

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1917

18/01/1917 *The Equity, Shawville* *Waltham*

The Board of Railway Commissioners have decided on a drastic move; they have used the wide powers with which they are vested and have caused the cancellation of hundreds of passenger trains all over the country. -- This move offers a probable explanation for the cancellation of the "mixed" train on the Pontiac line.

18/01/1917 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Berwick*

Owing to the heavy snow storm on Saturday and Sunday the passenger trains on the O&NY were three hours late on Monday.

08/02/1917 *The Equity, Shawville* *Pontiac and Renfrew* *Bristol*

The ore at the Bristol Iron Mines is being hauled out to the railway line and shipped, after lying in heaps for over 30 years, and after a railway had been built for the purpose of transportation and then torn up and abandoned. Strange.

08/02/1917 *Chesterville Record* *New York Central* *Newington*

The O&NY express bound to Ottawa on Saturday Feb 3rd passed this station five hours late.

07/03/1917 *Athens Reporter* *Westport*

March came in with a foot of snow. The B&W worried along for a few miles, then stalled and the crews spent the night at Forthton.

22/06/1917 *Eganville Leader* *Renfrew* *Eganville*

The G. T. Railway Co. has begun the erection of a new station at Eganville - to replace the one destroyed by fire two years ago. Considerable of the needed material is now in the ground and carpenters have arrived to begin work. The station and freight shed will be a modern and somewhat pretentious character. The measurements are 108 by 33 ft. A separate residence for the agent will be erected at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

12/07/1917 *Chesterville Record* *Winchester* *Apple Hill*

The unusual occurrence of a birth on a passenger train happened yesterday morning on the early train to Montreal. At Apple Hill the train was stopped and the medical man of the place hunted up and brought to the train and taken to Montreal, where an ambulance met the mother and babe and took them to hospital.

11/09/1917 *Ottawa Journal* *Alexandria* *Vars*

Five kills at a crossing at Vars. Details to come later.

17/09/1917 *Ottawa Journal* *Alexandria* *Vars*

Ten Miles an Hour at Vars till Probe is Over

Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Board of railway Commissioners has instituted an inquiry into the railway crossing tragedy at vars last week in which Rev. Dr. Mavety and four others travelling in an automobile, lost their lives.

Until a decision has been arrived at regarding the cause of the accident the trains crossing the highway at Vars will only travel at a speed of ten miles an hour.

26/09/1917 *Athens Reporter* *Westport* *Delta*

The large crowd of 5,000 persons at Delta Fair had an unexpected on its closing day. An aeroplane from Camp Mohawk became lost in the fog and got off course, then being almost out of gas, had to find a place to land. The pilot circled the fairground twice and then made a safe landing near the station. After obtaining a supply of fuel, he attempted to rise from the rough ground and crashed into the wire fence, breaking off the propeller. The pilot was not injured, but the aircraft had to be loaded on a large truck and taken back to base.