

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Carleton Place Subdivision

12/02/1875 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa

No Trains. Up to two o'clock this afternoon, no train had reached Ottawa either by the St.L.&O., or Canada Central Railway. The latter's train was delayed by the Grand Trunk.

11/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Brockville. 10th. At a meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Canada Central Railway, yesterday, the necessary steps were taken to consummate the amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific Railway. The lines hitherto known as Canada Central are henceforth part of the Canadian Pacific, and will be operated by that company. Archer Baker, former General Manager of the Canada Central Railway has been appointed superintendent of the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific, the district extending eastward from Lake Superior. The amalgamation of the two companies is another step towards placing the Canada Central in the position which its promoters foresaw many years ago would be its destiny. It now forms a vast important link in that great chain of railways connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific on Canadian territory. Mr. Cassels, president, who on signing the transfer papers might virtually be said to have signed his death warrant; but as he himself puts it, the Canadian Pacific does not require two presidents, and therefore he steps down and out.

21/06/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Bidon Renaud was charged with trespassing on the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Chaudiere.

19/08/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Union Station Clock. The public clock at the Union Station, Chaudiere, has the bad habit of stopping occasionally, and yesterday made up its mind to stop again and thereby puzzle travellers intensely as to the time for the departure of trains. When, however this railway clock condescends to go, its indecision as to time of day is very inexcusable, considering it is within earshot of the great sounding notes of its parliamentary superior, the tower clock. Nevertheless, it will hold its own opinion and obstinately insist that the true time of day is falsely set forth by the sun and his abject follower the Parliament tower clock. The sooner it confesses its errors and sets itself right the better for the travelling public and their friends.

20/08/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The Canadian Pacific Railway has received 400,000 tons of steel rails at Brockville, which will be utilized in laying a new track between here and Brockville. This is quoted correctly but it seems like an awful lot of rail, maybe 3,500 miles.

22/08/1881 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Carleton Place

On Friday last a second class car on the Canadian Pacific Railway, was left standing on a down grade, with brakes down, at Carleton Place, while the balance of the train was being shunted. The car contained some seventy shanty men, returning to the city from up the river. A freight car was standing some one hundred yards off on the same track. One of the occupants of the second class car, unwittingly let go the brake, the car, as a result, starting at a swift pace down the grade, and colliding with the freight car, made a loud crash, damaging the latter car considerably. The shantymen, who were all more or less shook up by the collision, blamed it on the train hands, and were going to clear out the station, when it was discovered that it was one of their own number who had perpetrated the act.

25/08/1881 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Palace advertising car inspected by a reporter from the Free Press.

31/08/1881 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The work of laying the track of the Canadian Pacific Railway from here to Brockville with steel rails has commenced.

14/11/1881 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The vacant space about the Union Station yard is being filled up with gravel by a number of men. The new freight shed built by Mr. T. Kavanagh will be occupied in a day or two. Station Constable Grave's uniform was supplied jointly by Canadian Pacific and North Shore companies.

19/11/1881 Quebec Saturday Budget Carleton Place

Tuesday (8/11/1881) The last special train of the season left Ottawa this morning for Winnipeg.

18/03/1882 Quebec Saturday Budget Carleton Place Ottawa Union

A lunatic who was being conveyed from the Calumet to a Quebec asylum leaped from the train as it was nearing the Union depot, Ottawa, and escaping from the guards lead Sergeant Graves a wild chase for a few moments. He was finally captured and brought to the waiting room.

17/10/1882 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

New Crossing - The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are building a crossing extending from the corner of Queen street west, near the Union Depot, across their sidings for the benefit of the lumbermen.

Car shed - the building of the new shed for the repair of passenger cars at the Union Depot of the Canadian Pacific Railway is being rapidly pushed towards completion. The carpenters are at work on the roof of the structure and expect to be finished in the course of a few days.

18/10/1882 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The ordinary special train which leaves every Tuesday and Friday for Mattawa for the accommodation of lumbermen sending their men horses and supplies to the shanties, left at the usual hour yesterday, and was well filled. Among the crowd was a number of men sent by Mr. Allan Grant. The system of running special trains for this sort of traffic is a great improvement over the old method.

19/10/1882 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

There was rather a lively time at the Union station this afternoon when 100 English navvies, who arrived from Rimouski last night, were being shipped to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway about forty five miles above Mattawa. They were all more or less under the influence of Chaudiere whiskey, and the consequence was a good deal of noise and confusion. Although boisterous they were a good natured crowd, and the few who were inclined to be boisterous were soon quieted by Constable Graves.

04/11/1882 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Union Depot

The Union Passenger station of the Canadian Pacific Railway is receiving a new coat of paint and is being generally renovated.

05/01/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Stittsville

On Tuesday night last an accident occurred on the Canadian Pacific Railway near Stittsville. It appears a heavy freight train broke in two and an empty engine following close behind went crashing into the van and other cars that had broken loose from the train. The Grand Trunk train going west was delayed an hour in consequence, waiting the arrival of the CPR train. The delegates to the Reform Convention were on board and felt rather uneasy.

20/01/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa West

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are building a new round house near the Union Station which will have accommodation for about thirty engines.

19/04/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

Canadian Pacific Railway. The village by the lake has always been a favourite resort for Ottawaites, both as a locality for a summer residence and as a pleasant place to spend a happy day for picnic parties. The above railway company, recognizing the fact, have made special arrangements for the summer traffic, for both classes of passengers. They propose issuing season tickets, and also twenty trip commutation tickets at reduced rates which will doubtless be taken advantage of by many inhabitants of the Ottawa who prefer the cool breezes of Lake Deschenes to the torrid heat of the Capitoline summer. Full particulars as to price and conditions can be had at the company's offices on Elgin street.

16/07/1883 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Carleton Place

Mr. Burgess, C.P.R. restaurateur, has had a neat electric bell in the shape of a horse shoe placed over the entrance to his restaurant at Carleton Place Junction, and a similar one will be placed over the entrance to the Union Station restaurant. The bell rings from the time the train arrives until it departs.

24/08/1883 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

The C.P.R. roundhouse at the Union Station is fast nearing completion.

26/09/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The Petrolia Oil company is putting an addition to its premises on the property of the Railway Company at the Chaudiere.

03/10/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The new roundhouse above the Chaudiere will be completed in the course of about three weeks.

05/10/1883 Lachute Watchman Carleton Place Chaudiere

A DISPUTE WITH THE CPR - The Ottawa City Council and the Canadian Pacific Railway are at loggerheads over a piece of ground used by the latter for station purposes, and which, it is alleged forms part of the streets. The company in 1868, purchased the property from John Rochester, who represented that no legal subdivision of the land had been made, and the company believing that the land had not been divided or penetrated by streets, claim consideration at the hands of Council, and ask that instead of their being required to open up Queen Street, which runs through the centre of their grounds, and would afford every opportunity for accidents, if they be allowed to open up Oregon Street, at the northerly limit of the depot. It is more than probable that some such compromise will be effected, as the opening up of Queen Street would seriously obstruct the operations of the company, who, owing to the rapid increase of business, are already cramped for yard room.

05/10/1883 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

The new C.P.R. roundhouse is going up fast. It is of enormous size.

22/10/1883 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

The new C.P. Ry. roundhouse will be finished this month.

26/10/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Shortly after two o'clock the old roundhouse situated on the north side of the track, was discovered to be on fire. Notwithstanding that the fire brigade was promptly on hand, it was found impossible to save the building, which was totally destroyed. Fortunately there were no locomotives in at the time, the last one having been taken out for shunting purposes just before the fire broke out. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000.

29/10/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The new CPR roundhouse will, it is expected, be completed about the 10th of next month.

10/11/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Canadian Pacific Railway. The winter arrangement of timetable will go into effect on this road on Monday, November 13th, when the new standard time will be adopted, which is three minutes faster than Ottawa time, six minutes slower than Montreal time, by which all their trains have been run heretofore.

13/12/1883 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The new round house of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at the Chaudiere is now completed and affords accommodation for twenty locomotives and tenders.

19/05/1884 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Preparations for the opening of through traffic.

On the first of July next the Canadian Pacific Railway will commence to run its through fast passenger train from Montreal to Toronto, preparations for which are being actively made. The T on the south side of the Ottawa, close to the iron bridge, is to be at once filled in and a connecting track laid down between the two already existing. This will enable trains from both east and west to back into the city and thus avoid the delay consequent on having to "re-make up", which is unavoidable when they are run in, engine first, as at present. On the same date, the new immigrant sleepers which were constructed at Coburg will also be put upon the route, and will no doubt prove a great boon to this class of travellers, whose accommodation in this respect has been perhaps unduly neglected. It is an indication of the general briskness of business in this section that the company has never done a larger freight business than during this season, with every prospect of it continuing so to the end. All the engines from No. 285 to No. 299, inclusive are to be put on the Ontario division of the line; most of them are there already. This section will also be equipped with several first class sleepers, second to none on this continent, and which are now in course of construction. On the portion of line between Ottawa and Montreal and phosphate trade keeps a good many cars busy, and special trains to accommodate that description of traffic are being run.

09/07/1884 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

A neat frame building is being erected at the union Station for the accommodation of the Dominion Express Company whose offices here will be opened shortly.

21/08/1884 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

--Instructions have been issued to place the sleeper on the south track at the Union station every evening at eight o'clock, so that travellers may retire to their coaches early. The sleeper on the western express that arrives here at 4 o'clock in the morning will be shunted into the same track, and left there until nine o'clock in the morning, thus enabling the occupants to enjoy a full night's rest.

03/12/1884 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The exhibition car of the Canadian Pacific Railway containing samples of agricultural produce from Manitoba and the North-West will arrive at the Union Station today and will be open to public inspection for a couple of days.

20/02/1885 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

A large force of men are at work in the R.R. yards clearing snow. At the C.P.R. a train is in active service and the snow is being put on flat cars, drawn to the bridge and thrown into the river.

16/03/1885 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The new private car, built in the I.C.R. shops for Collingwood Schreiber has arrived and is at the C.P.R. station. It is a fine piece of workmanship, built much after the style of the famous drawing room cars and is called the "Ottawa". It is lettered on the outside "Government Railways of Canada. Prince Edward Island system."

NB. The Prince Edward Island system was narrow gauge.

11/04/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

At four o'clock this afternoon a trial of a new car coupler will be made at the Union Station. This coupler, which is the invention of a Canadian, is already in use on several American railroads, is said not only to be strong, simple and serviceable, but to obviate all danger to the lives and limbs of those engaged in coupling cars.

11/04/1885 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

A new self coupler for freight cars will be tested at the Union station this afternoon. The coupler, which is the invention of a Canadian, consists of two large mouthed draw bars, with a catch in each for holding the link. In coupling it is only necessary to back the cars together, when the link will strike in the mouth of the drawbar and sliding up its sloping sides be held by the catch. In uncoupling cars the brakeman pulls a chain attached to the catch which drops it, allowing the link to come out. Patents, innumerable, are held for different couplers which will obviate the necessity of brakemen going between cars to couple them and thus reduce the terrible death rate among railway employees but as yet each patent has entailed too much expense on the companies adopting them to become general. It is hoped the present apparatus can be applied to freight cars cheaply enough to allow it to take the place of the present man trap used.

13/05/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

A slight accident occurred in the yard of the Canadian Pacific Railway here last evening about five o'clock, which resulted in the pilot of a locomotive being badly damaged and a few trifling other injuries being inflicted on the engine. Yard engines nos. 208 and 264 were on converging tracks with trains of cars, and both going in the same direction. No. 208, driven by Mr. Jeremiah Austin, had the start, and Mr. John Dudley, in charge of no. 264, went as far as he could with safety and then reversed with the intention of waiting until the other had passed. Unfortunately, however, he was on a grade and his train was too heavy a one to hold, and the cars forced him against a car belonging to the passing train, smashing his pilot and throwing the engine off the track. The rails were also badly twisted up, and the front truck of the locomotive was somewhat strained. Richard Botterall, the fireman of 264, fearing more serious results, jumped from his engine at the time of the collision and sprained an ankle. The whole damage is estimated at about \$75.

05/06/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The Canadian Pacific Railway pay car passed through here yesterday morning en route for North Bay. It is expected to return to Ottawa again in a few days when the employees will receive another portion of the pay due them.

25/06/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The Canadian Pacific Railway pay car arrived at the station here yesterday and the employees were paid a month's salary in account. Another visit is expected next week.

07/07/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

Picnic at Britannia

The annual picnic of the Christ Church Congregation (Bells Corners) is to take place at the beautiful grove at the above popular summer resort on Wednesday 8th inst. A most enjoyable day is expected. Parties from the city can go and return by train (C.P.R.)

08/07/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The excursion committee of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society met at the Secretary's office last evening and decided to have their annual excursion on 30th July. They intend to go by train to Carleton Place and then by boat up the Mississippi River and Lakes.

10/07/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Several new sleepers and three elegant dining room cars passed through the city the day before yesterday en route for Montreal. They are destined for use on the C.P.R. The sleepers will be placed upon the route at once but the dining room cars will not be used until the road is open to Port Arthur. The cars, which were manufactured by Barney and Smith Manufacturing Company of Dayton, Ohio, are elegantly finished and are to be the finest ever placed on any railway.

25/07/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Arrival of soldiers returning from west. Union Station crowded. "Cut Knife Hills Welcome Home Brave Sharpshooters".

22/08/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The pay car of the CPR which arrived in town on Thursday morning, proceeded up the line yesterday morning after the employees in this city had been paid.

28/08/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

Picnic at Britannia.

Three special trains run from Union station.

16/09/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Carleton Place

New locomotives.

Several heavy locomotives from the Carleton Place workshops have just been placed on the express train service on the C.P.R. They are splendid engines and are fitted with Westinghouse air brakes and other latest and best appliances for safety and speed.

23/09/1885 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The idea of moving the station of the Canadian Pacific is already being mooted as the yard room at present is too small for the convenient transaction of business.

30/09/1885 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Stittsville

As the mixed train for Brockville which leaves this city at 8.30 p.m. was nearing Stittsville on Monday night it ran into a freight train which was standing on the track. The engine of the mixed burst into the van of the freight and telescoped into a box car of barrels just in front of it. Two flat cars were broken to pieces and a tank car was turned crossways on the track. When the driver of the mixed saw the danger he reversed his engine and both he and his fireman jumped. After the collision the engine rebounded and, being reversed, ran back a couple of miles towards Bells Corners taking the telescoped cars along. Conductor King who had charge of the train, telegraphed to this city for an engine to take them on. An engine and wrecking crew were sent out and soon succeeded in clearing the track. The engine of the mixed train was badly damaged. No person was hurt by the accident.

18/11/1885 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

The first through train of Manitoban wheat for this district has arrived and is consigned to Messrs. McKay & Co. of the Chaudiere.

06/01/1886 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

It is said that on the 10th June the first through passenger train will be started by the C.P.R. for Vancouver, British Columbia.

23/03/1886 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The new scheme for making the main approach to the Canadian Pacific railway station through the Richmond road and Ottawa street appears to find considerable favor amongst all classes. It will probably be completed at an early date.

06/05/1886 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The C.P.R. waiting room at the depot is being repaired and painted over a new. The large clock which has been out of order for some time has been sent to Montreal for repairs.

22/06/1886 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

The opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway for traffic from Montreal through to the Pacific coast, which will mark the inception of a new era in Canadian history is now definitely fixed for Monday June 29, a week from next Monday. (NB. Monday was June 28).

22/06/1886 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The Union depot is undergoing a thorough renovation. It has been raised, and a force of painters are at work putting on the last coat of paint. The depot will assume a much improved appearance, when the work is completed.

29/06/1886 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

From ocean to ocean. (extracts)

At Calumet the depot was elaborately decorated and illuminated. A band played popular airs and the large assemblage cheered the arrival and departure of the train. At Point Duchene and other places on the road to Ottawa, bonfires were lighted and houses were illuminated, and everywhere as the train passed it was greeted with local and enthusiastic cheers.

THE SCENE AT OTTAWA

No demonstration was organized in Ottawa to greet the passage of the train which was destined to become historic, but a large number of citizens gathered at the Union Depot last night some time before the time fixed for the arrival and enthusiastic contemplation of the prospect was the rule. The exuberance of the reception afforded the train from the moment of its leaving Montreal delayed it, and it was not until half an hour after the schedule time that its near approach to Ottawa became apparent. Then the pyrotechnic salute was given at the depot, the moving spirits being Messrs. William Porter and Pearce. The train backed into the depot in two sections, one being the through section and the other the regular Toronto train with extra baggage and mail cars attached. The through section consisted of the superb dining car "Holyrood", the sleeping car "Honolulu" two first class coaches and an emigrant sleeper. The crowd gathered at the depot sent no noisy cheers but made up in curiosity or interest what it lacked in exuberance. The cars had no sooner come to a stand still than they were invaded by a host of Ottawaites who eagerly examined the fittings and general arrangements. Many expressions of admiration were heard as the crowd filed through the cars, for the "Holyrood" and "Honolulu" are simply palaces on wheels. A Citizen reporter who went through the train succeeded in finding the first passenger who bought a through sleeping car ticket and in order that posterity may cherish his memory, his name is given. He was Mr. C.I. De Sola of the firm of De Sola and Ascher, Montreal.

The train being late on arrival at Ottawa was speedily sent forward on its journey, taking with it through passengers from this city.

As the cars began to move out of the depot, friendly hands were finally shaken, good wishes were exchanged and with buoyant feelings of patriotic pride the crowd left the depot and dispersed to the four quarters of the city.

Engine No. 300 which brought the train from Montreal was driven by Engineer Barrand, Fireman Maynes. Another engine was coupled on to No. 300 before she left Ottawa. No. 300 gave no outward sign of possession of the Montreal flag, the advent of which had been promised by telegraph.

12/07/1886 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Several Ottawa merchants are at present engaged in negotiating with the CPR authorities with a view to availing themselves of the new facilities offered by the road for the transport of freight to and from the Pacific coast.

02/11/1886 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot chaudiere

The C.P.R. Company is filling in the low stretch leading to Union depot, making it even with the roadway. When completed the job will prove a good one.

08/01/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

Two car loads of tea passed through the city yesterday afternoon on its way to Montreal. This shipment came from China via British Columbia and the C.P.R.

23/02/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

A large shipment of tea arrived in the city yesterday afternoon en route for Quebec where it will be shipped to England. This is one of the first and largest through shipments ever made over the line of the C.P.R. for England.

17/03/1887 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Union Station chaudiere

A very sad accident happened at the Union depot last evening about 10:30 just as the local train from Montreal on the C.P.R. was coming in. When about 50 yards from the station the baggage car ran off the track. Wallace Veitch, the baggageman, was inside, and immediately prepared to jump. Just as he sprang from the car it overturned, and falling upon him crushed him to death. The side of the car was chopped through to get to the body, which was found a shapeless mass, crushed beyond recognition. The sight was a horrible one, and the spectators, of whom a large number had gathered, turned away sickened at the horrible spectacle.

The deceased was a young man having 22 or 23 years of age. He was the son of W.M. Veitch, conductor on the C.P.R. and had himself been employed on that road for three or four years. He had been in the summer months, conductor on the Buckingham branch line which is not operated in the winter. His father was utterly prostrated with grief at the loss of his son and heartfelt sympathy was expressed for him on all sides at the station last evening.

Crushed to death.

Baggage man Veitch's fatal leap from a moving train at the Union Depot.

While the 10:30 train up from Montreal was bowling into the Union Station last evening the baggage train [sic] jumped the track and upset killing the baggage master Mr. Wallace Veitch. The following account was obtained from Mr. James Lee of Buckingham who was in the baggage car at the time the mournful accident occurred.

Wallace Veitch is a young man about 23 years of age and was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as baggage master on the local train between Ottawa and Montreal, his father Mr. W.M. Veitch being conductor on the same train. When the baggage car jumped the track, Veitch immediately jumped up and pulled the bell rope and the car thumped over the ties for about forty feet and then stopped for about half a minute, then went on again, the engineer supposing everything was all right. The baggage car began to run over the ties again and Veitch sprang to the door opened it and jumped out just as the car toppled and fell over. The poor man never uttered a cry, the car falling upon him and instantly killing him. As far as could be judged the car continued dragging along on its side for about 40 feet when it stopped. All this time Lee was inside the car and was badly bruised by the trunks and other baggage which pinned him to the car floor. After the train stopped the car door was broken open and Mr. Lee taken out. Veitch's body was also extracted from underneath the car, it having been dragged 40 feet. The body was frightfully mangled and was almost unrecognizable. It was a heartrending scene to see poor Veitch's father when he saw the mangled body of his son. The body of the unfortunate man was taken to the Station house, where it remained until this morning, when it was removed to the residence of the father of the deceased. No cause whatever is known for the car jumping the track, none of the switches being open, as it was only the baggage car which left the track.

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RAN INTO THE REAR

A C.P.R. Passenger Train Overtakes Some Freight Cars and an Accident Ensues

A collision occurred early this morning shortly after midnight near Bells Corners, between the regular Toronto train from Montreal which left at 8 p.m., and the freight train also going west. The passenger train left the Union Station at about 11.45, and when nearing Bell's Corners overtook and collided with the freight. It appears that six of the cars from the freight train, which was in front of the passenger, got loose and were not observed by the conductor for some time. On becoming aware of the fact and knowing that the passenger train was behind, he immediately went back intending to signal the approaching train but was too late, as the collision had occurred. The engine of the passenger train was thrown off the track, the plucky engineer reversing his engine quickly, holding fast to his post and escaping uninjured. Several of the cars on the freight train contained vitriol, tar coal oil and pork and when the collision occurred telescope to each other, sending the oil, which became ignited, over everything. The freight cars were in a few minutes a complete mass of burning ruins, all being enveloped in flames. A man was immediately despatched to Bell's Corners and telegraphed to Ottawa for an engine which brought back the passenger train to Ottawa. Strange to say, many of the passengers in the sleepers did not awake, and if every effort had not been made to pull back the train a serious accident might have followed. None of the passengers were injured, but those in the cars nearest the engine was severely shaken up. The passengers remained in the cars on arriving at the Union Station till this morning when the majority of them, who were stopping at hotels, returns to them. A message was received from Bell's Corners about 10 a.m. stating that the road would be clear in an hour. According to the statements of one of the passengers the flames reached about 40 feet in the air, the oil having saturated everything. Among the passengers on board were Mr. John Small, MP, of Toronto, Mr. J. Barrack, of Toronto, Mr. Charles Moss, QC, of Toronto, J.B. Carlisle, Toronto, Mr. Ellis, of barlow & Ellis, paper manufacturers, of Toronto, Mr. R Douglas, Barrister, of Chatham, William Kerr, of Messrs. Christy & Kerr, Toronto, and a number of others.

A wrecking train went out to the scene of the accident early this morning with a gang of men to clear the track. Assistant General Superintendent Spencer went with the train.

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Freight cars caught fire --

Engine sent for and brought passenger cars back to Ottawa -- More

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Railway Smash Up.

Serious Collision of an Express and Freight.

A passenger who was on board the midnight Toronto Express which collided on Thursday last with part of a freight train, a few miles east of Stittsville, thus describes the collision: "we left Ottawa on Thursday evening last, and having passed the flight station at Britannia, all was deemed right and the train proceeded ahead. We had travelled but a short distance when all of a sudden our progress were suddenly chequered by a violent crash, the passengers being badly shaken up and in a few cases slightly wounded. When all had recovered from the shock the whole party started to investigate, with the result that we found we collided with a freight train which had been left on the track, in one of the cars of the freight crushed in was oil of vitriol and other inflammable liquids which were soon in flames, consuming ten freight cars and threatened also to destroy our train. Making the best of a bad job, for the night was pitch dark, a strong wind blowing and in a blinding snowstorm, we dispatched a man to Stittsville to telegraph to Ottawa for aid, and set about uncoupling the cars. Several hours passed away, and then came seven o'clock and with it the long-expected help from Ottawa. Without any further loss of time the train was made up and we were brought back to Ottawa, arriving at eight o'clock" Several different accounts are given as to how the accident happened. One story is that the conductor of the freight train finding that the upgrade to Stittsville was too much for his iron horse, ordered the engineer to take up one half of the cars to Stittsville and return for the other cars sending at the same time a man with a lantern to signal the passenger train. It is asserted, however by the engineer of the passenger train that no signal could be seen and his statement is corroborated by that of the fireman. A closed investigation of the cause of the accident would likely be made by the energetic offices of the company and ere long the public will know who is to blame for the accident.

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Bells Corners

The CPR mishap.

An erroneous report of injury to passengers.

In the report of the pitch-in on the CPR near Stittsville on Friday morning, which appeared in the citizen on Saturday, it was stated on the authority of one of the passengers, that those on the westbound train we're "badly shaken up, and in a few cases slightly wounded." This appears not to have been the case, the fact being that at the time the passenger train ran into the stationary freight cars it was going very slow, and having an exceptionally heavy engine, which is always used on account of the heavy grade on this part of the line, the passenger cars hardly felt the shock at all. No passenger was injured in any way, and the damage done was slight. Intelligence of the mishap having been promptly sent to Ottawa, a wrecking train was at once dispatched. Mr. H. B. Spencer, the assistant superintendent, went out with it, and saw that the passengers were put two as little inconvenience as possible. They were all brought back to Ottawa where every attention was shown them until the track was cleared and they were able to proceed upon their way. The railways have passed through an exceedingly trying winter, and many unavoidable interruptions to travel have occurred on the CPR in common with other roads, but in this connection the officials have earned nothing but praise for the energy and courtesy they have displayed in looking after the wants of the delayed passengers. A city gentleman who was on board the passenger train was seen on Saturday, and stated that several of the passengers were not even disturbed from their slumbers by the incident, and that the reports published were exaggerated.

09/04/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

Forty-two car loads of tea passed through the city on the line of the C.P.R. on Thursday afternoon for Montreal. The tea was shipped direct from China via Victoria and the C.P.R.

14/05/1887 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere water

Mr. Spencer has written the Waterworks Committee offering to pay \$1,000 per year for the supply of water for the C.P.R. engines and wanting a contract for that amount. The original agreement was \$60 per engine, 15 being the number calculated, but it appears that 25 were last year watered in place of the number paid for. Mr. Surtees has been instructed to write to the C.P.R. asking them to pay at the original rate of \$60 per engine. The company are thinking of building a water tank of their own for the supply of their engines.

25/05/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

The railway station is still neglected by the C.P.R. people; no platform - no name - not even a shed to protect from the rain those waiting for the cars.

14/06/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

The C.P.R. have just completed a cattle shed for the shipment of livestock from this station, but there is no appearance yet of any improvements for the residents, who have sometimes to wait for the trains.

04/07/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place silk

A carload of silk en route to New York from Japan passed through here on the C.P.R. a few days ago.

28/07/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union depot

The Canadian Pacific Railroad Company have commenced to make a small addition to their freight sheds at the Union depot for the accommodation of small freight.

09/08/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union depot chaudiere

A yard engine and freight car got off the track at the Union Station yesterday afternoon. The mishap occurred on the Y used for turning down passenger trains. When the Toronto express boomed along on time as usual at 5.25 p.m. the cars had to be shunted severally in the yard and the engine turned on a table. Very few minutes were lost in the operation.

24/08/1887 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

One of the engines at the round house at the C.P.R. depot came sliding down to the turntable today and pitched quietly in. It took a gang of workmen some little time to "jack" it out again. It appears that after having been cleaned the throttle valve of the locomotive had been left open and this caused the occurrence.

28/09/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union depot xchaudiere

The C.P.R. Company are making extensive repairs to their locomotive sheds at the Union depot.

30/09/1887 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

Seven engines have left the C.P.R. station for the Algoma branch. As most of the engineers and firemen are married, there will be a great reduction in business receipts and empty houses in the Flats in consequence.

06/10/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have completed the work of getting in their winter coal supply for use on the line during the winter months. There is now stored at the Union Depot 50,000 tons of soft coal.

08/10/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Richmond Road

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have replaced the gate at the railway crossing on Richmond Road with a new one. The old one was broken about a week ago by a freight train.

21/10/1887 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

Several engines left today for the Algoma branch.

27/10/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot chaudiere

Last week a fire occurred in the winter supply of coal at the C.P.R. depot, which amounts to about 50,000 tons. The fire is still smoldering and several streams of water are playing on it all the time. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

09/11/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot chaudiere

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have just completed the construction at Union Depot of a large platform scale, the platform of which is supplied with rails, and the cars wheeled on to it. They are used for weighing coal and other freight.

23/11/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have a number of workmen engaged making repairs to the company's round house at the Union depot.

12/12/1887 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot

The C.P.R. company have a gang of men engaged constructing a new side track from the Union Depot to the locomotive turn house. This is to accommodate a larger number of locomotives.

09/01/1888 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Yesterday morning a funeral special with Mr. H.B. Spencer and between four and five hundred railway employees went to Brockville to attend the funeral of Engineer Charles Atkinson. The engine was completely draped in black. The deceased's body came down on the Winnipeg train and thence to Brockville.

08/03/1888 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place silk

Two car loads of silk valued at \$300,000 passed through the city yesterday inbound via the Canadian Pacific Railway. It came direct from Yokohama, Japan and is consigned to a house in New York.

13/03/1888 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot chaudiere

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have a number of workmen rebuilding a portion of the brick wall of the old locomotive sheds which were knocked down last week by a heavy freight locomotive backing against it.

03/05/1888 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Britannia

There are some 500 people already out at Britannia for the summer. They are applying to the C.P.R. railway to grant them a local train and also to put up some sort of a shelter at the station.

03/05/1888 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

The Canadian Pacific Railway have a large gang of men working between Ottawa and Carleton Place reballasting their track which in places has been washed out by spring rains.

01/08/1888 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Skeads Mill

Skead's mills on the Richmond road were consumed by fire this afternoon.--The Eddy fire engine left for the scene by special train on the C.P.R. shortly before 3 o'clock. -- Owned by E.B. Eddy, known as Eddy's South Shore mill --

02/11/1888 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

At the C.P.R. station this afternoon a very interesting and curious trial was made of a new track weighing machine.

21/12/1888 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Union Depot chaudiere

A fire occurred last night in a shed belonging to the C.P.R. company at the union station used for drying sand and heating oil. It was extinguished with little difficulty by the brigade. The loss will be about \$300. The fire is supposed to have occurred from a defective chimney.

21/01/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa

A lady passenger on the west bound train on the C.P.R. last evening became a mother shortly after the train left Ottawa. She was removed from the car at Almonte where she will remain until ready to continue her journey to California whither she was bound to join her husband.

29/04/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

Commencing Wednesday May 1st, trains will leave Britannia at 8 a.m. for Ottawa and leave Ottawa for Britannia in addition to regular train service.

03/05/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

New timetable advertisement effective this date.

12.20 Pacific Express.

04.30 Atlantic Express via Montreal

07.00 Montreal local

07.45 Prescott

11.35 Brockville/Perth, Toronto

11.45 Boston Express via Montreal

13.45 New York via Prescott

13.50 Sault Ste. Marie, St. Paul and Minneapolis

16.40 Montreal Express

20.30 Carleton Place, Smiths Falls and Brockville

22.45 Western Express - Kingston, Toronto and points west

In addition to main line trains a suburban service is advertised.

Aylmer leaving 09.30, 12.40 and 5.00 p.m.

Britannia leaving 07.40, 11.35, 13.50, 18.00, 20.30 and 22.45.

20/05/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street chaudiere

The C.P.R. station policemen are waging war on a crowd of watch peddlars who infest the station platform and dupe the uninitiated.

20/05/1889 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

Britannia entirely outdistances Aylmer in the matter of train accommodation. The C.P.R. management has shown its liberality by putting on the "special" six weeks earlier than last year, and the train has been well patronized. What the company wants to do, however, is to erect a decent station house, the increasing popularity of Britannia as a health resort warranting something better than the little cabin which does duty as waiting room, telegraph office, etc. At the very least a respectable shed ought to be erected to protect passengers from sun or rain while waiting for the train.

A melancholy affair took place a few days ago. One of the curiosities of Britannia was County Crown Attorney Mosgrove's three legged dog Jumbo. Jumbo had the audacity to try a round with the Toronto express and was knocked out at the first blow. The villagers gave him a decent burial, and a little mound opposite the station house with suitable memorial at its head, and the inscription on the fence, "here lies poor Jumbo," should be a warning to bipeds as well as quadrupeds not to fool with the trains.

04/06/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street chaudiere

The first through train from Minneapolis and St. Paul over the C.P.R. "Soo" line rolled into Ottawa at 11.20 this morning, not only on time but a few minutes "too previous". This notwithstanding a slight mishap the air brake of the coach having broken down. The train consisted of dining, sleeping and passenger cars, a colonist sleeper, and large new baggage car bearing an inscription of the new route. This train, although through from Minneapolis had no through passengers but was started on in order to open up the line to the east. The first regular train left Minneapolis last night, reaching the Soo this morning and will pass through Ottawa to-night.

08/07/1889 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

It is said the C.P.R. intend [sic] shortly building an extensive station at Britannia, and the erection of a handsome hotel at Sandy Beach is also spoken of.

