

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1919

Thursday 16/01/1919 Chesterville Record Winchester Chesterville

A practical joker tied up the CPR at Chesterville on Friday evening, about the time the season's first big storm was raging. Some one, whose identity is not revealed, announced at the station that Tom Valley had been run over down at the bridge. Of course every one was off like a shot to see if anything could be done for Tom. An engine was quickly cut off a train in the yard and sent east to render assistance and find out the circumstances of the accident. When the party reached the pump house, they were surprised to find the genial Tom sitting comfortably reading the paper. The joker had not taken time to announce that Tom was under the bridge when the train passed over him.

Friday 07/02/1919 Arnprior Watchman Winchester Smiths Falls

Mr. G.T. Martin, Smiths Falls architect, has been commissioned by the C.P.R. to prepare plans for the erection of a new ice house, 50x150 feet, in Smiths Falls. The building is to be rushed to completion in time to be filled with ice this season.

Friday 09/05/1919 Arnprior Watchman Waltham

Last week a large party of C.P.R. engineers arrived at Chapeau (sic) and it is understood will be engaged for a month or more locating the proposed extension of the P.P.J. line from Waltham to Chalk River. Just what route will be followed in making the extension of this line is not known but it is believed that Sheen, Chichester and Chapeau will be served, and the people of these communities are looking eagerly to the result of the survey.

Thursday 15/05/1919 Chesterville Record New York Central Berwick

On Friday morning last the Berwick O&NY section men were going to their work towards Crysler in their hand car at seven o'clock, opposite the outskirts of the village they found the dead body of a female infant lying across the rail. Owing to the early hour of the last train it is unlikely to have been thrown from a train and as there were no marks on the body it is believed to have been carefully placed on the rail in the hope that a train would pass over it before being found. It is hoped that the authorities will prove successful in locating the guilty party.

22/06/1919 Eganville Leader Chalk River Braeside

Gillies Bros. Mills At Braeside Burned

Arnprior, June 22. The lumber mill of Gillies Brothers Limited, at Braeside, three miles west of here, was destroyed by fire this afternoon, as well as the C. P. R. station and a harness shop belonging to Gillies Brothers. The mill was one of the most modern of its kind in the Ottawa Valley and the loss is estimated at \$150,000. The electric plant in the mill supplied light to the town of Braeside, which is in darkness tonight. Between 300 and 400 men were employed in the mill, which is the chief industry in the town.

Friday 04/07/1919 Ottawa Journal Ottawa Electric Rockcliffe

Two heavy draft horses gave the soldiers at Rockcliffe and Inspector Bowden of the Humane Society considerable trouble near the military camp this morning, when they wandered on to the Ottawa Electric Railway bridge and got their legs caught in the ties.

Some time around dawn, the horses, the owner of which is unknown, wandered onto the tracks leading from the park to the rifle ranges. They went onto the bridge near McKay's lake and got their feet down between the ties. It is about 40 feet to the bottom of the gully which the structure spans, and a few feet either way and the animals would have been dashed to pieces at the bottom. They were held tight however when discovered this morning.

It was necessary to cut the ties and rails to get the horses out. Under Lieut. J. J. Gates and Lieut. A. McCracken and the men of the Garrison Company, with Inspector Bowden, saved the animals from serious injury. Sgt. W.C. Coote tied the feet of the horses and they were canted onto a tent floor and drawn off the bridge by a truck driven by Pte. Hillman.

The horses which had got a considerable distance out on the bridge before becoming caught, are now held at the military camp. They had no harness but one had a slip pasted to its hip bearing the number 57. The are in charge of Inspector Bowden.

Had the animals got on at night and the cars been running a serious accident might have occurred.

Thursday 28/08/1919 Chesterville Record Winchester Smiths Falls

At 12:45 Monday morning the train bearing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales arrived at the Smiths Falls CPR depot and after a stop of one hour to change engines and replenish the store of ice and water, continued on its way to Toronto via the Lake Shore Line.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour a large crowd had assembled at the station in the hope of catching a glimpse of the heir to the British throne. They were not disappointed in this, as he not only stepped from the train but addressed a few words to them from the platform of his car "Killarney".

Engine number 2225, flying two flags upon its buffer beam, upon which was inscribed the Royal coat of arms, drew the special train. When it came to a stand the big crowd pressed about the last coach "Killarney" in which they knew His Royal Highness was travelling. There was little hope that they would have an opportunity of seeing him as it was presumed that he would have retired.

It appears however that the Prince had left instructions with his attendants to inform him of his arrival in the province of Ontario and upon being appraised that his train was standing at the first CPR divisional point in the banner province, he arose and descended to the station platform amidst tremendous cheers from the loyal people who thronged about him.

He lit a cigarette and for ten minutes paced up and down the platform, accompanied by an attendant, smiling and shaking hands in a charmingly informal manner with the eager people who pressed about him in their endeavour to give him assurances of their attachment to his royal father and himself.

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At 1.45 his train moved out of the station.

Saturday 04/10/1919 Ottawa Journal Ottawa Electric

Accident to streetcar 96.

Thursday 06/11/1919 Chesterville Record Winchester Chesterville

Quite a number of people gathered at the station on Sunday evening at eight o'clock on the chance that the Prince of Wales' train would stop and they would get a look at our future King but there was nothing doing.