

# Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1921

**16/01/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Prescott Merrickville**

James Babcock, of Smiths Falls, a well-known engineer on the C.P.R. fell from his engine near Merrickville one day last week and was found with a fractured skull alongside the track.

**30/01/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa Plantagenet**

Plantagenet. The new C.P.R. station is now in use.

**11/02/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Kingston (CN) Coteau**

Ice on the St. Lawrence for use on the Grand Trunk at Coteau Junction is now being harvested at Valleyfield, Que., and being stored at Coteau.

**11/02/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa Vankleek Hill**

The local plant of the Borden Farm products Co., uses between fifty and sixty carloads of St. Lawrence ice during a season! Already over thirty carloads have been stored.

**15/02/1921 Ottawa Journal Lachute Gatineau Point**

Track cleared.

The C.P.R. North Shore route at Gatineau Point where the Montreal-Ottawa night train was held up last night for several hours owing to a derailment was cleared shortly after midnight.

**11/03/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Carleton Place Carleton Place**

While E. Turner was approaching the crossing at Carleton Place with seven passengers to catch the Pembroke local train, his auto was struck by the train and hurled against the fence. Mr. Turner and several of the passengers were badly injured.

**01/04/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Kingston (CN) Cornwall**

On Saturday night Provincial officer McCready caught a young man named Charles S. Etrang, of Montreal taking a drink of liquor out of a bottle while on a Westbound train. He was taken from the train at Vornwall and appeared before Police Magistrate Cline on Monday morning and was fined \$100 and costs or three months in jail. The fine was paid.

**05/05/1921 Chesterville Record Winchester Chesterville**

Sunday morning shortly after midnight a train consisting of eighteen express cars passed through this point loaded with booze, getting away from the new Quebec liquor law which went into force on May 1st. The shipment was unloaded at Smiths Falls where it is kept guarded by a special squad of Express Co's constables.

**06/05/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa St. Eugene**

A case of "booze" was stolen from the C.P.R. station here recently. Detectives are busy trying to locate the guilty party.

**06/05/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Alexandria Casselman**

75-Year-Old Man Killed by Train

A despatch from Casselman says:

Details of the death of Mr. Noel Leplante, aged 75, retired, who was struck down on Sunday afternoon by the G.T.R. Ottawa-Montreal express were made known at the inquest held there last week. A verdict of accidental death, with no blame against anyone, was returned. Mr. Laplante head. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Leplante was crossing the railway at a private crossing near the station. He thought the oncoming train was merely a local, it is held, and he was attempting to get to the station ahead of it, thinking it would slow down.. Instead of it being the local however, it was the express train. The cylinder of the engine struck him in the head. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Leplante was one of the best known and respected men in the district. Coroner H.H. Kirby presided at the inquest, assisted by Crown Attorney Cote, of Ottawa.

Note: both Leplante and Laplante are used.

**27/05/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Kingston (CN) Brockville**

For stealing a ride on the blind baggage of a G.T.R. passenger train from Toronto, a tramp was fined \$7 and costs by the Brockville police magistrate.

**10/06/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Ottawa Electric**

Street car conductors in Ottawa have been ordered to desist from putting their hands about the waist of a lady to aid her in boarding a car. The Railway Company are now wondering why so many Ottawa ladies walk instead of using the railway.

**17/06/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa Vankleek Hill**

A boom to dairymen of this section

The CPR inaugurates a refrigerator car for cheese.

The Canadian Pacific Railway at the request of the Department of Agriculture effective June 7th to September 3rd, 1921, both dates inclusive, will place an iced refrigerator car at the Vankleek and McAlpine stations on Monday of each week for shipments of cheese to Montreal. The cars are lifted same evening by fast freight and are ready for delivery in Montreal the following morning at 7 a.m.

The Canadian Pacific considers it much better to ship on Monday instead of Saturday owing to the fact that cheese shipped on Saturday takes twenty-four hours longer to make delivery owing to laying in cars all day Sunday.

