

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1918

Friday 18/01/1918 Arnprior Watchman Beachburg Woodlawn
An agent and operator are now in charge of the new Canadian Northern railway station at Woodlawn which makes it more convenient for residents of that district.

06/03/1918 Athens Reporter Westport
Due to the scarcity of coal, the Brockville-Westport train will only make one trip a day for a while.

Friday 30/08/1918 Arnprior Watchman Maniwaki
C.P.R. train No. 532
Ottawa and Maniwaki Division

De Gatineau train she's come down de line,
W'en she's reach Cascades she's runnin' fine.
De engineer* wit' his smilin' face,
Han' on de t'rotle, is right in place,
Conductor# too, (he's darn good fellow),
Ax his trainmen@ to sweetly bellow;
"Don't forget your parcels!"

It was den de rain come on, bien oui,
An' dat Gorman man he sure can see,
W'en he's look right out before dat train,
Dat' dey certainly would get some rain -
An' he hates dat hill on Mount Burnett-
So he says to his ole bulljine, you bet,
"Can you make it? Can you make it?"

For de long stiff grade she's right before,
An de lightnin's flash - de t'under roar,
De rain she splash on de window pane
An' I can tell you it was some rain,
De rails so dam' dat she's t'row some san',
An' soon she's puffin' to beat de ban';
"I can make it. I can make it."

She's puff an' she's grunt - she grunt encore,
"I mis' buck old Mount Burnett once more
(Tho' she's high enough to kill a man-
"I -t'ink-I-can. I -t'ink-I-can. I-"
So Gorman 'courage her all he dast
An' he's t'row dat san' so hard an' so fast
Dat his bulljine made de grade - at last,
"I-knew-I-could. I-knew-I-could."

Dan she's lower her head an' she's hire her tail,
An' she's sail right in for to buck de rail,
An' jus' as she went over de grade.
George Gorman said to himself, he said,
(As he chortled wit' pride an' glee)-
Dat's my ole bulljine - an' she an' me
"We know we can. We know we can."
"Kirk's ferry next."

*Engineer George M. Gorman; #conductor Wm. Goodfellow; @trainman, George Stewart.

Thursday 19/09/1918 Chesterville Record Winchester Chesterville
The CPR in the process of widening all the cuts on this division intend, when removing the earth from the cut just west of the village to build up the lawn from the west end of the station out to Main Street. This will make a decided improvement in the appearance of the surroundings and the first impression given visitors will be a pleasurable one.

So much is the business at the CPR station increasing that work is in progress for putting in an additional long siding on the south side of the main line from the freight shed east. The Maple Leaf Condensery has also applied for another siding to their factory to facilitate the loading and unloading of their cars.

Thursday 26/09/1918 Chesterville Record Winchester Bedell
The CPR is about to commence the erection of a new station at Kempton. It is to be built on the corner opposite to the former location of the Deegan House.

Thursday 19/12/1918 Chesterville Record Winchester Chesterville
A peculiar fire happened in the station yards yesterday morning about five o'clock, when all the wood work in the cab of engine No. 24 was destroyed. For the last couple of weeks the engine, which was on a work train, has been laid up here at night in charge of a watchman while the crew has slept at the hotel. Yesterday morning apparently after the watchman had put in the first fire to get the engine ready for the road, he must have left a hot poker where it set the wood work afire after he had left the engine as he was unable to account for it.