sounded his whistle she got off but when the train was close upon her she attempted to cross to the other side. This accident occurred about two miles below the station at St. Eugene.

13/07/1916 Chesterville Record New York Central Newington

Since the O&NY begin Sunday passenger train service on June 23th they are carrying a large number of passengers. H.T. Bowman had a pet dog run over by the O&NY express last week.

18/08/1916 Arnprior Watchman Chalk River Arnprior

Workmen worked something of a transformation on the C.P.R. station here this week. With a compressed air contrivance they cleaned the exterior of the building, stone and framework, and made the whole like new.

01/09/1916 Eastern Ontario Review Winchester Apple Hill

Accident at Apple Hill

A through freight train ran into the way freight on the Main C.P.R. line at Apple Hill on Wednesday during a heavy fog. It is reported that three persons were killed and both trains badly wrecked. An engineer, fireman and a clerk on one of the trains are reported missing.

08/09/1916 Arnprior Watchman Chalk River Arnprior

The C.P.R. have this week commenced the construction of a larger culvert across their right of way to the east of Daniel street. A concrete arched culvert seven feet in diameter will be put in to replace the double stone waterway constructed at the time the road was built.

08/09/1916 Eastern Ontario Review Hammond Rockland

Rockland, August 30 - A search for train wreckers, after the six o'clock passenger train had come to a stop within a few feet of obstructions placed across the rails of the Grand Trunk Railway within a short distance of town on Friday evening resulted in the arrest of five young boys who wanted to see a train wreck, and to satisfy their wishes, placed a tie across the rails and then hid themselves behind the hill to watch the smash up.

The engineer of the train, H McCulloch, saw the obstruction in time and succeeded in bringing his train to stop within a few feet of the tie which was near the roundhouse and only a few hundred yards from the station here.

Detectives, who were aboard the train, found the five boys crouching behind the hill and as a result of their escapades the five will appear in court on Thursday. One of them confessed that they had committed the deed and said he would "do it again" as he wanted to see a wreck.

22/09/1916 Arnprior Watchman Chalk River Renfrew

It is not certain if the C.P.R. will agree to the proposal of the workers at the munitions plant in Renfrew, to run a train for their convenience night and morning, to convey them to and from their homes along the line, as the price asked for fares is considered too high.

06/10/1916 Arnprior Watchman Chalk River Renfrew

At a meeting held Tuesday evening in the Town Hall, it was decided to put on a train between Arnprior and Renfrew commencing Monday October 9th leaving here in the morning and returning at night. The low rate of 35c return fare has been arranged. This will enable the men from here, now working in Renfrew to live at home and at a less expense. We trust all the men will take advantage of this train. Tickets will in all probability be sold here this week.

13/10/1916 Arnprior Watchman Chalk River Renfrew

A meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday afternoon Oct 9th 1916, for the purpose of discussing the Arnprior Renfrew train Service. It was learned that the Energit Company's plant at Renfrew was closing down for about two weeks. It was then decided not to put on a train at present. Should the plant reopen the train service will no doubt be reopened.

13/10/1916 Arnprior Watchman Chalk River Pakenham

The C.P.R. are making improvements to their premises here by repairs to the freight shed and painting the station.

On Monday night last a freight train on the G.T.R. left the tracks near the farm of Mr. Albert McLaurin, Breadalbane. Fourteen cars were ditched. Nobody was injured. It required some thirty six hours for the wrecking crew to clear the track.

After forty years of idleness, iron mines on the Scott estate, within three and a half miles of Hull, will again be worked owing to the present great demand and resulting high prices for iron and steel products of all kinds.

These mines have been taken over by the Hull Iron and Steel Company and the product will largely be used in the company's own foundry in Hull. Plans for a connecting railway between the mines and foundries are now being prepared and the company expect to have the mine in operation by next spring.