10/07/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street chaudiere

The C.P. Ry. had a large staff at work on Sunday last repairing the line in the neighbourhood of the depot at the Chaudiere.

04/10/1889 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Britannia

The extra suburban trains that have been running all summer to Britannia will be discontinued after October 10th next and residents of that suburb will have to accommodate themselves to the regular ordinary trains.

30/12/1889 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

CPR timetable advertisement does not show a specific service to Britannia, only to Aylmer.

04/06/1890 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Arrival of Prince Arthur, Duke and Duchess of Connaught at C.P.R. depot at 1.15 p.m. -- the locomotive was gaily dressed with bunting and flags.

01/08/1890 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Mills Argue, for some time a member of the city police force, has resigned that position, having been appointed constable at the C.P.R. station, vice Constable Johnston who has been promoted to the position of baggage master. Both the new appointment and the promotion are well deserved by the recipients.

13/10/1890 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

CPR timetable advertisement shows trains to Britannia at 7:45; 11:35, 15:40; 18:00; 20:00 and 22:45. Afternoon train leaves at 13:45.

14/03/1891 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place silk

Two car loads of fine silk en route from China to England passed through the city on the Winnipeg train yesterday.

17/04/1891 Renfrew Mercury Carleton Place Westboro

The property known as Skead's "Mills," Nepean, about two miles west of Ottawa, containing about 69 acres, has been purchased by the C.P.R. for the sum of \$15,000. It is not yet known what use will be made of the property, but it is said that the Company will expend about \$25,000 this spring and summer; and contemplate, also, erecting a fine station there, making the place a summer resort.

08/06/1891 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

New CPR timetable advertisement - similar trains to Britannia as previously.

10/06/1891 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

Account of the funeral of Sir John A. Macdonald. Queen Street West and so to the depot. Also covered in the Ottawa Free Press:

-consisted of one buffet car for representatives of the press, government private cars - "Ottawa" and "Cumberland" for cabinet ministers, Canadian Pacific car No. 417, specially fitted up for the remains, Canadian Pacific private car "Matapedia" for Lady MacDonald and family. All the cars are heavily draped. These are the only cars going in the funeral train today but tomorrow there will be one or two specials with senators, members of parliament and others going to Kingston.

11/06/1891 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Funeral of Sir John A. MacDonald.

At the station

Every foot of space about the railway station was occupied by the great concourse gathered to see the last sad scene in the state pageant. It was a crowd that recked not the pouring rain --

The train which was to carry the remains from the Capital was waiting at the depot draped in black and decked out in trappings appropriate to the mournful mission. It was made up of six cars, the hindmost one the official coach "Matapedia" being reserved for the chief mourners and the clergy. Next in front was the funeral car. This was an express coach. The side door next to the platform was open, and from it led a broad gangway covered with carpet. The interior was heavily draped in black, being all around the sides, and the roof was canopied as well, leaving but a single centre space, wherein was put a single white shaded lamp. Below it, on the centre of the carpeted floor was a low pedestal designed to hold the casket. The cars proceeding it were the "Ottawa" and the "Cumberland" for the Ministers of State, and two others for the parliamentary party and the Kingston delegates headed by Mayor Drennan. The entire train was heavily hung with mourning symbols, and the engine too was decked in black.

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The engine was No. 283 with J. Hollyoak as driver; H. Fraser, fireman, H. Moore, conductor; J. Kelley, baggageman; John Woods and David White, brakemen; and E. White, trainmaster.--

Second car was 416.

Third car "Carillon", fourth car "Ottawa", fifth car "Cumberland" The sixth car contained the casket, the seventh car "Matapedia"--

Stops were made at Carleton Place, Smiths Falls, Perth and Sharbot Lake.

See also the entry for 10 March 1939

22/07/1891 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

A gang of men are engaged in putting in a rough stone bed in the C.P.R. yard at the Union depot, so as to make a foundation for filling in the space between the platforms. This will effect a great improvement, as the low level of the yard had always formed a mud hole in wet weather.

23/10/1891 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

CPR is about to put a fence down the middle of Broad Street from the aqueduct bridge near Wellington to Oregon. Reason - to keep cabmen outside the yard.

03/03/1892 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Stittsville

Accident to the Brockville train this morning.

As a result of an accident on the CPR at Stittsville the Brockville mixed train, due here at 8.55 this morning did not arrive till 11.30. While running into Stittsville station the train went through an open switch and dashed into a number of freight cars standing on the siding.

More.

03/03/1892 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

The C.P.R are erecting a large derrick at the Union Depot for loading stone upon the cars.

30/04/1892 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

The C.P.R. suburban train service to Britannia commences on Monday and will be the same as last year.

02/05/1892 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Britannia

The C.P.R company commenced running the suburban trains to Aylmer and Britannia today. The hours for departing and arriving are the same as for last season.

24/06/1892 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street chaudiere

During the past few days decided improvements have been noticeable in the vicinity of the C.P.R. depot. Ald. Scrim, to the letter of the contract, has converted the space fenced in at the front of the depot to a veritable flower garden, and the authorities are instrumental in enhancing the appearance of the place, and abating the annoyance to passengers by keeping the hackmen on their new stand on Ottawa street until called for.

18/07/1892 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

In connection with the rumored probability of the erection of new C.P.R. workshops at Skead's Mills, Mr. H.B. Spencer, superintendent of the eastern district states that he has no intimation so far of such a project. The property owned by the company at that place is at present being utilized for sidings. If shops were even to be erected in this section at all, he said, it would likely be at that place as the site is a splendid one for the purpose.

30/07/1892 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The fire brigade were called out last evening at about half past five, in the roof of the C.P.R Union depot. For a time the blaze looked very threatening but the railway company's hose and other provisions in each depot in case of fire, were soon at work and soon had the blaze almost extinguished before the reels arrived. No damage was done except that the roof was slightly destroyed.

17/08/1892 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The offices at the Union depot are being thoroughly overhauled and repaired. The second class waiting room was completed this morning and certainly looks better than it ever did before. It looks clean and neat and will be found much more comfortable by those having to use it than it has hitherto.

16/09/1892 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Bells Corners**

A young lady of Gloucester st. recently bought a first class ticket for Bells Corners at the C.P.R. ticket office at the depot. When she presented it to the conductor shortly after the train left the city, he threw it back in her lap, saying gruffly, "We don't stop at Bell's Corners, you'll have to get off at Britannia." The lady replied that she had bought the ticket and he must let her off there. The conductor said the agent had no right to sell her a ticket for Bell's Corners as it was no longer used, and walked off.

The lady thought she had right on her side, but for fear of being carried past the Corners decided to get off at Britannia and find someone to drive her the rest of the way. As she was getting off the conductor came up and said she could get on again and he would stop for her. She did so, and the train stopped that day at the old tumble down station at Bell's Corners.

She says she thinks the agent who sold her the ticket was a new man or a temporary hand, as she has since heard that the company has not for some time been in the habit of selling tickets to the Corners except on the fair days, and then it is quite a favor.

Bell's Corners used to be a station, but as the C.P.R. could not come to terms for the purchase of the land to made the road to connect the station and the traveled road, for the convenience of the passengers, they shut the station up. At present the station can only be reached by a forbidden short cut through a field owned by a man who has a board up threatening prosecution, or by a circuitous route of a mile or more, by which vehicles cannot go.

19/09/1892 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The C.P.R. is laying a new platform at the Union depot from the end of their Soo platform to the old platform where the menageries and circuses always stop.

22/12/1892 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa Broad Street**

A new safety switch has just been patented by J.P. Kelly, section foreman on the Canadian Pacific railway and Jos. Leslie, the new roadmaster on the Parry Sound railway both of Ottawa. The inventor is Mr. J.P. Kelly. It is claimed for the new invention that it will positively prevent derailment from an open switch. The patent is adaptable to both single and double switches. It stated trials have been made which prove the anti derailing qualities of the switch. In addition to its sureness it is claimed to be light in weight and easily worked. It is said the C.P.R. will make a test of the new invention with a view to its adoption.

24/04/1893 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Britannia**

The C.P.R. suburban service between Ottawa and Britannia and Ottawa and Buckingham will commence on 1st of May.

25/04/1893 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Richmond Road chaudiere**

There is to be a much needed improvement in the C.P.R. crossing on the Richmond Road. A great deal of time has been lost of late when trains were crossing, owing to the man on duty having a long way to walk to attend to the switches and gates. Mr. Spencer has been spoken to, and all using the crossing will be glad to hear that he at once investigated the matter and new gates to work the switches automatically as they open and shut are now being constructed and will soon be placed in condition.

15/05/1893 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

An addition is being made to the baggage shed at the C.P.R. Union depot by means of which the space for storage of baggage will be much enlarged.

13/07/1893 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Chaudiere wood**

The coal hoist which has been in the course of erection at the southern end of the C.P.R. yards, is just about completed. It will be ready for filling the tenders within a few days time.

18/08/1893 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

When the improvements now in progress are finished the ladies waiting room at the C.P.R depot will be one of the coziest station apartments on the whole line. The walls have been prettily tinted, the ceilings frescoed and the floor laid with an expensive carpet. In addition to the three large plush trimmed settees just put in, there will be easy chairs and tables, and it is Assistant Superintendent Spencer's intention to have a woman in charge of the room.

22/08/1893 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Britannia**

The residents of Britannia appreciate the action of the C.P.R. in placing a number of nice seats at the station there.

02/10/1893 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

Assistant Superintendent Spencer has had a new stand fixed up for the cab men at the C.P.R. station. A neat shelter has also been provided and the company will supply fuel to heat it comfortably during the winter, the idea being to afford the hackmen such accommodation as will remove the necessity for the invasion of the station platform.

25/01/1894 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Chaudiere wood**

The Canadian Pacific railway is completing the erection of the steam coal hoist in the Chaudiere yards which was started last summer. The engine tenders can take on then supplies of coal very much more quickly by this new method. It is expected that the apparatus will be in running order in a couple of weeks.

08/03/1894 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Chaudiere wood**

A new apparatus at the Union depot which has been in the course of construction since last summer, has commenced operations. This is the coal hoist which fills the tenders of all engines in the yard. The necessary coal for an engine can be taken on in a very short time. The power for hoisting the coal is supplied from a neighboring engine.

30/04/1894 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Britannia**

The CPR summer service to Britannia and Aylmer will start May 15.

19/06/1894 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place**

New rails have been placed on the CPR between the city and Bell's Corners.

21/08/1894 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place**

The CPR are laying new rails on their line between here and Smiths Falls. Over one hundred men are at work.

25/08/1894 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Britannia**

The C.P.R. officials have installed an operator at Britannia, George Pit, and intend ballasting thoroughly between Ottawa and Carleton Junction.

One cow killed a score - see drawing also.

There was a wholesale butchery of cattle on the C.P.R. track at Britannia at an early hour this morning through the derailing of a stock train from the Northwest. The train was composed of about twenty-five cars which were filled with more than three hundred head of cattle bound for the English stock market.

As the train was passing through Britannia at twelve minutes past three this morning the engineer noted a cow lying on the crossing only a few yards west of the station. He whistled several times but the animal refused to move, and as the train was travelling at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, it could not be controlled in time to avert striking the animal.

STRUCK THE ANIMAL

When the engine struck the cow, instead of being knocked off the track, the animal got under the cow catcher. It was dragged along under the engine for about one hundred yards rolled up in a ball. Then the cow got before the trucks of the first car of the train and soon the front trucks of this car were wrenched off, and the car and seventeen others that followed filled with their living freight were thrown into the ditch.

AN APPALLING SCENE

The scene which followed is described by an eye witness as appalling.

The groans of the dying cattle could be heard fully a mile away. So pitiful were their moans that they caused one to shudder. Many of the cattle were killed outright, their bodies being horribly mutilated. Others were pinned beneath the timbers of the wrecked train in dreadful suffering.

The train hands and those in charge of the cattle had nothing else to do than to cut the throats of these animals.

Other cattle that were injured beyond hope of recovery were killed on the spot that their flesh might be bought by the city butchers and thus the owner of them recover something that he would not have done had they been left to die.

More

City butchers informed.

Wrecking trains arrive. Track cleared shortly after one o'clock this afternoon.

255 head of cattle belonging to Mr. Gordon Ironside, Calgary and three carloads of forty-three belonging to Mr. J. McMullen of Prince Albert. McMullen's shipment was on the rear of the train and was not affected. Of the Ironside shipment, twenty-two were killed, four butchered and three disabled.

More crew details - locomotive No. 282 was rerailed with jacks.

Also covered in Ottawa Free Press same date.

05/11/1894 *Ottawa Free Press**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

For the convenience of passengers travelling by Canadian Pacific railway two large signs have been placed at the Union Depot announcing the arrival and departure of C.P.R. trains. This improvement seems to have been appreciated by the travelling public and does away with a great deal of unnecessary questioning of the station constable.

08/02/1895 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Britannia*

Station Agent Mccammond's house at Britannia that was burned down on Wednesday was insured for \$300. All the furniture was saved.

NB - this may not be the station.

03/05/1895 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Britannia*

Yesterday it was intimated that the probable time for the leaving Britannia of the morning train would be 8.30 as desired by a majority of those interested and this is the hour fixed upon the local service having been begun yesterday; and the former afternoon local will now be an evening one, leaving Ottawa at 9.40 and Britannia at 10 o'clock, thus bringing in after an evening's enjoyment, those who may go out to visit friends in the afternoon. No better arrangement could be desired and Mr. Spencer deserves thanks those interested say, for his consideration for the Burghers and their friends.

13/09/1895 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Britannia*

The C.P.R. authorities having taken in hand the prosecution of the rowdies who violently assaulted the station agent at Britannia, they will now likely receive their just deserts.

14/11/1895 *Ottawa Free Press**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

The Canadian Pacific depot is in ashes. It was the scene of a fierce blaze which raged from 6 o'clock this morning steadily for more than two hours. The building was of wood and therefore of an inflammable nature affording every inducement for a big fire.

Full description.--

The C.P.R. depot was once before the scene of a conflagration but escaped the big conflagration at the Chaudiere a few years ago when the hotel opposite and many of the surrounding frame structures were destroyed.--

14/11/1895 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

CPR depot burnt.

Four charred walls are all that remains to show that there was once a C.P.R. depot in Ottawa. The building was almost totally destroyed by fire about six o'clock this morning.

A lot more with drawing - get a copy.

15/11/1895 *Ottawa Free Press**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

General Superintendent C.W. Spencer of Montreal arrived in the city last evening in connection with the disastrous fire at the Central station yesterday forenoon, which has brought such a considerable loss on the Canadian Pacific Railway company. He went over the wrecked building in company with the divisional superintendent and seemed to be much of the same opinion as the latter in regard to the practicability of carrying our repairs on the present edifice. It is too far ruined to allow of being put together again without first being torn to the ground.

Mr. C.W. Spencer confirms the statement in last night's Free Press that the idea of removing the traffic to the proposed central depot without going to the expense of putting up a temporary station at the Chaudiere is impossible under existing circumstances.--

One thing is certain that a new station house of some kind will be put up at the present depot although the chances are that the site will be altered slightly. In the meantime a rough building will be put together on the platform between the present station house and the Express company building. This will be done at once and until it is completed a couple of first class coaches will have to serve to accommodate waiting passengers.

The ticket office at the station, which was completely destroyed, will be reopened at once, but until all arrangements in that connection are made intending passengers will have to purchase their tickets at the top town office.

The telegraphic service was completely restored yesterday afternoon with all points and is working in first class order, only the line business being managed from the station.

Insurance, investigation etc.

15/11/1895 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

Passengers from the west had rather a warm reception at the C.P.R. station yesterday morning. When the Montreal express steamed in at six o'clock the station building was all ablaze. It made a furious fire. The structure, entirely of wood, burned up like a bonfire. More.

Several times the main freight shed, just across the tracks, took fire but the watchfulness of the brigade prevented the spread of the flames. More.

C.A.R. offered the use of Elgin Street station but this would interfere with the operation of the railway.

15/11/1895 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

No decision yet on rebuilding the depot or whether CPR will run into Central depot.

18/11/1895 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The action of the Canadian Pacific railway company does not point in the direction of the Union depot long remaining the only station that company will possess in Ottawa, and there are many surmises today that the order given out from headquarters imply a move on the part of the company in the direction of finding an entry to the city by such a route as will enable the line to make use of the new central station at no distant date.

This morning a gang of workmen started operations at the scene of the late fire and instead of pulling down the partially burned building they are now busily engaged in repairing it in such a manner as will make it serviceable for some time to come. The first information was that a new station would be built with enlarged accommodation but a change appears to have come over the plans of the company with the result that apparently points to another and much better entry to the city.

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19/11/1895 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

Mr. H.B. Spencer, divisional superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway, stated this morning that it would be a full month before the Union depot building would be completed. The edifice will be built on exactly the same lines as the one which was destroyed. Two coaches have been placed on one of the sidings and are used for the accommodation of those awaiting trains.

22/11/1895 *Brockville Recorder* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The C.P.R. passenger depot was completely destroyed by fire this morning, about six o'clock. The fire started between the restaurant and the agent's office, and spread so rapidly that little or nothing was saved. The dispatchers' office, superintendent's office and baggage room were completely destroyed. There was considerable baggage and some mail matter consumed. The buildings on the opposite side of the street were badly scorched. The origin of the fire is unknown as yet. The buildings were covered by insurance.

23/11/1895 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The burnt sheeting on the old C.P.R. station is nearly all torn away and work is rapidly progressing in fitting the building up for occupancy. In the meantime cars are used for waiting rooms etc., for which purpose they answer splendidly.

04/12/1895 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The C.P.R. depot has a new roof now and work is going on at present on the inside fixings. It will not be long before it is completed.

23/01/1896 *Ottawa Free Press* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The Canadian Pacific depot will be ready for reopening in a few days. The carpenters have about finished and the painters are hustling the work consistent with a good job. Mr. H.B. Spencer is doing everything to facilitate the comfort of travellers and hopes to have everything in good shape by Monday.

29/01/1896 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The C.P.R. station recently burnt by fire was reopened yesterday. The apartments which suffered have been fitted up in a better shape than before.

29/01/1896 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The C.P.R. station was re-opened again yesterday.

31/01/1896 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

The C.P.R. company officials are vacating the quarters occupied by them in the Ontario Chambers since the fire at the station, and taking up their offices again at the station.

18/03/1896 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Britannia**

The Toronto express due here about 6 o'clock this morning had a narrow escape from being ditched a short distance west of Britannia.

About half past five o'clock, while descending the grade from Bells Corners at a speed of fifty miles an hour, the side rod of the engine broke. The driving wheels of the engine were instantly derailed and in this dangerous condition the engine plunged along for 2,500 feet, almost half a mile, the broken side rod inserting deep holes into the frozen earth and threatening to derail the train at every revolution. The spokes of the driving wheels bumping along over the ties were smashed out and a hole was stove into the boiler from which all the steam escaped. That the train escaped being ditched is indeed remarkable.

Fireman's narrow escape.

When the side rod broke it dashed through the cabin of the engine just missing striking the fireman who was sitting on his bench. Had it hit him he would have instantly been killed. As the engine plunged along the driving wheels cut off the bolts that joined the rails together as clean as if it had been done by a steel cutter. The truck wheels of the engine kept the track or a more serious accident would have had to be reported.

The train was an unusually long one and had a large number of passengers on board among them Clarke Wallace, M.P., Park Commissioners Christie and Askwith of Ottawa.

Wrecking Train Out

A wrecking train was sent out from the city to bring in the express and the disabled engine. The train arrived in Ottawa two and a half hours late.

Praise for the Hands

Edgar Willis, Secretary of the Board of Trade of Toronto, who was a passenger on the train, telegraphed Sir Wm. Van Horne an acknowledgement of the bravery of the engineer and fireman who stuck to their posts, thus averting what would have been a very serious accident.

Also reported in Ottawa Free Press, same date.

13/04/1896 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Bells Corners**

Passengers on the C.P.R. train from the west on Saturday morning reported that while running across a field to catch the train at Bells Corners two young men got into a ditch and one sank to his chin in the slush. His companion assisted him out. They missed the train.

07/05/1896 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place**

The summer suburban service to Britannia and Aylmer goes into effect on Sunday next.

03/08/1896 *Ottawa Citizen* **Carleton Place** **Ottawa, Broad Street**

Station constable Robillard is having more trouble with hens scratching in the flower beds alongside of the station. The constable, who pays great attention to the flowers, purposes obtaining a little shot gun for the feathered intruders.

07/08/1896 *Ottawa Journal* **Carleton Place** **Britannia**

Three waggon loads of cheese were delivered here yesterday and passed on to Montreal in the afternoon. The boxes numbered 79, each weighing about 75 pounds, and were from the factory of Mr. Everett on the Bearman Farm. The shipping of dairy goods from this point is a new feature of the activities of the place and points to the need of improved accommodation at the station for both people and products.

17/11/1896 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Mr. Hugh Fitzpatrick, late of the Hull Electric Railway, has been appointed constable at the C.P.R. station as successor to Mr. F. Cowan who has been appointed baggage master.

20/11/1896 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Chaudiere

The C.P.R. weigh scale building at the Union station was blown down in the wind storm Wednesday night. The debris was removed yesterday.

08/07/1897 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Britannia

Commencing Friday evening, July 9th, and every Thursday (could be Tuesday), Friday and Saturday until further notice, special trains will leave Britannia at 9.50 p.m., arriving Ottawa at 10 p.m.

13/08/1897 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Britannia

A number of city youths summering at Britannia were charged before County Magistrate Smith this morning with assaulting the station agent on a recent occasion. It seems the boys were in the station waiting for the 10.33 p.m. train from Ottawa and were ordered out by the agent. Hot words were followed by blows and the magistrate settled it by fining one defendant and dismissing the charges against the two others.

02/09/1897 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Special celebration to greet Sir Wilfred Laurier on his homecoming. He arrived over the CPR at the Union depot.

14/10/1897 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Stittsville

Collision between Toronto express and a freight train about three miles on the Ottawa side of Stittsville. See accident file. Also reported in the Ottawa Free Press, same date.

15/10/1897 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Stittsville

Drawing of the wreck,

15/10/1897 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Stittsville

Head on collision two miles this side of Stittsville 4 killed.

SERIOUS C.P.R. COLLISION

TORONTO EXPRESS DASHES INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN.

The Accident Took Place Two Miles this Side of Stittsville-What Walter Kavanagh Heard While in the Station at Stittsville-Evidence Given Before the Coroner's Jury Last Evening.

A "head-on" collision with fatal results occurred early yesterday morning on the C.P.R. about two miles east of Stittsville, and 13 miles from Ottawa. The express train from Toronto, due to arrive here at 5.50 a.m., collided with a freight train going west. Both trains were running at a high rate of speed. There are four deaths as the result of the accident:

Frank Larondeau, Ottawa, engineer of the express, found dead under the debris.

Robert Peden, mail clerk, Ottawa.

James Hastey, Carleton Place, front brakeman on freight train.

H. Kearney, of Cantley, Quebec.

The injured are: Alex. McQuaig, of Carleton Place, engineer of the freight train, leg broken; H. Kavanagh, fireman, also of Carleton Place, scratched and bruised; and P. J. Fleming, of Cantley, Que, who was with Kearney.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

The accident occurred at 5.27, as is indicated by Larondeau's watch having stopped at that time. It was foggy, and Engineer McQuaig, of the freight train, says he could not see a yard ahead. The two trains were running at full speed. The place where the accident happened is about half way between Stittsville station and a curve in the road about three miles east. The freight was a heavy one, and had been divided into two parts at Bell's Corners in order to run up the heavy grade between that place and Stittsville. The first half had been taken as far as Stittsville and orders should have been left there for the express to wait at Stittsville till the freight came up with the second section. It was the duty, it is said, of brakeman Hastey to have stayed by the section of the freight sidetracked at Stittsville, in order to flag any train from the west. Instead, he went back with the freight engine to Bell's Corners. However, Walter Kavanagh testified before the coroner's jury last night that he heard someone, presumably the conductor of the freight train, tell the station agent at Stittsville, Marion [sic] McNish, not to allow the express train to pass until the freight train had been made up.

AN AWFUL CRASH.

The Toronto train was sharp on time, and the two trains met with a crash that was heard a mile away. At the place where the collision occurred the freight had just got over the grade and was running for Stittsville at a good speed.

The two engines met at united speed of about ninety miles an hour. As they struck they reared up on end, the hind drivers meeting. Both locomotives then toppled over on the south side of the track. Four freight cars, three of them empty cattle cars, were driven on past the engines and piled in a heap on the north side of the track. Two of these cars are broken into kindling wood. The other two can be repaired.

On the rear of the passenger train the shock was scarcely felt. The mail car, in which were Peden and F. Birchall, also a mail clerk, was badly broken up.

SAW THE DANGERS, Engineer Alex. McQuaig, of the freight, and his fireman, H. Kavanagh, heard the express coming thundering down upon them just as they rounded the curve. The driver reversed his engine and put on the steam brake. Then both men jumped for their lives. McQuaig came off with his right leg broken near the ankle. Kavanagh was more fortunate, sustaining only a few, bruises and a cut over one of his eyes.

ON THE EXPRESS.

The engineer of the express evidently did not see the approaching freight in time to jump. His fireman, Lyman Annable, jumped, and escaped with a few slight cuts and bruises. Annable says he jumped from the engineer's side of the engine cab and the engineer from his side. The place where Larondeau's body was found, among the wreckage on the north side of the track verifies this statement. F. Birchall and M. W. Sloan were also in the mail coach with Robert Peden, and had miraculous escapes from death.

When the search for the bodies began Peden was found under the debris of the engine and baggage car. Brakeman Hastey was not dead when found pinned in between a freight car and the wreck of the freight engine. He was unconscious, though, and died about three hours after. It is thought that Kearney had been stealing a ride, and when found was dead. His body was lying among the debris of the freight cars.

The body of Larondeau was not discovered until about half-past four in the afternoon. As Annable said, he must have jumped from the fireman's side of the cab. He probably jumped almost as the engines met, for his body was found among, the broken freight on the north side of the track almost opposite the wreck of the locomotives. When found the body was doubled up, with the hands up to the head, and the clothes were partly torn off.

P. J. Fleming was stealing a ride with Kearney on the freight train, but escaped with a few scalp wounds. His injuries are not serious and he will probably soon recover. He is at the Protestant Hospital, where he was conveyed at once.

THE RELIEF TRAIN.

A wrecking train was promptly on the scene of the accident, and the work of rescuing the wounded and cleaning [sic] the tracks begun. Doctors were also sent for, and Dr. Richardson came from Hazeldean, Dr. Shannonhouse and Dr. Darby from Richmond. They gave valuable assistance in taking care of the wounded. The line was cleared sufficiently to allow trains to pass by one o'clock. The telegraph lines of both the G. N. W. and C. P. R. Companies run along this line, and were broken down by the wreck being thrown against the poles. Gangs of men repaired them temporarily. The passengers on the express were transferred to a train for Ottawa, brought into the city and breakfasted by the C. P. R. They sneak in high terms of the way in which the company treated them.

Mr. C. W. Spencer estimates the loss to the C. P. R. at about \$6,000. The two engines were old; ones and were soon to have been sent to the repair shops. Two of the freight cars can be repaired at a small cost, while there is a great deal of both engines and cars that can be saved.

During the day the wreck was visited by large numbers of people from Ottawa and from the country round. Many went by bicycle from the city, and many farmers drove to the scene of the accident and watched the gang of wreckers at work clearing the tracks. Several of the sight seers brought their kodacks, and took snap shots of the wreck.

THE INQUEST.

Evidence of Some of the Passengers - Walter Kavanagh's Story.

Coroner Freeland opened the inquest at Undertaker S. M. Rogers' morgue, at four o'clock, yesterday afternoon. After the remains of James Hastey, brakeman, and Jas. Kearney had been viewed, an adjournment was made until the evening. It is composed as follows: A. C. Larose, foreman; Dr. Parnell, Geo. Low, Frank Kehoe, John Buchanan, Jos. Boyden, S. Mahoney, P. H. Charbot, L. T. Rochbn, W. H. Davis, Frank Montgomery, Ed. Whelan, W. E. Brown, F. Merritt, Wm. Keenahan, W. A. Davis.

When the jury met in the evening County Crown Attorney Ritchie was in attendance and examined the witnesses. Mr. Curl, of Scott and Curl, appeared on behalf of the C. P. R. and Mr. MacCraken for the relatives of Mr. Peden. Mr. C. W. Spencer and Mr. Robillard of the C. P. R. were also present.

It was decided to continue the inquest to the death of James Hastey, the brakeman, who was killed on the front part of the freight train.

MR. WHITE'S TESTIMONY.

Mr. W. J. White, press agent of the department of the Interior was first examined. He was on the train, having boarded it at Toronto. He could not say what time they reached Stittsville, but the accident occurred just a few minutes before half-past five o'clock. He was in his berth at the time. As soon as it happened he arose and went to the rear end of the coach. It was so foggy that it was difficult for him to see any distance. He heard the screaming of those ahead and he put on his clothes and went forward. There was nothing that he noticed then except that there had been a smash up.

To Mr. Ritchie the witness said he saw two men carried into the first class car. These were all he saw, except a portion of a man underneath a freight car.

Further, he stated that the coal oil lamp in the baggage car was still burning. He asked one of the injured men if he was hurt, but he seemed so badly shook up that he gave but a very incoherent answer.

Mr. C. W. Spencer, by way of explanation, stated that coal oil was not used in the lamps. Mineral sea oil was used as a precaution.

Witness withdrew his statement about the coal oil, stating that he only thought such had been used,

Mr. Joseph P. Rogers was on the train. He testified that as soon as the accident happened he jumped from his berth, went forward, but could only see a cloud of vapor. On going forward further he saw a man injured. He went over the debris and heard a man crying out for help. One of the engines was on the right hand

side of the track coming east. Both might have been there ; he didn't take particular notice.

MEDICAL TESTIMONY. Dr. Scott, sworn, said he had examined the body of deceased. Death was due to shock and injuries received. There were several burns on his right leg, which was broken a little above the knee. The left foot was burned, and there was a deep cut over the right temple. He went to the wreck from the city with Mr. Spencer, and when he first saw Hasteley he was alive. The tender was turned on its side. He was in it, and part of the boiler was holding him down. Hasteley said he was suffering very much. It was very difficult to get at him. One of the train hands had got in where he was and was carrying out directions. Everything was done that could be done to get him out. It took quite a while because they had to go gently about it for fear of some of the wreck falling on him. He was dead when taken out, having died in there about five minutes before being extricated. They placed his body on a train and brought it to Ottawa, arriving here about half-past eleven.

John Mindler, Detroit, Mich, was on the train. He felt a shock and heard a man shout "Great Scott, what am I going to happen?" He went forward immediately with another man, and heard a man shout for help. He seemed to be in the midst of the gushing steam. Witness started to climb up the side of the wreck to give some assistance, but slipped down twice. When the steam cleared away some he saw the man in the tender by looking through the manhole. He was all covered over with dirt. One of the trainmen managed to get through the manhole to his assistance.

A STITTSVILLE PASSENGER.

Henry Forbes, of Goulbourn, boarded the express train at Stittsville at about twenty-five minutes past five o'clock. He saw a man in the office, and afterwards walking up and down the platform. The train, he thought, arrived at Stittsville on time. He could not say at what rate of speed it was going when the accident happened. The shock caused him to bump back against his seat. He saw Hasteley pinioned in the tender some time after the collision. The man was alive, for he heard him shout "Jim." While he was at Stittsville a train came from Ottawa, and he thought it drew into the siding, and was blowing and shunting. He went away to unharness a horse and returned about ten minutes afterwards. He could not say positively whether this train went on or returned, nor whether it left any cast on the siding.

WHAT W. KAVANAGH HEARD. Walter Kavanagh was at the Stittsville station about twenty-five minutes to five. A train came from Ottawa and went back again. A man got off the train and went into the station. He heard him say, "Let no trains through until I get my train made up." The man seemed to be in a hurry. The operator was in the office. Witness could not say whether the operator made any reply. When the Toronto train arrived he saw the agent walking up and down the station platform. After the collision happened he saw deceased pinioned in the tender. He heard him say, "Send for two engines and draw the cars away". Witness could not say that he would know the man again who spoke to the operator if he saw him again.

After hearing Mr. Kavanagh the jury, by agreement, adjourned until Tuesday evening at the same place.

THE DEAD MEN.

19/10/1897 Ottawa Free Press

Carleton Place

Stittsville

Mr. William McAllister, the Carleton Place photographer, was at the scene of the recent C.P.R. wreck and took a number of excellent views of the catastrophe. He has disposed of over fifty to C.P.R. employees.

DID M'NISH HEAR HIM?

BRAKEMAN HASTEY GAVE THE OPERATOR ORDERS

Not to Let the "Cannon Ball" pass Stittsville - Evidence Given at the Adjourned Inquest Into the Death of the Railway Men.

