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# Bessemer and Barrys Bay Railway

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The line has been surveyed from L'Amable to an iron mine, in which H.C. Farnum, president, B&Bry. is interested. Construction is likely to start this year.

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The line will extend from L'Amable on the COR to Barry's Bay, 30 miles. The route will be through the Mineral Range Iron Co's mine and lands. McArthurs Mill, Fort Stewart, Craigmont and Combermere to Barry's Bay, through the townships of Mayo, Carlow, Raglan, Radcliffe and Sherwood, in Hastings and Renfrew Counties. The line will be built for general traffic, as well as for the development of the mineral lands through which it will pass. A certain amount of work has been done, and we are advised that construction work will be taken up again in the spring and pushed to completion. The B&BB Ry. is promoted by the Mineral Range Iron Mining Co. which has its head offices in Windsor. Chief officers are E.W. Voight, Treasurer and General Manager, H.C. Farnum, Secretary, H.L. Bingham, who are located in Detroit, MI.

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It is hoped to obtain a subsidy in aid of the construction of this projected line from L'Amable during the current session of the Dominion Parliament and we are advised that as soon as this is arranged for construction will be started and pushed to completion.

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A general meeting of shareholders was held at Bessemer May 12 when an issue of bonds not to exceed \$20,000 per mile or \$100,000 in all covering the construction of five miles of the projected line from L'Amable northerly was approved and the issue of a mortgage to secure the same authorized.

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The Ontario Government decided not to ask the legislature to vote any subsidies for railway construction at the recent session. We were informed may 25 that the management had been informed that it would be aided by way of loan, to put the line through. To what extent, or in just what way this help will be given, has not been announced. The mortgage and bonds approved of at the meeting of shareholders May 23 are in process of execution.

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The B&BR has purchased one locomotive, 12 automatic dump cars and one flat car. It is considering the question of purchasing additional rolling stock.

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Construction on the first five miles of this railway is well under way, and it is expected to be completed and ready for operation about Oct.15. The line extends from L'Amable station on the COR, near Bancroft, to the iron mines of the Mineral Range Iron Mining Co. The railway company is owned by the mining company but it will be operated as the B&BRy. The mining company has 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 tons of ore in sight, which will be shipped over the line. The ore is high grade Bessemer magnetite and will be delivered on board the cars. The company does not propose to engage in any further construction at present, although its charter permits of the construction of a line from L'Amable to Barry's Bay on the Ottawa Division of the GTR (the old CAR). The officers and directors are: President, H.C. Farnum, Bessemer, ON; Vice-President, W.J. Sargent, Bancroft; Secretary-Treasurer, H.L. Bingham, Bessemer; other directors, J.C. Dale, W. Cross.

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We are advised that surveys have been made for a branch line from Bessemer too No. 1 mine about 2.50 miles. During 1907 the company constructed a standard gauge track to its ore pocket and crusher, in place of the narrow gauge trestle upon which the ore was formerly carried to the main track.