More

These are the mines from which Ironsides village gets its name. The smelter, which was used at this mine on the bank of the Gatineau was destroyed by fire 20 years ago.

There were three young and valuable horses killed on the O&NY railway just north of the village recently, and one badly injured. Two belonged to Korah Foster and also the one that was badly injured. The other was a valuable two year old colt belonging to Geo. Wyke which had been sold to W. Moak.

In next issue - the three colts which Korah Foster had killed on the O&NY last week were satisfactorily settled for by the company last week.

T. McAvoy son of John McAvoy of this village, who has been working in the station in this village for the last few years has accepted a position as agent at Black River.

FIVE WERE INJURED IN STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Four women and one man were slightly hurt or bruised in the derailment of the hind truck of a Bank street car at the corner of Albert and Bank streets, Saturday evening. Those injured were standing at the corner of Albert and Bank streets. A Bank street car crossed the switch with the front trucks, but the switch closed and the rear truck swung onto Albert street. Striking those waiting at the corner.

Mrs. Welsh, 559, Albert street, and Mrs. Bates, 17 Hill street, were badly bruised and taken to their homes in a cab, called by Inspector Reid of the Ottawa Electric Railway. Mrs. Gardner, 122 Wellington street, Mrs. McAllister, 198 O'Connor street and Mr. Walter Williams of the department of labor, sustained bruises. Mrs. McAllister lost her handbag containing \$12 in the accident. The prompt work of the motorman in the application of the emergency brakes prevented a serious accident. The car was replaced on the tracks by the wrecking crew.

Serious accident at Saint Polycarpe.

Montreal December 27 - five men were killed and seven injured this evening in a rear end collision when the C.P.R. Toronto train for Montreal ran into the local train from Cornwall at St. Polycarpe. The local train was standing at the time and the switch had been turned, which automatically turned the semaphore signal some distance down the track. At the time of the accident there was a heavy fog with sleet, and it is supposed that the engineer of the train from Toronto either failed to see the signals or misread them.

The killed and injured set out in detail

The accident occurred at about 6:40 at St. Polycarpe Junction some two miles from St. Polycarpe about 40 miles west of Montreal. The local train from St. Polycarpe was stopped when the train from the west came along. It is stated that the signals were set and the semaphore apparently turned but for some unknown reason the Toronto train continued on its way, crashing into the rear of the standing train and smashing several of the rear cars.

Car smashed to pieces.

Fortunately there were few passengers in the cars at the rear of the train, which kept the list of dead and injured down. The standing train was badly damaged, several of the cars being smashed to pieces, while many of the passengers had narrow escapes. The dead and injured passengers were immediately taken care of, physicians being sent from nearby places, while a relief train was sent as soon as possible from Montreal.

Little damage was done to the track, and the wreckage was cleared within a few hours. The train from Toronto was practically undamaged, the passengers only received a severe shock. As soon as the track was cleared the train from Toronto proceeded on its way, bringing with it the bodies of the dead and injured passengers and employees.

Details as to the identity of the dead and injured were hard to obtain and may be subject to correction owing to the fact that the accident took place several miles from a station, why the exigencies of railway work made it impossible to secure an official list of the casualties. The last reports received were that the train from Toronto was due to reach Montreal shortly before three o'clock and every possible arrangement had been made by the C.P.R. company to look after the injured and take care of the bodies of the dead.

Passengers traveling over the CPR lines to and from Vankleek Hill are warned to ask for their transfers in every case. The conductors have been instructed not to issue transfers up to the town unless the transfer check is ASKED FOR by the passenger.

If you do not get the transfer you will have to pay fifteen cents out of your own pocket. The CPR saves 15 cents on every passenger who neglects to ask for a transfer. It makes no difference whether you want to use the transfer or not. You have paid for it and are entitled to it. Ask for your transfer IN EVERY CASE and SEE THAT YOU GET IT.

You make a present of fifteen cents to the Company every time you fail to get the transfer.

Get it every time.