The first cars were placed on Monday June 13th. Cheese shippers will do well to take advantage of the service, and have their product arrive in first class condition during the hot weather.

**24/06/1921 Eastern Ontario Review L'Orignal Hawkesbury**

Hawkesbury

The Government intends to shortly close the local station of the G.T.R. and use the C.N.R. station. Mr. E.C. Higginson has been appointed town ticket agent for the two companies, Mr. McCrea's office is to be closed.

**01/07/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa**

Allan Kennedy, a deaf farmer, was instantly killed by being struck by a C.P.R. train near Glen Nevis one day last week.

**01/07/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa**

Cheese is now shipped from stations along the C.P.R. between Vankleek Hill and Montreal, in a refrigerator car.

**07/07/1921 Ottawa Journal Smiths Falls**

CNR announced that it would run a special train from Forfar to Ottawa on July 12th for the local Orangemen

**08/07/1921 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Island Park Drive**

CP is told that it must provide a railway crossing for the future Island Park Drive; currently unoccupied land in Ottawa's West end.

**19/07/1921 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place**

On Slidell Street, near Ottawa West, complaints that the gates are open onto the Shepard and Morse Lumber Company, and they should be closed when no one is around. This is the first siding listed on the old Chalk River Subdivision leaving from Broad Street.

**22/07/1921 Eastern Ontario Review L'Orignal Hawkesbury**

The heat was so terrible in Hawkesbury last Friday that men on the C.N.R. track had to quit work and seek the shade.

**29/07/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraugus Kingston**

The streetcars in Kingston ran on recent hot Sundays for the first time in the history of the Limestone City, and carried thousands of passengers to the lake shore and cooler places/ The service will likely be continued during the summer.

**10/08/1921 Ottawa Journal Waltham Aylmer**

Account of Aylmer fire. No reference to the railway or station.

Ottawa Journal August 11:

--Damages caused by the conflagration to the trolley system of the Hull Electric Company at Aylmer is estimated by Mr. G.G. Gale, general manager of the company, at \$2,000.-- The damage done to the trolley system only extended for a short distance on Main street approximately 700 feet. . Fourteen hundred feet of trolley wire was destroyed and 14 posts were burnt to the ground. Repair gangs were at work all last night and this morning repairing the break and replacing posts to enable the service to be resumed along Main street this afternoon.

Latest report from Aylmer was to the effect that the cars would travel through the town route instead of by the lake shore by 3.

This account contains a very full description of the buildings lost and the C.P.R. station is not included.

**12/08/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Westport Lyn**

The track connecting the C.N.R. with the G.T.R. lines at Lyn has been completed and the trains for Westport will shortly run into the Union station at Brockville

**12/08/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Prescott Prescott**

Twenty-four car loads of raw silk from Japan valued at \$6,000,000 were ferried across the river from Prescott to Ogdensburg and after being inspected by the customs staff were forwarded to New York by special train.

**25/08/1921 Chesterville Record Chalk River Carleton Place**

What Operator Barclay considers his closest call he ever had in all his years of railroading, came to him last Saturday night during the electric storm, when he had a narrow escape from being electrocuted. The lightning was evidently playing with the CPR telegraph wires out in the country as spurts of blue flames were observed issuing from the instruments in the office from time to time after the flashes. The climax came when a particularly vivid "chain"; when the entire switchboard was suddenly blown out in Mr. Barclay's face, and he received a shock which dazed and blinded him for some time, together with slight burns on the forearms, but fortunately suffered no really serious injury. The report of the explosion was heard in all parts of the building and several people rushed to the office and soon had Mr. Barclay on his feet again. He is around as usual and continuing work, evidently none the worst of his accident.

**20/09/1921 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Driveway**

The proposed level crossing of the Ottawa Improvement Driveway, later FDC Drive, now Island Park Drive, at the GTR/CNR was opposed by the Grand Trunk Railway (formerly CAR) . (CP opposed the same crossing, both railways wanting an overpass). This is the site of the current overpass on the Queensway at Island Park Drive.

