

# Local Railway Items from Ottawa Papers - 1980

*13/02/1980 Eganville Leader Eganville*

CP Line Abandoned Rail Service To Douglas To End

The 9.5 mile stretch of Canadian Pacific Rail Line between Payne and Douglas will be closing in the near future - for the second time.

The Payne to Douglas stretch was part of the Eganville subdivision line. The tracks from Douglas to Eganville were lifted in 1971.

Canadian Pacific attempted to close the line to Douglas in 1976, however, the Railway Transport Committee ordered the company to keep it open. Although the committee had determined at that time that the operation of the line was uneconomical and that it would likely continue to be uneconomical, the committee said the line would not be abandoned..

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With picture

Work crews rushed to the outskirts of Cornwall over the weekend to begin cleaning up the wreckage from an early Saturday-morning (7 June) freight train derailment that saw 15 cars jump the track and spill their contents of paper towels, diapers and huge rolls of paper. A tank car with thousand litres of butane also left the track but was not damaged. Canadian National work crews replaced about 100 metres of track, and cleanuip efforts are continuing today. Officials have not yet determined the cause of the derailment.

*27/08/1980 Prescott Journal Prescott Prescott*

Out of the past - 1940 a Big year for Coal Traffic in Prescott.

An unprecedented volume of slack coal was reported to have passed through the CPR Prescott yards in the summer of 1940. During that year's navigation season, at least 1000 tons of coal per day were off-loaded at the fort town" by the Valley Camp, Coal Haven and Collier, with the freighters making at least three trips per week to the port during July and August.

The boom in coalaccounted for a significant rise in employment at the CPR coal yards with crews of 20 to 30 men being required to handle the off-loading as well as at least 4 coal trains per day being run from the town.