

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers 1963

Tuesday 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 en route 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.

Wednesday 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 Giroux, 19, was read at the inquest into the death of an army night watchman killed by a terrorist bomb on April 20.
Giroux'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 looking for a parking place and were directed elsewhere.
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Saturday 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.

Wednesday 18/09/1963 Ottawa Citizen Prescott
Biggest girder in place.
The largest steel girder ever brought to Ottawa is 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.

Monday 30/09/1963 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Ottawa Union
A focal point for the great and the humble.
Article about the future of Union station.

Friday 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.

Thursday 17/10/1963 Ottawa Citizen Prescott
West end tunnel work starts soon.
<http://news.google.ca/newspapers?id=scopyAAAIBAJ&sjid=xewFAAAAIBAJ&pg=7028,4802567&dq=railway+railroad+train+cpr+bride-to-train-will-train&hl=en>