

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1963

02/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Prescott Osgoode

Girls hurt when car hits train

Two girls were slightly injured shortly after 8 o'clock this morning when their auto skidded on icy pavement and ran into the side of a freight train at Osgoode. Taken to Civic Hospital were Patsy Cook, 17' of Kars, and Dorothy Sunstrum, 18, of Osgoode. Both are under observation, but hospital authorities said that neither is in serious condition.

The mishap is being investigated by OPP Constable Pete Balog.

At the time of the accident the girls were en route to Prescott. Their car was badly damaged in the crash.

04/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Renfrew Rideau Canal

Last Train

The last train is scheduled to cross the Rideau Canal on Jan. 13, thereby easing the traffic situation on Main Street and Echo Drive. The move is made possible by the new turning Y track in the Alta Vista area built by the CNR and CNR with money provided by three levels of government. This step by step railway relocation is proceeding according to plan, it makes possible a less costly Queensway and also opens the way to other projects of importance to the national capital.

05/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Beachburg Indian

CNR freight derailed, no one hurt

PEMBROKE (Special) Seven cars of an eastbound CNR freight train were derailed Friday noon at Indian, 17 miles west of here. Cause has not been determined. Officials said 300 feet of track was torn up and the line is not expected to be back in operation until late today or early Sunday.

Meanwhile, the CNR east-bound and westbound Super-Continentials were rerouted over CPR track between North Bay and Pembroke.

Friday's eastbound Super, due in Ottawa at 3.30 p.m., arrived here at 10.40 p.m.

Engineer on the train, Harold Buske, and the conductor, Patrick Malone, were both from Ottawa. No one was injured in the derailment.

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.

07/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Sussex Street Presland Road

Car, train in collision, driver held

An Ottawa driver was arrested Saturday night after coming within inches of death on a CPR crossing at Pres-and Road.

His car received \$400 damage to the front end in a collision with a freight train. A witness saw the car, which was partly on the crossing, buffeted by cars of the freight.

But the driver climbed out unhurt.

11/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Brockville Fairfield

Brockville area farmer killed by CPR train

BROCKVILLE, Ont. (CP)-A man killed yesterday when struck by a CPR dayliner near a level crossing six miles north of here was identified by police today as Charles Harry Williams, 69, of nearby Fairfield East.

Williams was walking along the tracks when struck by the diesel car bound for Brockville from Ottawa. Williams, who operated a small farm, was struck about a mile from his home at 11.30 a.m. A bachelor, he has no known relatives.

12/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Chalk River Renfrew

Renfrew minister hurt in train-car collision

RENFREW (Special) - A much-discussed unprotected level crossing in town was the scene of a train-car accident Friday night.

Rev. George Murdoch of the Renfrew Presbyterian Church is recovering in Victoria Hospital from head lacerations suffered in the accident. Damage to the late model car he was driving was estimated at \$1,800. There were no passengers in his car.

Police said Mr. Murdoch was travelling west on Munroe Street and the collision occurred at the unprotected crossing with a Canadian Pacific eastbound freight about 9 p.m.

Town council and Ontario Board of Transport have been discussing this particular crossing for the past year with a view to alternate routes.

28/01/1963 Ottawa Citizen Maniwaki

CP's last run from Maniwaki

The last passenger train to run between Maniwaki and Ottawa arrived here Sunday night to end 59 years of service on the 86-mile line.

Canadian Pacific Railway withdrew the service from the line, which runs directly north from Ottawa, because of dwindling patronage.

19/02/1963 Ottawa Citizen Sussex Street

QUEENSWAY TRAFFIC HALTED 35 MINUTES

A broken coupling on a CPR freight train held up traffic on the Queensway for 35 minutes this morning.

A CPR spokesman said "a knuckle" broke on the train as it was across the Queensway near Hurdman's Bridge.

About seven OTC buses were among the traffic at the crossing. The trouble was cleared at 8.20.

The railway official said the train was en route to Sussex Street when the breakdown occurred.

BRIDGE FOR REMOVAL

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and clearly marked "Tender for Removal of Bridge" will be received up to 3 00 p m. on March 7. 1963 for the purchase and removal of a deed piste girder swing bridge over the Rideau Canal on the former Canadian National Railways. Renfrew Subdivision.