The adjourned inquest into the death of James Haste, one of the victims of the recent railway disaster near Stittsville, was resumed in S. Maynard Rogers' new undertaking establishment, Rideau street, last night, before Coroner Freeland. The building was crowded to the doors. Mr. J. A. Ritchie was present in the interest of the crown and W. H. Curle represented the C.P.R.

The first witness called was Solomon Logan, section foreman in district No. 29. between Stittsville and Ashton. He merely stated that he visited the wreck shortly after the accident.

Thomas Mattingly, section foreman, stated that it was not customary to divide freight trains, but it was done occasionally

NO ORDERS AT STITTSVILLE.

James T. Warnock, W. H. Harrington, James A. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior and Prof. Fletcher, all of whom were on the Toronto express at the time of the accident, swore that they heard no orders given by the operator at Stittsville to the train hands.

J. E. A. Robillard, superintendent of the Montreal and Chalk River division of the C.P.R., was the next witness. He explained the mode of train despatching and clearance on the C. P.R. The clearance order for the express to proceed from Carleton Junction to Ottawa was produced. It authorized the conductor to proceed to his destination at Ottawa. Stittsville is only a flag station. It was a special freight that collided with the Toronto express. The conductor of the freight would receive orders to run from Ottawa to Carleton Junction and keep clear of the regular trains. Such orders would be issued by the train despatcher at Ottawa. R. W. McCo-mick was the despatcher on the morning of the accident. Engineers have the right to return for detached portions of trains, but must notify the nearest station agent to hold regular trains. When the accident occurred McNish was the operator at Stittsville. Special freights must take orders at each station.

To a juryman witness stated that specials are made up by the agents and yardmasters.

To Mr. Curle It is not customary to divide freights. There were five men in charge of the special freight that morning.

CONDUCTOR OF THE EXPRESS.

William H. E. Pearson, conductor of the Toronto express, was then called. He said : I was in charge of No. 29 at the time of the accident on the 15th inst. I received my clearance order at Carleton Junction. (Witness here identified the order.) The order authorized me to run to Ottawa clear of all trains unless stopped by special orders. I gave the order to the engineer. After leaving Carleton Junction our first stop was at Stittsville at 5.18 a.m. We were flagged to take on a passenger. I did not leave the coach at Stittsville; saw red signal light on the station platform. If the Nunn signal had been displayed it would have indicated to stop for orders. I had no conversation whatever with the operator at Stittsville or anyone else; I received no instructions or warning at Stittsville. Having no knowledge that the special was coming from Ottawa I gave the engineer the signal to go ahead. I noticed no cars on the siding at Stittsville; was in the smoking apartment of the sleeper when the train struck. My train was running from 25 to 28 miles an hour. It was dark and foggy. When the collision occurred I left the car and went forward toward the locomotive; saw James Haste by the side of the tender; it was impossible to extricate him. He was conscious at the time but I had no conversation with him just then. When I ordered my brakeman to flag any approaching train Haste said, " For God's sake get me out of here and I will do the flagging". Immediately after I left for Ottawa, Haste being alive at that time.

FIREMAN ANXABLE'S EVIDENCE.

Lyman Annable sworn, said: I was fireman on the Toronto express on the morning of the accident and saw a red light on the platform at Stittsville station. I saw no one waving the light or on the platform when the train approached. I did not notice Engineer Larondeau speaking to any person at Stittsville. I would have noticed if anyone had spoken to the engineer. Larondeau said " All right," and we left for Ottawa. I noticed no cars on the siding. About 2 1-2 miles east of Stittsville, I noticed a headlight about eight car lengths ahead of us. I said: "That's a headlight, Frank !" He made no reply, but applied the air brakes; it stopped the impetus of the train. It was on a straight line that the accident occurred. When I spoke I left my seat and jumped, the engines being about four car lengths apart at that time. I jumped, and, striking the ground, rolled as far as the fence. It was very foggy and dark, i didnt see Haste.

To a juryman "I didn't see McNish that night or before."

WHAT W. KAVAVAGH HEARD.

Walter Kavanagh was next examined t-y Mr. Curle- He said: "I was in Stittsville station the morning of the accident; train is due there at 5.18; I reached station, at 10 minutes to 5; saw a freight coming in when entering the station; saw a man come in station; I took him to be a train official; he carried a lantern, but wore no uniform. He said to McNish: "Let no trains through until I get mine made up."He seemed: in a hurry; had a dark moustache ; wouldn't know him if I saw him again. I am not positive whether the operative was in the office at that time, and didn't hear him answer the trainman. He was there when I got my ticket. He came out on the arrival of the express. I don't remember having had any conversation with any train hands since the accident."

HASTEY WARNED McNISH.

William H. Kavanagh said he was fireman on the special freight leaving Ottawa that morning. The train consisted of 26 stock cars, and a van. It was heavy. On reaching Bell's Corners they met with difficulty. They went half a mile up grade and stopped. Engineer McCuaig gave orders to cut the train. McCuaig, Haste and himself took the train to Stittsville, arriving there at 4.50. They put twelve cars on the siding. Haste went into the station after they had left the cars on the siding, and on coming out said he had told the operator to hold the "cannon ball," meaning the Toronto express. At the time of the collision McCuaig noticed the express coming first. He said : "Here's the 'cannon ball,' jump!" No flagman was left at Stittsville. Both semaphores were up- when they left. They were not up when they arrived. When they got there the last semaphore was not showing; the west might have been.

At 11.30 Coroner Freeland adjourned the inquest until to-night at eight o'clock.

Cause of the collision

Mervin McNish didn't hear Hasteys order.

The statements he made before the coroner's jury last night - the conductor of the freight train said Hasteys disobeyed orders.

The inquest into the death of brakeman Hasteys in the recent railway accident was continued last night before Coroner Freeland. The attendance was large as usual and the proceedings were watched closely. Of course the important witness examined last night was Mervin McNish, the operator at Stittsville on the night of the disaster. He gave his evidence in an intelligent and straightforward manner, with which the jury was favorably impressed. From this evidence it was elicited - as intimated in yesterday's Citizen - that the accident was caused by an unfortunate misunderstanding and failure to hear brakeman Hasteys order to "hold the Cannonball." The inquiry was further adjourned shortly after eleven, until Monday next, when it is expected that the evidence of McCuaig, engineer of the freight who is suffering from a broken leg, will be taken. This will be the last witness and the case will then go to the coroner's jury.

Conductor of the freight.

The first witness last night was Harry Hawes, conductor of the special freight, which left Ottawa on the morning of the accident. He stated that he received orders from the train dispatcher at Ottawa to proceed to Carleton Junction, crossing an eastbound freight at Stittsville. He left Ottawa at 3.25 and crossed the "Soo" train at Britannia leaving that place at 4. 0 with 26 cars and a van. He got stuck on the upgrade at Bells Corners and cut the train, sending the front brakeman James Hasteys, to Stittsville with the forward portion of the train, and Hamilton, the rear brakeman, to flag any train approaching from the rear. Witness told Hasteys to take the forward portion to Stittsville and to stay and flag the Toronto Express, No. 28. Was positive of giving that order. He saw Hasteys on his return and asked him if he had stopped the express. Hasteys said, "I told the operator to stop her." He knew that Hasteys had not complied with his orders, but supposing the operator would hold the express, signaled "go ahead." He first knew of the accident when the application of the air brakes was felt. He was in the van at the time the trains collided. He went out immediately and found McCuaig lying on the grass. McCuaig said his leg was hurt. Head Hasteys call and went to his assistance. Couldn't extricate him from his position. Witness was the first to reach Hasteys. He remained at the wreck about 5 minutes and went to Stittsville for assistance. He met McNish when he arrived. McNish did not know of the accident. He tried to get Ottawa by telegraph but failed, and then tried to telephone but could make no connection. He raised the day operator and after difficulty transmitted the message. He saw no signal displayed on reaching Stittsville and asked McNish if he knew what he had done. McNish said "no" and offered no explanation. He told McNish to set the Nunn signal and then returned to the wreck. John R. Hamilton, rear brake man of the special freight, said at the time of the accident he went to Hasteys's assistance. Hasteys said, "My God, Jack, get me out." Witness told him he had to flag. When he returned Hasteys was dead.

Nunn signal displayed.

Michael Quinn, express brakeman, looked out at Stittsville and saw a red light on the platform. He didn't notice the semaphores and saw someone take the lantern into the station and two passengers get on. He didn't see Hasteys until he was taken out dead. He went to Stittsville to flag and returned with wrecking crew.

Baggagemaster Booth said that on leaving Stittsville the Nunn the signal was not displayed, authorizing the express to go ahead.

Train dispatcher McCormick, of Ottawa, explained the mode of dispatching trains. He ordered the special to proceed from Ottawa to Carleton on the 14th. On hearing of the accident he ordered to tool cars and medical assistance and notified Mr. Robillard, the superintendent. To Mr. Curle witness said McNish had been employed five or six weeks and performed his work satisfactorily.

McNish examined.

The last witness was Mervin McNish, operator in charge of the station at Stittsville on the morning of the 14th. Mr. Ritchie conducted the direct examination. Witness said: I was 19 years old in November last. I began to study telegraphy for the G. T. R. agent at Iroquois, Ont., in November, 96. I was there six months leaving on June 1, and shortly afterwards came to Bellamy station on the C. P. R. as a student. I was there two weeks and then came to Stittsville. I could not take every message that came over the lines, only those transmitted at a moderate rate. I always took any message sent me and could send any delivered to me. I was not thoroughly acquainted with station work but knew the duties of a night operator. An operator's duty is to arrange signals, set semaphores, look after freight and baggage and sell tickets. I was sent to Stittsville on September 11th, remained there two weeks and was then sent to Calumet. I remained there two nights and shortly afterwards was transferred to Stittsville. I don't remember the date. I visited Grenville and return to Stittsville for the third time. I read the C. P. R. Rules at Bellamy's and refer to them when necessary. On returning for the second portion of the freight a flagman should have been left at Stittsville by C. P. R. rule 116. I went on duty on the evening of the 13th. My first orders were that two freights would cross at Stittsville. This required me to display the Nunn signal. I received the order from Ottawa between midnight and 4 a. m. When I operated the signal I didn't notice if the lights on it moved. It was the day man's duty to light the semaphore lights. I noticed them lit during the night. As the westbound express from Ottawa entered the yard I put up the east semaphore. The "Soo" train passed at 3:57. When she passed

Expected an accident.

I put up the west board and let it down when she reached Ottawa. The next train was the special freight from Ottawa. The Nunn signal was not displayed in order that I might stop No. 28, the Toronto express. When the special freight from Ottawa entered the yard the line was clear. When I saw it come in I went out and put up the west board and could see the lights burning. A man at the switch - I supposed it was Hawes - said, "we had to cut to get in." I then knew that the train had been divided, but I didn't understand that was a portion of his train between Stittsville and Ottawa. I thought he meant the rear end of his train was on the other end of the siding; I supposed he had put that part of the train on the siding, and the remainder was at the switch. I thought the whole train was in Stittsville, and he was putting one half on each sighting. Never before heard the expression, "I had to cut to get in." I heard the instrument calling me and went into the station. Despatcher asked me up for train I wired "in", giving the time. Two passengers were in the waiting room when I went to my instrument. Despatcher then ordered up freight to cross down freight at Ashton and cancelled the first order. It was my duty to give Hawes a duplicate of the order and get him to sign for it. When the order was copied the train had gone, I supposed to some other portion of the yard. I expected to give him the order as soon as he entered; it was his duty to come in and book. It was my duty to pull in the Nunn signal and not stop a train having the right of way. When I received the order I displayed the signal, and when number 8 arrived I took it in. I considered it my duty having no orders for number 8 I didn't display it a second time not wanting to stop the Toronto express. When I got the order no trainman came in. A passenger bought a ticket. From the time of my speaking to the man at the switch and the passenger buying the ticket I spoke to no person; I heard no one say: "don't let any train through until mine is made up." I went outside again before 28 arrived. I supposed the special freight was on the siding waiting for the Toronto express, and expected the man at the switch would come in after it had passed. I flagged No. 28, and thought the road to Ottawa was clear. I spoke to no person on that train. After it had passed I reported to Carleton Junction and put up the west signal. When I reported I went down to get the man to sign the order, and it then dawned upon me what had happened. I expected to hear of an accident, but could do nothing. Saw no one in the station but the passengers previous to the arrival of the express. If anyone told me to hold the train I cannot account for not hearing them. I only know I did not hear any person whatever.

The inquest was then adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock

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The inquest into the death of the late Robert Hasteys will probably be finished Wednesday evening. The jury in the case met last night, and adjourned after Coroner Freeland had read a communication from the physician attending McCuaig, the injured engineer, stating that the injured man would be able to come down and give his evidence Wednesday evening. It was also decided to summon the day operator at Stittsville.

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Manslaughter found in the C. P. R. Inquest.

Conductor Hawse and Engineer McCuaig of the Special Freight found guilty of willful carelessness - jury out several hours.

The adjourned inquest into the C. P. R. Railway disaster, in which James Hastey, Frank Larondeau, James Kennedy and Robert Peden lost their lives, was continued last night, and after hearing the evidence of engineer McCuaig, the case was given to the jury at 9.30.

At 3:30 this morning the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against conductor Harry Hawes and engineer Alex. McCuaig of the special freight, for not having complied with the rules of the railway as regards the flagging of approaching trains.

The lengthy sitting of the jury was owing to some of the jurymen thinking that operator McNish was equally culpable with conductor Hawes and engineer McCuaig. The jurymen found conductor Hawes blamable for not having sent a flagman ahead when he found the engineer McCuaig had failed to station one at Stittsville, and that engineer McCuaig should have compelled Hastey to remain at Stittsville.

Coroner Freeland issued warrants for the arrest of hawes and McCuaig at the close of the inquest.

McCuaig's Evidence.

Alexander McCuaig, who was the engineer on the special freight leaving Ottawa on the morning of the accident and which collided with the Toronto Express, was the only witness last night. He stated that he left Ottawa at 3.25 a. m., with orders to proceed to Carleton Junction, crossing a special down freight at Stittsville. The freight crossed the "Soo" train at Britannia, and went on to the Bells Corners grade, where it stuck. It was necessary to cut the train there, and witness took the forward portion to Stittsville. Hastey, the deceased brakeman, went to Stittsville with witness. They backed on a siding, and uncoupled the engine from the cars. Hastey went into the station, and came out and got on the engine. Witness asked him if they were to stop at Stittsville. Hastey said: "No; I have told the operator not to let any train through until we get back." Witness was on his seat in the engine when Hastey told him. Hastey got on the engine, saying he had put up the semaphores, and everything was all right. They then back to down to the other portion of the train.

Witness thought he had complied with rule 16 when he had left a flag man. Operator McNish was the flagman. Witness relied on what the brakeman had told him. He understood that as long as he left an employee of the road to flag he had complied with the regulations.

On reaching the rear section they connected with it, and started toward Stittsville. When witness noticed the headlight of the express they were about eight or ten lengths apart. He applied the brakes, reversed, and jumped. He broke his leg when he struck the ground, and laid there for some time, and then crawled back to the van.

To a juror, witness said that the red light of the east semaphore was showing when he returned from Stittsville to the rear section of his train at Bells Corners.

Broad street will be widened to its full width of 66 feet. The C.P.R. will lease to the city the land that is required for the purpose. More.

Alex McQuaig, the engineer charged with manslaughter as a result of the accident at Stittsville, has been committed for trial.

Judge Mosgrove informed a representative of the Journal to-day that on his arrival at the railway station at Britannia this morning, he and a number of other passengers were compelled to wait outside for the arrival of the train, for the station had been occupied during the night by a cow.

The useful and generally inoffensive animal had not strayed in here of her own accord, but coming down as freight last night, it was alleged, been placed there by the officials of the railway.

His Honor says the station at Britannia is not a particularly commodious one, but its accommodations are manifold. It answers the purpose of a waiting room for passengers, a freight shed and a cattle yard.

The peculiar odor of the place after a bovine has occupied it during the night makes it particularly pleasant as a waiting room.

Carleton Place. A gang of men are engaged in putting in a siding on the north side of the C.P.R. station, for the accommodation of trains going in opposite directions to cross.

Commencing Monday 16th trains between Ottawa and Prescott will resume arriving and departing from the Union Depot.

CPR running excursions to Britannia for Dominion Day.

25/07/1898 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Stittsville

On Saturday night about 11.30 p.m. while the night operator O'Brien was attending to his duties, two masked men walked into the office and ordered him "to throw up his hands". He immediately did so, when they asked him to hand over the money, he declared he had not the key to the till and did not know the combination of the safe, they searched him and succeeded in getting "one cent" and a "jack knife".

Telegraphed Ottawa, search but nobody found.

Also reported in the Ottawa Free Press, same date.

26/07/1898 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Stittsville

C.P.R. constables Cowan and Davidson have returned from Stittsville where they were investigating the recent hold up at that station. They were unable to make any valuable discoveries.

02/06/1899 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The garden plot at the C.P.R. station has been made to look very attractive, the flower beds having recently been planted with a beautiful collection of flowers from Mr. C. Scrim's greenhouses.

19/06/1899 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The C.P.R. new flyer, the Imperial, made her first trip into Ottawa yesterday. The train arrived on time and kept to the timetable throughout this division. The Imperial carried a large number of passengers.

20/07/1899 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The sign board at the C.P.R. station which has been somewhat behind the times has been made into a thoroughly up to date affair. Two small iron poles have been erected from which will hang on large tin signs the destination for each train.

29/07/1899 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The compressed air apparatus at the C.P.R. is about completed and will be moved to the station next week.

The C.P.R. company is erecting a large sand house near the round house. It will have a capacity of ten car loads. Sand will be dried by steam and raised up to the top by air. Large chutes will convey the sand to the engine box. This is a great improvement upon the former way which necessitated the carrying of sand in pails to the engine. The house will be ready in about three weeks.

28/08/1899 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

When the Toronto train was being backed into the Union depot Sunday morning at 6.20 it was shunted too far and ran the rear sleeper up on the guard at the end of the rails, breaking part of the guard and the rear steps. The people who were in the sleeper were considerably scared for a while as they thought there had been a collision.

18/09/1899 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place

1,300 from Arnprior came to Ottawa on Saturday to visit the Central Canada Fair. Two trains to the CPR station then streetcar. Paid for by McLachlin - things had been going well at the mill recently.

26/09/1899 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Some fine new stands for numbering the tracks at the Union depot have been put up by the C.P.R. These consist of two upright iron bars connected with a cross piece to which the number painted on a piece of sheet iron is attached. The ends of the uprights are finished in brass and the stands form quite an artistic design.

27/04/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

A Citizen reporter came close to being scorched when giving his office details of the fire from the C.P.R. station. When he left the building it was enveloped in flames, while on nearly every side fire was raging and an escape was effected just in time.

The C.P.R. train service was uninterrupted today. A small office in connection with the roundhouse on the Richmond road was improvised as a station. The trains both going from and coming into the city were crowded. The roundhouse was not injured as was at first reported.

05/05/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

(C.P.R.) .. The trains are now running to the old site of the depot as usual.

14/05/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

Excavation work commenced this morning for the erection of the new freight sheds in the Canadian Pacific yards. -- Contract for the masonry has been let to Mr. Thomas Tompkins of Brockville and the frame work will be performed by the company.--

Plans for the new station have not been completed but it will be build after the Place Viger station in Montreal--

The building of the station would in no way interfere with the C.P.R.'s plans regarding the proposed Central depot.

A new line will be built from a point on the main line near the Mechanicsville crossing connecting with the Prescott line. This will form a Y and will greatly facilitate the handling of trains entering and leaving the new station.

Also covered in Ottawa Free Press, same date.--The new station will be built about 300 feet south of the old one. It will face Broad street and lie between the waterworks aqueduct and the C.A.R. tracks. The site will not be far from the Richmond road.

18/05/1900 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

It was reported in the city today that the contract for the erection of the new Canadian Pacific Railway depot has been awarded to Mr. Thos. Thomkins of Brockville and that no time will be lost in starting to work. Mr. Thomkins constructed most of the CPR depots in the north west and BC as well as the hotel at Vancouver belonging to the same company. He was in the city a few days ago.

21/05/1900 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

It is claimed the city council will have to practically settle tonight the question whether or not Ottawa is to have a handsome new Canadian Pacific Railway depot on Broad Street or a much more modest structure than the company has at present in contemplation.

The situation is said to be practically this: The CPR will not make any great expenditure in connection with a depot building if it is to be menaced by the piling of lumber. The company feel that while not discussing the piling of lumber generally, that where extensive improvements which will be of great benefit to Ottawa are contemplated, that it is fairly entitled to the necessary protection.

No agreement with Booth regarding the stacking of lumber. Will not affect CPR policy in regard to the proposed central depot at Sappers Bridge. Anxious to join in the erection of a central station.

The plans for the new station proposed by the CPR replacing the one recently destroyed were on exhibition at Union depot grounds. More.

21/05/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Plans for the new C.P.R. station were brought to the city today--

05/06/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

The C.P.R. has again opened up its gravel pit near Britannia and a large force of men is employed in excavating it and loading it on the cars. Workmen on the C.P.R. are putting in new ties and a new crossing just opposite Britannia post office.

11/06/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Richmond Road

The crossing of the Richmond road by the C.P.R. is assuming a more critical state. The city engineer this morning barricaded the tracks so as to prevent any trains being run over them until such time as agreement is arrived at between the company and the city and is ratified by the council.--

19/06/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Britannia

The C.P.R. station has been overhauled and refitted and is now a very handsome little structure.

22/06/1900 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

It is reported today that the contract for the new CPR station on Broad Street has been awarded to Contractor Piggott of Hamilton. The station will be of white brick with stone trimmings as already described in the Journal and the building alone will cost about \$40,000.

23/06/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

According to a prominent businessman in the city, it was rumored in Montreal that the contract for the new C.P.R. station has been awarded to Lyons & White of Ottawa. It was stated that the difference between the figures of this firm and those of contractor Piggott, of Hamilton, was only \$10. More.

25/06/1900 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Chaudiere

The new freight sheds of the C.P.R. are ready to be occupied.

30/06/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

The excavation work has been started for the new Union station and work on the foundation will commence shortly. --

05/07/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The C.P.R. is proceeding with the construction of its bridge over the waterworks aqueduct in order to provide the additional accommodation for its tracks. Question as to whether need to obtain permission of the city.

09/07/1900 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Work on the new station will be commenced this week by the contractors, Messrs. White and Lyons. Local labor will be exclusively employed and the excavation pushed as rapidly as possible.

24/07/1900 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Chaudiere

The C.P.R. freight staff is still working in the passenger cars which were converted into temporary offices after the fire. It is expected that the new brick offices will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

26/07/1900 Ottawa Free Press Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Description of new Union station.

30/07/1900 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

A stone weighing between three and four hundred pounds was placed on the Canadian Pacific track near Britannia some time on Saturday night and it is alleged that the object was to wreck the Soo Express which reaches Ottawa about 4 a.m. The stone was, however, struck by a slow going freight train and although the engine was damaged it kept the rails and no one was hurt.

02/08/1900 The Record, Chesterville Carleton Place Britannia

Ottawa July 30. A stone weighing between 300 and 400 pounds was placed on the Canadian Pacific Railway track near Britannia some time Saturday night, and it is alleged that the object was to wreck the "Soo" train from the west which reaches Ottawa about 4 a.m. The stone, however, was struck by a slow going freight train and although the engine was damaged it kept the rails and no person was hurt. The affair is being investigated. The "Soo" train does not stop at Britannia and makes fast time. Had the stone been in the way of the "Soo" train it is said that a wreck would in all probability have occurred.

The C.P.R. is gradually recovering from the effects of the fire which practically swept all their standing property out of existence. Over 100 men and several trains of flat cars carrying sand from Britannia are now employed in making new tracks and switches and generally increasing the yard room. The work of widening the bridge over the waterworks aqueduct, by some 60 feet, so as to afford accommodation for as many more tracks is going ahead rapidly. Mr. J.W. Moore of Pembroke is the contractor.

In the freight yard and freight department everything is nearly completed. The clerks moved into their handsome new brick offices today. The office is 50x10, two storeys high, well heated and ventilated and provided with all modern improvements. A splendid view of the Ottawa river and surrounding scenery can be obtained. Mr. E. O'Neil, the veteran freight agent is proud of his new quarters. Downstairs there are the private offices for Mr. O'Neil, Mr. H. Templeton, cashier and for the Dominion Transport Company. Mr. Fred Lapointe, landing waiter, also has an office on this floor. Upstairs, the remainder of the clerks, of which there are fourteen in all, will be placed. Communicating with the receiving freight shed are quarters for the teamsters where they receive their bills instead of coming into the office. At the end of the receiving shed, which is 250 x 50 feet, is the heated room for perishable goods and the foreman's office. A Guernsey scale of 6,000 pounds capacity is being placed in position. At the end of this shed, which, with rows of lifting doors and direct communication freight is all handled with as little loss of time and labor as possible, a large platform, 100 feet long, for the landing and unloading of oil will be built. This will keep the flooring in the freight sheds clean. Midway between the receiving and forwarding freight sheds is the covered transshipping platform, where all goods requiring transshipment are placed. The outgoing or forwarding shed is 300 x 40. There are three separate tracks leading to the receiving and two to the outgoing freight shed. The sheds are lighted by electricity and near the docks the incandescent lamps are enclosed in a wire globe, and provided with a long string so that, during the winter, they can be taken right into the cars.

In the outgoing freight shed are three pairs of scales whereas there was only one in the old shed. Freight has to be carried but a very short distance to get weighed. The shed is divided into sections and the names of the stations in that section are bulletined while the sections are all numbered. The cars opposite each door way are also numbered so that in the loading of freight there is no liability to error as the system in vogue is as nearly perfect and complete as it is possible to have it. The checkers and porters have everything to guide them

The passenger part.

The pressed brick work in the new station will be commenced this week by Contractors Lyons & White.

The stone foundations and foundation walls are completed. The new station has to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

The platform umbrellas or "covered ways" as the public call them are now under way. They are being erected by the C.P.R. company itself. One of the umbrellas, 740 feet long and the other 645, each being 16 feet wide. There will be four tracks for the direct incoming and outgoing of passenger trains. Two will be between the covered ways and one on either side. These tracks are now being laid and ballasted. There will be thirteen other tracks for the storing of reserve cars.

A nine inch pile tile drain is being put down to connect the new station with the main drain. All the work of track laying, covered ways, switches, etc., is being carried out under the direction of Mr. A.F. MacCallum, C.E., of Toronto, who has a long experience of construction and terminal work.

To the west of the freight sheds will be coal chutes. The trestle work is complete and the chutes will soon be in position. Where the present temporary station and other building are will be placed a number of short platforms and tracks for the loading of freight.

The extra facilities, yard room and freight accommodation of the C.P.R. will enable the company to do a much larger business than heretofore and ample room for the growing demands of the Capital for years to come.

01/09/1900 *Ottawa Free Press* *Carleton Place* *Chaudiere*

The C.P.R. are reconstructing their coal chutes. The new structures will be near the river at the end of Oregon street.

11/09/1900 *Ottawa Citizen* *Carleton Place* *Ottawa, Broad Street*

Work on the new C.P.R. station at the Chaudiere is progressing rapidly. The brick walls are up to a height of about 15 feet and the covered platform is almost completed, the roof having been finished yesterday.

27/09/1900 *Ottawa Free Press* *Carleton Place* *Westboro*

The Canadian Pacific railway is preparing, it is stated, to erect extensive workshops on their property at Westboro. They have had plans prepared for a building which will employ 1,500 men, and consequently a considerable amount of the work which is at present done at Carleton Place will be performed here.

The principle object of making this construction at Westboro, where they have 50 acres of land, is for the purpose of utilizing the electrical power of the Metropolitan company, who have their power house conveniently situated at Britannia.

02/10/1900 *Ottawa Citizen* *Carleton Place* *Chaudiere*

The C.P.R. company has commenced an extension to the new freight shed at the Union depot, necessitated by increase of business. The new addition will be about 50 feet long --

05/10/1900 *Renfrew Mercury* *Carleton Place* *Westboro*

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11/10/1900 *Ottawa Free Press* *Carleton Place* *Westboro*

Mr. C.W. Spencer, superintendent of the C.P.R., who was in the city yesterday, states that there is no foundation for the report that the C.P.R. intends removing its workshops from Carleton Place to the land which the company owns at Westboro. Mr. Spencer says that the courtesies and privileges extended to the company by Carleton Place has resulted in their shops being gradually extended and the largest number of men ever employed were now at work. The company had no intention of disturbing existing conditions.

14/11/1900 *Ottawa Citizen* *Carleton Place* *Ottawa, Broad Street*

Ald. White, who is one of the contractors for the C.P.R. station, says the new building will be ready for occupancy about the middle of December. The heating apparatus is shortly to be installed.

Drawing of new depot.

With the completion of the new Canadian Pacific depot the Capital will one of the completest stations in the country. The structure is not lacking in size, either, having a frontage of 156 feet with a depth of 40 feet. On either side of the main building is a wing with a frontage on 35 feet and a depth of 80 feet. The present structure will be fully double the size of the old one which had a 50 foot frontage.

The new building is of the modern type, yet possesses that symmetry and balance of architecture which originated among the ancient Greeks. The central pavilion stands four storeys high with a half tower. The whole building will have a high pitched roof of Rockland slate, while its foundations are laid on the solid rock 12 feet below the surface. Above the foundation for three and a half feet the walls are of solid Scottish granite, and above this white fire brick imported from Scotland for the purpose completes the walls.

The central building will contain the general waiting room, a ticket and a telegraph office. In this portion of the building to the right of the general waiting room will be placed the gentleman's first class waiting and smoking room and the first class waiting room for ladies. In the northern wing will be the restaurant and pantry. A corridor will be constructed between the two first class waiting rooms to the restaurant. Immediately to the left of the general waiting room will be the second class waiting room while at the extreme south of the building the 80 foot wing will be utilized as a general baggage room and the office and store room of the Dominion Express Company.

The upstairs portion will be utilized as offices of the superintendent of the road, staff, trainmaster, roadmaster, train despatcher, building and bridge master, and three spare offices,

The present station is situated about fifty feet back from the street between Richmond Road and the aqueduct. Thus cabs and other vehicles will find ample space in front of the depot.

Two platforms, 700 feet in length, with umbrella roofs have been constructed, between which six new tracks for passenger trains have been laid. An umbrella roof also covers the platform in the rear of the station.

The company has filled in the differences in level between the old site and the new caused by the new being five feet higher than the former. The old site and tracks will be converted into an extensive freight yard.

The company is sparing no pains to make the new station as perfect as possible and from present appearances there can be small doubt of their success. The estimated cost of building was at first \$30,000 but it is now considered that \$35,000 will be required to complete the work.

The above cut shows the new station completed.

03/12/1900

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

A large gang of men is still at work extending the C.P.R. yard at the Union depot. The work, it is expected, will be completed in about two months.

24/12/1900

*Ottawa Free Press**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

Ald. White informed the Free Press yesterday that the new C.P.R. station would be in readiness for occupation about the 15th of January. It would have been completed by now had there not been a scarcity of plumbers. There were so few unoccupied in the city that some had to be obtained from Montreal.

05/02/1901

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

The official staff of the C.P.R. moved yesterday from the temporary quarters in the Trust building to the new Union station, on Broad street, which has just been completed.

The new depot is a handsome structure in pressed brick and contains an adequate accommodation for the incoming traffic of the road. The first floor contains waiting rooms, ticket offices, baggage rooms and restaurants while upstairs the general offices of the company will be located. The yard accommodation has also been considerably increased so as to ?? A larger number of trains to run into the new depot. The building is heated by steam and lighted by electricity and was built by Messrs. Lyons & White.

04/04/1901

*Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

A steam boiler has been installed into the basement of the new Canadian Pacific Railway station on Broad Street for the purpose of heating the cars. The heating has hitherto been done by a discarded locomotive.

27/04/1901

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

First anniversary of the great conflagration. Outlines improvements to C.P.R. and includes a line drawing of the new station.

Perhaps there is no section of the "flats" that shows more marked improvement than that occupied by the C.P.R. station and yards. The old wooden station has been replaced by a structure that is a credit to the city, and the yards and the freight sheds are incomparably ahead of those which existed before the fire. It was shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon that the C.P.R. depot caught fire. Flying embers from the McKay mill were hurled by the wind scattering the blaze in every direction and the wooden station was not long in burning to the ground. The C.P.R. lost no time in replacing that which was destroyed and today the new station is a source of pride ?? First building to be erected was the freight sheds. More conveniently located, more modern in size and equipment the company is now in much better position to handle its constantly growing business. In connection with the sheds a neat office building was erected. The station, built on a site nearer Albert street is a handsome building and fitted up to meet the requirements of the western part of the city for many years. The yard room as a result of changing the sites of the sheds and station has been largely increased, and everything presents a tidy, complete and business like aspect. What ever the loss may have been to the C.P.R. by the fire it was a gain to the city.

