

# Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1976

*19/03/1976 Ottawa Journal Kingston (CN) Brockville*

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*07/04/1976 The Courier Alexandria Vars*

Two pictures

Some April Fools trick, the conductor of this CN diesel may have thought as he watched workmen loading the Vars station on to a truck April 1. Cumberland Township is moving the station, with the help of a \$13,000 LIP grant and the expert help of Drummond Bros. Ltd of Almonte. "They did an impressive job," umberland Recreation Director, Paul Lavigne, said. He also expressed thanks to Laurent Leblanc who donated 400 tons of crushed rock for the museum site and Albertol Bergeron for allowing heavy machinery across his property during transportation of the station.

Born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 89 years ago, Jack Kyle of Vars watches foreman Dave Drummond help dismantle the old Vars station in preparation for its shipment to Cumberland. In Cumberland the station is to be refurbished and used as the township's museum

*03/06/1976 Ottawa Citizen Chalk River*

Woman killed in car-train crash

Arnprior. A car-train collision about four miles east of here Wednesday claimed the life of an Arnprior area woman.

Mrs. Lola Moorehead, 59, of RR 1, Arnprior, was alone in a car travelling south on the Galetta side road about 8:30 a.m. when it was struck by a westbound Canadian Pacific freight.

Hank Manders, who lives about 50 yards from the crossing said he heard the train whistle, looked out and saw the train hit the front side of the car. The car was hurled about 40 feet against the signal post.

There were no lights or wig wags at the crossing.

*05/07/1976 Ottawa Journal Belleville Perth*

30 rail cars jump track near Perth

PERTH (Special) No one was injured when 30 cars of a 94-car CP freight train were derailed near here about midnight

Perth OPP said a "hot box" in one of the cars caused the derailment. A hot box occurs when the gears overheat and jam causing the wheels to seize.

Damage to the rail line is extensive, police said. The line will be closed for at least 24 hours until heavy equipment equipment can clear the debris.

*05/07/1976 Ottawa Citizen Belleville Perth*

Perth. Canadian Pacific Railroad crews are working today cleaning up the aftermath of a train derailment along the main line four miles east of here.

Thirty cars of a 94-car freight train bound for Montreal from Toronto went off the tracks about 11.30 p.m. Sunday. The freight cars were piled two and three high in places.

CP Rail officials said that there were no dangerous commodities being carried by any of the derailed cars. Most of the cars contained wood and building materials.

There have been no estimates made of the damages caused to the rail line and the cause of the mishap has not yet been determined.

Five hundred feet of track were torn up in the derailment. CP Rail spokesman Herb Brookes said that they hoped to complete repairs by midnight tonight.

Meanwhile all freight deliveries between Toronto and Montreal have been postponed.

Railway officials said there were no injuries in the mishap.

*06/07/1976 Ottawa Journal Belleville Perth*

Monday Rail line clean up goes on

PERTH Freight train operations on the westward section of the CP Rail line resumed at 8 a.m. today as crews continued to clean up the aftermath of a major train derailment late Sunday, a CP spokesman said.

Thirty cars of a 94-car freight train were derailed near here and about 1,000 feet of track was torn up in the accident which was apparently caused by a broken axle in one of the cars, the spokesman said.

He said 14 of the derailed cars had been righted. He did not know when the eastbound line would be back in operation. "It will be several days before everything is back to normal."

In the meantime, he said, freight cars will be re-routed over CN tracks via Brockville to Brighton in both directions.

No one was injured in the accident and damage could reach \$1 million.

The affected line lies on the Toronto-Montreal run.

*07/09/1976 Ottawa Journal Alexandria St. Lawrence Cement*

Vandals derail locomotive

Vandalism by youths is believed to have caused the derailment of a diesel locomotive and a 100-ton cement car at the St. Lawrence Cement Company yard on Star Top Road Sunday afternoon. Company manager Gerard Payer said that "kids" apparently released the air brakes on nine 100-ton CNR cement cars, causing them to roll 1,000 feet down their siding. The cars, with a weight totalling 900 tons, rammmed into a company-owned diesel, sending it crashing through a guardrail at the end of the siding, Mr. Payer said. The diesel was forced into a ditch about 8 feet from Innis Road, The first loaded cement car jumped the tracks and flipped onto its left side. Mr. Payer was not able to give an immediate estimate of damage. There were no injuries.

CP derailment slashes highway.

CORNWALL (Special ) Heavy damage was reported after a train derailed Monday while travelling east through a Highway 43 crossing, at Monkland, about 15 miles north of here.

Half of the cars of a CP Rail freight train went off the track just as the train was entering the village. Some of the cars were empty at the time.

Workmen from Valleyfield and Apple Hill were brought in shortly after the crash to clean up. They were still clearing damaged equipment early this morning.

Meanwhile, traffic on Highway 43 was being diverted. Trains used alternate tracks.

About five of the freight cars lay spread across the highway with much of their cargo - paper and photographic material - strewn about the area.

About 10 feet of pavement on either side of the track was ripped up.