Specifications and tender forms may be obtained from the undersigned at 2S1 Carling Avenue, Ottawa. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

MR. J. E. HANDY. Secretary.

National Capital Commission. 291 Carling Avenue, Ottawa. Ontario.

12/03/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Alexandria*

Buses used when CNR line blocked

ALEXANDRIA (Special)-A CNR freight train minor derailment five miles east of here this morning, forced some 40 Ottawa to Montreal passengers on a later train to transfer to buses.

A broken axle on a box car on CNR Freight No. 408 caused the line block. Passenger train No. 48 that left Ottawa at 7.30 a.m. due in Montreal at 9.55 a.m. was held up until this afternoon. Meanwhile passengers were transferred at Alexandria to buses and were expected to be some two hours late in Montreal.

Montreal to Ottawa train No. 47 had to use the CPR line until work crews cleared the block.

29/03/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Beachburg*

Trains reason for hospital soundproofing

Planned expenditure of about \$100,000 for sound proofing the new Riverside Drive City Hospital will deaden the sound from a maximum of 17 daily CNR and CPR passenger trains passing by en route to the new Union Station near Hurdman's Bridge after 1965.

No freight trains will travel past the new hospital since such trains will all be handled at the Walkley Road yards when the NCC railway relocation program is completed about two years hence.

Two tracks to handle passenger trains through the new Union Station will eliminate all backing in or out of passenger trains as has been required for some trains into the present Union Station through use of the Hurdman's Bridge Y.

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

PORTAGE DU PORT

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 blockings 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

Naptha gas threatens village

27 cars strewn along line in CNR wreck at Portage du Fort.

By Bob Rupert Citizen staff writer

PORTAGE DU FORT -Thousands of gallons of highly volatile naptha gas was filling up ditches and spreading over a wide area here following a spectacular train-truck collision early this morning.

Police and railway officials describe the situation as dangerous.

Three cars of gas were among 27 cars derailed when a westbound CNR freight and a transport trailer truck crashed near the station here. Portage du Fort is 65 miles northwest of Ottawa.

"Only takes a spark"

Some 200 spectators have been forced back by police who are attempting to cordon off the area. There is no immediate danger to Portage du Fort, a mile and a half away.

However an official said: "It only takes a spark to set it off."

The train was also carrying explosives as well as the gas but there was no fire or explosion despite the fact all the derailed cars were strewn on both sides of the track, some completely overturned and others left balancing on their ends. Three diesel engines were thrown on their sides.

Three in hospital

Three of the train crew, engineers Bill Callan and Edward Rock, both of Ottawa, and a brakeman, Raymond V. Markle, 45, of 108 Minnetonka Road, Ottawa, were injured and are in Pontiac Community Hospital at Shawville.

None of the injuries are reported as serious.

Driver of the tractor-trailer truck, Rosaire Cantin, 45, of 2648 Clarendia St., Ottawa, escaped unharmed. The truck's trailer was sliced into six pieces.

Owned by Morrison -La-mothe, bakery, the transport was hauling 800 loaves of bread which were strewn over a wide area.

The freight train was also loaded with heavy construction equipment, including iron pipes and chemical tanks.

For a time railway and police officials feared for a large crowd that gathered at the scene. "One spark and the whole thing would have gone up," one workman said.

The crowd was pushed back and the dangerous cars isolated.

The accident happened at 7.30 a.m. as the northbound truck headed along the Portage-Bryson highway. The train was westbound.

The conductor, Ernest Beddington, 38, of 98 Nicolet St., Hull, riding in the caboose, was not injured.

Two of the four men involved in the wreck have been released from Pontiac Community Hospital.

Still hospitalized are Bill Callan, 53-year-old chief engineer who lives at 44 Havelock St., Ottawa, and fireman Eddy Rock, 52, of 68 St. Francis St., Ottawa.

Mr. Callan, who may have a fractured thumb, said the train was travelling about 49 m.p.h. when it struck the truck. He said he saw a flash ahead (probably the aluminum trailer) and hit the emergency brake.

"It's a peculiar feeling when you know you are going somewhere, but don't know where you will end up. I thought my fireman was dead when I saw him. He and the brakeman were lying right on top of me after the train turned over on its side.