14/09/1901

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

The C.P.R. company has selected the driver who will be in charge of the locomotive drawing the royal train from Ottawa to Chalk River, on the Winnipeg trip. Mr. Harry Glendenning, 443 Queen street, one of the most efficient and popular engineers running out of Ottawa will be at the post of honey. Mr. Glendenning is now running on the Imperial Limited. His fireman will be George Moles, Hintonburg, his trusty employe. Mr. Glendenning will have charge of his own engine. It is now being overhauled and repainted preparatory to making the Royal run from Ottawa to Chalk River, the next divisional point. Every precaution will be taken on the C.P.Ry as on English roads to prevent accident or delay to the Duke's magnificently fitted train, which will run in two sections. Special orders will be issued to regulate all traffic and the Royal train will be given the right of way. The Duke and Duchess and suite travel by the second section.

11/11/1901

*Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

Would you like to see the interior of the cars the Duke and Duchess of York rode in through Canada, inspect the rich decorations specially designed and made for the eyes of the Royal party? Well on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of this month the cars will be in Ottawa and they will be "at your service" so to speak. The Canadian Pacific Railway, builders and owners of the cars have arranged to give the people of Ottawa the chance to see them.

The cars will be on exhibition at the Union Depot for the greater part of two days.

The cars will arrive at 2 o'clock Thursday November 21st and will be open to the public until 9.30 that evening and again the following day from 9 to 9.30 pm. A charge of 25 cents will be made for the "inspection". The money received from visitors will be sent by the CPR for the charities of Ottawa, likely the two orphans' homes.

It is likely a nice sum will be derived for a good object by the CPR's act.

22/11/1901

*Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Ottawa, Broad Street*

Beauties of Royal train. Full description.

14/05/1903 The Record, Chesterville Carleton Place Chaudiere

Fire in Rochesterville - great detail.
Between the CAR and the CPR.

There was great excitement at the CPR and, anticipating that the depot would go, Superintendent Spencer and his staff commenced as early as 4 o'clock to get out. Everything moveable, even to the telegraph instruments, was taken out and loaded on to a special freight train, ready to steam out at a moment's notice. All the engines were taken from their stalls at the roundhouse, and a lot of rolling stock were moved to the Hull side. There was a great quantity of freight at the sheds and a part of this was hurriedly delivered. The flames, however, did not get across Broad Street and the whole of the CP property was saved with but trifling damage.

18/07/1903 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Chaudiere

Circus Train Crew in Melee at Union Station
Colored tent man found dead on top of elephant car. Train crew maltreated by circus gang.
Full details - may have struck a bridge, elephant car higher than other cars.

25/09/1903 Eastern Ontario Review Carleton Place Stittsville

A deliberate attempt was made to wreck a C.P.R. train near Stittsville on Tuesday. A tie had been placed in one of the cuklverts. A tramp has been arrested on suspicion.

02/02/1904 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Chaudiere

Prescott Train in Collision
Fireman Ellis but no Passenger Hurt
Incoming train runs into coal engine near roundhouse

The Prescott train this morning when running into Ottawa had a narrow escape from becoming a total wreck. The train was a heavy mixed one and was about twenty minutes late when it was up to the Y between the coal chute and the roundhouse on the Richmond Road. At this time the train was only going from 10 to 12 miles hour and was about crossing the line from the coal chute to the roundhouse when Eng. Geo. Hawley driving engine 271 on the Prescott train, saw an engine ahead of him. He shut off steam and jumped at once, also calling to his fireman, William Ellis of Prescott.

Before the collision took place, the engine, no. 434, in charge of Engineer Geo. Low, had crossed the track but the Prescott engine ran into the tender and carried it twenty yards before throwing it off the track. The engine proper was clear and was not even derailed. Just when the Prescott engine got the coal tender off the track it left on the reverse side completely leaving the track and plowing into a snow bank.

Engineer Low of the coal train did not leave his engine and was not hurt. Not one of the passengers of the Prescott train even got a shock, as they were in the rear end of the train and only a baggage car in front left the rails.

Engine No. 271 was made almost a total wreck, and Fireman William Ellis had a very lucky escape, being thrown from his cab. He fortunately escaped with a very severe shaking up.

The engineer of the road engine is said to have been to blame for the accident, but owing to the intense cold the engine threw so much steam little could be seen on the track.

19/02/1904 Eastern Ontario Review Carleton Place Britannia

A peculiar accident to a C.P.R. freight occurred about 10 o'clock Saturday night about three-quarters of a mile west of Britannia, when four cars of a train in charge of Conductor Willoughby, of Carleton Place, for some unaccountable reason left the rails. One car plunged down the embankment to the river, while three went off on the south side of the track, being completely overturned. The cars were loaded with soft coal and the track was blocked for some hours. The special train from Brockville, bearing the employees of the road who had been attending the funeral of the late fireman Price, who was killed in the Sand Point wreck, was stalled, but the passeners were eventually sent to Britannia in a freight van where an electric car was waiting to convey them to the city.

01/03/1905 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Britannia

Engine looked like a porcupine.

The Winnipeg train going east ran into a sleigh loaded with cordwood at Britannia yesterday afternoon. The team was across the track but the sleigh stuck on the rails.

The wood was scattered all over and was lodged in every part of the engine. It was impossible to get many of the sticks free and the engine looked like a porcupine as it pulled into Union Depot.

The wood was owned by Barret Bros. Neither the horses nor the driver were injured.

23/04/1907 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Bells Corners

Explosion of engine.

The whole side of the engine on the Toronto train was blown out in an explosion yesterday evening resulting in the stopping of the train. .. no injuries. The accident occurred at Bells Corners. One of the axle rods broke and commenced to revolve round at a terrific rate of speed, tearing up the ties as the train passed along. Before the engine could be stopped the ties had been torn up for a long distance. To make matters worse an explosion finished the engine for keeps stopping the train up at Bells Corners. More.

02/09/1909 Ottawa Journal Carleton Place Ottawa, Broad Street

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy had an unusual experience early this morning while asleep in his private car, "The Killarney", at the Union station a shunting engine collided with the coach. "The Killarney" was standing on a siding at the Union depot yards about four o'clock this morning when smashed into by a C.P.R. shunting engine.

Sir Thomas was asleep in the car at the time. The rear end of "The Killarney" was badly smashed and the engine was somewhat damaged. Though the occupants of the car received a shaking up, no one was injured. The accident will be investigated.

Sir Thomas arrived in the city at seven o'clock yesterday, and after having transacted his business, returned to his car which had been in the meantime shunted into a siding, and retired.

"The Killarney" was turned around on the turntable in the yards. As the couplings on one end of the car were still good, it was put on No. 8 train for Montreal and the car reached its destination without further incident.

28/07/1910 Chesterville Record Carleton Place Carleton Place

Was locked in a car.

Ovid Joinette of Ottawa has issued a writ of damages against the CPR and Stephen J. McGonigle, a conductor on the road, for damages through the loss of plaintiff's foot under peculiar circumstances. Last 24th of May Joinette claims while on his way from Ottawa to Carleton Place he was assaulted by the conductor and locked in a car. When he neared Carleton Place he was so afraid tha he was to be assaulted again that he jumped off the train and had his foot so injured tha it had to be amputated. The conductor claims that the plaintiff refused to pay his fare and was therefore placed in custody.

Pendleton Boy Injured

Leonard Priestley, a young man residing in Pendleton, Ont., was taken to Ottawa Monday and brought to St. Luke's hospital suffering from injuries received in an accident at Stittsville. He was working on the Brockville branch of the railway from Carleton Place. The crew slept and boarded in box cars on the siding at Stittsville and about 6.30 when the men were preparing for supper, Priestley stepped down from one of the cars to go to another one ahead. As he stepped down the engine of the 7.15 express flew past. Leonard became confused and in his excitement attempted to cross in front of the engine. He was struck by the train and thrown 30 feet landing under one of the boarding cars. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital in a badly bruised condition and it is feared that his skull has been fractured. Leonard is 22 years of age.

26/03/1911 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place *Ottawa, Broad Street*

What might easily have been a serious accident occurred at six o'clock last night at the Union depot, when engine 1259 backed down from the coal chutes and crashed into the Gatineau train. Strangely enough no one was near the engine at the time, when it began to back on its own accord. Engineers think the throttle must have been defective, allowing steam to enter the cylinders. The runaway engine gained great headway and by the time it reached the depot on track 3 it had got considerable speed.

The Gatineau train was badly shaken up, its cowcatcher being smashed. Fortunately none of the passengers received any injuries, except one woman who was thrown back on a seat sustaining a wrenched back.

The most sensational part of the incident was Engineer John Raymond's thrilling attempt to stop the runaway engine. He saw the engine, 1259, start on its wild career, and knowing that the crew had left it for the day, preparatory to its being run into the roundhouse. Raymond pluckily climbed on to the cowcatcher and tried to get into the cab to shut off the steam. The window was tightly shut however, and so Raymond saw the only thing to do was to jump off again before the crash came. He shouted to Engineer John Holyoake of the Gatineau train, but he was busy watching the signals from Conductor J.A. Irvine at the rear and did not hear the warning. The Gatineau crew luckily escaped anything more than a shock.

The passengers scrambled out after the crash, wondering what had happened. The C.P.R. officials will investigate the occurrence to see if anyone was to blame.

14/10/1911 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place *Ottawa, Broad Street*

Earl Grey arrives at C.P.R. Union station from Quebec.

18/10/1911 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place *Ottawa, Broad Street*

A feature which seems to have been overlooked in the reception on Saturday to the Duke and Duchess was the magnificent decorations at the Canadian Pacific Railway Station, Union Depot. It seems to have been obscured owing to the fact that while the decorations were being developed the public were excluded reception room specially built of canvas, speak in terms of praise of good taste and magnificence of the decorations.

The entrance to the station through the waiting room was created into a large corridor, the ticket office, waiting room and all other side rooms had been entirely closed to the public.

The large marquee of heavy canvas was built over the whole of the platform outside, walled in over the train into which the car entered admitting the Royal couple down the steps on to the carpeted platform. The roof of the large enclosure was beautifully draped with red, white and blue bunting, large Union Jacks and clusters of flags on shields down to the wall of the marquee. The walls were wainscoted up to meet this draping with evergreens very thickly latticed. The whole enclosure was covered with thick crimson carpet, around the sides of which stood large palms and other potted flowers. This scheme of decoration was continued from the door of the car through to the street where carriages awaited the Royal party.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company gave all the work in charge of the C. Ross Company, and those who had the privilege of entering the enclosure speak of it as one of the finest features of the reception. This same firm completed the decorations on Broad Street from the station up to Wellington street, which was in decided contrast to the city decorations over the rest of the route. This was also done under instructions of the C.P.R. at their own expense.

The cars specially built for the Royal train, which are most sumptuously equipped that have ever been used in Canada before, were entirely furnished by the C. Ross Company of this city. The firm's employees were obliged to do the work in the Canadian Pacific Railway Car Sheds at Montreal, owing to the fact that other parts of the train were not complete, and in order to execute the work and furnish it in time, the C. Ross Company had to send its own staff and all materials direct to the train, and execute the work there.

18/01/1912 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place *Westboro*

Racing for two miles and one half in front of a C.P.R. express train, a valuable team of horses belonging to Mr. A. Whitehorse of Westboro, narrowly escaped being killed.

On reaching the railroad crossing at Main street, Westboro, the steeds turned and ran west along the railway. An express train, also going west, came along a short time afterward. This served to further frighten the animals who put forth the effort of their lives to escape being run down by the locomotive.

Fortunately the engineer of the express noticed the horses on the track and slackened the speed of his train.

On reaching McGee's farm near Britannia, one of the horses ran into a gateway, and the other continued to Britannia crossing, where it left the track and ran into a stable.

13/05/1912 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place *Ottawa, Broad Street*

Prime minister will visit Made in Canada Special which will be at Broad Street until nine o'clock that night for inspection by the public.

The train of twelve cars, containing an attractive exhibit of Canadian factory products --

Full account on 17 May.

26/07/1912 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place *Chaudiere*

Plans for a C.P.R. bridge over the old aqueduct were submitted to the Board of Control yesterday afternoon with a recommendation from the engineer of the city that the privilege of building the bridge be granted. The railway company wants the bridge in order to increase their yard facilities --

25/06/1913 *Ottawa Journal* Carleton Place

Full account of wreck near Britannia, 11 dead, 40 injured. Pictures in edition of 26th.

Saw Train Wrecked; Tells Thrilling Story of the Scenes After the Crash

Westboro Resident was Watching Express from Electric Car

Four Coaches Suddenly Jumped Outwards Into the River - Terrible Scenes Immediately Followed.

Mr. H. Hill, of Westboro, witnessed the wreck. Mr. Hill and his wife had taken a car ride to Britannia. He says: "Returning, when near McKellar Townsite, between McKellar homestead and Mason's mill. I noticed the train coming. Two track-layers had just stood aside to allow the train to pass when suddenly four coaches upset. Two fell inwards and two outwards into the Ottawa River. The two which upset towards the shore side of the tracks fell on the two track men. They must have been killed.

"The engine and first three coaches and the last two did not leave the rails. The engine and first three coaches broke away from the wreck and went forward. Then the last coach of the three broke loose again from the engine and front two cars. The last two coaches stood on the track. They did not telescope. Two of the cars, the ones which fell inwards, buckled and fell nearly lengthwise. We got one man out from right underneath one of these cars. His chest was badly mangled and he died immediately afterward without gaining consciousness.

Cars in Water

"The cars in the river were only half submerged and when the rescue party arrived we broke in the windows and commenced to pull out the people in these cars""
"Some of the dead came from these cars. Whether they were pinned down and drowned in that way, I do not know. They may have been stunned and drowned in this manner.

The first people we took out of the cars on the bank were a man and a boy with their hands badly injured. They were placed in the ambulance and hurried to the hospital. The first doctors to arrive on the scene were Dr. I.G. Smith and Dr. Kidd.

We took a Salvation Army girl out of the first coach to go into the water. She was uninjured and was taken to the Salvation Army headquarters in the city.

Another old gentleman, his wife and five children were in the last coach to overturn. The old gentleman broke a window and climbed out. They were all uninjured. A girl of about seven years of age and her brother of fifteen years were on their way to Edmonton, to meet their father. They were with their mother and she is as yet unaccounted for. They were taken from a coach which overturned into the water, and the supposition is that their mother was drowned.

"There were quite a number of foreigners, Russians, Scandinavians, and others in the colonist car which overturned into the water.

From what I could see they will be unable to find just how many are in the cars which went into the water until the wrecking crew lift the cars. One of the cars broke of its trucks and fell in the stream nearly turning upside down. It finally lay on its [sic] side.

Old Man's Story

"The old gentleman with the five children told me his experience of this wreck. 'I was standing up', he said, 'when I felt the car going over. After the first shock I braced myself and fell into the corner without any injury. I was merely shaken up. Although it happened in a second it felt as if it took the car half a minute to fall on its side. The Salvation Army girl was thrown violently from one side of the car to the other side of the car but was uninjured.

"The first men on the scene were the section men," continued Mr. Hill "I and some other people in the car ran across the fields to the train, but the section men commenced the work of rescue immediately.

"Two girls who live close to the wreck, the two Misses Barrie, did heroic work in attending to the injured. They carried pails of water and stimulants around to the injured, helped dress wounds and assisted the surgeons.

"Mr. Dunning, who lives close to the scene of the wreck, telephoned to the Chief of Police, also for ambulances and doctors, and it was due to him that ambulances and autos to care for the injured reached the scene of the wreck so quickly. He also provided linen to dress the wounds received by the injured. The first ambulance arrived about 15 or 20 minutes after the wreck had taken place.

"There was a lady and her daughter taken from the first car to turn into the water. The lady's head was badly crushed. Her daughter was uninjured but hysterical.

"The most pathetic incident was that of the two children bound for Edmonton. They searched the faces of each injured person taken from the wreck, looking for their mother.

Rail Torn Up

"Whether the accident was caused by a spreading rail or not I do not know. When I got there one of the rails was turned clear of the ties altogether. I do not know what the section men were doing at that spot but I imagine that they were engaged in laying new ties.

There is no curve at that spot, so I imagine that the track was weakened in some way and that the weight of the engine spread the rail and the swing of the back coaches would strain the weakened track and bulge it to one side. I didn't hear any of the officials discussing the cause of the wreck.

The insides of the cars were very badly wrecked, although the cars themselves were not telescoped. The seats were ripped every way, all torn from the floor. The floors were not turned up, but the sides on which the cars fell were caved in and smashed to splinters. I think that the majority of the people hurt were on the side which fell and that the fall of the heavy seats, torn from their fastenings, caused quite a number of fatalities."

Over 5,000 visited scene of wreck. Inquiry is ordered.

Enquiry into the cause of fatal wreck ordered injured recovering

Death list now totals 8, and injured sixty-five

CPR will open inquiry tomorrow - woman believe dead is found alive - woman passenger disappears.

The inquest in connection with the tragic wreck of the Imperial Limited at McKellar Township yesterday afternoon was opened by Coroner Dr. Craig at noon today. The jury met at Rogers and Burney's undertaking parlors, Laurier Avenue, and adjournment was made till tomorrow night in the courthouse, Nicholas Street. H.R. Meredith is foreman of the jury.

All that took place today was the formal identification of the body of John Peace, Glasgow, Scotland by his chum, a man named Cutt of the same place. The inquest will be nominally into the death of Peace, but will really concern itself with the whole tragedy and its cause.

Messrs George Hodge, general superintendent, and C Murphy, general superintendent of traffic for the CPR arrived in the city this morning, and the company's inquiry into the circumstances will begin tomorrow at the Broad Street Station. Superintendent Gilliland of the Ottawa - Chalk River division of the CPR on which the accident occurred is here from Smith Falls.

Monetary loss.

Seen by a Journal reporter, Mr. Gilliland denied the report that any section men have been killed, but admitted that section men had been working on the right-of-way in the vicinity of the wreck.

"I don't know how the report that section men had been crushed to death had his origins," he said.

The Montreal - Ottawa division of the CPR over which superintendent Spencer has jurisdiction and responsibility, has its western limit at the end of the Broad Street terminal yards, or about 2 miles east of the place where the derailment happened.

The monetary loss to the company will not be great, according to opinions expressed this morning. While the two cars that went down the embankment into the river are now of practically no value the other two that were twisted into the opposite direction can, according to Mr. Gilliland, be still repaired and used.

Track cleared,

The track was cleared by 6:30 this morning and a great part of the morning was spent in raising the four cars. This will take some time.

There are several changes in the list of fatalities. Mrs. Bunting, of Winnipeg, and her little child were reported this morning to have been among the killed. As a matter of fact they are stopping at the home of Mr. E. Hurry, of Woodroffe. Mrs. Bunting and her four children came through the accident with no very great injury, although the mother has slight injuries about the back.

The body supposed to have been that of Mrs. Bunting proved to be that of Mrs. McClure and Edmonton woman, of about 52 years of age. She was on her way out to Edmonton after a visit. The child found and said at first to be the daughter of Mrs. Bunting is the granddaughter of Mrs. McClure. Its mother who escaped from the wreck with only slight injuries is at 131 Lawn Avenue, the home of Mr. John Sarsfield.

Woman disappears.

Strange things can happen at times of great excitement, such as that which prevailed after yesterday's accident, and strange things did. One of the most remarkable was the sprinting away of a woman who had come through the wreck physically unscathed but with her nervous system badly shaken. She was standing beside the cars sobbing her sorrow for the less fortunate friends, when a helpful woman took her, and led her away. Those taking the names of survivors failed to get a record of this woman's identity, and since the accident she has not been heard from. Superintendent Spencer of the CPR is anxious to get in touch with her.

John Donnelly of Glen Island, has left St. Luke's Hospital fully recovered. He was pinned under a seat and nearly drowned.

5,000 carried by O E. R to the wreck scene.

During the afternoon and evening the Ottawa Electric Railway carried about 5,000 passengers out to the wreck. Cars from every service in the city were rushed on to the Britannia line to accommodate the overflow.

About \$15,000 worth of lumber was burned last night at the Mason Street yards of the Shepard and Morse Lumber Company and provided one of the most spectacular fires that has occurred in Ottawa since the big fire in 1901. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

That the hundreds of piles of pine, valued at thousands of dollars, and probably a big section of the Mechanicsville district were not burned was due to the splendid work of Chief Graham and his men; also to the fact that there was hardly a breath of wind blowing. Only 20 piles, however, were licked up by the flames.

Cause not known

What caused the fire is not yet known, but it started in a pile of pine in the southwest corner of the yards about 11 o'clock, and a few minutes later the lurid glow along the skyline in the Mechanicsville district told the fact that the flames had quickly spread to several nearby piles, which were as dry as a tinder box.

Hundreds of people hurried to the scene on the street cars, in motor cars, cabs and on foot, until the street and yards were packed with crowds. Gangs of young men climbed to the top of the piles of lumber in the yard beneath the danger zone to watch the blaze and the firemen fighting it.

Overall Alarm from Box 61

Even before the blaze could be seen in the sky the tolling of No. 61 by the fire bell nine district times told those who were not in bed that either in the yards of Shepard and Morse or in that district a big fire had broken out.

By half past eleven huge tongues of flame were shooting up fully fifty feet high and eating their way through one pile after the other with incredible rapidity. Chief Graham turned out every bit of available apparatus possible and a few minutes after the alarm was rung in he had lines of hose from every conceivable hydrant in the district sending eleven big streams of water into the burning piles and onto those not reached by the flames. The water pressure was fairly good.

Under control in an hour.

By 12 o'clock he saw that the method of fighting the fire he had outlined had proven successful. At one time there were few persons in the crowd who would have given very much for the thousands of dollars worth of lumber in the yards so hopeless was the outlook.

In spite of intense heat the firemen got dangerously close to the flames. How some of them escaped being either burned or badly scorched is remarkable. They had many willing helpers from among the crowds of young men around.

Hurried from their beds

People living in the houses on streets near the yards hustled their goods some distance away fearing that the flames would spread beyond the lumber in the yards. The first lurid glare came by the tongues of flame and the crackling of the burning lumber awakened many people who were sleeping in houses nearby and sent them hurrying to the street in more or less scant attire.

Other yards threatened

Directly opposite where the fire was, that is, on the east side of Bayview Road, Shepard and Morse have several hundred more piles of pine. This was threatened several times when big burning embers flew across the road and dropped on the other side of the fence enclosing the yard. Employees of the CPR in the roundhouse close by stood ready to run the valuable locomotives out should the fire spread to there.

Some of the CPR trains were delayed by the fire, as it was necessary to run lines of hose across the tracks. The Toronto train, however, got through just before the fire started.

Contractors loss \$3,000

Mr. Tom McLaughlin, the contractor for the west end drains, had some of his temporary buildings and materials burned, as they were near where the blaze started. His loss will be \$3,000.

Car Derailed
The derailment of a car on a train at Stittsville delayed the Toronto train for an hour last night.

KILLED BY TRAIN AT BRITANNIA
Foreigner Run Down by Winnipeg Express.
Identified by Means of Card in Pocket.
Engineer of Train. ItH Appears, Did not Notice Man Walking on Tracks in Early Morning Hours - Inquest so be held.
Struck by the Winnipeg Express at the Britannia, crossing early this morning, B. Kowalchuk, a foreigner was instantly killed
The only mean of identification was a piece of paper found in the man's pocket with "B. Kowalchuk" written on it. The body was badly mangled,
Did not see him.
Dawn was just breaking when the accident happened and it is likely that the engineer did not see the man, who evidently did not hear the approach of the train.
He was about thirty-five years of age.
Inquest opened
Mackenzie's ambulance was on the scene at 7.30 and conveyed the remains to the morgue where a preliminary enquiry was opened at noon by Coroner Craig.

Closing Broad St. Station. An important change is being; Railway made by Canadian Pacific effective 12.01 a.m. Sunday. January 4th next, when Broad Street Station, which has been used for years, will be closed.

Broad Street Station, an eye-sore to citizens and travellers arriving in the city by CPR, was officially closed to all passenger trains at 1201 o'clock Sunday morning.
CPR trains, both incoming and outgoing, used the Central Station on Sunday. The change is greatly welcomed by the public. Among the principal trains affected are the Brockville and Pembroke locals, the Imperial Limited and the "SOO" trains.

The application of B. C. Beach to close part of Hinton Avenue was heard by judge Gunn this morning, and adjourned to January 20. Mr. J. P. Elihes, acting for Mr. Beach, said that the property of Mr. Beach, owned on Hinton Avenue, was not registered in his name, but was held under an agreement of sale with the Ottawa Land Association.
Mr. Beach admitted that he wanted to build a railway siding into his own property where he intended to build a foundry.

Alderman Forward has filed a motion for the City Council which, if passed, will authorize negotiations with the C.P.R. for a branch passenger station at the Parkdale Avenue crossing in the western part of the city. At present, residents of Hintonburg and vicinity have to travel at least 3 miles to the Central Depot if they wish to catch a train, or to meet their friends.
Mr. H. E. Spencer, C.P.R. Superintendent, is not in Ottawa today, but will probably state the company's position on his return.

The Armour Packing Company of Chicago are engaged with the C.P.R. in negotiations to lease the block of buildings fronting the railway tracks at the Broad Street station. This particular part of the station was formerly used by the railway as baggage and parcel rooms, and is not really part of the station proper. The Harris Abattoir Company has found it necessary to extend their present property to cope with ever-increasing volume of their business, and they, too, have approached the C.P.R. with a view of securing the Broad Street station as new quarters.

KILLED III TRYING STOP HIS HORSE
Samuel Ages Meets Death at Westboro Crossing Had Climbed on Back of the Vehicle.
Samuel Ages, a director of the Dominion Ice Co., well known in Ottawa, was instantly killed on Saturday when he was struck by a C.P.R. train at Westboro. The accident occurred shortly before noon. An inquest was opened at once by Coroner Dr. Craig, but the members of the jury viewed the remains and adjourned until Monday, March 8.
It appears that the unfortunate man had been driving a rig and that he had drawn up his horse while he went into the office of the Cummings Coal Co. on business. He came out to find his horse running away. Going after it he succeeded in getting onto the rear of the vehicle in an endeavor to climb to the front. While thus attempting to stop the horse it tore across the railway tracks just as an incoming C.P.R. train was approaching. The train caught the rear of the carriage smashing it to bits, and pitching Ages several feet away. When picked up he was found to have suffered fractures of the right leg, of the left arm and several ribs were broken. To these injuries and the shock of the accident his immediate death was attributed by physicians who were summoned by the C.P.R.
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Independent Coal Company has bought land at a cost of \$40,000 for a planing mill and coal chute between the CPR line and the Ottawa River in Ottawa West from Mr. F. A. Heney. CPR will construct a siding for the new outfit. Up to 150,000 tons of coal will be handled.

New C.P.R. Station at Parkdale Avenue
Site Approved by Representatives of City Council
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Another important matter now before the council is the question of the location of the new CPR station to serve Ottawa West and the suburban area to the west of the city.

At a recent meeting between the engineers of the CPR and a delegation from the area affected, through an error, the Westboro and Nepean delegations withdrew their petition to have the station located in Westboro, the CPR officers intimated that they favored Parkdale Avenue as the site for the station, which would be too far in to serve the suburban area.

Reeve Joynt stated this morning that it was almost certain that the council will take the matter to the Board of Railway Commissioners.

TRAIN STOP NEAR PARKDALE AVENUE

New Station will be erected there shortly

Following the petition of the city and Ottawa West residents made last April, the CPR yesterday began stopping local trains for the convenience of people living in the western part of the city at a point 600 feet west of Parkdale Avenue.

City councillor Norman H. Lett has received official notification from Mr. E. J. Flintoff, solicitor general of the CPR.

A permanent station and platform will be erected as soon as possible, but in the meantime, a cinder platform has been installed. A temporary station will be built immediately, and a station agent will be appointed shortly.

The need of this station to the western part of Ottawa has long been felt, and will enable people to catch trains without coming into Central Station.

Situated near Parkdale Avenue, the station also serves Westboro. At present, only local trains are stopping at the station.

NEW WESTBORO STATION.

Canadian Pacific Railway have decided to locate their new station, serving the west end of Ottawa and Westboro, five hundred feet west of Parkdale avenue, Ottawa. This station will be located on the south side of the railway tracks. A cinder platform is now being put down from Parkdale avenue and a temporary building will be erected as soon as possible. When this is done an agent will be placed in charge to sell tickets.

Local trains now stop at Westboro Station on schedule given below.

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C.P.R. will not stand for two stations.

Owing to the fact that several other applications had precedence on the order paper, the hearing on the application of the Township of Nepean for an order directing the C.P.R. to erect a station at Westboro at or near Victoria avenue, for the handling of passengers, freight and express, before the Board of Railway Commissioners, was adjourned until this afternoon.

Mr. T.B. Flintoff is acting on behalf of the C.P.R. and Mr. J.E. Caldwell, Solicitor for Carleton County, represents the applicant. Mr. F.B. proctor, City Solicitor, will also be on hand to look after the city's interests, as the application for the Township of Nepean virtually involves the maintaining or the abandonment of the recently established station at Parkdale avenue.

The C.P.R. is understood to be agreeable to the establishment of one station in a centre which will serve the largest number of people, but will not countenance two stations, one in Westboro and another in Hintonburg. The application of Nepean Township is arousing the keenest interest, as was evidenced by the large attendance of residents along the Britannia line, farmers of Nepean and members of the Carleton County Council who were on hand this forenoon in the expectation that the case would be proceeded with then.

MR. ANDREW DOUGALL IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Driver For Ottawa Dairy Struck by C. P. R. Soo Train at Springfield.

Mr. Andrew Dougall, driver for the Ottawa Dairy, was killed almost instantly about 6.15 o'clock this morning when his rig was struck by the C. P. R. Soo train at Springfield crossing, several stations below Woodroffe.

The crossing there is said to be one of the worst about the city, with no bell, gates or any other protection. One of the horses was killed, half of the rig was smashed to atoms, and the remainder shoved along the track, a distance of about four hundred feet.

When Dougall was lifted from the debris, he was found to be suffering from terrible injuries inflicted to his head, and one of his legs was almost off. Dr. J. S. Nelson, of Westboro, was at once summoned and tended the injured man, who was rushed to the city. When he was lifted at Central station into Rogers and Burney's ambulance, he breathed his last.

The coroner's inquest, which was later opened at Rogers and Burney's undertaking establishment by Dr. Craig, identified the remains and adjourned to Friday evening, at the police station. Mr. James Miller, 193 Fifth avenue, also of the Ottawa Dairy, identified the body.

Saw the Accident.

Mr. J. Dolan, of Woodroffe, was an eye-witness of the fatality. He stated to Mr. W. H. Goodfellow, 215 Percy street, the conductor of the train, that he was not more than several hundred feet away from the scene of the accident at the time it happened. He saw the late Mr. Dougall look about him before attempting to cross the track, but he seemed to be looking as if he expected a train from Ottawa. Evidently not scenting any danger, he attempted the crossing and was struck by the train when his rig was about half-way over. Mr. Fred Cole, Bayswater avenue, was the engineer in charge of the train.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF ANDREW DOUGALL

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury at the inquest into the death of the late Andrew Dougall Ottawa Dairy milk driver, who was killed by the C.P.R. Soo train. No. 18, last Monday morning. The inquest was held last night at the police station, and was presided over by Coroner Craig. Representatives of the Ottawa Dairy and the C.P.R. were also present.

The verdict read that "the late Andrew Dougall came to his death on the morning of Monday, August 23, 1920, from injuries he received when the rig which he was driving was hit by C.P.R. train No. 18, at Springfield crossing. We find death to be accidental."

The principal witness was Fred Cole, engineer of the train. He stated at the inquest that on the morning of the accident he had been on the lookout for Dougall, as on three or four occasions within the last few weeks, the train barely missed hitting him. However, he did not see him till it was too late to avoid an accident.

A judgment will be signed today by the Board of Railway Commissioners in the application brought by the Township of Nepean to compel the Canadian Pacific Railway to grant the people of Westboro on the Britannia line a station facility at Victoria Avenue in Westboro.

The judgment grants the application and in consequence that section will soon have the new station complete with passenger traffic, freight, express and telegraph facilities. The station is to be in place by December 1st. The judgment has been written by Dr. Rutherford, and the other members of the commission concurred with it.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS C.P.R. TO PROVIDE A STATION AT WESTBORO Passenger, Freight, Express and Telegraph Facilities by Dec. 1st. Commissioner Rutherford's Judgment Concurred in Granting Application of Township of Nepean.

Westboro. and the Britannia line generally, is to have its new C.P.R. station complete with passenger, freight, express and telegraph facilities.

The new station is to be in operation by December 1st next or a little over two months.

Such was the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners on the application brought some months ago by the Township of Nepean to compel the C.P.R. to grant the people of Westboro and the Britannia line a station at Victoria avenue, Westboro. The case was tried here on July 6th but the decision was not arrived at till yesterday.

The news will rejoice the heart of every one of the thousands of residents along the Britannia line who at the present time have to come either to Parkdale avenue or Central station to take a train. Moreover, the decision was rather unexpected.

"We have hardly a chance to win," was the remark of a prominent Westboro man after the hearing nearly three months ago. It was thought that the recent establishment of the Parkdale avenue station would mitigate against the railway commission ordering another station so near.