**23/09/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Vankleek Hawkesbury**

Hawkesbury

An important event in town this week was the closing of the Grand Trunk station. Beginning on Thursday morning the Grand Trunk trains arriving or starting from Hawkesbury left at the CNR station. The schedule is not altered in any way. The GTR staff is still at work, but in a few days will be placed on the reserve list. For a large number of people the closing of the GTR station will be regretted as it will cause some inconvenience especially as regards express business. The CNR station is not so centrally located. It is also likely that the services of the watchman at the Main Street crossing will now be dispensed with.

**30/09/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Montreal and Ottawa Vankleek Hill**

The Canadian Pacific Railway will change the name of their Vankleek station to Vankleek Hill. Effective on their new timetable of October 3rd, 1921.

**30/09/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Vankleek Hawkesbury**

The personnel of the G.T.R. station and freight office have mostly all been transferred to the C.N.R. station. Mr. Onesime Bertrand was moved to Davenport for a couple of months, while Mr. partridge is not yet placed.

**30/09/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Vankleek**

The Grand Trunk cancels all passenger trains

Beginning on Sunday, October 2nd, the Grand Trunk railway from here to Glen Robertson will cancel all its passenger service. The only reservation for passengers will be a passenger coach attached to the way freight. This train will leave Glen Robertson in the morning arriving in Hawkesbury about noon. In the afternoon it will return to Glen Robertson. Already there is a decided objection to this change, and through the efforts of the Hawkesbury Board of Trade, Mayor Mooney of Vankleek Hill, and Mr. Chisholm Clark of Lochiel and the Reverend Mr. Matheson of Glen Sandfield, a deputation was organized to wait on the Railway Commission at Ottawa on Wednesday, accompanied by Messrs. Wilfred Kennedy, MP, of Glengarry and E. Proulx, MP of Prescott, asking that the Railway Commission do not allow this to go into effect until such time as the parties and municipalities interested are able to prepare a case against the proposed changes. At present writing we are unable to say what the results of the deputation was.

**30/09/1921 Eastern Ontario Review Vankleek Hawkesbury**

On Friday night last a cow and a horse were killed on the track in the vicinity of McGill street by being run over by express trains. Owing to the construction of a switch the fence around the pasture was taken down and the animals strayed on the track. The cow belonged to Mrs. Robert Spoer and the horse to Mr. James Blais.

07/10/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Carleton Place* *Carleton Place*

Work has been started by Maurice Sullivan & Son, Arnprior contractors, on the new railway depot of the C.P.R. at Carleton Place. It will be a substantial and handsome building.

12/10/1921 *Ottawa Journal* *Locksley* *Dore Bay*

TRAIN JUMPS TRACKS SEVERAL ARE INJURED

Believe Spread Rail Is Cause of Dore Bay Derailment

Eganville, Oct 11. (Special.) Two rear coaches of the G. T. R. Pembroke-Golden Lake train jumped the track at Dore Bay, five miles from here at 3.30 this afternoon. Fortunately the cars did not overturn, but the shock was sufficiently severe to break all the windows in the cars and injure a number of passengers. A spread rail is believed to have been the cause of the derailment.

Mr. Thos. Sharp, of Caldwell, Ont, one of the passengers, was the most severely injured. He suffered several cuts about the head from falling glass. Mr. Sharp, together with a number of other passengers who had been slightly injured, was brought here to Dr. Galligan's office for treatment.

A special train was sent out from Golden Lake, and all the passengers were transferred to it. A wrecking train was immediately despatched from Ottawa, and it is expected that the wreckage will have been removed by morning. The Pembroke train leaving Ottawa at 5.15. p.m. was held up at Gore Bay station until the wreck can be cleared from the tracks.

Officials at the Union Depot, Ottawa, stated last night that while a wrecking train had been sent out, the wreck was not a bad one. The cause of the accident had not yet been reported to the head office.

