

# Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1963

*05/01/1963 Ottawa Journal Beachburg Indian*

## Train Derailment Near Pembroke

PEMBROKE (Staff) A derailment at Indian, 18 miles west of here resulted in CNR trains re-routed at North Bay since 11.30 a.m. Friday. Early reports from the isolated scene of the accident were that seven cars of an eastbound freight had left the rails. About 300 feet of track will have to be replaced. No one was injured. Ottawa men on the train crew were Patrick Malone, engineer, and Harold Buske, conductor.

*09/04/1963 Ottawa Journal Winchester Smiths Falls*

SMITHS FALLS (Staff) -Veteran Canadian Pacific Railwayman - many of them now on retirement, wept openly unashamed here Sunday as they gazed upon the last two steam locomotives to be built by the company in 1949.

The locomotives - both oil burners used by the CPR in the mountains of Western Canada -stopped over in Smiths Falls enroute to the Canadian Railway Historical Association's Museum in Delson, Que.

The engines, 5468 and 5935, came-east from Edmonton and Winnipeg. Hundreds of local residents couldn't resist the opportunity to get perhaps their last look at a steam locomotive as they made the journey to the CPR's freight shed to view the old "iron horses."

For many of the children, who were allowed to get in the cabs of the engines, it was their first glimpse of a real steam engine.

The 5935 was the last steam engine to be built by the CPR. On hand to outline the history of the engines for the spectators were John Frayne, Al Barr, Dave Nickerson, Herb McEwan, all Ottawa members of the CRHA.

*11/04/1963 Ottawa Journal Beachburg Portage du Fort*

## FREIGHT HITSTRUCK

Ottawa Crew Hurt In Derailment

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A fast Canadian National Railway freight was derailed here this morning after hitting a transport-trailer unit at a level crossing.

Two men were injured.

The truck driver, 38-year-old Ross Cantin, 2648 Clarendon Street, Ottawa, was left sitting safely behind the steering wheel when the 96-car freight sheared off the trailer unit and scattered it for a distance of 500 feet along the tracks.

Three diesel units rolled over, injuring engineer Bill Cullen and fireman Ed Rock, both of Ottawa.

They are in Shawville Hospital not seriously hurt.

Thirty thousand gallons of naphtha gas spilled along the right of way which was cordoned off by Quebec Provincial Police.

Bits of the truck body were spread throughout the wreckage of 27 freight cars which piled up behind the ditched diesels.

CNR auxiliary equipment was brought here from Ottawa and Capreol to clear the lines. The wreckage is blocking the main road between here and Campbell's Bay, 12 miles west on Highway 8.

Mr. Cantin is a driver for Morrison-Lamothe.

The truck was loaded with empty metal bread baskets) which were strewn along the highway.

Other crew members on the train were: conductor Ernest Beddington, '94 Nicolet Street, Hull, brakemen Raymond Markle, 1089 Minnetonka Road, and Dennis O'Connell, 1219 Kitchener Avenue, both of Ottawa

*12/06/1963 Ottawa Journal Renfrew Arnprior*

## Ballast Train Derailed Near Arnprior

ARNPRIOR -(Special) The CNR freight line from Renfrew to Ottawa will be clear today after the Monday night derailment of a ballast train.

Conductor Ed Wilson, 48, of 1466 Tedder Avenue, Ottawa, suffered six broken ribs when five cars and the caboose, of the 21-car train, laden with gravel, went off the rails about two mile west of Arnprior tearing up 150 yards of track.

The train was going from Horton Pit, Renfrew, to Ottawa.

Mr. Wilson is in Civic Hospital.

*12/06/1963 Ottawa Citizen Montreal and Ottawa Interprovincial Bridge*

FLQ bid to dynamite city bridge was foiled.

Terrorists planned to blow up a railway bridge between Ottawa and Hull on the Victoria Day weekend but were foiled by an unsuspecting policeman, a witness's statement revealed at a Montreal inquest Tuesday

The statement by Jacques Girouz, 19, was read at the inquest into the death of an army nightwatchman killed by a terrorist bomb on April 20.

Girouz's statement said the plan to set a time bomb of 75 sticks of dynamite on the Interprovincial Bridge was abandoned after a group in a car took a wrong turn near the Supreme Court of Canada Building.

Spotted by an RCMP constable, the group told him a story about looting for a parking place and were directed elsewhere.

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*22/06/1963 Ottawa Citizen Smiths Falls*

Man injured in crossing accident.

A Gatineau Point man was injured Thursday evening when the truck he was driving was hit by a CNR special train loaded with children at the Woodroffe Avenue crossing in Manordale, Nepean Township.

Cleridan Ethier, 56, of 14 St. Thomas St., Gatineau Point, is in Ottawa Civic Hospital with a broken nose, broken bones in his left foot and bruises.

He was driving a loaded gravel truck owned by J.P. Chenier Co. Ltd., of 1057 Merivale Rd. towards Ottawa when the accident occurred on County Road 43, an extension of Woodroffe Avenue.

Although no passengers were injured, one passenger coach was damaged and had to be taken off the train. The coach was filled with school children bound for Toronto.

The train was delayed almost two hours.

The crossing has no crossing signals but is marked with wooden signs. Police say Mr. Ethier told them he simply did not see the train coming. The accident happened when it was still light, around 7 p.m.

The ditches along the railway track were littered with debris, including large pieces torn from the truck. The three-ton truck was demolished.

Constables Fred Gardiner and Guy Cromie of the Gloucester-Nepean police investigated.

*18/09/1963 Ottawa Citizen Prescott*

Biggest girder in place.

The largest steel girder ever brought to Ottawa ia lowered into place at City Centre, the building complex rising between the Wellington and Somerset Street bridges. The girder, 122 feet long and nine feet six inches high, was brought from Montreal on three railway flat cars. It will allow a railway siding to enter the building, a \$4 million project developed by Freedman Brothers, that will combine office and warehouse space, light manufacturing plants, storage, stores offices and other services.

*30/09/1963 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Ottawa Union*

A focal point for the great and the humble.

Article about the future of Union station.

*11/10/1963 Ottawa Journal Waltham Aylmer*

Children Derail Track-Car

Two CPR workmen were injured Thursday when they were thrown 85 feet into a shallow ditch after their track car was derailed on the western out skirts of Aylmer.

Aylmer police blamed children playing in the area for placing a 25-foot length of stones on the tracks which caused the derailment.

Rushed to Sacred Heart Hospital in Hull, were Armand Morin, 43, of 29 Brook Street, Aylmer, and Clement Lavigne a section foreman from Cyrville.

Mr. Lavigne was treated for facial lacerations and released.

Mr. Morin is still in hospital. His condition it termed satisfactory.

Another man, Albert Beauchamp, of Deschenes, also riding on the track car, was not injured.

Aylmer police said no charges would be laid due to the ages of the children involved.

*11/10/1963 Ottawa Citizen Waltham Aylmer*

Rocks placed by children on the Canadian Pacific Railway track at Aylmer derailed a work car Thursday noon, sending one man to hospital and also injuring the section foreman.

Armand Morin, 46, of 29 Brock St., Aylmer, suffered a fractured nose and collar bone. He was admitted to Sacred Heart Hospital where his condition was reported as good.

Section foreman Clermont Levigne received head cuts and a bruised shoulder. A third man on the power operated car was not injured.

Railway officials believed they had located the children responsible but said they were equally concerned about the danger to children playing near the track.

The accident happened one mile west of Aylmer station, close to the spot where a child was killed by a train a few years ago.

*17/10/1963 Ottawa Citizen Prescott*

West end tunnel work starts soon.

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