Little Doing at Parkdale.

The decision which was written by Dr. J. G. Rutherford, and in which the other members concurred, stated that Dr. Rutherford had visited the scene of the asked-for station and also the Parkdale avenue station. The latter station did not seem to be much in demand, as in June, only 55 tickets had been sold and some \$88 taken in at that point.

Westboro, as well as the entire Britannia line, was a growing suburb. Moreover, the new station would not only serve the suburbanites at this point but residents of the country district behind. It was, therefore, ordered that the C.P.R. should file plans for a new station at Victoria avenue, Westboro, with the commission as soon as possible, and that a new station should be in operation by December 1st with passenger, freight, express and telegraph privileges.

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(8 days before Westboro in Westboro should have opened by Board Order)

Mr. J. R. Savage, general superintendent of the C.P.R. Ottawa District, and Mr. J. E. Beatty, district engineer, had a conference with the Board of Control this morning regarding the Railway Commission order to the railway to open a station at Westboro.

The C.P.R. already has a station at the corner of Parkdale Avenue and Scott Street which the controllers want the Company to keep open.

No decision was reached.

While E. Turner was approaching the crossing at Carleton Place with seven passengers to catch the Pembroke local train, his auto was struck by the train and hurled against the fence. Mr. Turner and several of the passengers were badly injured.

CP is told that it must provide a railway crossing for the future Island Park Drive; currently unoccupied land in Ottawa's West end.

On Slidell Street, near Ottawa West, complaints that the gates are open onto the Sheppard and Morse Lumber Company, and they should be closed when no one is around. This is the first siding listed on the old Chalk River Subdivision leaving from Broad Street.

Work has been started by Maurice Sullivan & Son, Armprior contractors, on the new railway depot of the C.P.R. at Carleton Place. It will be a substantial and handsome building.

A washout of the CPR Carleton Place Subdivision occurred several hundred feet west of Britannia, due to the high spring runoff causing the Ottawa River to overflow its banks. All trains from Smiths Falls/Brockville and Western Canada were detoured via Bedell. On page 6, a similiar story was printed, but the last sentence said "The villages of Ashton and Stittsville are now isolated!!" This lasted for a couple of days.

The new C.P.R. depot in Carleton Place is just about completed and will be opened about the first of May

Our railway men as a rule are most modest in the discharge of their duties, and rarely appear in the limelight for valuable service rendered. A case in point was brought to notice a few days ago. Some children were playing about the C.P.R. cattle yards at Carleton Place, when one little fellow ventured out on the tracks unconsciously just as a freight train was coming along. The engineer and fireman saw the lad and acted at once. The driver applied the brakes whilst the fireman climbed out over the engine and caught the child and held him by the arm until the train came to a stop and saved his life. The modesty has seemingly sealed the mouths of the men who acted so promptly and the names are still unknown.

TRAIN HELD UP BY DERAILED BOX CARS

On account of the derailment of two box cars on the C.P.R. Ottawa Carleton place line early last evening, just a short distance west of the Broad street station yards, the passenger train from Pembroke was unable to reach Central Station. The passengers disembarked at Parkdale avenue, and continued to their destination in the city via the street railway. Mail and baggage were also transferred to the station from Parkdale avenue. The derailment occurred when a train from Elwood [sic] was run onto the main line in order to back into the yards, and during the shunting operations, two of its cars left the rails. No one was injured.

ARNPRIOR RESIDENT HURT IN COLLISION

Mrs. S. R. Rudd in Hospital and Walter Ferguson Under Arrest.

Mrs. S. R. Rudd, Arnprior, Ont., is a patient in the Protestant General Hospital, Rideau street, with a broken knee cap, while Walter Ferguson was placed under arrest following an accident which occurred near Galetta, Ont, about eight o'clock on Saturday evening. Ferguson was arrested on the C.P.R. Soo train at Union Station at six o'clock Sunday morning following the reception of a telegram by the local police

Mr. and Mrs. Rudd driving in a Hupmobile coupe were on their way from Norway Bay, Que., to Arnprior, and were travelling by way of Quyon and Filtzroy Harbor. When about a mile from Galetta an Overland car driven by Walter Ferguson, who was accompanied by his father, Duncan Ferguson, approached the Rudd car, and the driver, who was, it is thought, contused by the glare or the headlights of the Rudd car, collided head on with it.

Mr. Rudd escaped injury, while Mr. Duncan Ferguson, was cut about the head by flying glass. Mr. and Mrs. Rudd were taken to Arnprior in a passing auto, and Mrs. Rudd was brought to Ottawa on Sunday morning.

28/11/1924 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Parkdale Avenue*

A collision between a motor truck owned by Joseph A. Barrett, merchant, and a C.P.R. train, at the level crossing over the C.P.R. tracks at Parkdale avenue, on August 1 last, is the cause of litigation between the parties. The plaintiff claims that the accident was due to the negligence of the C.P.R. in, it is alleged, allowing its train to run in a reverse direction without having a lookout man at the end of it as required by the railway regulations. Barrett's truck was completely demolished, and he also claims that the train was backing at an unlawful rate of speed. He asks \$500 damages.

The C.P.R. sets up that the running of its train complied with all the regulations, and says it was not running at unlawful speed. It also claims that the accident was due to the negligence of the driver of the motor truck.

23/03/1926 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Britannia*

BRITANNIA CHILD MEETS DEATH ON RAILWAY TRACKS

Four-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foley Instantly Killed By Brockville-Ottawa Train.

Struck at the Britannia crossing by the Brockville-Ottawa C.P.R. passenger train shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon Phyllis Catherine Foley, aged four years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foley of Britannia Village, was instantly killed. The lifeless body was picked up and placed on the train and conveyed to the city and later removed to Burney & Son's undertaking parlors, where an Inquest was opened last night.

The child met her death, it is thought, while on her way to a store to buy some candy. Her mother had given her five cents, and she is believed to have been crossing the railway tracks at Main street from the Foley home situated to the north of the railway to a store on the south side. There were no eye-witnesses of the accident.

Mr. Foley, who is a laborer, was on his way home from work and was walking along Main street from the O.E.R. stop when he noticed the eastbound passenger train come to a stop after it had gone over the crossing and then back up. He then noticed that there was something wrong and going down the track saw what he was told was the body of a child being rolled up in canvas after it had been lifted from between the rails underneath one of the coaches. He did not know at the time that the body was that of his child. He later found her coat and toque alongside the track, and only then knew that it was his child that had been killed. He. Foley said that there was an electric bell at the crossing and that he heard it ringing as the train passed.

The train was bound from Smiths Falls in charge of Conductor Michael O'Connell, 64 Spruce street, and Engineer Maurice O'Connell, 166 Bayswater avenue. The child, according to the crew, ran right in front of, the train as it was going over the crossing.

Inquest Is Opened.

After the train was brought to a stop the body of the child was placed on board, after which it proceeded to Union Station, where it was met by Burney & Son's car and removed to the undertaking parlors on Somerset street. There Coroner T. J. Scobie opened an inquest and after taking the father's evidence, and going through the opening formalities the session was adjourned until next Monday night at the courthouse.

In addition to what he saw of the accident, Mr. Foley identified the remains as those of his daughter. The body was so badly mutilated that Mr. Foley was not asked to view it but made the identification through a ring which the child wore and which was removed from her finger during the inquest.

30/03/1926 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Britannia*

Little girl's death purely accidental

Child could not see train for snow drifts.

A verdict of accidental death was returned last evening by a coroner's jury sitting at the courthouse regarding the death of five-year-old Phyllis Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foley, Main Street Britannia, who on Monday, March 22, was struck by C.P.R. train 562, Brockville to Ottawa, at the level crossing at Britannia Village.

Witnesses, in addition to the fireman and engineer, included, Michael O'Connell, 64 Spruce Street, conductor; William McPherson, 4 Spruce Street, Brakeman; Peter Boucher, 17 Osgoode Street, baggage man; William Nesbitt, grocery store proprietor near the crossing, and Dr. G. M. Pennock.

Edward J. Walker, assistant superintendent of the Smiths Falls division of the C.P.R. gave general information respecting the crossing, including a description of the condition of the electric bell which was stated to be in good order at the time. The engine whistle and bell were also in operation as the train approached the crossing.

The speed of the train was given as 40 to 45 miles per hour, a very ordinary speed for this crossing where there is no speed limit. While it was shown that an adult has a view west from this crossing for almost half a mile, Mr. Nesbitt stated that a child was not to be able to see very far on account of snow drifts. Some discussion rose regarding the question of cleaning the snow away from crossings, Mr. Walker stating that the railway was responsible for the roadway and footpaths.

The child was last seen by Mr. Nesbitt walking down onto the tracks from the drift, apparently about to cross the tracks. The train came along at the same moment and the child disappeared.

It was pointed out that this is the first accident of this character in 16 years at this crossing; the accident at that time being the death of a man and a horse there when struck by a train.

07/04/1926 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Britannia*

As a result of the recent accident on the level crossing at Britannia village where a little girl was run down by a C.P.R. express and instantly killed. Residents of the Britannia line have expressed strong objection to the rate of trains on the line and the existence of level crossings.

This objection was voiced last night at the meeting of the Westboro Ratepayers Association when the organization decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Railway Commissioners and to ask that some action be taken.

It was the feeling of the meeting that level crossings on the tracks constitute a menace to public safety. Regarding the speed of trains, it was stated that locomotives should be held to a speed of 15 and not more than 20 miles per hour, while crossing through the populous section just west of Ottawa.

This was repeated verbatim in the April 8 edition.

12/05/1927 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place*

"The York", Canadian Pacific fast noon-day train for Toronto, leaving Ottawa 1.30 p.m. now runs daily. First class coaches, parlour cars and dining facilities. This additional service provides three trains between Ottawa and Toronto on Sundays.

ROYAL VISITORS SAID "AU REVOIR" TO OTTAWA TODAY

Royal Train - Pulled Out at Eight o'Clock for Brockville. Premier Baldwin and Party Also Leave.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS MAKE FINE IMPRESSION

Both Princes Spent Enjoyable Two Hours at Laurier House Prior to Country Club Reception.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince. George, with the royal party, bade farewell to Ottawa at 8 o'clock this morning when the special train to which they had retired shortly before four o'clock, at the conclusion of the Country Club reception and dance, pulled out for Brockville.

At eleven o'clock the special containing Premier Stanley Baldwin and his party left for Brockville. To Premier Baldwin's train was attached Premier Mackenzie King's private car, the Dominion premier accompanying the distinguished guests to Brockville. Quite a number of citizens and officials saw the two premiers off, but there was no official leave taking.

Both Princes spent a very enjoyable two hours at Laurier House last evening, and expressed to Premier King their thorough appreciation of his reception and entertainment. "It has been one of the most pleasant evenings I have ever enjoyed," stated the Prince of Wales, previous to his departure for the Country Club.

The final day of the royal visit to the Capital was in contrast to the first, and to Wednesday, which was also a somewhat busy day for Princes and for premier Baldwin. Yesterday was largely devoted to open air relaxation on the links and to social entertainment, the evening being occupied with the dinner at Laurier House and the Country Club dance and reception which did not conclude until an early hour this morning.

That the Prince and Premier Baldwin made a most gratifying impression on all Ottawans and on the thousands of visitors who saw the royal party during the past few days was evidenced by the eagerness with which the royal program was followed and the crowds which gathered along the streets to and from the various sites of official function or private entertainments.

TRAIN STRIKES AUTO BUT DRIVER ESCAPES

Quick Jump Saves Hiram Olive When Car Stalls.

Hiram Olive, Pacific street, Westboro, narrowly escaped injury when his automobile stalled Saturday noon on the C.P.R. tracks at Westboro in the path of a westbound Toronto passenger train. Mr. Olive, who was the only occupant of the automobile, had time to leave the car before it was struck. The rear end of the automobile was damaged.

Mr. Olive, who is employed by J.W. Bean, Westboro butcher, had obtained Saturday afternoon off, and was driving home about 12.40 o'clock. As he was crossing the railway his engine stalled.

He endeavored to start the engine again but had no time to do so before the train approached at high speed. Mr. Olive leaped from his car and ran to safety.

The automobile, which was almost clear of the track, was struck near the rear by the engine as it went by, and the rear wheels and back of the automobile were broken.

Woman Driver Is Struck By Train

Mrs. Margaret Mason Has Very Narrow Escape From Death.

Mrs. Margaret Mason, 126 Albert street, had a marvellous escape from death when her automobile was smashed to matchwood by a Canadian Pacific Railway freight train at the Woodroffe crossing Saturday afternoon.

She was returning to Ottawa from her summer home alone in her car and failed to notice the approach of the freight train. The automobile was struck in the centre and dragged 50 feet along the tracks. Mrs. Mason was unable to extricate herself from the wreckage until helped out by the train crew.

At first her injuries appeared not serious, but on examination it was found necessary to take her to the Civic Hospital for treatment.

Injured When Hit By Engine Bumper

Henry Umphrey mistook Speed of Train.

CARLETON PLACE, Feb. 21 Struck by the engine bumper of an eastbound C.P.R. train here tonight. Henry Umphrey of Lake avenue narrowly escaped serious injury. He was thrown to the right of way with considerable force and suffered a broken nose and cuts to the face as well as shock.

As the train was approaching the Carleton Place station. Mr. Umphrey, believing it a slow freight, and that he had plenty of time, started across the tracks. He had just stepped clear of the tracks after the crossing when the bumper, which projected to the engine's side, caught him throwing him to the ground.

First aid treatment was given by Dr. J. A. McEwen who found that in addition to the facial injuries, Mr. Umphrey was suffering from shock. The injured man's condition was given as somewhat improved late tonight.

Man walks into side of moving locomotive

Carleton Place Resident Suffering from Shock.

Carleton Place, Feb 21. Henry Umphrey, about 65 years of age, was severely cut and is suffering from shock following an accident which occurred immediately in front of the C.P.R. station here at 7.15 tonight. Umphrey, who was on the station platform, attempted to cross the tracks to the opposite platform just as the Toronto local was pulling in. There is double track at this place and Umphrey is believed to have become confused as to which track the train was travelling on and walked into the side of the engine. He was removed to his home, but at no time lost consciousness. So far as could be learned his condition is not causing anxiety.

Damage on Lake Shore as Waves Batter Railway

Some C.P.R. Trains Re-Routed Owing to Trouble At Britannia. "Jigger" Service Above Aylmer.

The high water on the Ottawa river and wind of yesterday and Thursday has caused considerable damage to wharfs, cottages and railway ballasting along the shores of Lake Deschenes. There is a washout on the eastbound track of the Hull Electric Railway between the Cedars and Queen's park, while on Thursday C.P.R. officials found it necessary to route some of the trains via Smiths Falls as the roadbed along the lake at Britannia was battered all day by the high waves and it was feared that the trains would be in danger. Traffic was resumed over the line yesterday.

Beyond the damage to the ballasting along the Hull Electric Railway, little inconvenience is being suffered by the railway from the wind and water. As yet the summer service beyond Aylmer to Queen's park has not been commenced. There is a jigger service which is run on one track.

Yesterday the pier at Queen's park was badly battered by the waves and suffered considerable damage. Men were at work during the day securing the plank floor of the pier. The pier at Aylmer also suffered from the wind and waves. Cottages along the lake shore between Wychwood and Queen's park, right up to which the water has risen, were also battered and some suffered damage.

Ottawa train hits car near station

Ashton farmer has no Escape at Carleton Place Crossing.

Carleton Place, Oct. 2 - his vision obscured by the heavy rain Russell Crawford, farmer living nere Ashton, narrowly escaped death tonight when his automobile was struck by the Toronto-Ottawa C.P.R. train on the Franktown road crossing at the C.P.R. station here.

Mr. Crawford was driving in to Carleton Place from his home at 7.12 p.m., when the Toronto-Ottawa train is due here. He did not see the approaching train, which was slowing up for the station, only a short distance away.

The locomotive struck the rear of the car, which was almost over the crossing. As the heavy train was moving slowly to stop at the near-by platform, the blow was not heavy, although the automobile was badly damaged. Mr. Crawford escaped with only a bruise over one eye. He was taken home in another automobile. The train was not delayed but continued on its way to Ottawa.

15/10/1929 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Bells Corners*

Charge he put obstruction on railway tracks

W. Carey arrested and will be mentally examined. Report three serious accidents narrowly verted

Charged with placing obstructions on the C.P.R. track at Britannia and Bell's Corners, Wilfred Stanley Carey, aged 28, of no fixed abode, was this morning remanded by magistrate Wm. Joynt in County Police Court until Tuesday next.

Carey, who was well-dressed and apparently intelligent, had no defense to offer and he will be submitted to a medical examination as to his sanity before he again appears before the magistrate.

Police state that Carey admitted to them having on two occasions on Saturday last place railway ties across the C.P.R. tracks about three miles west of Britannia and once the same day across the C.N.R. main line near Bell's Corners. In all three locations according to police serious accidents were narrowly averted. Trains not derailed.

On Saturday at 4.38 p.m. Fred Cole, engineer on train no. 557 Ottawa-Pembroke local, outbound, noticed a tie across the rails ahead of him and succeeded in bringing his train to a stop just as the locomotive struck the tie. This was removed, and the train proceeded. The same evening, about 5 o'clock, engineer Herbert Kenny, on train no. 565, Ottawa-Brockville outbound, also noticed a tie across the rails ahead of him, and also succeeded in bringing his train to a stop after bumping the tie slightly. The same night a tie was placed across the rails of the C.N.R. main line and train No. 1, Ottawa to Vancouver, struck this about 3 a.m. Sunday. The tie was snapped in two, but fortunately the train was not derailed. The tie was believed to have been put in place sometime after 7 o'clock Saturday night.

The engineers on both of the C.P.R. trains notified Ottawa of finding the obstructions, and within half an hour Investigator J. L. McCoy and Constable George Kelly were working about the scene. Investigator B.B. Harris made enquiries for the C.N.R. They learned that an unusually tall man was seeking work among the farmers in the neighbourhood on Saturday afternoon, and adjudged that this man, going from one farm to another would pass along the railway about the time of the placing of the ties. They succeeded in getting an excellent description from the farmers. On inquiries in Ottawa the C.P.R. investigators learned that a man corresponding to the description was seeking work at a local employment office. The description was given to the city police and yesterday afternoon detective Thomas Cullum arrested Carey at the Union Mission.

Say confession made.

At the police station last night he was questioned by a Detective Cullum and the railway investigators and it was then, according to the police, that he made a written confession. In this the officers said Carey admitted that after placing the first to tie on the C.P.R. tracks. He hid behind a fence to wait and see what would happen. Then after the first train came up and stopped and the tie was removed and the train continued he placed the second obstruction.

05/05/1930 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

C.P.R. engineer's quick action saves life of 3-year old child at crossing.

Imminent tragedy rode the rails for three-year-old Lucy Blais, Gould street, Ottawa West, when she was playing on the Carleton avenue crossing shortly after eleven o'clock this morning and the C.P.R. train to Smiths Falls was approaching at a fair speed. Only the presence of mind of the engineer saved her. Noticing her when but a city block away, the engineer, George Moulds, 137 Huron avenue, applied all brakes and the long train ground to a stop within a few feet of the still unconcerned child. A baggageman jumped out of his car and pulled little Lucy from the track. Kind neighbours took care of her, while the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blais were communicated with. The little tot, while firghtened by the din, had little idea as to what was creating all the excitement.

Lucy had wandered away from her home, about four orfive blocks from the crossing, when her mother had been very busy with another child who is ailing. Eye-witnesses said the grinding of the brakes caused a terrific screeching noise, also the sparks to fly abundantly.

03/12/1930 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Hinchey Avenue*

Auto Driver Escapes As Train Completely Demolished Truck

Oscar Villeneuve Crawled Out as if from under Pile of Wood After Collision at Hinchey Avenue Crossing of C.P.R. Truck Had Io Chains.

Oscar Villeneuve , 205 Hinchey avenue, had a miraculous escape at 10.30 o'clock this morning when the truck he was driving was hit by the C.P.R eastbound train from Pembroke at the Hinchey avenue crossing. Villeneuve crawled from the wreckage of his car unaided, as if coming from under a pile of wood, and it was later found that he had suffered only minor shoulder injuries.

The accident occurred when Villeneuve heard the train whistle for the Hinchey avenue crossing and In the endeavor to apply his brakes, skidded the car, which was without chains, right in front of the approaching train. The front end of the truck was hit by the engine, throwing the truck around so that it was again struck on the side by one of the cars of the train. The latter collision capsized the truck and completely demolished it.

Constable Lloyd, whoinvestigated the accident, stated that Mr. Villeneuve's escape was little short of a miracle Mr. Villeneuve was taken to his home, as his injuries were not serious enough to warrant hospital treatment.

Also reported in the Jouirnal same date

Gas-electric car makes trial run

Ottawa Car Mfg. Co. Produces first made-in-Canada vehicle of kind.

One of the most up-to-date gas electric motor rail cars, the first of its type to be manufactured in Canada, was given a trial run yesterday from Ottawa to Carleton Place and return prior to delivery to the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is a product of the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Company and is the second of four to be manufactured by them. Built with ninety per cent British Empire products, the car is the last thing in rail transportation and is designed for short runs where stops are frequent and traffic is light.

The car has a seating capacity of fifty persons. The main compartment holds thirty-six while the smoking room has seating accommodation for fourteen. The interior of the car is finished in mahogany and the baggage room is of corrugated steel. The seats in the main compartment are of green plush and in the smoking room black leather. The total length of the car is 74 feet and the width nine feet, nine inches. The engine room is at the front of the car and is separated from the baggage room by an insulated steel partition. The exhaust from the engine and the manifold is covered with asbestos while the flooring in the car is of rubber. The roof, floors and walls of the car are of special construction to keep out the cold.

One of the main features is the comfort of the passengers who are well protected from the noise of the engine and in addition, the usual smoke and dust from the steam engine is eliminated through the use of the gas electric motor. There is absolutely no vibration whatever and the production of such cars is opening up a new road to transportation. The car has a speed of 65 miles an hour and carries a crew of three men. Another feature is the "dead man control," by which the car is stopped automatically.

Hon. Thomas Ahearn, P.C., was expected on the trip but was in Montreal yesterday. Hon. Mr. Ahearn is very pleased with the car and has often said "The Ottawa Car Manufacturing Company can build anything."

There follows a list of those who made the trip.

The train crew was conductor M.P. O'Connell, trainman, J.P. Cole and pilot F.O. O'Doherty.

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*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Britannia*

Horse sense fails to function: animal killed at crossing.

Apparently even animals think they can beat a train to a crossing. A stray horse was instantly killed and the wagon it was pulling demolished at the March road crossing near Britannia, at 9 10 o'clock this morning in an argument over the right-of-way with the C.P.R. Trans-Canada train. The owner of the horse and wagon is not known. The crack C.P.R. train, which is due in Ottawa from the West at 9.15 o'clock, was delayed by the accident, arriving at 9.39 o'clock. The engineer was H. Matthews and the conductor E. Bradford, both of Ottawa.

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*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

05/01/1932

Milk driver has narrow escape at Westboro crossing

Archie Glasner thought section men waving "Good Morning" to him as they sought to give warning.

Archibald J. Glasner, 2 Fourth avenue Westboro, driver for the Ottawa Dairy, Limited, had a miraculous escape from death at 7.45 o'clock this morning, when his milk wagon was struck by a C.P.R. train at the Victoria avenue crossing in Westboro, completely demolishing the wagon and its contents and strewing them along the track for a distance of approximately 600 feet. Only one wheel of the wagon and an empty milk bottle were intact following the crash. In addition to the wagon being demolished, six pieces of glass in the station were broken by the flying milk bottles and pieces of wood from the wagon. Approximately \$30 worth of milk, cream and butter were destroyed by the crash.

The station platform, covered with broken glass, splinters of wood from the wagon and the track for a distance of 600 feet were strewn with pieces of wagon and the twisted metal milk holders from the wagon.

According to Mr. Glasner he was delivering milk on Victoria street and after finishing his round there started towards Pacific street to cross the track. Before approaching the crossing Mr. Glasner looked east along the track to see if there was a train coming and not seeing any started towards the crossing. He did not see the approaching train from the west as there is a slight bend in the track, which would block his view.

Upon nearing the crossing Mr. Glasner saw the section men, who were near the crossing, waving and they shouted to him, but thinking they were just waving a "good morning," started to cross the tracks. he did not hear what they were saying owing to the noise the wagon was making.

Jumped to safety

Just as he drove his wagon onto the crossing he heard a shrill blast from a whistle and upon looking up saw the approaching train. Knowing that the horses were safely across the track and there was no time left for the wagon to get across, Mr. Glasner jumped and ran for the station platform. Almost simultaneously the train, which was estimated as travelling at about 40 miles an hour, struck the back portion of the milk wagon and the impact was so great that it freed the horses from the wagon and scattered the latter along the station platform and track. The tongue of the wagon was broken off about the middle and the horses continued down the street for a short distance. Except for slight cuts the horses were not hurt. The train was stopped at the Main street crossing and backed to the scene of the accident, but the crew, after learning that no one was injured, gave the order for the train to proceed into Ottawa, where it was due at 8.13 o'clock.

Mr. Glasner is considering that he had a lucky escape, as after jumping from the wagon and running onto the station platform, noticed the approaching train and the position of the wagon, and just had time to dash into shelter as the train whizzed by, throwing the wreckage onto the platform where he was standing.

When seen by the Citizen following the accident, Mr. Glasner said that his escape was remarkable and the second which he had within a short time. His first escape was when his horses ran away and did considerable damage to the wagon. The wagon which was smashed to atoms, had just been repaired and today was the first day it had been out following the overhauling. Mr. Glasner has been driving the wagon for the past fourteen years.

Following the accident, the section men, T. Gibson, foreman, of Royal avenue, Westboro, J.J. Graham, 7 Center street, Westboro, T.I. Gibson, Woodroffe and N. Covollozuk, 44 William street, Westboro, were engaged for a considerable time in picking up the wreckage and cleaning off the station platform.

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*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

Railways stop giving rides to transients

Many juveniles have acquired wanderlust.

Railways are tightening up on the transportation of transients, and the police magistrate has been asked to cooperate. Dennis Beaugarde, 67 Armstrong Street, in police court this morning was charged with trespassing on the C.P. Rly.

Byron Howard, counsel for the C.P. Rly, said for some time the railways allowed men to ride free on freight trains as it was thought this might facilitate them and getting work. Now however, he said, the men should know that one place is as bad as another and they might as well stay where they are. The worst feature however is that many juveniles have the wanderlust and follow the example of adults and stealing rides on freight cars. The railways, said Mr. Howard, will not tolerate children riding on cars. In the case of Beaugarde there was a 12-year-old boy with him. Beaugarde explained that he did not take the boy but the boy hopped on the train and went to Carleton Place. Beaugarde then took charge of the boy and brought him back to Ottawa. He was arrested as he came into the city. Beaugarde was remanded until Thursday.

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*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Carleton Place*

Accidental death.

A verdict of accidental death with no blame attached to the train crew was returned last night in an inquest held at the police station into the death of Robert Swinburne, aged 6 years, who was fatally injured when run over by a freight train at Carleton Place on Saturday and who died at a local hospital. Coroner R.M. Cairns presided. Eight witnesses testified. Members of the train crew told of three children trying to climb onto the train which was moving slowly, and of calling to them to keep away. The unfortunate boy fell under the train.

Returns verdict of accidental death.

While returning a verdict of accidental death, a coroner's jury inquiring Wednesday into the death of John Draper, 33 years, of 1 Hillson avenue, Westboro, employe of the Independent Coal Company, who was killed in the company's yards in Westboro, Monday morning, added a ?er to its verdict condemning the movement of railway coal cars by hand on the incline of the coal chute.

The inquest, held in the Westboro town hall under Dr.J.E. Craig, coroner, attracted many residents of the community. J.A. Ritchie, K.C., Crown attorney, was present and did most of the examining of winesses.

The jury found that "death was due to injuries received when he (John Draper) was run over by a coal car which was not under control when being moved by hand. We condemn the practice in use in the yard of moving cars on the incline of the chute."

03/03/1938 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Westboro*

Truck stalled on tracks is twice struck by trains.

Three young men, whose names were not secured, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death last night when a truck that they had been pushing across the railway tracks at Westboro was almost demolished by a west-bound C.P.R. freight train

The accident happened on Victoria street, Westboro, about 10.30. The truck was travelling north and near the crossing the motor stopped. Two passengers got out and started to push the truck over the tracks. When the truck was on the tracks it became stuck again. The three men heard a train approaching and left the truck and ran back out of the reach of any possible flying debris.

When the truck was struck by the train it was pushed about 30 feet up the tracks. Before it could be moved by a tow-truck, an eastbound railway snowplow struck the vehicle again and drove it back to the street crossing. From here it was towed to a garage. Late today no report of the accident had been made to the local provincial police office, and the men were not yet identified.

10/03/1939 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

VIEW OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD'S FUNERAL TRAIN.

The above pictured train carrles remains of great statesman to last resting place near Kingston in June 1891. Note the black crepe on engine tender and baggage car. Standing on the engine an Engineer John Holyhock, Fireman Harry Fraser and Cleaner Rube Smith. Picture taken in the yards at the old Broad street station. See story elsewhere on this page.

Incidents Recalled Sir John's Funeral

The picture reproduced on this page is a sad reminder of that day in mid-June 1891 when thousands of people from Ottawa and all over the Ottawa Valley turned out to attend the funeral of 'Canada's great old statesman and prine mlnlster Sir John A. Macdonald.

Every available foot of space in and around the old Broad street station was taken up with people who came to see the casket placed on the train. The train itself from the engine to the last car was draped with black crepe - an impressive sight which brought tears to the eyes of many of the people who were there to bid a last farewell to the remains or the old chieftain.

An outstanding memory of that mournful occasion is that while rain had fallen in torrents during the funeral procession from the church to the train, the moment the casket was lifted from its conveyance and borne towards the train, the rain ceased falling, the skies brightened and the remainder or the day was fair.

It is also an Interesting fact that the coffee served on the funeral train on that occasion was made over the first old oil burners. During the trip to Kingston Sir John's body rested in the baggage car.

The enizine and tender shown in the picture weighed 115.000 pounds. compared with 431.000 pounds for some of the present-day iron monsters.

Not one of nine passengers of motor car saw or heard locomotive approaching.

Pounding out of a snow storm and darkness, a CPR passenger train plowed through a crowded motor car stalled on the Churchill avenue (Main street) level crossing in Westboro, at 4.15 Sunday, and took a toll of six dead and two seriously injured. It was a tragic climax to happy family party. The ninth occupant of the car miraculously escaped with only a scratched hand.

The tragedy struck as the sequel to a Good Samaritan act by the driver of the death car. He had stalled across the rails while giving another car a helping helping push. The automobile was smashed to bits by the fast Trans-Canada passenger train as it swung into Ottawa at a 60-miles-per-hour clip.

Two Airmen Killed.

Three members' of an Ottawa family were wiped out and members of three Ottawa district families lost their lives. The two Air Force sons and a daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Zephir Nadon, of 178 Russell avenue died instantly. A 27-year-old girl, Celina Bazinet; Roger Champagne, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Noe Champagne, of Orleans, five miles east of Ottawa, and Sylvio Boyer, 31 -year-old -year-old former Timmins man, were also killed.

The one who; escaped with a scratched hand was another member of the Nadon family. Constable Maurice Nadon, 21. In hospital seriously injured are two girls, one of them an Ottawa resident, and the other a member of the Champagne family.

The automobile was southbound when it stalled' on the right-of-way in the path of the onrushing eastbound train. Spewing its passengers right and left, the car was hurled through the air and landed in a gully 100 'yards east of the crossing, a pile tl junk.

The accident brought tragic end to the New Year's holiday for the Nadon brothers. With their leaves expiring this weekend they were out for their last evening together before returning- to their posts.

The train caught the car as it straddled the crossing. In a fraction of a second automobile and occupants were strewn for a hundred yards along the right-of-way. Apparently no one saw or heard the train as it loomed up through the snow in the pre-dawn darkness. None of the passengers in the car had a chance. The locomotive, locomotive struck with a crash that was heard for blocks around, and the car literally blown apart by the impact. A twisted pile of wreckage which had been the chassis landed in a gully 100 yards east of the crossing while the other parts of the machine lay strewn along the track.

Five Die Instantly.

Five were killed almost instantly, instantly, while the sixth died half an hour after being admitted to the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Sgt. Nadon was found crumpled in the snow . near the crossing. He was still breathing, but died a few minutes later as he was carried into the office of the M. N. Cummings Lumber Mill nearby. As members of the train crew. and other rescuers went to work, they uncovered other bodies and the injured along the right-of-way, right-of-way, but' it was almost an hour before all the occupants of the car had been accounted for. , Miss Basinet's body was found buried under the wreckage. Gilles Nadon was! still alive when he was picked up along the right-of-way, but he succumbed shortly after he was rushed to hospital.

The death car was one of three which left the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice . Renaud, Fourth avenue, Westboro, about the same time.

