

# Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1941

**Friday 10/01/1941 Ottawa Citizen New York Central Ottawa, Mann Avenue**

An eight coach train drew out of the New York Central station at Nicholas street and Mann avenue late yesterday afternoon carrying 550 youths to Cornwall where they will receive their first taste of army life.

The young men were for the most part 23-year-olds answering the call to the third training camp to be summoned under the national Resources Mobilization Act. Several were farm youths from such district towns as Alfred, Bourget, Pendleton and Rockland, who, rather than be absent from spring plowing, chose to accompany the 23-year-olds to camp.

Scheduled to depart at 4.45 p.m., the train was delayed by two youths who had gone to the Union station by mistake. They phoned, explained their error, and the train was held ten minutes to allow them to catch it - -

**Tuesday 01/04/1941 Ottawa Citizen Winchester Inkerman**

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**Tuesday 29/04/1941 Ottawa Citizen Renfrew**

The depot pipe band of the Cameron Highlanders stood in a circle under a dim railway yard lamp at the Isabella street siding last night, filling the warm air with the shrill strains of "Will Ye No Come Back Again." and two long troop trains, an hour apart, pulled away loaded with men of the 1st Midland Regiment, bound for Eastern Canada.

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**Saturday 10/05/1941 Ottawa Citizen Renfrew Carp**

Youth arraigned after train tide, tow truck theft.

An attempt to obtain a ride on a slowly moving freight train in the West End of the city recently resulted in a 15-year-old youth appearing in juvenile court yesterday afternoon on a charge of stealing a tow truck.

The youth told Judge J.F. McKinley that he jumped into a box car for a short ride, but the train gathered speed so quickly that he was unable to leave the freight train until it stopped at Carp.

Faced with a long walk back to Ottawa, the youth entered a yard and started up an old tow truck, which he drove to the highway. However, the tow truck stalled just as he left the yard and an attendant caught him. The charge was laid by Provincial Constable George Nault.

Judge McKinley placed the boy on probation.

**Monday 02/06/1941 Ottawa Citizen Kingston (CN) Moulinette**

Gordon Murphy, 65-year-old Moulinette farmer, was instantly killed at noon today while driving a land roller across the level crossing at Moulinette, about six miles west of Cornwall. Murphy was on his way to his farm when the roller was struck by a westbound way freight. He was sitting on the seat, driving the team, and was hurled several feet when the engine struck the roller. The train was said to be going at a moderate pace at the time. Murphy's head was badly crushed and one leg was severed. He was dead when picked up. One of the horses was killed. It is not yet known whether Coroner Stewart will hold an inquest. Murphy was a married man and leaves his widow and a grown-up family.

**Wednesday 02/07/1941 Ottawa Citizen Renfrew Graham Bay**

George Raverty, 260 Laurier avenue east, escaped with body bruises and a severe shaking up when the heavy truck he was driving was in collision with a Canadian National Railways freight train at Graham Bay crossing near Britannia Heights, about 8.30 yesterday morning. He is in the Civic Hospital.

Raverty, in charge a truck owned by Charles Burnside, 1009, Welington street, was proceeding west on No. 15 highway, when the collision occurred. The truck, loaded with sand, was completely demolished.

**Tuesday 23/09/1941 Ottawa Citizen Winchester Smiths Falls**

Perth trainman's death accidental

Smiths Falls, Sept 23.

Cleveland Riley, 42-year-old Perth brakeman who was instantly killed in a railway mishap here a week ago came to his death as the result of an accident with no blame attached to any party, a coroner's jury decided at an inquest held here tonight with Coroner Dr. H.A. Whitcomb presiding.

There were no actual witnesses to the accident. Riley was employed as front end brakeman on eastbound freight train No. 902 which was being made up in the yard.

Engineer Joseph Andre, Smiths Falls, said the deceased had thrown a switch and then given the "highball" to proceed. He knew nothing of the accident until some moments later when a yard fireman told him of Riley's death.

Ralph Barker, yard fireman, said he saw Riley throw the switch and walk towards the locomotive. When it had passed he saw the man lying on the track and had shouted to other railroaders.

**Monday 29/09/1941 Ottawa Citizen Westport Forfar**

Brockville Sept. 28. The C.N.R. station at Forfar, Leeds county, was destroyed by fire early on Saturday, the occupants being barely able to escape in night attire. The cause of the fire is unknown and the agent carried no insurance on his property.

**Wednesday 03/12/1941 Ottawa Citizen Sussex Street Hurdman**

Searchlights on the operator's cabin of a travelling crane and headlamps from several yard engines beat against gray walls of the heaviest fog to blanket the Ottawa area in some time last night as 100 members of a wrecking crew strove to remove the last of the wreckage of pool passenger train 32 which derailed on a curve at Hurdman's Station at 7.30 yesterday morning.

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**Monday 22/12/1941 Ottawa Citizen Renfrew**

C.N. Building Damaged in Catherine street fire.

Possibly caused by overheated stovepipes, fire practically destroyed the eastern end of the car foreman's office building in the Canadian National Railway yards on Catherine street, just west of the foot of Elgin street, at nine o'clock Sunday morning.

Firemen under Chief J.J. O'Kelly battled the blaze for some hours in sub-zero weather, a few of them getting their ears and noses frostbitten.

John A. Rogers, C.N.R. superintendent, was also on the scene. He said the building was a very old frame place, which had been reconstructed to serve as a car department office and stores for repairs to cars,

The actual fire damage was confined to the upper storey of the eastern end of the building which part was vacant. The office beneath suffered heavy water and smoke damage.

Fire partly burns old rail station.

The first Canada Atlantic Railway station built in Ottawa situated on Catherine Street between Elgin and Metcalfe Streets was almost destroyed by fire at nine o'clock Sunday morning. Damage was estimated at \$1,500.

The building, now used by the C.N.R. as a storage place for repair parts for its rolling stock, and also as a registering office for freights, is a large frame structure more than half a century old. The blaze started in the roof, caused by overheated stove pipes.

The roof was destroyed and the Ottawa Fire Department put out the flames after some difficulty.

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*Thursday 29/12/1941 Ottawa Journal Ottawa Terminal*

Sir Winston Churchill arrives in Ottawa by special train. It backed into track three. He travelled in a special Pennsylvania Railroad car.