13/04/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Beachburg**Portage du Fort*

Railway line cleared

PORTAGE DU FORT (Special) . The main line of the Canadian National Railway at Portage du Fort, 35 miles southeast of Pembroke, opened again for normal traffic at noon Friday.

Work crews and security guards were kept busy throughout the day and night Thursday to clear 27 freight cars and three diesel engines off the right of way after one of the most spectacular level crossing accidents in this area's history.

A westbound CNR freight was derailed about 7.30 a.m., Thursday, in a collision with a Morrison-Lamothe tractor-trailer.

Engineer William Callan of Ottawa has been discharged from the Pontiac Community Hospital at Shawville after X- rays showed no serious injury. Fireman Edmund Rock, also of Ottawa, is to be discharged Monday; he suffered multiple bruises.

06/05/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Kingston (CN)*

Derailement blocks CN main line

BROCKVILLE - Railway traffic using the Canadian National Railway Toronto-Montreal main line was rerouted through Smiths Falls for several hours Sunday following a derailment two miles west of here.

The rear wheel set of a car in the middle of the 75 - car westbound freight train jumped the track and tore up about a half mile of rail bed. Another 11 cars also left the track but remained upright. No one was injured.

Service was restored on one line of the double track at 9.30 p.m. and the second line was cleared by 8 a.m. today. A faulty switch has been blamed for the derailment.

Engineer on the train was John Grant and conductor was Ear! Kent, both of Belleville.

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 looing 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.

24/06/1963 Ottawa Citizen Thurso and Nation Valley

Train struck by auto near Thurso

THURSO, Que. (Special)-Armand Serre, 29, of 272 Eigin St., Ottawa, escaped with minor injuries early Saturday when his car crashed into a logging train.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight 11 miles north of Thurso at a crossing of the Thurso-Nation Valley Railway Line. The crash derailed a car loaded with logs and damaged the Serre auto heavily.

Pierre Blais of Thurso, engineer on the train, said he gave the usual whistle warning signal as he approached the crossing. When he saw the approaching car lights, he blew three or four more warnings.

The driver was taken to St. Michael's Hospital in Buckingham, where x-rays showed he had suffered no serious injury in the crash.

13/07/1963 Ottawa Citizen Prescott Ottawa West

Train, truck crash, 2 hurt

Two men were injured in a train-truck collision in the CPR yards under the Wellington Street bridge at 11 p.m. Friday.

Police said Rod Langevin and William Pilotte were driving a CPR three-ton van truck when it collided with a CPR tank car. The truck, driven by Pilotte, was a complete wreck

The men were rushed to hospital with undetermined injuries.

23/07/1963 Ottawa Citizen Smiths Falls

Driver hurt when car rams engine

Clifton Neill, of 650 Melbourne Ave., is in satisfactory condition at Civic Hospital after having been injured last night in a level crossing crash at Moodie's Drive, 5 1/2 miles south of Bell's Corners.

The investigation has not yet been completed by Ne-pean-Gloucester police, but the mishap occurred apparently when Mr. Neill's car ran into the side of a diesel locomotive as the train was proceeding towards Ottawa.

Mr. Neill was alone at the time, and no other injuries were reported as a result of the crash.

29/07/1963 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Alexandria

Cattle killed on bridge by train

ALEXANDRIA (Special) -The CNR westbound passenger train travelling from Montreal to Ottawa Saturday night struck and killed seven cattle trapped on a rail here.

Railway officials were not immediately able to trace the owner of the cows. Farm lands abut the rail line for several miles in each direction from the bridge.

The train was delayed an hour and a half but suffered no damage.

07/08/1963 Ottawa Citizen Smiths Falls Woodroffe Avenue

Train, truck collision blocks road

Alex Menard, 30, of 52 Boyd Ave. escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when his dump truck collided with a CNR train at the Woodroffe Avenue crossing south of Baseline Road. He was treated at Civic Hospital and released.

Menard's dump truck crashed the train at the crossing, which is protected by flashing lights, when the brakes failed. The driver jumped clear, suffering bruises and cuts. The truck was demolished.

Traffic was tied up for several hours with the train across the roadway until the truck wreckage could be removed and the train enabled to proceed.