In the first car which was the one pushed over the tracks, were John Page, driver, John Dutrisac and two members of the Champagne family, Rudolphe and Solange, all of Orleans. The driver had difficulty starting the motor and Roger Champagne, driving his Buick 1930 sedan, offered to push Page's car. Following in the rear was J. V. H. Lavigne, of 30 Marier road, Eastview, who was accom panied by another, member of the Champagne family, Miss Yvette, of Eastview, and four or five others.

Wheels Stuck in Tracks,

Champagne's car had succeeded in pushing Page's car over ithe slightly raised crossing. The front wheels caught m the ice-rutted railway tracks and unable to obtain obtain traction on the icy road with his rear wheels, the driver was powerless to move the big car. Then tragedy struck.

The third car arrived a minute or two after the crash and the train had already ground to a stop. Yvette Champagne, one of the first out of the vehicle, stumbled almost immediately upon the body of her. brother, Roger.

Dazed by the shock, she could remember little of what had happened after that.

A graphic account of the tragedy was given by Constable Maurice Nadon, R.C.M.P.. only occupant of the death car to escape injury.

The windows of. the car were frosted, he said, and the only clear spot was on the ; windshield In front of the driver. It was snowing heavily.

"Nobody seemed to hear the train. After it hit us I don't remember anything except picking up the bodies. I remember staggering around in a daze but I don't remember what happened to me from the time of the crash until I found myself picking up bodies."

Gilles, he said, was still breathing when he reached him, so he carried his brother to the nearby mill office first. The others were dead when he found them.

John Mack, superintendent of the lumber yard of M.N. Cummings, which is located to the immediate north of the tracks, was among those first on the scene.

Mr. Mack, with his wife, resides in an apartment above the office not more than 20 yards from the level crossing.

Mrs. Mack was lying in bed awake when she heard the terrific crash.

Heard Train Whistle.

"I heard the whistle of the train and the sound of a racing car motor. Then . there was a crash and screams of a girl. I looked out the window and I saw girl standing in the middle of the roadway screaming, 'My brother is dead', and pointing to a crumpled figure in the snow. I thought at first the man in the snow was the 'only one that had been killed, There was no sign of the car or any other injured, person. Then the girl began running around screaming 'the train has taken the car away.. The girl seemed to be half-crazed with grief," Mrs. Mack related.

Phoned for Ambulances.

After rousing her husband. Mrs. Mack telephoned police, ambulances and doctors. Mr. Mack began to bring the dead and dying into his apartment but as the trainmen and others began to discover bodies along the track and under the tangled debris of the automobile, he opened the office of the lumber, mill. It soon resembled an emergency hospital outpost in the battle line.

"We did not know how many there were and there was so much confusion we were unable to find out from the occupants of the other cars. So we just kept on looking", Mr. Mack said. His son, Albert Mack, found the body of Miss Bazinet under a piece of the car wreckage 100 yards down the track from the crossing. Dr. L. C. Purvis and Coroner Dr. i.J. S. Nelson rendered medical aid where possible in the improvised hospital and dispatched the injured to the hospital in ambulances of A. L. Tubman. Westboro and! A. E. Veitch and Son. Park- Parkdale avenue at Gladstone.

A inquest opened this morning at the funeral parlors of Gauthier and Company, Limited. 259 St. Patrick street, by Dr. Nelson, coroner of Westboro.

Others Hear Crash..

The crash was heard by many residents in the area. Fred Robins who resides on Main street. some distance south of the crossing said he was awakened from a deep sleep by the noise of the impact.

"It was a terrible sight," he said. "Bodies were all over the place. Some of the girls were screaming and the injured were groaning and crying.

The train was in charge of Engineer! Charles McCurrie. of 48 Julian avenue, Ottawa,- Ottawa, Fireman George Tremblay, 7 Loretta street, and Conductor Henry Budd, 12 Elm street.

As the I automobile approached the tracks from north to south it was visible for a brief instant to Fireman Tremblay from his lookout on the left side of the cab. The fireman shouted a quick warning to the engineer and emergency brakes thrown on immediately.

The brakes were applied practically at the same time of the impact and the locomotive came to a stop about 50 yards east of the crossing.

A statement made from the office of the district superintendent .of the C.P.R. said the train was "running on time" on its Vancouver to Montreal run and was travelling 60 miles an hour. The warning whistle was sounded for the crossing. There are no wig-wag or alarm devices there. The train was delayed an hour and 22 minutes after the accident.

Occupants of the first automobile, which barely missed being demolished, were dazed from the shock of seeing their friends and members of their own family wiped out In. one terrible instant. Rudolphe. Champagne and his sister, Solange, in that car, were unable to give any coherent account of what happened or what they did. Rudolphe saw the flicker of the headlight of the locomotive for an instant, then the crash came; with shocking nearness nearness behind the car.

The three in the front seat of the Champagne car were, Roger Champagne, Sgt. and Mrs. Nadon, and in the back seat were the others. Maurice Nadon was seated seated on the right side of the rear seat and; it was believed he was thrown out the door to safety at the impact.

Borden Conley, Nepean township township constable, investigated the accident,

More

08/06/1942 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place

Couple get out of auto stalled on rails in time.

Their car stalling as they were crossing the C.P.R. tracks at Main street, Britannia Village, at 9.24 a.m Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. MacFeeters of 158 George street escaped from the machine just before it was struck and demolished by the Pembroke local passenger train which pulled out of Union Station here at nine o'clock.

The car, straddling both rails was struck squarely in the middle of the left side by the front of the locomotive, and was carried down the track a distance of 585 feet, where the train was brought to a stop.

The train crew, composed of Herbert Whelan, 99 Charlotte street, conductor: George Bell, engineer and Richard McNally, fireman, of Ottawa, was obliged to pry the wrecked car from the front of the engine and shove it into the ditch at the side of the track before being able to proceed. The front of the locomotive received some damage.

Mr. MacFeeters said he and his wife had left their cottage at Britannia to drive into Ottawa. He was unable to say whether the electric wig-wag and bell signal on the crossing was operating at the time he approached the tracks. Just as the car got squarely across both rails, the engine, which was still cold, stalled. Looking down the tracks he could see the train approaching.

Taking no chances

"I guess if I had kept my foot on the starter I would have got across in time, but I didn't want to take that chance." Mr. MacFeeters said. He and his wife climbed from the car, leaving it there in the path of the speeding train and stood by to watch the collision.

Andrew McGregor, C.P.R. superintendent, who was early on the scene, surmised the engineer must have had his brakes set before the actual collision occurred to be able to stop within the 585 feet from the crossing. Records at the crossing showed it had been tested and found working satisfactorily shortly after eight o'clock Sunday morning, and a further test of the apparatus after the crash again showed the signal to be in good order.

Word that there had been a smash at Britannia spread rapidly throughout the city with the result that hundreds of persons visited the scene, all of whom were relieved to discover that there had been no casualties. Township Constable Borden Conley and Provincial Constable J.M. Hinchcliffe made a report on the mishap.

14/07/1947 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Burgess Tools

Automobile Hit By CPR Flyer

Youth Escapes Death In Crossing Crash

A miraculous escape from death was experienced at 8.22 o'clock this morning, by Eroyne Monette, 18, of 26 Bourque street, Wrightville, whose automobile was struck and carried a distance of more than 50 feet by the eastbound CPR Transcontinental flyer.

The crash occurred at a private level crossing on Ross street, which leads directly into the Burgess Tools Manufacturing plant.

Witness Crash

Fellow employes of the youth who witnessed the accident, told The Evening Citizen, that Monette had driven his car from the plant yard at about 8.20 a.m. and apparently not realizing the swiftly moving train was due to pass the company property, drove onto the level crossing. The front of the massive locomotive struck the 1933 Plymouth sedan and it was reduced to a twisted pile of wrecked metal and fabric.

Hurtled along the right of way by the force of the impact, overturned once, the wrecked car came to rest, right side up with the dazed and bleeding driver seated behind the steering wheel which pinned him to the rear of the front seat. With considerable difficulty he was removed by fellow employes, including Donald Monette, the youth's brother, through the battered right front door.

Donald Monette, fearful for his brother's condition, immediately telephoned A.E. Veitch and son for an ambulance which conveyed him to the Ottawa Civic hospital. Dr. C. A. Young, under whose care the injured youth was placed, described his condition as "fair" although he was suffering from severe shock. The full extent of his injuries have not as yet been determined.

Whistle was Sounded

Train engineer John Beath of Smith's Falls, told Nepean township Constable Andrew Wilson that the train was eastward bound into Ottawa and from the Parkdale level crossing the whistle was sounded as was the bell and kept going to and past the point of the accident.

Joseph William Laroche, North Bay, the conductor in charge of the train, and Fireman John Simpson of Brockville, corroborated the engineer's statement. They expressed surprise that Monette was unable to see and hear the approach of the powerful locomotive.

At the point of the impact a gravel and sand surfaced road crosses the single line track. At the northern side there is a shallow grade with east and west views along the track unhindered by bushes or natural terrain curves. The southern side of the road across the track dips lightly downwards towards Scott street with similar unimpeded vision in either direction.

Monette is an employe at the Burgess tool plant.

02/08/1947 Ottawa Citizen Carleton Place Westboro

A leap from the window of an Ottawa-bound train, travelling 60 miles per hour, sent William Joseph Moyan, 52, of 524 Bay street, to Civic hospital in a critical condition, shortly before seven o'clock last night.

While no apparent reason for the incident, which occurred one mile west of Westboro railway station could be given last night, an investigation has been launched by the Nepean police department, under Sgt. William Saunders, as well as by CPR officials.

Mr. Moylan, unmarried and a veteran of two world wars, was believed to have been returning from a trip to Hamilton and was enroute here on the Brockville train, when he hurled himself from an open window of a coach. An unidentified woman passenger sitting opposite him, witnessed the incident, and her screams attracted trainman, Paul Charron, of 1 Irving avenue, who promptly pulled the emergency signal, bringing the train to a halt.

The train backed up to where Mr. Moyan was found lying unconscious on the south side of the right-of-way, opposite the Leafloor lumber yard in Woodroffe. A Veitch and Son ambulance was immediately summoned to convey the injured man to hospital where an emergency operation was performed on his skull by Dr. J.C. Samis.

The Brockville-Ottawa train, in charge of Engineer Clifford Broom, 138 Spruce street, and Conductor G.W. Weir of Carp, was delayed about 15 minutes in arriving at Union Station here.

J.U. Brazeau, assistant superintendent of the Ottawa division CPR, took over the inquiry in conjunction with the Nepean police.

At an early hour this morning, Mr. Moylan was still unconscious as hospital authorities worked to save his life.

14/12/1948 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Escape 3 As Train Hits Truck

Three persons narrowly escaped death and the light panel truck in which they were riding -was completely demolished when It was struck by an Ottawa-bound train from Pembroke at the CPB crossing on Parkdale avenue shortly after five o'clock yesterday evening.

Injured were: Wilfred Paquette, 34, of 60 St. Hyacinthe street, Hull; Rene Hebert, 41, of 79 Wellington street, Ottawa, and Roland Lacroix, 28, of 102 St. Hyacinthe street, Hull.

Paquette, the driver of the truck, was taken to General Hospital by Exclusive ambulance where it was found he was suffer ing from cuts to the head. Both Hebert and Lacroix were taken to Civic Hospital by Veitch's ambulance suffering minor face and head injuries.

Did Not See Train

According to police, the truck was travelling south on Parkdale avenue and had started to cross the tracks when it was struck on the right rear wheel by the train. The driver told police that he had been unable to see the train approaching before the collision occurred.

Crew members of the train were: Engineer Maurice O'Con-nell, 166 Bayswater avenue; Conductor William G. Weir, 151 Primrose avenue, and Fireman William Cherry, 14 Spadina avenue.

Investigating the accident were Constables Nilphas Bergeron and Leo Goyette, both from number two police station.

19/02/1949 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Truck Hit By Train

Ernest Lahey, 35 Critically Hurt

Ernest Lahey, 35 -year-old truck driver, of 135 Hinchey avenue, was critically injured shortly; after 8:15 o'clock this morning, when, the truck he was driving was struck and totally demolished by the Transcontinental Flyer at the Parkdale avenue-Scott street level crossing.

Hurled clear of the wreckage by the terrific impact, the severely injured man was picked up more than 20 feet away from the point of the impact. Rushed to Ottawa Civic Hospital by the Exclusive Ambulance service, Mr. Lahey was found to have sustained a fractured right knee, and broken left arm, severe head and scalp injuries and undetermined multiple internal injuries. His condition is regarded by hospital authorities as critical.

War Veteran

Sgt. William Cowan and Constable Arthur Poster of No. 2 police station, who investigated the accident, reported that Mr. Lahey, a veteran of the last war. was driving his truck south on Parkdale avenue and over the crossing when the crash occurred.

The train, at the time, was slowing down to make a stop at the Ottawa west station. It could not be determined whether the whistle had been sounded.

Jack Beath of Smiths Falls, the locomotive engineer, told police he did not see the truck as he approached the level crossing and was not aware that the collision had taken place until he had been informed by Jack Simpson of Brockville, his engineer.

The terrific impact lifted the heavy truck in the air, carried it a distance of some 30 feet and. then scattered it along the right of way. The front wheels and assembly was ripped from the truck and hurled onto the north side of the tracks almost against the walls of a small frame house.

The cab of the truck was torn from the frame and ripped to pieces before crashing against a telephone pole on the northeast corner of .the level crossing. The heavy motor was ripped from its mounting and tossed some distance away from the point of the collision. Pieces of wreckage were scattered along the right of way for 60 to 70 feet, and one shock absorber and a rubber belonging to the driver were found more than 150 feet away from the twisted pile of wreckage.

Remains Conscious

Throughout the entire crash, Mr.Lahey remained conscious and shortly after being admitted to hospital he gave a full account of the accident to Sgt. Cowan and Constable Foster

26/02/1949 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Stittsville

Stittsville Dogs Have Fine Meal

STITTSVILLE a three-year- old deer was struck and killed seven miles west of Stittsville yestcrday morning by a CPR train en route to Carleton Place from Ottawa. It did not affect the progress of the train.

Ivan Pretty, section foreman on the CPR. saw the deer thrown and reported the accident. Wayne Robinson, fish and wild life overseer, and Percy Headlam, both of the Department of Lands and Forests, investigated. Dr Harold Spearman, VS of Stittsville. examined the doe and found it to be badly damaged and unfit for human consumption. The meat was fed to the dogs of the Stittsville Hunt Club.

By tracking the animal's footprints, the investigators determined that the doe had been trapped inside a rock cutting near the farm of Essa Crawford, a few miles from Ashton.

The deer was brought to Stittsville on a railway hand car by Jim Thomas and James Skimming, CPR sectionmen.

28/09/1949 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Churchill Avenue

Two Unhurt When Train Wrecks Car

Leaping to safety from their car scant seconds before it was struck by an Ottawa-bound pool train from Toronto, two young Carlsbad Springs women saved themselves from possible death cr serious injury at the Churchill Avenue railway crossing in West-boro about 10.45 o'clock last night.

While driving in their new English auto along Churchill Avenue, Beulah Dancy, 22. and Mrs. Jennie Vodden, 34, both of Carlsbad Springs, were returning to their homes.

When the car stalled on the track, the two women got out and tried to push the vehicle,- but were forced to jump back to save themselves as the train bore down on them. The small auto was carried several hundred feet in front of the train and was completely demolished.

Miss Dancy and Mrs. Vodden returned to their homes, none the worse for their narrow escape, except for a bad case of nerves.

The engineer, Clifford Broom of 138 Spruce Street, stopped the train and waited -ong enough to ascertain whether anyone had been injured and to see the tracks cleared before continuing into the Union Station.

The train was only half an hour late, arriving in Ottawa at 11:25 o'clock.

The accident was investigated by Constable Donald Gale of the Nepean Police Department.

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Train Hits Oil Truck

CARLETON PLACE - Wesley Henderson, Rosamond Street, escaped serious injury when the truck he was driving was struck by No. 10 passenger train from Vancouver at the Bates and Innes Ltd., crossing here at 7.45 this morning. The truck was smashed to pieces. When extricated with the assistance of passersby, Henderson seemed alright but soon felt pain in his back and was aided to the home of Dr. J. A. McEwen, Bell Street, located about 100 yards away.

Dr. McEwen sent the injured man to Rosamond Memorial Hospital in Almonte for observation. As far as could be learned at the time, his only injury was a concussion on the head and back injuries.

Henderson, driving a three-ton Eupertest Oil truck, empty at the time, had just left his home only a short distance from the scene of the collision. His truck had passed over the track except for the right rear dual wheel which was struck. The impact tossed the truck on to the right-of-way. Henderson was taken out through the right hand door.

The crossing was unprotected but visibility was good either way. The train crew was composed of Ben McRae, Queen Street, Carleton Place, conductor, and A. Cousineau, engineer, believed to be of Ottawa. The accident held up the passenger six-car train Sot about half-an-hour.

Thomas Mattingly Dies at Stittsville

STITTSVILLE, Feb. 11 (Special) Thomass Henry Mattingly, retired CPR employe, died at his home in Stittsville on Thursday. He was in his 85th year.

Born In Fitzroy township, the son of Joseph Mattingly and his wife. Margaret Moore, Mr. Mattingly began his work with the CPR at the age of 16. Two years later, when he was only 18, he was made section foreman.

A prominent Mason, Mr. Mattingly was a charter member of the Hazeldean Masonic Lodge.

In 1896 he and Margaret J. Boyle were married in the Methodist parsonage, Richmond, by Rev. F. W. A. Myers.

In addition to his wife he is survived by one son Aubrey, of Carleton Place and four first cousins, John and George Moore of Stittsville, James Moore of Carleton Place and Mrs. James Bennett of Vancouver.

Funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 2.30 in Stittsville United Church by Rev. E. C. Kelloway of Carleton Place. Burial will be in the United church cemetery, Stittsville.

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Carleton Place

Ashton

Like the Toys of an Angry Giant (with picture)

Smashed and tossed by the tremendous impact of tons of steel, the wreckage of CPR freight No. 83 lies scattered across the main transcontinental line at Ashton, 20 miles southwest of Ottawa. The broken cars spew their cargo across the snow, the one in the right upper background spreading hundreds of cases of beer about. Seven cars, the engine and the tender are spread around in much the same confusion as would result if a small boy in temper had upset his toy train. The early morning collision Saturday of No. 83 with the rear end of an eastbound freight affected train schedules and connections from Montreal to Sudbury, while dispatchers rerouted freight and passenger to by-pass the smash-up in which two crewmen died and two others were injured. The wreckage was cleared, 250 yards of ripped up track replaced and the line opened for traffic again late Saturday. At either end of the torn right-of-way, the railway wreck-clearing cranes can be seen beginning the job of working their way to the centre of the pile-up.

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Carleton Place

Ashton

West-Bound Freight Slices Into East-Bound

ASHTON, March 18 (Staff) Two Ottawa railway men were killed and two others were injured when a West-bound Canadian Pacific freight sliced into an East-bound freight here at 1.15 a.m. today.

Ashton is 20 miles south-west of Ottawa.

The dead:

Travers A. Short, CPR engineer of 461 Kensington avenue;

George H. Hannan, CPR fireman of 23 Adelaide street.

Both men were on the west bound train. Local No. 89, running from Ottawa to Smith Falls. The Injured:

Thomas C. Gilmer, head-end brakeman, of 217 Riverdale avenue;

A. O. Renaud, trainman of 302 St. Andrew street

Gilmer, on the west-bound train is in Ottawa Civic Hospital with severe scalds and burns, sustained when live steam from bursting engine pipes enveloped him.

Renaud, on the east-bound sustained a fracture of the nose.

Ties Up Traffic

The wreck tied up traffic on the main Canadian Pacific line between between Ottawa and Toronto, but early morning trains were being re-routed, and wrecking crews hoped to have the tracks cleared within a few hours.

The trains met in a blinding, driving snowstorm. Lack of visiblity was believed to have been a contributing factor in the wreck, into which Canadian Pacific authorities already have opened their investigation.

How It Happened. ,

At the moment before impact this was the picture:

The East-bound train was pulling into the passing track siding at Ashton. The engine, tender and several cars had pulled over from the main line to the siding, but the tail-end of the freight train still remained on the main track.

The West-bound train, running between Ottawa and Smiths Falls, was rolling down the main line and sliced into the last eight cars of the freight pulling on to the siding.

How it had happened that the West-bound train piled into the other freight, or why it was the East-bound train hadn't cleared the main line, Canadian Pacific officials would not say.

However, there was some reason to believe there had been a misreading of signals between the crews of both trains.

Head-end Brakeman Gilmer of the West-bound train was heard to say "He gave us the high sign with his headlight".

It .was possible the crew of the West-bound train saw a headlight signal through the driving snow, read it to mean the track was clear, and so continued rolling to cut into the other freight

The West-bound threw two East-bound freight cars against the Ashton flag stop station, smashing it and then itself toppled end ever end.

The right-of-way was torn up for some 200 yards, littered with splintered ties and twisted steel rails.

First rescuers to reach the scene found the body of Engineer Short lying on the ground near his engine, a crumpled figure covered with blood-spotted snow.

The body of his fireman, Georgs Hannan. was found locked in the wreckage of the cab, unseeing eyes staring ahead while the orange glow from the firebox played grotesquely over his features.

The scene was one of death and desolation the small flagstop station a crazy mass of splintered boards, rail ends jerked upward as high as 20 feet, the wreckage of box cars which had been crushed like match boxes strewn about the area, and railway ties like toothpicks studding the ground.

The eerie bright red and yellow railway flares played over the macabre spectacle as a wrecking crew of 20 men from Ottawa, Stittsville and Carleton Place methodically set about clearing the main line.

Engine Flips End Over End.

The engine of the West-bound freight had flipped end over end and crashed over on Its left side near the rails, scalding steam pouring from its burst boilers.

Near by the tender stood tilted on its nose.

CPR offcicls said the East-bound train had gone to Smiths Falls as local No. 83. and was heading back to Ottawa as an extra freight. The West-bound freight No. 89, left Ottawa at 11.55 p.m.

Doctors from Carleton Place and Smiths Falls drove through the storm over drifted roads to reach the wreck to give aid to the injured. Engineer Short and Fireman Hannan were beyond .help.

The Department of Highways rushed a snowplow in from Careleton Place minutes after the wreck wss reported to keep the road open for police, ambulances, doctors and rescue workers.

Scene of the wreck was some 200 yards from Highway No. 15 linking Carleton Place and Ottawa.

Inquest Tuesday Into Ashton Rail Disaster

Circumstances which early Saturday morning caused a high-balling, west-bound CPR freight train to plow into the rear sections of another CPR cargo train at Ashton, killing two men and tying up the main transcontinental line with a wild tangle of smashed engine, tender and box cars will be explained to a coroner's jury at Carleton Place, five miles from the wreck scene, Tuesday evening.

The jury will then arrive at a decision as to just why Engineer Travers Short and Fireman George Hannan, both of Ottawa, were killed Clearing Line.

Meanwhile, CPR work crews today were still toiling to clear the Ashton right-of-way of wreckage so they could lay new track.

Until the twisted trackage is replaced, CPR traffic is being rerouted round the Ashton line via Smiths Falls and Bedell.

Coroner Dr. J. A. McCwen, of Carleton Place, will preside at the inquest tomorrow. Chief witnesses will be members of the crew of the east-bound train which was struck by the westbound freight, The east-bound was almost completely on a siding when the other train struck it.

Thirteen Witnesses Heard In Ashton Train Wreck Deaths

Engineer Tells about Signal from Brakeman

By Staff reporter

CARLETON PLACE Misinterpretation of a brakeman's "that will do" may have been responsible for last Saturday's freight train wreck which cost the lives of an engineer and fireman at Ashton Station.

Engineer George Wilson told a coroner's jury here last night that his front end brakeman, William K. Bangs, had given that three-word signal, thereby causing Wilson to halt his freight on a siding before the rear cars were clear of the main line.

The inquest, called as a result of the deaths of Engineer Travers A. Short and Fireman George H. Hannan, was adjourned until April 4, after evidence of 13 witnesses had been heard. The adjournment was granted in order to permit brakeman Thomas C. Gilmer, badly scalded in the wreck and still in hospital, to give evidence. Gilmer was riding in the cab of the locomotive of a west-bound freight in which Short and Hannan met death when the engine plowed into the other train.

"Bangs was looking out on the fireman's side of the engine," said Wilson. "When he told me 'that will do' I took it for granted the train had cleared the main line and I stopped."

In his own evidence later Bangs stated that his signal had meant only that the train had reached the proper point from where a single box car, to be left off at Ashton Station, could be uncoupled and moved into a short siding on the opposite side of the main line. It was the responsibility of the engineer to determine whether or not the train was clear of the main line, he believed.

Time Element

The time element involved was a major factor over which Lanark County Crown Attorney J. A. B. Dulmage, of Smiths Falls, questioned witnesses at length. The running orders, according to the conductors of the two trains involved, had brought the west-bound freight out of Ottawa to a 10-minute halt at Stittsville.

Normally the train would have left that point at 12.40 a.m., but on the night of the wreck it remained there until 12.50, bringing it to Ashton Station at 1.10 a.m. instead of 1 a.m.

The east-bound freight arrived at Ashton Station at 12.52 a.m., according to its conductor, Robert G. Macklem of Ottawa. His orders were to drop the single freight car there before the arrival of the west-bound train, provided there was sufficient time.

Macklem said the run from Stittsville to Ashton Station required 20 minutes. Knowing that other train was being held at Stittsville until 12.50 a.m., he believed there was a margin of 18 minutes in which to drop the box car from his own freight.

Conductor John Gillan, of Arnprior, in charge of the through freight from Ottawa, stated that his train had slowed to between 25 and 30 miles an hour as it approached Ashton. He was out on the rear platform and when he first noticed the other train on the siding. The locomotive's marker lights were burning but the headlight was turned off.

"What would the turned off headlight indicate to you?" asked Crown Attorney Dulmage.

Headlight Off

"It indicated to me that the other train was completely on the siding and that the main line was clear," Gillan replied.

Gillan said that at the speed his train was travelling he could have brought it to a quick stop had he seen any necessity for doing so. "There was an air valve right beside my hand," he said, "but I was confident the other train was well into the siding and the main line clear."

Started Into Siding

Conductor Macklem said that when his east-bound train stopped at Ashton at 12.52, it halted only long enough for the forward brakeman (Bangs) to open the switch into the siding, then started into the siding. With approximately 12 or more cars still on the main line, the train halted again. When it failed to continue he got out of the van to investigate.

"Could you not have made some signal to the crew up front?" asked the Crown Attorney.

"No, not then. There was no crew up front to signal to because the engine had uncoupled and moved off by then," Macklem said.

The conductor said he went back into the van to get fuses with which to signal the westbound train in case it should come up while the main line was blocked. He had just stepped back outside with the fuses when the crash occurred.

Was His Duty

Oscar A. Renaud, rear brake-man on the east-bound train, said it was his duty to close the switch into the siding the moment the freight was clear of the main line, then to "high ball" his "mate up front."

"When the train finally halted completely while its rear section was still on the through tracks, Renaud said he was puzzled.

"Why did you not signal your crew up front to let them know the line was not clear?" asked Crown Attorney Dulmage.

Renaud replied: "We do not signal until the clearance has actually taken place and the switch is closed again. If I had signalled under the circumstances the crew up front would have believed the line to be clear."

The brakeman said that under normal circumstances the "spotting" of a single car into another siding required anywhere from five to seven minutes, "depending on the speed of the movements."

"Then how do you account for the fact that it took about 18 minutes that night?" the Crown wanted to know.

No Explanation

Renaud shrugged and said he could not account for it. "I was not up front," he said, "and I did not see what was taking place. My job was at the rear and I remained there."

George Cloutier, fireman of the train standing in the siding, told the inquiry that he distinctly heard Bangs say to Engineer Wilson: "That will do, George," shortly after the train moved in from the main line.

"What did you infer from that expression?" asked Mr. Dulmage. "I believed the train was clear of the main line."

Cloutier said the box car to be dropped at Ashton had been spotted on the other siding and the locomotive had just coupled up to the train again when he heard Bangs, who was outside on the engineer's side, shout: "Put on your headlight, George!"

"I looked out and No. 89 (the west-bound train) was just shooting past. I saw Wilson reaching up to switch on the light and a few seconds later the crash occurred."

On that point. Bangs himself stated that he first noticed the other train approaching when it was approximately one-third of a mile away. "I ran up under the engineer's window and told Wilson to 'get going'," he said. "I think the train was moving when we were hit."

As to whether there had been sufficient time in which to complete the "spotting" of the box car on the other siding, Bangs stated that in his opinion it was the responsibility of the conductor to make the decision. But actually the head-end crew would be in the best position to determine whether there was time. In that case the responsibility, he thought, would rest with the engineer who was second in command of the train.

The town hall here was crowded to capacity for the hearing and a number of railwaymen from Ottawa, Smiths Falls, and Montreal were present.

The inquiry was conducted by Coroner Dr. J. A. McEwen, of Carleton Place.

In asking for an adjournment Crown Attorney Dulmage told the jury that in view of the importance of the probe he believed it vitally important that they should hear the evidence of Brakeman Gilmer when the latter was recovered sufficiently. In the meantime they would have ample opportunity to carefully consider the evidence already submitted.

Three Unhurt As Automobile Crashed Train

Three men, including a trainman, narrowly escaped injury when a truck collided with the ! side of a moving freight train, at a private crossing on Britannia Street, yesterday afternoon.

They were George Winer, 366 McKay Street and Foster Dean, of Rockcliffe Emergency Shelter, who were riding in the cab of the truck, and a CNR [sic] brakeman Charles Thompson, of 340 Bell Street.

Police were told that the truck driven by Dean had just left the Baker Bros, salvage yard at 76 Britannia Street, when the driver turned left across the road colliding with the last car of a three-car freight train entering the yard on the private siding.

Thompson, occupying the steps of the freight-car to signal the engineer, noticed the oncoming truck and leaped to the road a split-second before the vehicle collided with the freight car striking the spot where the brakeman had been standing.

Although the front and the cab of the truck was extensively damaged as a result of the collision, both occupants escaped from the truck only slightly shaken up by the impact,

The accident was investigated by Sgt. R. Raby and Constable E. Doyle of the city police.

Truck Hits Moving Train Occupants Escape Injury

Striking the side of a moving freight car yesterday at Britannia street, a truck driven by Foster Dean, Rockcliffe Shelter, was damaged, but neither the driver nor the other occupant, George Viner, 188 McKay street, was hurt.

CNR [sic] brakeman, Charles Thompson, 140 Bell street, on the steps of the box-car, jumped clear and escaped injury. The accident is being investigated by Sgt R. Raby and Constable E. Doyle.

Will Resume Inquest Into Ottawans' Deaths

Special To The Citizen CARLETON PLACE The inquest into the deaths of two Ottawa trainmen, killed in the CPR train wreck at Ashton, March 18, will be resumed in the Town Hall here Tuesday, June 27, Dr. J. A. McEwen, coroner, stated Friday.

Those who died were Engineer Travers A. Short and Fireman George H. Hannan.

The Inquest was adjourned owing to injuries received by Brakeman Thomas C. Gilmer of Ottawa, but he is now sufficiently recovered to give evidence. He is the last witness to be heard.

Farm Folk Gather Along Route Of Funeral Train

By The Canadian Press ABOARD MACKENZIE KING FUNERAL TRAIN

A farmer came down through his fields and stood near the tracks. When the train went by he took his straw hat off and stood there in his blue overalls, all alone in the field, his head bowed just a little bit.

Along the way a few miles there was a big red brick house and a crowd of people standing outside and a car or two. If it wasn't that the Mackenzie King funeral train was going through, they wouldn't have been there.

The train didn't stop in its passage from Ottawa to Toronto but the people must have known it was coming and when it was due because they came down to the tracks to see it. There wasn't much they could see, just a train with 15 cars, but they came down just because of what it was and what it stood for.

In Smiths Falls, the station was thick with people in the early evening. They watched the train going by and that was all they could do to say good bye to Mr. King. When they went away into the evening, quiet, saddened people.

You could look through the train windows at the country outside and every once in a while there would be a car or two and a few people standing there, watching the train go by.

They couldn't see Mr. King. His body lay in state in a car where there were many flowers and black and purple drapes of sorrow. He was all alone,

In the cars behind his, the cabinet ministers came together and talked. Maybe they talked of Mr. King, talked about the long, long days when he was boss. Or maybe they talked of Korea for these are rushing, pressing times and times of holidays and it is not always that the ministers come together in numbers as they did aboard this train, 15 or 16 of them. Mr. King would understand.

The other cars held the near relatives and government officials and reporters, all talking quietly. Up ahead in the car alone lay the small, shrunken man with the small, small hands, heading back to his parents' side.

In Toronto the final eulogies would come, the towering, teeming tribute that great cities can pay, In Ottawa, it was that way thousands were in the streets and filing past his bier in a silent sincerity of mourning, all impressive. It would have touched Mr. King tremendously.

