

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers 1947

Saturday 11/01/1947 Ottawa Citizen Kingston (CN) Brockville

Brockville Jan. 10. Eight persons were injured, one seriously, when a broken wheel derailed three coaches of the Canadian National Railways Toronto-Montreal passenger train as it approached the station just west of here this afternoon.

Commercial traveller M. Hornstein of Montreal, most seriously injured, was detained in hospital but the seven others continued their trip after receiving first aid. They were: Arthur Freeman, Murray Goldstein, E.M. Evans, H. Milner and William Ledger, all of Montreal; E.R. Price of Galt, Ont., and E. Dalglish of Kingston, Ont.

One of the three derailed coaches toppled over on its side but the other two remained upright. Some 75 passengers were distributed among the three cars.

"I don't know how any of us escaped," said Hornstein later in hospital. "I took three somersaults in the air and landed against the window. The train was delayed in Brockville only 40 minutes, but wrecking crews from Montreal would not have the main line cleared before late tonight. Section gangs, laboring to replace twisted rails and shattered ties at the scene of the derailment, were still working at 10.30 tonight and the line was still closed to traffic. The accident occurred only 50 feet east of the 30 foot embankment leading to the western limit of the railway yards. Two telegraph poles were sheared off by the overturned coach, but the telegraphic communication was not interrupted. The injured were given first aid treatment at Union station by Dr. E.J.F. Williams, of Brockville.

After two coaches were added to the train, it continued on to Montreal.

With the exception of Mr. Hornstein, the injured passengers received only cuts and bruises.

Tuesday 11/03/1947 Ottawa Citizen Prescott Chaudiere

One way traffic on Wellington street bridge

Driving is limited to one-way traffic on the Wellington street bridge, the result of an accident which damaged one of the steel girders Works

Commissioner Askwith said Monday.

The girder was weakened when it was struck by a crane being carried under the viaduct on a CPR flat car. The railway company shored up the girder with timbering and in order to further protect the damaged area, traffic was routed away from the weakened section.

Meanwhile the Dominion Bridge Company on instructions from the CPR is undertaking the repair of the girder.

Saturday 21/06/1947 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Alexandria

Train kills district man.

Drives into the Path of Congress Special

Alexandria June 21. Charles Massia, Alexandria district farmer was instantly killed about 11 o'clock here this morning when the car in which he was driving was struck by an Ottawa-bound special CN train.

The train, carrying pilgrims to the Marian Congress, dragged the automobile for three-quarters of a mile before coming to a halt. There were no other occupants in the car.

The fatality occurred at the Alexandria crossing which is protected by a warning bell and wig-wag system. The warning apparatus was in operation this morning.

Saturday 02/08/1947 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Westboro

A leap from the window of an Ottawa-bound train, travelling 60 miles per hour, sent William Joseph Moyan, 52, of 524 Bay street, to Civic hospital in a critical condition, shortly before seven o'clock last night.

While no apparent reason for the incident, which occurred one mile west of Westboro railway station could be given last night, an investigation has been launched by the Nepean police department, under Sgt. William Saunders, as well as by CPR officials.

Mr. Moylan, unmarried and a veteran of two world wars, was believed to have been returning from a trip to Hamilton and was en route here on the Brockville train, when he hurled himself from an open window of a coach. An unidentified woman passenger sitting opposite him, witnessed the incident, and her screams attracted trainman, Paul Charron, of 1 Irving avenue, who promptly pulled the emergency signal, bringing the train to a halt.

The train backed up to where Mr. Moyan was found lying unconscious on the south side of the right-of-way, opposite the Leafloor lumber yard in Woodroffe.

A Veitch and Son ambulance was immediately summoned to convey the injured man to hospital where an emergency operation was performed on his skull by Dr. J.C. Samis.

The Brockville-Ottawa train, in charge of Engineer Clifford Broom, 138 Spruce street, and Conductor G.W. Weir of Carp, was delayed about 15 minutes in arriving at Union Station here.

J.U. Brazeau, assistant superintendent of the Ottawa division CPR, took over the inquiry in conjunction with the Nepean police.

At an early hour this morning, Mr.Moyan was still unconscious as hospital authorities worked to save his life.

Tuesday 02/09/1947 Ottawa Citizen Cornwall Street Cornwall

Tram Workers Go on Strike.

<http://news.google.ca/newspapers?id=Mf8uAAAIBAJ&sjid=MNwFAAAAIBAJ&pg=3743,320879&dq=railway+l+railroad+l+train+l+cnr+l+cpr+-bride&hl=en>

Thursday 18/09/1947 Ottawa Citizen Hull Electric

New Parkways, Highway Here

Would run between bridge and Aylmer

Two definite possibilities in the development of the area between the Champlain Bridge and Aylmer are in the minds of the Federal District Commission these days.

Consideration is being given to converting the right of way of the former electric railway line between the bridge and Aylmer as a supplementary road developed along parkway lines.

<http://news.google.ca/newspapers?id=PP8uAAAIBAJ&sjid=MNwFAAAAIBAJ&pg=3031,4037464&dq=railway+l+railroad+l+train+l+cnr+l+cpr+-bride&hl=en>

Monday 06/10/1947 Ottawa Citizen Hull Electric

Railroad Ties for Sale for use as Contractors' Blocking Material, Firewood, etc.

Offers are invited for the purchase and removal of approximately 30,000 railroad ties now located on the roadbed of The Hull Electric Company between Hull and Aylmer and in certain sidings in Hull.

Those submitting bids may do so on the entire lot (certain ties reserved by us excepted), or on various quantities, but satisfactory bids on the purchase and removal of the entire quantity will naturally be most favoured.

All bids must be received by one week from to-day, Monday October 13th, and the award will be made on that date.

A.A. Merrilees & Co.

Box 235 terminal "A", Toronto

Monday 24/11/1947 Ottawa Citizen Montreal and Ottawa

"Prisoner" with handcuffs on train only joker

An "escaped prisoner," intercepted by detectives and CPR police at the Union Station late last night turned out to be a Montreal man who simply had a pair of handcuffs in his possession.

Following a message received from Rigaud that a man wearing handcuffs on one wrist only was seen sitting alone on the Ottawa-bound train, local police quickly converged on the station in anticipation of making the "capture".

Armed with a description of the "escapee," police had little difficulty in locating their man as he alighted off the train. However, the flustered Montrealer was soon released after he explained that he had been wearing the handcuffs as a "joke."

Saturday 29/11/1947 Ottawa Citizen Brockville Smiths Falls

Auto plows into Pool Train at Smiths Falls

One man narrowly escaped possible death and a CNR-CPR pool train from Ottawa to Brockville was delayed for almost three-quarters of an hour when an automobile plowed into the side of the engine of the train shortly after 11 o'clock Friday morning. No one was injured.

Driver of the auto, R.S. Durant, 24, Smiths Falls told The Citizen that he was driving west on Chambers street and as he approached the crossing, applied his brakes, but skidded on the icy pavement.

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