

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers 1967

Friday 17/02/1967 Ottawa Citizen Beachburg

Oil tanker blazes in railway crash.

One man was injured in a flaming crash between an oil tanker and a train on Woodroffe Avenue at 10.09 a.m. today.

The man, Ken Bigalow, 28, of 2172 Regency Terrace was the driver of a double-tanker oil truck which apparently stopped on the railway tracks south of City View.

He is in Civic Hospital in fair condition.

The train hit the truck in the middle of the first tanker section, and the tanker burst into flames as it was dragged down the track.

Flames covered the train engine and burned the front out of a wooden car immediately behind.

The smashed cab of the truck rolled into the ditch on the north side of the track and the flaming tank flew into the south ditch.

Ken Trudeau, a plumber with Smith and Brown Ltd., who arrived on the scene moments after the collision said the driver in the crushed cab was unconscious. However he came to in about five minutes and was able to help rescuers get him out.

Firemen were called to put out the burning tanker.

Ivan Lawrence, head end trainman on the CNR freight bound for Barrys Bay said the train crew had only a few seconds when they saw the truck coming on to the track.

"We ducked, and there were flames all around us," he said.

Traffic was held up for about an hour and a half by the accident.

A new engine had to be brought to remove the train which was taken back to Walkley Yards.

Thursday 29/06/1967 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Ottawa New

Second parking lot at station will open soon.

A new parking lot to hold 141 cars will be opened next to the Ottawa train station, railway officials announced today.

The lot to be built on the west side of the station is in addition to an existing 160-car lot now in use on the east side.

It is anticipated the new facilities will be available this weekend.

Monday 14/08/1967 Ottawa Citizen Lachute

Train slices car, four die.

Four people, three of them children, were killed when a CPR dayliner express from Montreal demolished their car at a level crossing between Gatineau Point and Gatineau shortly after 9 p.m. yesterday.

Stalled on tracks

Arthur Chartrand, 34 year-old husband and father of the victims, and his father, Arthur Chartrand, Sr., jumped from the 1956 model convertible when it stalled on the tracks in the path of the onrushing train.

The two men made frantic efforts to push the car to safety. They jumped clear only seconds before the impact.

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Thursday 16/11/1967 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Vars

Santa here Saturday.

Santa Claus is coming to Ottawa Saturday, by helicopter and train.

He will touch down at Vars, where a welcoming committee of 2,000 children and adults will meet and accompany him to Ottawa on a special train.

The train will arrive at Union station at 10.45 a.m. A parade from Daly and Nicholas Streets at 11.35 a.m. will go along Daly to Nicholas, along Nicholas to Rideau and left on Rideau Street to Freiman's department store.

Monday 20/11/1967 Ottawa Citizen Alexandria Vars

2,200 arrive with Santa.

More than 2,200 Ottawa children and their parents travelled to Vars Saturday in a special excursion train to greet Santa Claus as he flew in from the North Pole by helicopter.

Several seized the opportunity to present their Christmas lists to Pere Noel personally.

Con. Ernie Jones officially welcomed Santa to the city at Ottawa Station.

About 300 others had gathered at the station to greet him.

A parade through downtown followed as Santa was accompanied by the Governor General's Foot Guards, baton twirling majorettes from the Marjorie Bishop School, a group of dancers from Diane Farell's Ottawa Diplomats and students from Algonquin College dressed as clowns.

Besides Santa's traditional sleigh and the reindeer float, there were several floats from "Fairyland."

The Little Old Lady who lived in a shoe was joined by Cinderella and the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Puss in Boots and Little Red Riding Hood also greeted the children and parents lining the parade route down Nicholas Street and along Rideau Street to Freiman's downtown store.

30/11/1967 Eganville Leader Renfrew Killaloe

Killaloe Station To Close

A further indication of the changing times is the decision to close the Canadian National Railways Station at Killaloe, effective December 7th, and have express shipments held on hand and accepted for transportation by Mr. Vincent A. McCue at his grocery store.

As the only means of transportation, after the stages ceased to operate, and until the advent of the motor car and buses, it was the scene of many gatherings, happy for young newly-weds embarking on their honeymoon, sad for those receiving the remains of loved ones who had died elsewhere. Or, for the rousing welcome given to Martin Garvey on his arrival home from overseas service during World War I.

Mr. Albert Thurston was the last regular agent and latterly Mr. John E. Redmond, CNR, Agent, Eganville, has taken care of the billing.

Much of the decline in rail shipping is attributed to the high shipping charges now in effect.