But as much as anything he would have been touched by a little scene in a quiet field a farmer and his boy, a young, young boy, standing there In the quiet of the summer night, the man's hand on the shoulder of the boy, watching the train go by, knowing what it was.

Judgment of Train Crews Blamed for Ashton Crash

2 Ottawa Men Killed in March 18 Accident

CARLETON PLACE Bad judgment of the entire crew of an eastbound freight train, a coroner's jury last night ruled, caused a wreck at Ashton Station, March 18 last, which took the lives of two Ottawa railroaders.

The accident, occurred, when a westbound freight crashed the rear cars of the eastbound train which had stopped at Ashton Station with about 15 vans still on the main line. The stop was made to uncouple one car to be left at Ashton.

Engineer Travers Short and Fireman George H. Hannan, Ottawa, on the westbound train were instantly killed and front brakeman Thomas C. Gilmer, Ottawa, seriously injured. The inquest had been adjourned from March 21, to allow Gilmer to recover from his injuries.

In view of the verdict, Crown Attorney J. A. B. Dulmage of Smiths-Falls said it would be necessary to consult the Attorney-General's Department in case further action was to be taken.

Eastbound Crew

The eastbound Ottawa crew composed of Robert Macklem, conductor; George Wilson, engineer; W. K. Bangs, front brake-man, and Oscar Renaud, rear brakeman.

Evidence was that the east-bound train left Carleton Place at 12.40 a.m. and the crew knew that the westbound freight had a stop order at Stittsville until 12.50 a.m.

The westbound was normally due at Ashton at 1 o'clock, but was not expected until about 1.10 a.m. The eastbound arrived at Ashton at 12.52, started to pull into a siding, and then stopped and uncoupled one car behind the engine, which was left at Ashton, on a third line.

Mr. Gilmer sole survivor on the front end of the westbound train testified last night that he was in the engine cab at the time of the collision.

"It was a stormy night and snow was falling, when we left Stittsville at 12.52. We were due at Ashton at 1.10 a.m.

"Were Watching"

"The crew was at liberty to make up 10 minutes and arrive at the usual time of 1 o'clock. At Ashton we were watching for the eastbound freight, which we knew should be in the siding. I first saw the train, when we got inside the switch on the siding where the eastbound was stopped with the headlight off, so we felt the line was clear.

"As we came up to the train we got a 'highball' (blink of headlights) from the east-bound engine that the line was clear. We were travelling about 20 miles an hour passing the engine, and started picking up speed again, but we could have stopped if we'd known the line wasn't clear.

"I yelled to my mates that I didn't see lights on the back of the eastbound freight. Then our brakes were put on and the engineer figured on merely a bunt so we braced ourselves. Then it happened.

Had Tested Brakes

Gilmer said his engineer had tested his brakes as they approached the eastbound. They had signalled and received the right answer that the line was clear.

Crown-Attorney Dulmage asked who decides when there is time enough to set off a car.

Mr. Gilmer replied it was up to everybody, but the main responsibility was the engineer's at the front and the conductor's at the rear.

"I was watching for the rear-end marker and failed to see it. We passed the east switch and the engine and there were no markers visible until we passed several cars."

Question: "Is it a railway rule that the rear-end crew of a train causing an obstruction must signal with lighted fuses 1,500 feet ahead on a clear night and 3,000 feet if foggy?"

Answer: "The conductor is supposed to do it or have the rear brakemen carry this out. Three minutes should be enough time to set out such signals."

Previous evidence was that the conductor on the eastbound freight had left his rear van and noticed his train was clear -of the main line. He was unable to signal his engineer as the engine was not in sight and he returned to his van to get a fuse signal, but the accident happened in the meantime.

The inquest was presided over by Dr. J. A. McEwen, and the jury was composed of James Murray, foreman, Harrison Lewis John Hawkins, James Reynolds and Alan Hawkins of Beckwith Township.

Boy Injured When Train Hits Bicycle

Struck by a Canadian Pacific passenger engine as he rode his bicycle over a level crossing at Scott Street and Carruthers Avenue at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Gerald Willis, 10, of 8 Stirling Avenue, is in Civic Hospital suffering from a possible fractured skull and other cuts and bruises.

According to City Police Constables Hugh Rutherford and Edwin Brennan, who investigated the accident, the lad, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Willis, rode past the right side of a Post Office Department truck stopped on the south side of the crossing, waiting for the train to pass.

"I yelled at him to watch out. there is a train coming," Lionel Clouthier, 297 Montfort Street, Eastview, driver of the truck, told The Citizen.

"I shouted in French but I understand he is an English speaking boy so I guess he did not understand."

Tossed Into Ditch

Clouthier said the boy nearly cleared the crossing, but the engine struck the rear wheel of his bicycle, tossing him into the ditch on the north side of the crossing. The four-car CPR passenger train, coming into Ottawa from Brockville. was brought to a stop as the last coach passed the crossing and Clouthier and crew members rendered first aid until police and an ambulance arrived.

The injured lad was taken to the Civic Hospital by Carleton Ambulance where he was placed in care of Dr. W. T. McIntosh of 144 O'Connor Street.

Dr. McIntosh said the boy's injuries were moderately severe and would not be fully determined until this morning when X-rays would be taken. His condition was reported satisfactory last night.

The train with engine No. 2211, was in charge of Conductor G. W. Weir and Engineer F. O'Connell, both of Ottawa.

Driver Critically Injured in Car-Train Collision

James "Jimmy" Lee, 23-year-old construction worker with the Foundation Company of Ontario, of Chelsea, Que., was critically injured shortly before five o'clock last night, when the car he was driving was struck by an Ottawa-bound CPR passenger train at the Parkdale Avenue level crossing on Scott Street.

Rushed to Ottawa Civic Hospital in the Ottawa Fire Department's emergency car, when an ambulance could not be obtained, Mr. Lee was detained with undetermined internal injuries, possible fractures of both legs and deep shock. However hospital authorities later reported his condition as "favorable"

Sgt. William Cowan of No. 2 police station, who took charge of the investigation into the accident, reported that Mr Lee was travelling south on Parkdale, when he was struck by the eastbound passenger train. Minutes before, he had left the site of a construction project under taken by the Foundation Company of Canada, near the tracks, on Parkdale Avenue.

He had driven his light early model Ford coupe less than a distance of 100 feet, without changing gears, when he was struck by the locomotive. The impact hurled the car, the driver firmly wedged inside, an estimated distance of 120 feet. It finally came to rest in the ditch, bordering the north side of the tracks.

Only with great difficulty were passersby able to pry the injured man, still conscious, loose from the wreckage

The eastbound passenger train, slowing down for a quick stop at the Ottawa West Station, just east of Bayview Road, was driven by CPR Engineer James Cummings of 42 Bayswater Avenue. He told police he had sounded his whistle before approaching every one of the string of crossings west of the station and that his bell was sounding continually.

His statement was corroborated by his fireman, Donald Heney of 126 Brockville Street, Smiths Falls, CPR Brakeman Bert Scharfe of 67 Smir'e Avenue, and Clifford Trudeau. 1019 Gladstone Avenue, conductor in charge of the train.

Constables Hugh Rutherford and Rex Renaud of No. 2 police station, first to arrive at the scene of the near fatality conducted the preliminary investigation and controlled traffic across the CPR right-of-way.

Trees on Railway Tracks.

While tending power lines that had fallen in Springfield Park, three members of the Fire Department were credited with saving the lives of a CPR train crew by flagging down a fast freight before it plowed into a tree lying across the tracks.

The three are Lieut Joseph "Curly" Moynahan, Fireman Norman Theborge and Fireman Ed. Hill. All are stationed at No. 1 Station in Westboro.

The three had the live wires under control when the CPR transcontinental train, west-bound to Vancouver went by just before midnight Saturday.

Four minutes later a huge elm crashed down across the main line.

Fireman Hill knew a fast freight was due, heading west. In about 10 minutes.

A radio call to the Fire Alarm Headquarters was relayed to the CPR dispatcher but apparently never got to the freight because it roared out of the east right on schedule and heading for the tree blocking the track.

Lieut. Monaghan and Fireman Fireman Theborge raced east down each side of the track waving flashlights. Fireman Hill drove his pumper alongside the track, turned on the siren, and began flicking his headlights. He also turned on the red, rotating flasher lights on the front of the pumper.

The freight halted only a few feet from the tree, which would have derailed the engine and tender.

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Only \$50 Loss In Crash Of Auto, Train

A car-train crash which ended in nothing but about \$50 damage to the car occurred last night about 8.15 p.m. at the intersection of Hinchey Avenue and Scott Street.

Driver and only occupant of the car, Eddy Brunet of 76 Murray Street, was uninjured when his vehicle, travelling south on Hinchey Avenue, was struck on the right side by a slowly-shunting locomotive in charge of Engineer William Sargeant.

According to Brunet, he did not see the engine until it struck his car. Only the slow speed of the engine averted what might have been a more serious accident

The accident was investigated by Constables Earl Lamourie and Gerry Raymond of No. 2 Police Station. .

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Says CPR May Sue Truck Co.

A spokesman of the company insuring the Independent Coal and Lumber Company said yesterday he had been notified by the CPR that the railway was contemplating bringing action against the lumber firm, holding it responsible for Saturday's train wreck.

It was an Independent truck which wjls stalled across the CPR track at the Churchill Avenue crossing Saturday morning and was hit by the eastbound transcontinental passenger train.

In Path Of Train

The insurance spokesman said the railway had told htm it considered the truck was responsible since it did not strike the train but was indisputably stopped in the path of the train.

Furthermore, it was alleged that it was the truck which threw the switch, causing the derailment of the train and subsequent death of one man and injury to 27 others.

The Board of Transport Commissioners is conducting a routine inquiry into the accident. The CPR had no comment to make.

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Deny Report Local Firm Being Sued

Parties concerned in the Saturday morning train wreck at Westboro yesterday denied reports that the CPR was contemplating suing Independent Coal and Lumber Company, whose truck was struck by the train.

Roydon Hughes, KC, retained by the lumber firm, said CPR had not advised him of such action. Joseph Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of the firm said he had heard nothing of the proposed action and was not worried about it. He said if the train had not been going so fast the story would have been much different.

R. E. Hay, adjuster for the company insuring Independent said he had not been notified, and a Board of Transport Commissioners spokesman said several days were needed to complete its routine inquiry into the crash.

14/05/1951 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place**Churchill avenue*

Railway Wreck Suits Settled

Sequel to the derailment of a CPR passenger train at Churchill avenue, Westboro, on January 20, this year, in which Albert Scharf, engineer of the train was killed, a number of legal actions arising out of the crash have been settled, it was intimated in Ontario Supreme Court today

The CPR's transcontinental flyer was derailed when it crashed into a truck owned by the Independent Coal and Lumber Company which was stalled at the level crossing.

While principals in an action taken against the coal and lumber company by Mrs. Scharf over her husband's death declined to reveal the precise amount of the settlement she received, it was learned that it is in the vicinity of \$18,000. O.F. Howe, KC, acted for Mrs. Scharf and T. N. Phelan, KC. of Toronto, for the Independent Coal and Lumber Company.

At Carleton County Courthouse this morning, Roydon A. Hughes, KC. counsel for the lumber company in an action taken against it by the Canadian Pacific Railway arising from the crash intimated that a settlement had been reached and that minutes of the agreement would be filed shortly.

The settlement covers both the action taken by the railway company against the coal company and a counter-claim made by the Independent Coal and Lumber Company against the CPR.

Neither party would divulge the amount of the settlement. It is understood however, that it is not of an order which would have serious financial consequences to either the railway or the coal and lumber company.

In making his announcement to the court. Mr. Hughes intimates that he was doing so with the consent of the other counsel involved.

22/01/1952 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

Escapes Only By Seconds As Train Hits

An Ottawa man escaped serious injury or death with only seconds to spare when his car stalled in the path of an on-coming freight train at the Britannia crossing shortly before 1.30 am. today,

G.S. Fox, of 2705 Don Street, Britannia, was travelling south through Britannia Village when his early-model car came to a stop right in the middle of the CPR crossing. He got out to push.

Suddenly, he looked up and the headlight glare of a fast-moving eastbound locomotive (No. 2601) was directly in front of him.

He managed to get out of the way but just in time. As he looked behind him, his automobile was picked up by the freight engine and pushed some 100 yards along the right-of-way.

"Practically nothing was left of the car," police stated.

Engineer H. Crichton reported that he was unable to stop after the accident as directly behind him was a passenger express train. A sudden stop, he said, might have meant a major wreck.

Constables Hugh Rutherford, Bill Saunders and George MacDonald of No. 2 Police Station investigated.

Demand Crossing Signal

After 3 Die In Grade Smash up

A train-auto smashup last night that snuffed out the lives of three Ottawa youths today brought a demand from Con. Paul Tardif for immediate city action to install proper warning signals at two west-end crossings.

The trio were killed when their auto was hit and crushed to a battered hulk by the CPR-CNR Toronto flyer at the Parkdale Avenue CPR level crossing.

The train was Ottawa-bound at 9.50 p.m. The car had swung north onto Parkdale from Scott Street.

Crown Attorney Raoul Mercfer, KC, at noon today ordered an inquest into the triple fatality. He made the decision after consultation with Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall.

Dead in crash are:

Albert Finn, 21, 280 western Avenue, owner driver of the car

Gerald Roger, 16, 22 Barrington Avenue

William A. (Bill) Hutchings, 26, 190 Forward Avenue.

It was a friendly horsetrade that sent the threesome out onto the icy street last night, it was learned today.

Finn, with young Roger along as company, was driving Hutchings to his home in order to exchange a set of pocketbooks a long-standing habit.

Finn swerved the ill-fated car onto Parkdale, heading for Hutchings' home on Forward Avenue.

The crash wrenched Finn and Roger out of their sets and hurled them through the air. They died instantly.

Hutchings was pinned under the twisted wreck. Although still alive when police arrived at the scene, he died a few minutes a few minutes later while being rushed to Civic Hospital.

The story of the accident can best be told in the words of an eyewitness. Earl Gervais, as related to The Citizen.

Eyewitness Story

"I was working in my garage across the road from the crossing, when I heard the train approach. I then glanced up out! of the window.

"The car was on the crossing. I heard the train's whistle, and at the same Instant there was a crash as the engine plowed into the car.

"The automobile was simply lifted from the road, I would say jt went at least 15 feet up jn lhe air." he said.

(The twisted wreckage of the automobile came to rest on its side a distance of about 150 feet from the crossing, leaving a trail of broken fenders and engme parts alongits path

Mr. Gervais continued that he ran from his shop to the side of the tracks where the car lay.

"Two men were lying on the snow where they had been thrown from the car, while a third man was underneath the automobile.

Pinned Under Car

"A neighbor, Wilfred Lavergne. of 250 Parkdale Avenue, came to help me but we could not get the injured man from under the car.

Train Crashes Stalled Auto; None Injured

A 24-year-old nurse escaped injury, though her car was damaged yesterday afternoon, when it skidded into the path of a passenger train at the CPR level crossing on Hinchey Avenue.

Bernice Carr, 24, of 105 Holmwood Avenue, a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses, was travelling south on Hinchey. after attending a patient in the area. She noticed the eastbound passenger train while approaching the crossing, but because of the heavy snowfall misjudged her distance. The car was braked a short distance from the tracks, but the vehicle skidded on the icy surface across one of the rails, before coming to a stop

The front of the car was struck by the train before the young nurse could jump A portion of the bumper was ripped away from the car, and the front of the automobile damaged to the extent of about \$300Involved in the accident was CPR passenger train No 557 Ottawa- bound from Chalk River. Locomotive No. 1265 in charge of Engineer J H. Murphy, 152 Beech Street, and Conductor George Coughlin.

The train had slowed down to about 10 miles-per-hour in preparation to pull into the Ottawa West station at 4.53 p.m. when the accident occurred. It was braked to a stop within "one car length" after the crash.

Constables Ellwood Miles and Robert longchamps of No. 2 police Station were called to investigate.

Jury Probing Level Crossing Deaths Urges Trains Slow Down When In City

A coroner's jury investigating a West End train-auto collision which took three lives on the night of Feb. 8 last night recommended "that the speed of all trains be reduced to a minimum from the time they enter the city limits until their destination is reached"

Killed with the driver, Albert G. Finn, 21, 260 Northwestern Avenue, were two passengers. Gerald Roger. 16. 22 Barrington Avenue and William A. Hutchings, 26 180 Forward Avenue.

Jurors said they believed the driver "contributed to his death by not being more alert to notice the on-coming train before he attempted to cross the tracks".

Four witnesses testified that. in their opinion, the train was proceeding faster than usual the night of the accident, but the train crew said the speed normal, about 35 to 40 miles an hour.

Howard Morphy, 879 Somerset Street, conductor of the Ottawa express-bound flyer, testified that it was between three and four minutes late when the accident occurred.

No Whistle After 9 P.M.

The train whistle was not sounded before the crossing, he said, because this is not allowed inside the city limits after 9 p.m. The locomotive bell was ringing, he testified.

As the Parkdale Avenue level crossing has no warning wig-wag or signal, the jury recommended that "a wig-wag or some sort of safety measure be installed at all main crossings".

Evidence of several witnesses indicated that rain had been falling and the surface of the road was very slippery. The train had not skidded, though testified Engineer Thomas Barnes. 34 Breezehill Avenue.

"I saw the car moving very slowly and I thought they were going to stop. But when I saw they weren't going to, I gave a blast on the whistle and put the brakes into emergency," he said.

Dr Max Kletz, pathologist of Ottawa Civic Hospital, who examined the dead driver shortly after the accident, said Finn had died of "multiple injuries to the spinal cord."

The dead man's blood contained "enough alcohol to indicate his ability may have been impaired." he testified.

Floyd Mosley, waiter in the Elmdale Hotel beverage room.; testified that earlier in the evening Finn had come in alone and bought one draft of beer.

Shortly after, he was joined by a friend who bought two drafts, "but I don't know who drank them," said Mosley, adding that Finn had left the beverage room about 15 minutes; after entering.

Coroner Dr. W. T Kendall conducted the inquest into the triple fatality which occurred; when the CPR-CNR Ottawa- bound, flyer ripped into Finn's 1938 auto at 9.50 p.m.

Witnesses were questioned by Assistant Crown Attorney Edward Houston. Jurors were Oscar Dufour, 426 Besserer Street; Donald Ursu. 160 Cambridge Street , William Stephens. 473 Metcalfe Street; Joseph Birmingham, 23 Riverdale Avenue; and Anasse Dumoulin, 482 Nelson Street.

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Carleton Place

Britannia

Probing Crash at Britannia

Investigation Into last night's express-truck crash at Britannia on Highway 17 will be carried out through the assistant superintendent's office at Smiths Falls, Canadian Pacific Railway officials said this morning.

The Ottawa CPR superintendent's office said that as yet they had received no official report on the accident and sg could make no comment. They added, however:

"The accident occurred in the territory which is controlled by the assistant superintendent at Smiths Falls and an investigation will be launched through that office."

Jumping clear of his stalled [sic] Earl Sadler jumped clear of his stalled truck seconds before a fast CPR. passenger train struck it and wrecked it completely.

Just In Time

Sadler, who had been travelling west on Highway 17, told police his truck stalled on the track. He saw the train, which was heading out of Ottawa, coming at the truck out of the misty rain and managed to leap clear in time.

The train smashed into the three-ton vehicle and hurled it more than 100 feet from the roadway. The body and frame were twisted grotesquely at right angles to each other, the engine was flung five feet away from the body and the heavy dual rear wheels remained beside the roadway.

The train stopped only briefly so that the crew could discover what damage had been caused and injuries inflicted, if any. It continued on its way before the police arrived. It was understood the reason for this was that the line is heavily travelled and rail traffic would have been held up if the train had remained for investigating officers.

The lights of two police cars attracted many car drivers travelling the highway, who stopped to render any assistance necessary to possible injured persons.

The crossing, which is equipped with a wig-wag signal, has been the scene of numerous train - car and train - truck accidents.

Constables B. M. Goetz, Gordon McDonnell and Cpl. Carl Johns of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated.

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Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Ottawa West

Robert Tompkins

Elderly Man Drops Dead On Way To Work

Robert Tompkins, 105 Parkdale Avenue, 73-year-old machinist at the W. C. Edwards and Company Ltd. mill, 991 Somerset Street West, collapsed and died on the platform of the Ottawa West CPR Station, at Bayview Road and Scott Street, shortly after 6.30 a.m. today.

Mr. Tompkins, machinist at the mill for more than a quarter-century, was on his way to work at the time.

Two motorists, Leo Larabie and Laurent Binette, spotted the elderly man running across the platform and then saw him suddenly tumble into the snow at the north end of the station.

Pronounced Dead

The fire department emergency car, manned by firemen Bert Standing and Marcel Lacroix, rushed Mr. Tompkins to Civic Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall said death was due to natural causes.

Earlier, it was believed that the aged man had been hit by a boxcar of a freight train at the station, but examination ruled out this possibility. Constables Lionel Lefebvre and Gerry Raymond, of Mr. Station, [sic] investigated.

21/02/1953

Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Cleary Avenue

Two Hurt In Crash At Crossing

A CPR train smashed into a Producer's Dairy truck in Wood-roffe shortly before nine o'clock this morning, injuring two men.

Police said the men were "badly injured" and the truck was totally wrecked.

Names of the injured men were John W. Behan, 951 Admiral and his son. Details of their injuries were not immediately available. They were rushed to Ottawa Civic Hospital for treatment.

Police at No. 2 Station received word of the accident at 8.53 a.m. Sgt. John Hepburn and Consts. Albert McConnell and Herbert East are investigating.

The accident occurred at the Springfield crossing on Cleary Avenue, near the Leafloor Brothers yards.-

The heavy truck is believed to have skidded into the train and was thrown an estimated 20 feet. The train involved was CPR No. 555.

It left the Ottawa West station at 9.05 bound for Chalk River.

Child walks into train; badly hurt.

A young Ottawa boy who apparently walked into the side of a slow-moving passenger train in the West End yesterday afternoon is in serious condition at the Civic Hospital.

He is Dennis Ouellette, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emille Ouelette of 191 Forward Avenue.

He suffered a fractured skull and a fractured left arm.

The accident happened at the Hinchey Avenue CPR crossing parallel to Scott Street, about 5 p.m.

Mrs. Yvette Trottier of 208 Hinchey Avenue, a witness to the accident, told police the lad was walking with his head down and walked into the left side of the train.

The train crew corroborated Mrs. Trottier's story of the mishap. They told police they blew their whistle and rang their bell before they reached the Hinchey Avenue crossing.

The engineer was Fred Moffitt of 301 James Street. Other train crew members were Fireman George Frankland of 88 Rosemount Avenue and Conductor Edward Watson of 194 Breezhill Avenue.

A passerby, Bernard St. Laurent, 20, of 192 Hinchey Avenue, notified police.

The boy was rushed to the hospital in the Fire Department emergency car manned by Bert Standing and Leo Dallaire.

Constables Wilmott Glenn and William Saubders investigated.

21/05/1953 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Holland Avenue*

Driver Has Close Call, Car Wrecked

A rabbit foot rode with 39-year-old Walter E. Wittenberg, of 105 Merlvale Road, at noon yesterday when he escaped without a scratch in a train-car level-crossing crash on Holland Avenue at Scott Street.

Wittenberg, Bureau of Statistics employe, was treated at Civic Hospital for shock and allowed to go home.

His car, hit by a CPR passenger train, was almost a total wreck. Sergeant Fred O'Connor and Constable Leo Goyette reported that Wittenberg was southbound on Holland and was nearly over the crossing at Scott Street when his small English car was hit by the east-bound train.

The Impact spun the car around, tossed it south of the railway crossing and smashed the entire rear end.. Passersby pulled the dazed Wittenberg out and took him to the Bureau of Statistics first aid station. He was later transferred to hospital by the Fire Department emergency car.

He later told The Evening Citizen "I didn't see the train and I didn't hear it ... I must have had a rabbit foot In the car."

The passenger train was slowing down for the Ottawa West station when the accident occurred.

09/07/1953 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Stittsville*

Engineer Stays Mum about Wreck

"All I know is that I do not know anything."

So summed up Engineer S. B. Patterson, on his experience this morning when his train, Canadian Pacific No. 10 left three cars in the ditch at Mile 13, east of Stittsville.

Mr. Patterson was firm in his resolve not to make a statement. He indicated that he was wheeling along east of Stittsville, on schedule, when suddenly he realized that he had lost three cars.

Parted Company

Two deadhead day coaches and one private car at the back of the train had parted company with the rest of the seven cars and engine.

Mr. Patterson told friends that he "was not going fast" and he had plenty of time to get to Ottawa. He also told fellow railroaders that he had no idea how the wreck happened and would not even guess it was a split rail.

While steadfastly refusing to give a statement at his home, 1075 Somerset Street West, this morning, he told friends that he had gone back to the private car to see if anybody was hurt.

"They had them out before I got there," he said.

"Anyway," he added, "the radio was wrong; it said the cook was in the baggage car, he was not."

Mr. Patterson's family when they heard the news rushed out to the wreck and tried to find him. Meanwhile he had brought his seven cars on to Ottawa Union Station where he was due at 8.00 a.m. standard time. Engine 2825, which escaped unscathed, continued on to Montreal.

Meanwhile Fireman Carman Hogan, who lives in Almonte, has gone home to rest for the day.

Mr. Patterson has been an engineer for seven years and has lived in Ottawa the past 15. He came originally from Montreal.

After Engineer Patterson checked in at the Bayview CPR roundhouse, he went home. There a warm welcome awaited him from his anxious family. He was eating his breakfast alone at mid-morning when the Evening Citizen got there.

Then suddenly there poured in the front door his two big burly sons, his attractive blond daughter-in-law. Later came . the distracted wife, her fears soon allayed when she saw her husband in the flesh, calmly sitting in the parlor.

CPR Official And Wife Only Slightly Hurt

CPR vice-president Alexander Lyle and his wife, Florence escaped without grave injury in the train derailment at Stittsville this morning.

They were brought to the Civic Hospital by Exclusive Ambulance, which sent two vehicles to the scene.

At the hospital, Mrs. Lyle complained of a headache and was X-rayed. It appeared, however, that she had sustained no serious hurt. Mr. Lyle was walking about the hospital corridor and seemed to be completely recovered from his experience.

Citizen Broke News

Doctors and nurses had had no word of the accident until given the information by an Evening Citizen reporter. Seconds later, the ambulance brought in Paul Shamard of Montreal who had sustained severe head cuts.

Shamard said he did not know how the accident had happened. He had been sitting in the private car at the end of the train when suddenly he had been hurled to the floor.

Train Cars In Wild Plunge

Hits Split Rail Near Stittsville

Five Injured in CPR Wreck - None Serious

Stittsville, July 9th - (staff) - the three rear cars of CPR passenger train No. 10 out of Sudbury and bound for Ottawa were derailed one mile east of Stittsville this morning. The cars jumped the track when they hit a split rail going at high speed down a straight stretch of downgrade track.

Five passengers riding in the private business car "Kingsmere" at the rear of the train suffered injuries. None of these were serious.

Only one passenger had to be detained in Ottawa Civic Hospital where the injured were rushed. He is Paul Shamard, 49 Stanislas Boulevard, Montreal, who suffered scalp lacerations and injuries to hip and head. His condition is not serious Hospital Authority set

A reports that one passenger, a man, was missing after the derailment proved groundless. Railroad investigators made a thorough search of the three cars that left the tracks and were unable to find him. CPR officials at Smiths Falls said this afternoon that if any other passenger has been aboard the train he must have left it before the accident.

Two of the cars were empty, being carried dead head.

The other passengers taken to Ottawa Civic Hospital were Alexander Lyle, an assistant vice-president of the CPR, and his wife Florence, of 5603 Queen Mary Road, Montreal. Mr. Lyle suffered from bruises, and his wife was given an X - ray for possible skull injuries. Both were allowed to leave hospital shortly after treatment.

Two other men aboard the derailed private car were flung down and bruised by the toppling impact. They were C. C. Baker, secretary to Mr. Lyle, and Carl S. Major, a CPR employe from Vancouver, BC. Neither required hospital treatment.

Engineer of the train was Stanley Patterson, of 1075 Somerset Street, Ottawa.

Rolled down Gully.

The two rear cars rolled 15 feet down the embankment into a gully and lay there on their side, their wheels turn off by the force of the crash.

The third car, the first class Pullman, was dragged, bouncing madly over the ties 500 yards down the track before the train came to a halt.

The rail lay twisted and tore for a distance of some 200 feet, and the railway was deeply gouged and churned by the screaming steel.

Divisional superintendent T. E. Wheeler, of the CPR, on the scene directing clean - up operations, soon after the crash, told The Journal No.10 had only a small number of passengers aboard.

He said five were injured.

The rear car of the train was a private business car, "Kingsmere".

Bell still ringing.

Hours after the accident, the bell in the galley of the business car was still ringing wildly, as though some passenger in sudden fear had rung for the attendant as the car looked into the gully.

The galley itself was a terrible jumble of spilt crocks and scattered food, and the whole interior of the business car was a mess of jumbled bedding and jagged glass.

Albert Spearman, out in the yard of his brother Orrin's farm, which lies just southeast of the track where the crash occurred, was feeding the cow when he heard the crash.

He said there was a very loud bang. "It sounded like a lot of tin cans banging together."

Mr. Spearman went to investigate and saw the train stopped and a great cloud of steam hissing up from it.

Mrs. Orrin Spearman, in the farmhouse, also heard the bang. She thought it was an airplane at first until Mr. Spearman came in and told her what he had seen.

Mr Spearman immediately phoned Mr Illingsworth, the station agent at Stittsville who was still unaware of the derailment.

CPR investigators checking the cause of the derailment paid particular attention to a V - shaped gouge in the first section of rail lying in the gully.

It is thought that this was the cause which forced the cars to jump the rails.

Auxiliary rigs from Smith Falls and Ottawa West were converging on the scene this morning by 10.30. Gangs of section men were already relaying the track.

The locomotive and the remaining cars of No.10 train left the scene one hour after the derailment, headed for Ottawa.

13/07/1953 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Stittsville*

Injured Chef Has Recovered

Paul Chamard of Montreal, 49-year-old Canadian Pacific Railway dining-car chef injured in Thursday's train wreck 20 miles west of here, has been released from hospital. Mr. Chamard suffered shock in the derailment. He was one of five persons injured when three rear cars of a Sudbury-to-Ottawa passenger train jumped the rails near Stittsville. The other four were released immediately after treatment.

CPR officials said cause of the wreck was a split rail.

10/10/1953 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa West*

CPR Named Defendant

A writ has been filed in County Court for unspecified damages against the Canadian Pacific Railways, by Gerald Arthur Cooper, arising out of a May 1 accident.

At that time. Cooper states he had just stepped off a CPR train at the Ottawa West Station and was walking along the wooden platform when a depression in the boarding tripped him up, tearing the ligaments of his left ankle.

He is seeking compensation for suffering and loss of wages. Greenberg and Wright are acting for the plaintiff.

07/07/1954 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

Find Body On Tracks

The body of an unidentified man was found on the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks, about 80 yards east of Churchill Avenue, about 5.10 o'clock this morning.

The body, apparently cut in two by Toronto-Ottawa pool train 560, was discovered by John E. Graham, 315 Kirchoffer Avenue, while on his way home from work this morning. He immediately reported the discovery to No. 2 Police Station.

(The victim was tentatively identified by police as an Arthur Greene of Ottawa. No other details are available.

Mr. Graham found the badly dismembered body while crossing the tracks. Police said the victim was dressed in a brown coat, blue jeans, army shoes but carried no identification. A bag containing newspapers was found nearby.

Dr. W. T. Kendall, coroner, viewed the remains and had the body removed to the Civic Hospital morgue.

Investigator George Cowan, of the CPR, said the man had been hit by the pool train that arrived at Union Station . at 10 o'clock last night The train was in charge of conductor J. Gillan and engineer L. Brunette.

Police are taking fingerprints today in an effort to identify the victim.

Train Pushes Auto 200 Feet But Driver Escapes Unhurt

Hard-packed snow at a railway crossing proved to be sort of a "mixed blessing" in the motoring life of Franklin Wallace, of 142 Beech Street, yesterday. First, it prevented him from getting away from the path of an approaching CPR freight train while travelling over the Beech Street level-crossing. When the train plowed into his car, however, the automobile was pushed by the engine 200 feet along the snow-and-ice on the railway right of way without toppling.

His auto was wrecked beyond repair, but Mr. Wallace stepped out of the auto without suffering a scratch.

Slid Along Ice

"The car was struck broadside and all four wheels just slid along the ice," Sgt. William Cowan of the city police told *The Citizen*.

"If the railway ties had been jutting out through the snow the automobile would undoubtedly have overturned, and the driver would likely have been crushed.

"The ice and snow might have caused the accident, but on the other hand it certainly saved the driver from possible death," he said.

Mr. Wallace reported that he was passing over the crossing shortly before 6 p.m., when he suddenly looked up and saw the approaching southbound freight train.

No Traction

He tried to gain speed to get out of the way of the locomotive, but could not get traction on the slippery roadway.