14/10/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Westport*

A radial service is to be put on the Brockville and Westport subdivision of the Canadian National Railway, four round trips being made daily. This will be a great convenience to the people along the line.

04/11/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Vankleek*

On Wednesday next week the Railway Commission will hear the case of the several municipalities between Hawkesbury and Glen Robertson protesting against the G.T.R. intention to cut off their passenger train on the branch line. Dr. F.J. Patted and Dr. T.W. Smith have been appointed by the local Board of Trade to represent our town

04/11/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Montreal and Ottawa*

Hawkesbury

Some one hundred of our men are employed by the C.P.R. on the track between Vaudreuil westward, and receive a pass every fortnight to come and visit their families. It appears that last Saturday night the men were noisy on the train and caused considerable annoyance. We learn that if the thing is repeated the men will not only lose the privilege of a free pass, but will be discharged.

11/11/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Vankleek* *Hawkesbury*

On Wednesday the Railway Commission heard the protest of a municipalities between Hawkesbury and Glen Robertson against the stopping of the passenger train on the local branch line of the G.T.R. Decision will be given next week. We heard unofficially that we would likely have only one train a day leaving Hawkesbury in the morning and returning in the evening. Dr. Smith, president of the Board of Trade, and Senator Belcourt appeared for Hawkesbury and Mr. Pringle for West Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill.

18/11/1921 *Ottawa Journal* *Ottawa Electric*

Car Service Delayed

Street car service in Ottawa was practically paralyzed for 45 minutes last night owing to a derailment of an eastbound Bank street car on the temporary tracks on Rideau street, opposite the Union depot, at 9.15. The fender falling and catching in some timber caused the front truck to jump the track.

18/11/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Vankleek*

As we predicted last week, beginning next Monday we are to have only one passenger train a day between Hawkesbury and Glen Robertson. The train will leave Hawkesbury at 7:45 a.m. and arrived Glen Robertson at 9:45. The same train will leave Glen Robertson at 5:35 and arrive at Hawkesbury at 7:30. Two long hours to convey 21 miles. This is not very satisfactory, but the Railway Commission evidently thinks it is good enough for us. If we could we would slam the door hard, hard.

25/11/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Vankleek* *Hawkesbury*

Hawkesbury

Since Monday our town has only one mail a day, at 8 p.m. owing to the change of service on the G.T.R. Branch line. This new arrangement is extremely unsatisfactory, and on Tuesday night our Board of Trade met and authorized the president to communicate by phone at once with the Postmaster General and endeavor to obtain relief by having mails come by C.N.R. both from Montreal and Ottawa.

03/12/1921 *Ottawa Journal* *Renfrew* *Driveway*

Board of Railway Commissioners approves level crossing of Grand Trunk and the Driveway, but there must be wigwags on both sides of the tracks.

09/12/1921 *Eastern Ontario Review* *Hammond* *Rockland*

Pass Judgment Closing Rockland GTR station

The old Grand Trunk railway station in Rockland is to be closed, according to a judgment of the Board of Railway Commissioners. This step is one of the results of the consolidation of the G.T.R., and the C.N.R., both maintaining separate stations in Rockland at present. The municipality of Rockland objected to the station being closed because a grist and flour mill was in close proximity to it and inconvenience and expense would be incurred by teaming heavy freight from the C.N.R. station to the business part of the town. The board grants the application in the interests of economical management upon condition that the company keep open the Grand Trunk tracks between the "Y" switch and the Grand Trunk station as an industrial siding and places cars which arrive over the Grand Trunk rails on this track for unloading, if so consigned by the owner

14/12/1921 *Ottawa Journal* *Lachute* *Montcalme Street*

Chelsea Road gates (I believe this is now Montcalm Street, as that is the only crossing that had gates in Hull that I know of) were smashed through along with the lanterns that sat on the gates. The story said that the gates were down for a light CPR engine "2,599". The motorist drove through the gates, and then extinguished his car's headlights and tail lights so the police could not track him down at night.