20/08/1963 Ottawa Citizen Lachute Hull

BIG TRAIN, LITTLE CAR; TRAIN WINS

Might is right it seems, at least when it comes to a train's right of way.

There were no "no parking" signs along the south side of Brunet Street in Hull, where a Canadian Pacific Railway track runs parallel to the roadway, so Pierre Paquin of 96 Dollard St., Hull, sidled up Monday evening with his expensive imported car.

A few minutes later, while watching a ball game a short distance away in Moussette Park, Mr. Paquin turned when he heard the grate of steel against steel and saw a freight train engine gouging the side of his car. Damage amounted to about \$1,000.

13/09/1963 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Vars

Train rams bus driver gets free

VARS (Staff) - A woman missed death at 8.15 this morning when the school bus she was driving was demolished by a fast passenger train at a crossing just east of the Vars CNR station.

There were no children aboard the bus.

Mrs. Gilberte Trudeau, 34, wife of Alcide Trudeau, managed to jump clear seconds before the locomotive crashed into the front of the bus. She is in St. Louis Marie de Montfort Hospital suffering from shock, and abrasions to the head and upper body. Her condition is reported as good.

Mrs. Trudeau had left her home a few minutes earlier, and was en route to pick up children for the daily trip to schools in the area.

Stopped too close

She stopped at the level crossing, but the front of the bus was too close to the tracks. She opened the front door to make sure the way was clear, and saw the fast-moving Ottawa to Montreal passenger train No. 48.

Mrs. Trudeau jumped from the vehicle and threw herself into a ditch along the right of way. It is thought that she was struck by some of the flying debris when the locomotive crashed into the bus a few seconds later.

The bus, owned by the woman's husband, was demolished.

14/09/1963 *Ottawa Citizen*

Lachute

Hull

Boy, 8, tumbles beneath train.

Quick action by a trainman Friday afternoon saved the life of an eight-year-old boy who had been thrown beneath a moving passenger train.

Gilles Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Roy of 52 St. Hyacinthe St., Hull was walking alongside the railway tracks just east of the Hull station when the tricycle he was pulling caught on one of the coaches of a passing train.

It flung him beneath a parlor car.

Allen Bernaby had been watching the boy through an open baggage car door. When he saw him disappear under the car he pulled the emergency cord.

Quick stop

The train, an Ottawa-Toronto pool train, stopped in less than a car length.

Andre Gervais, a station yardman, said the boy was "frozen stiff" when he helped lift him from under the car.

Gilles was released from the Sacred Heart Hospital last night. Apart from a good scare, he suffered only minor scratches and bruises.

16/09/1963 *Ottawa Citizen*

Alexandria

Casselman

Ottawa woman injured as car hits train

CASSELMAN (Special)-An Ottawa woman was injured, and three other persons escaped with only a shaking-up, when an automobile ran into the side of a freight locomotive at a CNR crossing near here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jocelyn Dagenais, 22, of 360 Besserer St., Ottawa, was treated at Cornwall General Hospital for cuts and bruises to the scalp and right arm, but she was not admitted.

The car was driven by Andre Claude Lalonde, of 64 Delorimier St., Hull. Passengers in the rear seat were Marcel Gareau, and Miss Aline Boulanger, both of Hull.

According to the report of OPP Constable J. R. J. Char-bonneau, of Casselman, the auto struck the left side of the locomotive, and was dragged a considerable distance along the right of way. The freight train was en route to Ottawa, and was travelling at a slow rate of speed at the time.

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.

01/10/1963 *Ottawa Citizen*

Kingston (CN)

Lancaster

Man critical after train splits car

LANCASTER - A 39-year-old Maxville man is in critical condition after his car was struck by a freight train at Summerstown station CNR crossing this morning.

Arthur Currier, of Mechanic St., Maxville, was taken to Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall, with head injuries. He was alone in the car at the time of the accident. Currier was driving south along County Road 27 when his vehicle was split in two by the 89-car westbound train. Wreckage was strewn for 100 ft. along the track.

First on scene

One of the first on the scene was Pauline Tourangeau, 21, of RR 2, Cornwall, a nurse's aid at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, who gave first aid.

Conductor of the train, number 405, was Joseph Can-ille Landry, 301 Manning Ave, Verdun, Quebec. Engineer was Fred Pyke, of Brock-ville, Ontario.

