

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1925

Tuesday 01/12/1925 Renfrew Mercury Renfrew

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The first visit of a gasoline propelled railway car to Renfrew took place on Wednesday when a new type No. 55 built by the Ottawa Car Company, Limited, was given a very successful run from Ottawa to Renfrew over the Canadian National system.

The gentlemen who were the first passengers on this specially-built car were: J.A. O'Brien, Lt. Col. L.T. Martin, Commissioner of T&N.O. R'y; G.M. Bell, M.J. O'Brien Ltd., J.Epinault, Central Supt Canada and Gulf Terminal R'y; W.C. Moore, Master Mechanic, Ottawa, Div CNR; J.E. Adams, Supervisor of Unit Cars, CNR; O.R. Barefoot, Mechanical Dept., CPR; T.J. Palmer, Music Editor Ottawa Citizen, Dr. B.G. Connolly, Managing Director, Capital Trust; W.H. McIntyre, Vice-Pres and General Manager, F.D. Beattie, Supt Car dept., I.D. Bya, Supt f Works, J.R. Allan, Sales dept, all of the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Mr. Donnagan, Mechanical Dept, Algoma Eastern Ry.

The company arrives about noon and after luncheon at Hotel Renfrew. A number of Renfrew people had an opportunity of inspecting the car. It is a Brill patent type, capable of seating comfortably 38 persons and also has a baggage compartment. The construction is all steel and is fully equipped with regulation railway systems of lighting, signaling, etc. In fact the construction is explained by experts is in advance of some of the first-class passenger coaches now in use.

The engine is a marvel of smoothness, is 68 horsepower and starts and stops with precision and without a jar. The car has the newest in Westinghouse air brakes, in fact the whole make-up of type 55 of the Ottawa Car Co. is designed for the purpose of providing safety, comfort and fair speed. This new car gives opportunity for bringing together the smaller communities and it may be that next spring Wilno, Golden Lake, Killaloe, Barry's Bay and other near-by places will be brought in closer touch with Renfrew and other towns through the operation of these gasoline propelled cars on the railways.

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