

Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers 1978

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Ski Train To Make Trip

A winter weekend train, running from Ottawa through the valley to Barry's Bay, is scheduled for its maiden run February 4 and 5.

Bell Plotz, co-ordinator for the program at the Barry's Bay end, said he hopes the train will make the weekend trip throughout the month of February. The project is organized by the Nepean-Aylmer Transit Committee.

The train will leave the Ottawa train station at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday and Sunday, returning from Barry's Bay at 6 p.m. each day.

The Canadian National Railway is charging \$35,000 for a locomotive, baggage car and four coaches for four weekends. Each coach will seat 80 passengers, with a total of 300 people expected at the train station in Barry's Bay, said Mr. Plotz.

After leaving the train, passengers will be bussed to their accommodations, the ski hill and to other activities in the area.

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CN Taking Steps To Cease Operation

The Canadian National Railway plans to make formal application to the Board of Transport Commissioners for approval cease rail operations on the Renfrew to Barry's Bay branch line.

However, the regional manager of operations for CN, Jacques Gauthier, said there is no urgency to halt rail traffic, adding "the tracks won't be pulled tomorrow."

Officials from CN were in the area last week, speaking with municipal reeves and business firms that use the line. MR. Gauthier said that CN is making application to cease operation on those branch lines where revenues are lower than expenses.