Lancaster provincial police are investigating.

07/10/1963 *Ottawa Citizen*

Kingston (CN)

Lancaster

Maxville man dies as result of train crash

MONTREAL (CP)-Arthur Currier, 39, of Maxville, died in hospital today of injuries suffered Oct. 1 in a car-train collision 10 miles east of Cornwall.

Currier was alone in his car when the 89 car freight train ripped it in two.

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.

11/10/1963 *Ottawa Journal*

Waltham

Aylmer

Children Derailed 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.

West end tunnel work starts soon.

By J. A. Hume Citizen staff writer

Work may be started within a month and continue throughout the winter on Phase I of an NCC grade separation program for the CPR Prescott line in the West End involving a 1,900-foot tunnel under Colonel By Drive and the Rideau Canal.

The Rideau Canal is being drained earlier than usual to facilitate the tunnel construction work which will provide considerable winter employment.

Richard and B. A. Ryan (1958) Ltd., Montreal, yesterday filed at \$1,974,241.20 the lowest of eight tenders received by the NCC for the tunnel project. The highest bid, \$2,621,000, was filed by Dufresne Engineering Com-, pany Ltd., Montreal.

Tenders will be called shortly for Phase II of the grade separation program for the CPR line, which must be continued as the only railway line to Hull, extending from Highway 15 to Prescott and a point just north of the viaduct over Somerset Street West Under the completed program, Highway 16, Carling Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, and the Queensway will all pass over the depressed open-cut railway line in that section.

Phase I of the program runs from a point just west of the railway bridge crossing the Rideau River, across the Carleton University Campus, and by a tunnel under Colonel By Drive and the Rideau Canal to a point just north of Highway 16.

Two-year program

Completion of both phases of the Prescott railway line grade separation program, at about \$4,000,000, will take about two years' time.

S. Findlay Clark, NCC chairman, has described the Prescott line project as essential for completion by late 1965 when the new \$5,000,000 Union Station will be completed near Hurdman's Bridge, just off the Queensway. At that time the present Union Station will be abandoned along with the railway line crossing the Interprovincial Bridge to Hull.

21/10/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Chalk River**Renfrew*

Car-train collision injured man

a 56-year-old Douglas man was in fair condition at Ottawa's Civic Hospital today following a car-train collision at a CPR crossing on Highway 132, two miles south of Renfrew Saturday.

Joseph Dooling, of Douglas, suffered multiple injuries and was transferred to the Civic Hospital's intensive care ward from the Renfrew Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Dooling had been proceeding south on the highway and the freight was westbound. His car was demolished. There was \$100 damage to the train.

OPP Const. W. E. Bennett, of Renfrew, investigated.

28/10/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Sussex Street*

Foot sliced off by train wheel

A five-year-old boy's leg was severed at the ankle when he tripped and fell across a train track near Dalhousie and Bolton Streets Saturday night.

Richard Rheame, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Rheame of 97 Bolton St., is in Ottawa General Hospital in good condition today.

A railway policeman said "dozens" of children play around the tracks every day.

The child's right foot was severed by a slow - moving freight whose crew failed to see him until the accident had occurred.

Playing on ramp

Ottawa police say the boy was one of three children playing on a ramp near a spur line which carries supplies to a number of warehouses west of Dalhousie Street. The other children told police they saw their companion trip as he ran across the tracks.

"I didn't know he had left the house," said Mrs. Rheame. "I was just going to bathe him and put on his pyjamas when someone came to the door and said Richard had been in an accident."

The child's mother said this was the first time he had gone to the nearby tracks in the six months they had been at the Bolton Street address.

Didn't see boy

Engineer John B. Murphy who was driving CPR diesel No. 8480, said none of the train's crew had seen the youngster.

"We heard a scream as I was backing up," said Mr. Murphy. "I stopped the train and we ran to where he was sitting beside a switch. We applied a tourniquet to his ankle and he was taken to hospital."

A CPR policeman said it was a wonder more children weren't injured.

"There are always children around," he said. "We chase dozens of them away from the tracks every day."

The constable blamed the attitude of some parents for allowing the youngsters their freedom around the many tracks in the district.

