

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers 1924

Saturday *28/06/1924* *Ottawa Journal* *Beachburg* *Norway Bay*

CNR had a huge picnic for its Ottawa area employees at Norway Bay. First train was to leave Ottawa at 0800 with 14 cars handling 1200 people; then at 1230, there would be another train of 15 cars for 1700 people.

09/07/1924 *Ottawa Journal* *Ottawa Electric* *Ottawa Car*

A note that the new streetcars for the Ottawa Electric Railway being built by the Ottawa Car Company would be ready from the builder in time for the Central Canada Exhibition the following month.

21/07/1924 *Ottawa Journal* *Waltham* *Deschenes*

The nickel processing factory at Deschenes was closed today.

01/08/1924 *Ottawa Journal* *Beachburg* *Pembroke*

A note that the CNR's battery-operator passenger car running to Pembroke from Ottawa would now leave Ottawa at 740am instead of 710am, meaning only a 30 minute turnaround at Pembroke before returning to Ottawa .

29/08/1924 *Eganville Leader* *Renfrew* *Caldwell*

C.N.R. Station Burned

The C.N.R. station at Caldwell, eight miles east of Eganville, was burned yesterday afternoon, together with the freight shed. Most of the contents were saved. The fire started on the station platform, but had gained considerable headway before being discovered.

26/09/1924 *Eganville Leader* *Chalk River* *Chalk River*

Steals Ride On C.P.R. Speeder, Meets Express Head-on

Pembroke, Sept. 18. Compelled to jump for his life from a speeder stolen from the C.P.R. was the experience of Henry Meccamanine of Montreal, who is to appear before Chief Magistrate Stewart on Saturday, charged with placing an obstacle on the railroad track and endangering the lives of passengers. Meccamanine was arrested at Chalk River. He was identified by his coat, which was removed from the cowcatcher of engine No. 8 when the flier arrived at Chalk River station, following a collision with a speeder.

Meccamanine, giving his address as Montreal, was walking east on the ties a distance above Chalk River, when he borrowed a speeder which belonged to a sectionman. He folded his coat for a cushion and was proceeding on his eastward journey. Suddenly he found himself head-on with the Trans Canada flier, which was rounding a curve, and jumped for his life. The speeder was smashed to kindling. In the crash the man's coat became entangled in the cowcatcher, from which it was removed at Chalk River on the arrival of the train there. Some time later the traveller walked into Chalk River station and claimed the coat, whereupon he was immediately arrested and brought to Pembroke where he is awaiting trial on Saturday.