"Just look at that," he said indicating down the tracks where a couple were walking with their two children. "How would you expect children to learn from that example?"

Engineer Murphy, who lives at 1582 Senio Ave., said he had taken the engine to Ritchie's Warehouse to pick up three empty cars. The crew had seen a child sitting on the ramp and had ordered him away.

Heard screams

The cars were then hitched onto the engine and the train was pulling away across Dalhousie when the crew heard the child's screams.

The other two children, brothers Gilbert and Rpland Bordeleau seven and eight respectively, of 125 Dalhousie St., said they didn't know the Rheame boy before the accident.

05/11/1963 *Ottawa Citizen**Smiths Falls**Fallowfield Roas*

Auto runs into train, woman slightly injured

Five persons, including two pre-school children, escaped serious injury Monday night when their car crashed broadside with a freight train at the Fallowfield Road level crossing just west of Wood-roffe Avenue.

Only injury was sustained by Mrs. Gus Korovessis, 35, of 174 Arthur St., wife of the driver and five months pregnant, who was admitted to the Civic Hospital for facial lacerations.

Korovessis, 45, told police his brakes failed. He said he was eastbound on Fallowfield when he spotted the southbound Ottawa-Belleville CNR train.

He said he swerved left to avoid running into the train but hit the second car behind the two engines, ripping open the passenger side of his car.

The couple's two children, Jimmy, two, and Bessie, three, were in the back seat with Tony Koritsaris, 16, of Richmond.

Const. Robert Mancusso of the Gloucester-Nepean police said damage to the train was negligible.

Auto-train crash kills 4 teenagers

CORNWALL (Special) -Four Cornwall teenagers out on a Friday night date died after a freight train slammed into their car at 60 miles an hour at a crossing here.

Dead are Raoul Felix Drouin, 18, of 515 Third St. West; Patricia Ann Vely, 14, of 139 First St. East; Noreen Tyo, 16, of 78 Vimy St. East, and Richard Paquette, 15, of 59 Pine St. The two girls were Grade Nine students at the Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School.

Smashed broadside

Paquette died in Montreal Neurological Institute of a fractured skull this morning.

Police said the accident occurred at about 11.10 p.m. Friday when the southbound car was smashed broadside by a CNR freight train at the Brookdale Ave. North crossing.

The eastbound train carried the car a mile before stopping.

Witnesses said the bodies of young Drouin and one of the girls was dropped off about half a mile from the point of impact.

Debris from the crash was strewn along the right-of-way from the point of impact to where the train came to a stop. Police found money, clothing and parts of the car in the ditches.

Car demolished

The car was demolished and the front of the train badly damaged.

The Paquette boy and the body of the other girl were found in the wreckage still pinned to the front of the train.

Police said the train hit the car, a station wagon, on its passenger side, carrying it all the way down the track.

They said the loaded freight train, being pulled by three diesel engines, was going about 60 miles an hour at the time of the accident.

At the site of the accident Brookdale is a gravel road. The mainline crossing does not have crossing gates or electrical signals.

Police said the accident probably occurred during a light drizzle.

Caption to photo showing the nose of CNR 3733

Death car pushed mile along tracks

Three Cornwall teenagers were killed instantly last night when their car was rammed broadside by a 60 m.p.h. freight train at a mainline crossing which had no warning signals. A fourth died this morning,

Man Killed when auto collides with train

PEMBROKE (Special) A Golden Lake man died after a car in which he was a passenger collided with a freight train early Tuesday-afternoon. The accident occurred about 30 miles south of here.

Dead is Harold Knuth, 48, a Golden Lake bachelor. He died in Pembroke General Hospital four hours after the accident.

Constable William Bell said Ralph Schroeder, 18, of Golden Lake was driving his car north on Augesburg Road, on the Golden Lake Indian reserve, when it ran into the rear of the engine of a diesel powered Canadian National Railways freight, operated by engineer William James Hannell, 64, of 436 Queen Mary Rd., Ottawa. The train was travelling west.

Const. Bell said parts of the Schroeder car were embedded on the 11 cars of the freight train, as it bounced from one to the other. The constable added that high banks along the road's edge could have hindered Schroeder's view.

Schroeder is in the Pembroke General Hospital in fair condition suffering with back injuries.