The train was not travelling at a fast rate of speed at the time of the accident, but the engineer was unable to brake in time to avoid striking the car that was straddling the rails.

Though the auto remained upright, the entire right side and front was shoved in by the train,

Value of the car was estimated at \$1,200.

Engineer Lyman Payne, 217 Hinton Avenue, was operating the locomotive (No. 8401). Conductor J. E. McMullen was in charge of the train.

Sgt. Cowan and Const. Angus O'Brien investigated.

06/01/1955

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Westboro***Car Cut In Two By Train**

Toronto Motorist Westboro Victim

A 49-year-old Toronto man, John Dworkin, of 1715 Bathurst Street, died instantly shortly before noon today when his car was cut in two by a CPR city-bound passenger train at the Leafloor Road level crossing in Westboro.

Body Found In Trunk

The car was dragged a distance of 119 feet and was completely demolished. The dead man's body was recovered from the trunk of the wrecked auto.

The crash occurred shortly after 11 a.m. on the private railway crossing behind the Leafloor Brothers coal and coke yards on the Richmond Road. The body was taken to the Civic Hospital morgue by Exclusive Ambulance.

Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall said Dworkin, who was alone in the car, died instantly. The victim, district manager for the Warner Weather-Master aluminum window company, Toronto, was driving north on the narrow roadway to visit his agent here, Michael Cassidy who resides north of the CPR tracks on Leafloor Road.

Saw Smash

The accident was witnessed by two Leafloor Brothers employees, Frank Miller, of 537 McLeod Street, and Ronald Dunn, of 1086 Riddell Street. They were working on a nearby lumber pile.

They told police they saw Dworkin driving down the roadway at a steady 10-miles an hour. They said that he continued onto the crossing at the same speed and the train struck the car dead center.

M Preston Leach, of 5 Church Street Smiths Falls, engineer of the train, told police he had been travelling at 40 miles an hour. The train stopped a half-mile down the track following the impact. The cow-catcher on the locomotive was so badly twisted by the crash with the big, late model sedan, that the engine could not be moved.

One car door, mangled beyond recognition, was still attached to the twisted cow-catcher. A few passengers on the train were taken to Ottawa in chartered buses. George Coughlan, of 56 Bayswater Avenue, was conductor of the train.

It is understood that Dworkin has no immediate relatives in Ottawa.

Miller and Dunn told police that they clearly heard the whistle as the train sped towards the crossing. The crossing is a private thoroughfare, but it is used by a large number of residents in the area.

Police Constables Lionel Lefebvre and Ivan Farmer investigated the accident.

08/01/1955

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place***Bus Nearly Hit By Train**

What could have been a major tragedy was narrowly averted yesterday during the 5 o'clock traffic in the west end.

A bus, in the midst of a long line of cars, was leaving Tunney's Pasture when the constable on duty at Scott Street halted the traffic.

The full bus was left straddling [sic] the railway tracks with a train heading for it from the west at a good clip. Hemmed in bumper to bumper, the bus could not move either forward or backward.

In the nick of time, whether by accident or because he noticed the train, the constable got the traffic moving and the bus got off the track two or three seconds before the train shot through.

22/04/1955

*Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa West***Fastest Train To Be Seen Here Sunday**

Canada's fastest transcontinental train, "The Canadian," will make its inaugural run through Ottawa next Sunday afternoon, as Canadian Pacific Railway passenger service adopts its summer schedule coincident with the reversion to Daylight Saving Time.

A New Epoch

The all-new, streamlined, stainless-steel train, diesel-hauled and featuring scenic-dome lounge cars and coaches, will usher in a new epoch in Canadian railroading.

"The Canadian," which will cut 16 hours from the present running time for the 2881-mile westward trip from Montreal to Vancouver, will arrive in Ottawa Union Station at 4.10 p.m. DST and depart at 4.20 p.m. DST.

Ottawa citizens on Sunday will have an opportunity to see the first complete train made up from among the \$42,000,000 worth of new CPR equipment which includes 178 shining cars for luxurious train travel.

Best public view of "The Canadian" will be obtainable in the vicinity of Ottawa West Station, and not at Union Station.

C. L. Burpee, general agent of the Canadian Pacific's passenger department here, points out that only passengers boarding "The Canadian" will be permitted past the train gates in Union Station, and the covered approaches to the station make it difficult to get a good look at the train from outside the depot.

Wide Open View

Mr. Burpee adds that the view is wide-open at Ottawa West: curve leading off the bridge over the Ottawa River to Ottawa West Station affords excellent camera opportunities, and the CPR's main line parallels Scott Street for some two miles west of the station, providing a closeup of the gleaming train in motion.

Acquit Driver After Auto Crashes Train

A motorist whose car was wrecked by a Pembroke-Ottawa passenger train was acquitted of a careless driving charge in City Court this morning.

Marcel Landey, the driver, escaped with slight injuries in the Nov. 4 crash at the level crossing near the intersection of Scott Street and Holland Avenue. His auto was almost a total loss.

Mr. Landey, of 879 Duberry Avenue, told Magistrate Glenn E. Strike his view of the tracks was obscured by a line of parked boxcars. He said he looked but saw no sign of an approaching train.

Train engineer James McCurrie, 285 Bayswater Avenue, said he blew his whistle and sounded his bell while coming to the crossing. However, Landey testified he heard nothing before the locomotive smashed into his auto.

17/02/1956 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place***Two Escape In Crashes At City Level Crossings**

An Ottawa driver miraculously escaped serious injury and a city employe operating a grader was slightly hurt in two level crossing accidents in the city.

Frederick W. Heard, 42, of 130 Bayswater Avenue, was taken to Civic Hospital after his light English station wagon was completely demolished by the CPR's crack Transcontinental flyer, the "Canadian", this morning. He suffered only shock and a minor cut over his left eye and was released almost immediately.

Grader operator Joseph Emile Forget, 584 Lisgar Street, was also treated at Civic Hospital after his machine tangled with a CPR locomotive at the Gladstone Avenue level crossing last night. He complained of pain in his left arm.

In this morning's spectacular crash, the rear of Mr. Heard's 1953 Hillman was torn to shreds. The accident occurred at the Churchill Avenue-Scott Street crossing shortly after 7 a.m. He was taken to Civic by Constable Bill Lupino.

Mr. Heard was driving south on Churchill. The CPR flyer, in charge of engineer Emile Carle, 55 Robinson Avenue, Smiths Falls, and Conductor William Quinn, 140 Third Street West, North Bay, was entering Ottawa,

Mr. Heard said he did not see the train until a split second before the impact. The heavy locomotive smashed into the rear of his 1953-model station wagon, spinning it around in a circle.

The driver told Constable Lupiano he opened the door on his side and hurled himself free. His vehicle missed him by inches as it was knocked headlong into a snowbank.

In last night's accident, the heavy city-owned grader was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 when it was carried 42 feet along the railway right-of-way by a slow-moving locomotive.

CPR engineer, Harry Creighton, told Const. Kenneth Ritchie that he was travelling south across Gladstone Avenue at about four miles an hour when the accident happened.

His engine was coupled onto a second locomotive. Both were enroute to Union Station to pick up the Toronto-bound flyer.

Mr. Forget reported that he had been backing up among the four sets of rails, CNR and CPR, but because of the noise of the grader failed to hear the warning bell and whistle of the approaching engine. A wig-wag signal that warned of the danger was not noticed by the grader-operator, police said.

16/07/1956 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Britannia***Britannia Villagers Shocked as Smashup Raises death Toll**

Residents of Britannia Village today were still shocked by the accident which took the lives of three village teen-agers Saturday morning when their borrowed new car collided with a west bound train at the Britannia Road crossing.

They were the fifth, sixth and seventh Village teenagers to have met violent death in traffic accidents since June 5.

Roderick Clarke, 151, 141 Britannia Road and Andrew Benkis, 17, 5 Zephyr Street, were killed instantly when the fast-moving pool train sheared off the front part of a new car the boys had borrowed for a drive.

Whistle Unheard

The locomotive hit during a driving rainstorm. The boys apparently did not hear the train whistle.

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Blew Whistle

Chester Shellhorn, of 2 Wellington Street, Carleton Place, engineer on the pool train, said he blew the train's whistle as he saw the car approaching the crossing. But he said he did not see the actual collision.

A flashing wig-wag signal is reported to have been in operation when the speeding train approached. Bill Waddell later told The Citizen he believed the car radio was on at the time of the accident.

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03/01/1957 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa West*

ALL QUIET IN OTTAWA Tied up in the CPR's Ottawa West yards, these steam locomotives represent trains that normally radiate in all directions from Canada's capital. Now they remain silent on a side track for the duration of the strike. Visible evidence of the strike in the Ottawa Union Station is the sign, shown on the right, that says "All Canadian Pacific train's CANCELLED."

Shows 2226

Leading truck Convoy

Driver Dies In Wreckage As Transport Hits Train

STITTSVILLE (Staff) A transport driver died here early this morning while trapped in the wreckage of his truck which had slammed into a stationary freight train an hour earlier.

Police and fellow truck drivers worked with acetylene torches while a doctor tried in vain for 55 minutes to keep him alive.

Dead is William Young, 34, of Toronto, an employe of the Smith Transport Company for the past year.

Five-Truck Convoy

He was driving in a five-truck convoy headed for Ottawa when his 15-ton vehicle rammed the freight car which was straddled across Highway 15 in the center of this village. The crash occurred at 4.05.

The impact knocked the box car off its wheels and it landed on its side 10 feet from the track, main CPR line to Smiths Falls.

Other cars of the train, a way-freight from Ottawa to Smiths Falls, were not damaged and no one else was injured. A CPR employe, Ronnie Irving of 70 Bawswater Street Ottawa, was standing at the switch a few feet from the center of the crash.

"There was a terrific bang and a lot of sparks and I heard someone scream," he said. "I ran to the truck and this fellow handed me his watch. He said 'you better take this', but there was nothing left of it"

Second Driver

By that time, Phil Davies, of Toronto, second driver in the convoy had stopped his truck and arrived at the flattened cab. "Bill was moaning but when I asked him if he was badly hurt, he just said: 'I feel pretty numb all over; you better get me out of here.'"

Villagers who heard the noise ran to the scene and equipment was brought from a nearby garage to cut the twisted metal away from Young's legs.

Dr. Wilfried Igel, of Stittsville, gave Young sedative and police held him upright while an attempt was made to put the acetylene torch into operation.

But it was impossible to get at the wreckage while the injured driver remained in the cab and Davies hooked his truck to the damaged transport in an attempt to pull the metal apart

Attempt Failed

Young died before the operation could be completed. Dr. Igel said he could have been laved if taken to a hospital immediately after the accident.

Davies said he was seven or eight truck lengths behind his friend when Young's cab crumpled into the freight.

"He just couldn't see it in time," Davies said. "We were only travelling at about 26 or 27 miles an hour but the freight was right across the road and the wig-wag signal (which was working) was hidden.

"It was just like suddenly coming up against a brick wall in the middle of the night. There was no one signalling to us or anything."

Ed Doyle, also of Toronto, was third truck in the line. "We had stopped for coffee at Kinburn and we had changed places. I was lead driver before that" he said.

"Bill was talking about his family and about how his daughter would be after him to get her a ticket to see Elvis Presley.

"I knew he was pretty well finished when I talked to him in the cab after the crash and I wanted to ask him if he had anything to say to his family. But I knew it would be better if I didn't say a word about him dying."

Two ambulances stood by while attempts were made to free the trapped man who was bathed in the glare of a huge spotlight. Although more than 100 persons had gathered, no one spoke in tones above a whisper.

The 39-car train was dropping off the freight car of dry goods at Stittsville. The car was fifth from the engine. The truck was loaded with groceries bound for a chain store in Ottawa. Neither load was seriously damaged.

The box car, although knocked onto its side, was not wrecked and the transport's trailer also escaped serious damage. The wig-wag signal was clipped off its cement foundation and the "stop, look, listen" signs were strewn on the highway.

Highway traffic was rerouted via side roads while cranes worked this morning to shift the box car. The railway line was easily cleared by lifting the wheels to one side. The track apparently was not damaged.

George Pogue, CPR Assistant Superintendent in Ottawa, arrived shortly after the crash to begin an investigation.

03/05/1957 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Stittsville*

Blame Divided

Negligence Suggested In Crossing Fatality

A CPR lawyer blasted Assistant Crown Attorney Dan Chilcott at a coroner's inquest Tuesday after Mr. Chilcott suggested to the jury that there had been some measure of criminal negligence in connection with a fatal accident involving the railway.

The jury was inquiring into the March 21 accident which took the life of William Thomas Young of Toronto, 37-year-old Smith Transport driver whose truck slammed into a stationary box car at a CPR level crossing over Highway 15 in Stittsville.

The jury found that the deceased and members of the train crew contributed to the cause of the fatality by not taking proper precautions.

Young died shortly before 5 a.m. roughly an hour after the crash while would-be rescuers tried vainly to free him from his crumpled cab.

Some Negligence

"I think there is some negligence in this case of the type that is criminal," Mr. Chilcott said.

"I don't know who should be charged or who is negligent . . . and although it probably won't go any further than the four walls of this court, I would like to suggest that the jury recommend that box cars have white luminous stripes running the length of them and possibly also a flasher," he said.

Witnesses testified that an unlighted "railway crossing sign 500 feet from the tracks probably was the only warning visible to Young. They said a wig-wag signal on the east side of the tracks had been hidden by the halted car.

The weather at the time was described as "misty" and driving conditions as "poor.

"Normal Procedure"

Members of the five-man train crew told the court the box car normally would be across the highway for only 30 seconds. They said it was "normal procedure" to carry out the operation of dropping off a box car without stationing a man on the highway to warn drivers.

G. C. Butterill, of Toronto, a solicitor for the CPR, said "this is the only inquest I have attended at which the crown suggested any thought of a criminal charge to the jury. I think it is very much out of order."

The verdict said "it is the opinion of this jury that the transport driver should have been ready to stop before going over the crossing if necessary; we also believe that the box car should have been stopped clear of the crossing until the signal was given by the flagman.

We further recommend that at all level crossings in villages, towns and cities, trainmen should be stationed at the crossings to warn all traffic during shunting operations and that signal devices should be installed in such a manner, that they should be visible to all traffic.

"In this accident we hold that the deceased and members of the train crew contributed to the cause of this fatality by not taking necessary precautions."

The inquest was conducted before Coroner Dr. C. D. Wallace of Richmond.

Cub Master Saves Tots From Train

A Woodroffe cub master's risk of life to save three small children from certain death at a west end railway crossing will be investigated by the district headquarters of the Boy Scout Association for possible commendation.

Frank Steele, 47-year-old father of six and cubmaster of the 37th "A" Cub Pack, St. Martin's Anglican Church, related to The Citizen today how he pushed three little girls, two about six years old and the other about two, out of the path of a speeding CPR freight after the children froze with fear at the sight of the approaching train.

The youngest child was being pushed in a go-cart which became wedged between the tracks and ties. When they heard the train bell and whistle the two older girls panicked and tried to push the jammed go-cart out of the way, not thinking to lift the baby out of the vehicle and run to safety.

Runs To Help

Mr. Steele, who had stopped his car at the Woodroffe Avenue crossing for the train, noticed the children and immediately ran to their help. He pushed the older girls down a slight embankment then lifted the go-cart and baby clear just as the speeding locomotive rushed past.

In the excitement Mr. Steele neglected to obtain the names of the children but he did give them a severe reprimand about trespassing on the railway tracks before he returned to his car for a slight case of aftermath jitters.

"It was a close call," he admitted. "I guess the train was only 300 feet away when I got the baby and go-cart out of its way."

Mr. Steele lives at 30 Pine Street and is a house painter by trade.

Train Breaks Truck In Two, Driver Unhurt

A train-truck level crossing smash tore a truck into two pieces but left its driver unhurt Wednesday evening.

James T. Willmott, 26, of 138 1/2 Forward Avenue, driving a heavy dump vehicle, started to cross the CPR tracks at Scott Street and Hinchey Avenue about 6.30 p.m. A freight train. In charge of engineer Harry Alexander, 62, of 44 Bayswaler Avenue, struck the machine.

The heavy box was ripped loose and dropped on the pavement at Hinchey but the truck itself remained upright. Damage to the truck was \$700. The train was undamaged.

Constable Bill Lupiano of No. 2 Station investigated.

Three In Immigrant Family Lose Lives

In the worst accident of its kind to occur in Ottawa in many months, a family of three persons died in a level crossing crash near Britannia Saturday night shortly after 8 o'clock.

Dead are Robert E. Griffith, 28, his wife Pamela, 25, and the couple's three-year-old son Martin.

Harry McColl, 24, of Richmond, driver of the car, is in Civic Hospital suffering from head and internal injuries, but his condition is not critical.

Natives of Wales, the Griffiths had been in Canada only a little over a year, and had come from Fort Erie two days ago to take up residence at Richmond.

McColl drove his car directly into the path of a Smiths Falls-bound CPR freight train at a crossing on the Henry Side Road. The road runs from Highway 15 to Highway 17, and the crossing is a particularly dangerous one.

The driver of the auto was thrown clear in the crash, but the Griffiths were pinned in the wreck. All three died instantly.

Robert Griffith was a baker by trade, and he had obtained a job at a Richmond bakery where McColl has been employed for some time.

The four persons had left Richmond early Saturday evening, McColl planning to drive the newcomers around the city for their first good look at the Capital.

William Y. Shorthouse, of 173 Daly Avenue, engineer of the freight train, told The Citizen on Sunday that a few seconds before the crash he noticed the automobile approaching the crossing from the south. He had no opportunity to bring the heavy train to a stop in time to avoid smashing into the car.

Nepean - Gloucester Constable John Rogers, who investigated the accident, had considerable difficulty in establishing the identity of the victims. McColl was unconscious for some hours after the crash, and members of the Griffith family had no identification on their persons.

The Griffiths had no relatives in Canada, and police during the weekend were endeavoring to locate either relatives or friends in Wales. The bodies are presently in the morgue at Civic Hospital.

Capton to picture

THREE DIED IN WRECKAGE Members of the Griffith family, in the Ottawa Valley for only a short time, were out to have their first good look at the Capital when the car in which they were riding was involved in a crash with a CPR train at a level crossing near Britannia. Dead are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Griffith and their three-year-old son Martin. Driver of the car, Harry McColl, 24, of Richmond, is in Civic Hospital where authorities say his condition is not critical. He was thrown clear in the crash. Photo by Newton

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From Bruce Chapman - this would be train #83.

Halt Train To Avoid Snow Plow

A CPR passenger train a flagged down shortly before it would have struck a Nepean Township snowplow, stuck on a level crossing near Stittsville Saturday afternoon.

Sefton Nesbitt of Richmond was plowing a sideroad when the grader equipped with a wing plow began to slide down the shoulder of the road as he was crossing the railroad track. When he tried to back up, the heavy grader turned over side ways into the ditch, leaving its front end and the wing plow blocking the railroad track.

Neither Nesbitt nor his 16-year-old son Garry, who was with him, was hurt.

Nesbitt ran to a nearby farmhouse and telephoned to Reeve Aubrey Moodie of Richmond, then hastened back to try to extricate the upset grader.

Reeve Moodie ordered a heavy winch truck from Stittsville which sped to the scene.

Meanwhile Mr. Moodie had telephoned to the CPR station to ask that the passenger train, known to be due within a short time, be held until the grader was removed from the track.

DERAILMENT IS AVERTED

Possible derailment of the fast Toronto-Ottawa CPR passenger train at a West End crossing last night was averted when a passing motorist spotted a broken rail and notified railway officials.

The damaged rail was replaced in time to allow the Ottawa-bound train to continue its trip without delay. The motorist drove away without identifying himself. He had stopped at the level crossing for a Smiths Falls bound freight train when he noticed about 10 inches of track had broken off.

The regular evening passenger train from Toronto travels that particular section of track at a high rate of speed.

13/01/1959 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Roosevelt Avenue*

30 Foot Toss

Train Hits car Injuring 3 Men

Three men were injured one of them critically yesterday as the CPR's sleek, stainless steel "Canadian" plowed into an automobile at Roosevelt Avenue near Scott.

In fair condition in Civic Hospital is Leo Laflamme, 49, of 231 Clarence Street. He has chest, head and possible abdominal injuries and was on the hospital's critical list until this morning.

Suffering a fractured leg and other injuries, but in satisfactory condition is Maxime Poitras, 34, of 38 Courcellette Street, Hull. Also with a fractured leg and lacerations is Gervais Poitras, 37, 137 Maisonneuve Street, Hull.

The luxury trans - continental train with domed bar car had just pulled out of Ottawa station after dropping Russia's new ambassador to Canada Amasp Aroutunian and his family who rode the train from Montreal.

The train demolished the late model car, flinging it 30 feet along the right of way west of Roosevelt Avenue spilling bodies as it went.

Damage to the diesel engine driven by William Shorthouse of 173 Daly Avenue was not sufficient to hold up the train more than half an hour.

The three men were returning from a construction job at Bells Corners when the mishap took place shortly before 5 p.m.

Leo Laflamme, the most seriously injured of the three was driving the car at the time.

Gervais Poitras told police he was sitting in the front seat beside Laflamme with his brother Maxime in the rear seat.

As they approached the crossing adjacent to Scott Street they failed to see the train and did not hear either the bell or the horn, he said.

Saw Train Too Late

Maxime did see the train at the last moment he said, and yelled to Laflamme to step on the gas and beat the train across he was afraid if the brakes were applied the car would skid into the engine on the icy roadway.

The train hit the car almost dead in the center and two of the men were spilled out onto the side of the track while Maxime Poitras was pried out of the wreckage.

Four witnesses who either lived nearby or were passing at the time told police that they had heard both the horn and the bell of the train being sounded shortly before the smash.

There are no wig-wag signals at the crossing.

23/02/1959 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Hinchey Street*

Truck Slides Into Train; No One Hurt

A coal truck driver and his helper escaped injury when their vehicle skidded into a slowly moving freight train at the CPR Hinchey Street level crossing Saturday morning.

The diesel freight with engineer Eugene Piche, of 167 St. Laurent Blvd., was delayed 20 minutes.

Bernard Sylvestre, 20, of 37 Garland Ave., driver of the truck, said he applied his brakes but skidded on fresh snow. The front of his truck caught the side of the locomotive.

29/04/1959 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Britannia*

Britannia Guard Killed by Train .

By Dave Struthers Citizen Staff Writer

A railway crossing guard died instantly last night when he was hit by a train as he leaped to warn teenagers away from the RR gates at Britannia Park.

Employed by the city as a special guard at the crossing leading to Lakeside Gardens, Alexandre Synek, 68, of 498 Somerset West, had been on duty at the crossing for the past three summers.

He stepped from his shack as a Dayliner hitting better than 55 miles per hour whistled for the pier crossing.

He managed to pull down his north gate then tried to race across the track to shut the opposite barrier witnesses said.

The elderly man apparently either slipped or was a bit slow getting across, police indicated.

Hurled 118 Feet

The left side of the cab of the streamlined diesel car struck him at the hip and hurled his body 118 feet down the track.

The train had Ben Chapman of 84 Hinton Avenue as engineer.

A group of teenagers bound for a special class on life saving had just stepped off the Britannia streetcar on the south side of the crossing as Synek started his fatal dash.

Between trains the gateman sat in a small sentry-like shack on the north west side of the tracks.

"He must have been a bit slow getting out of the box when he heard the dayliner and only got one gate down," a policeman said.

Seeing the youngsters on the south side of the track where the right of way parallels the tram track he dashed to shut the other gate and stop the youngsters.

"He seemed to slip he was almost across the track when the front of the train slammed him," Gail Gordon, 17, of 262 Parkdale told police.

Gail was walking with Angelina Szepa, 15, and three other girls all bound for the life saving course.

Sgt. King Ackland and Const, William Lytle Investigated at the cen of the 7.20 p.m. accident.

Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall said the man died almost Instantly.

An inquest is expected.

A retired railwayman Mr. Synek leaves two sons, Oscar of 498 Somerset Street, an engineer with the Canadian Pacific, and Camille of 46 Nelson Street.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

The fatal accident again points up the urgency of early federal government action to make available about \$12,000,000 for the second phase of the NCC railway re-location program.

Under this plan, which will take five years to complete, the CPR main line passenger train service will be discontinued on the line through Britannia Park and over the Interprovincial Bridge between Ottawa and Hull.

That part of the CPR tracks from West Ottawa station west to Churchill Avenue will be kept in use for local freight service purposes.

Commenting on the accident City Recreation Commissioner J. A. Delude said he hoped for an early relocation of the CPR line.

"The crossing splits the park and we are hoping to hear the train line will be relocated soon," he stated

"I am most sad over the death of Mr. Synek a most reliable man for us he has been a great help out there," he went on.

"I understand negotiations are to start with the aim of moving the railway lets hope It will be moved soon."

Grid Star Jumps Clear As Train Wrecks Car.

Former Ottawa Rough Rider quarterback Hal Ledyard, 27, jumped from his stalled station wagon seconds before it was destroyed by a speeding diesel locomotive Saturday.

Ledyard, who lives at 10 Donna Street, City View, landed in a deep ditch as the two-unit train struck his machine squarely on the right front door. He was taken to Civic Hospital for treatment of minor cuts and bruises and shock, but was not admitted.

The accident occurred at the CPR crossing on the Acres side road, connecting Highways 15 and 17, half a mile west of the City limits. There is no warning signal at the crossing.

Ledyard told Nepean-Gloucester police constables Peter Monette and Wilf Mahoney he had seen the train approaching and had put on his brakes, but his car slid onto the crossing. He said he tried to move his machine away, but the motor had stalled.

"I made a couple of attempts to get it going, but it wouldn't start," he said. "I knew I wasn't going to be able to get it moving, so I jumped. Even at that, it was close. The train was right on top of me."

Engineer Harry Barber, of 71 Holland Avenue, operator of the westbound Brockville Dayliner, said he saw the blue station wagon slide onto the tracks. He said he had been sounding his whistle for the crossing, and redoubled his blasts when the machine did not move off his right-of-way.

The collision bent the station wagon into a right angle, completely demolishing it. Damage estimated at \$1,000 was done to the front end of the train, which was held up for almost two hours.

"At first, it was believed Ledyard had been struck as he leaped from his vehicle. Witnesses said he appeared in a semiconscious state although still on his feet. But hospital doctors said he was suffering only from shock, and that the injuries from his fall were negligible.

Ledyard is still on the roster of the Rough Riders but has not been invited to training camp and it is understood the club is trying to make a deal for him. He previously played with the University of Chattanooga and San Francisco 49ers.

23/06/1959 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

Like a turtle with a wooden leg, the afternoon pool train to Toronto limped through Hull and then proceeded to loaf her way to Toronto. It was the first time I had travelled all-diesel on the so-called fast afternoon train to Toronto.

No. 263, with diesel power was comparable to some "Slow Train to Yesterday".

A diamond-stacked wood burner would seem no more absurdly out of date in 1959 than does the present nineteen-thirties schedule. They are going to Toronto today almost a full 60 minutes slower than they were doing 28 years ago.

You get wartime speed at 1959 prices; parlor car seats have now gone up to \$2.50.

The CPR diesel stalled around with her outmoded schedule at Carleton Place and Smiths

Falls, and she operated at retarded time all the way to Brockville. There she waits a full 25 minutes. The train takes two hours to go 75.2 miles.

So, after being treated as country cousins by both railways in and out of Brockville (Montreal passengers travel 127.1 miles while we Ottawa folk go only 76.2 miles) on we

go to Toronto, we'll get another agonizing lay over at Brockville en route back to Ottawa.

The diesels today do no better than Sir Henry Thornton's high wheelers back in 1930. Since pooling, the CNR has gone "ahead" backward - with infinitely faster power.

It was exasperating to see those mighty diesels loafing through their 30-year-old time card. Both railways play it cosy, with a sneer for the passenger.

What is needed on the Toronto run is to cut the time by an hour. They take six hours and 15 minutes now; the CNR did it on their own rail, via Harrowsmith, in five hours and some-

thing, back in 1931. The CPR pretty much matched it via Tichborne on their old "Royal York"

I suggest the railways change and save the Ottawa people from dying a slow death on this devious, dreary, delaying journey.

The CPR does it on a pooled service from Montreal to Quebec, while the CNR does the

same on the Montreal-Toronto run. Pick one line, then cut the schedule to 4 1/2 hours. They can do it easily.

If a quarter century ago they could do the job with a hand-fired, coal job, you would think they could do better now for the travelling public instead of offering this railway relic.

22/07/1959 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Scott Street*

Scott-Driveway Lights In Use

Long-sought traffic signal lights went into operation at three o'clock this afternoon at Scott Street and Island Park Drive.

The new lights serve a dual purpose. They not only govern traffic flow at the intersection but give warning of approaching trains on the CPR right-of-way north of Scott Street.

When a train approaches a crossing, all lights at the intersection will go red, and at the same time, arrow signals will operate to direct the east-west flow on Scott Street.

To further expedite traffic at this point, Patricia Avenue becomes one-way southbound street, from its connection at Island Park Drive through to Mailes Street, one block south of Scott Street.

28/11/1959 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Ottawa West*

Stop sign relocated at Bayview and Scott

In an effort to prevent tie-ups of the CPR lines, a stop sign at Bayview and Scott has been relocated, Traffic Engineer Thor Neilsen said today.

Twice recently the Canadian, CPR crack trans-continental train, has been stopped by traffic piled up across the railway tracks at Bayview and Scott.

Mr. Neilsen said the stop sign was formerly located 45 feet away from the railway tracks. Because of traffic pileups it was lifted and re-located at a point 57 feet away from the nearest line of the tracks. In addition a large sign was erected well in advance of the stop sign to give motorists ample warning of the stop sign's location

Motorists Stopping

Motorists have also been stopping on the tracks at the Parkdale Avenue crossing. The crossing is protected by a wig-wag signal and the traffic flow is controlled by lights at Scott and Parkdale.

But on a number of occasions the Canadian was stalled by cars parked right on the tracks.

Mr. Neilsen said he had received no complaints about the crossing. He said it is one of the oldest crossings in the area and added that little could be done about it.

"We warn motorists not to stop on tracks," he said. "How can we stop them when they are warned by lights and wig-wag signals."

12/12/1959 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Woodroffe Avenue

TRAIN RIPS TAILGATE BUT DRIVER UNHARMED

An unidentified truck driver escaped death by inches when the tailgate of his truck was snapped off by the CPR Canadian this morning. The accident occurred at the Woodroffe Avenue level crossing. The driver of the truck left the scene after surveying the damage but was later found by city police. Jack Ethier, 24, of Hamilton, said his dump truck was being pushed by another and was on the track when the warning flasher came on. He jumped to safety; the other truck got clear under its own power. The Canadian was delayed for approximately 15 minutes but received no serious damage.

18/01/1960 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Roosevelt Avenue

January 9 when Walter Amisson, 40-year-old Hull man, lost his life when his car was struck by a train at the railway crossing at Scott Street and Roosevelt Avenue.

05/03/1960 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Roosevelt Avenue

Drivers View Blocked at Crossing Says Jury

A coroner's jury last night divided the blame for a train-car collision which caused the death of Walter Amisson, at the CPR Roosevelt Avenue crossing on January 9.

After nearly an hour's deliberation the jury under the formanship of John Sylvain, 211 Blackburn Avenue, brought in a verdict criticising the leaving of construction equipment adjacent to the railway. They also held that the deceased contributed partially to his own death "by driving his car while his abilities were impaired by alcohol."

Amisson was killed when struck by a double dayliner of the CPR on the Brockville-Ottawa run.

Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall heard 16 witnesses.

The jury recommended steps to avoid such accidents in future. Their verdict read in part:

"We feel that such accidents might be avoided if construction equipment was removed, far enough from railway crossings or intersections to give an adequate view of approaching trains or traffic."

Evidence at the inquest indicated that the view at the fatal crossing was impeded by shovels and embankments where a water main excavation was being made along the CPR right of way and a detour existed.

Several witnesses said they heard the train sound its horn before the accident occurred.

The car was thrown 35 feet by the impact, while the driver was hurled 104 feet to the platform of an unused station near by.

Engineer Kenneth W. Cope, 732 Byron Avenue, said he passed a whistle post a quarter of a mile from the crossing. He sounded the usual crossing warning and turned on his bell. He reduced speed by some 20 miles an hour.

"I did not see the car until I was about 25 feet away," he said. "He seemed about to make it across alright but then slowed down. I kept the horn blowing and applied the brakes. My headlight was on. It was about 4.30 p.m."

At the time of the impact the engineer said his speed was under 50 miles an hour.

Rough Detour

Police Constable Emmett Ryan, of the city police said he visited the scene of the crash shortly after the accident. He crossed the same crossing in the same direction as the deceased.

"The detour was rough," he said. "I had to proceed at about 15 miles an hour. To see the oncoming train I would have had to turn almost around and look through the left rear window. It would be difficult to see an oncoming train under the circumstances."

19/05/1960 Ottawa Citizen

Carleton Place

Ottawa West yard

Boy Falls From Train, Breaks Jaw

A seven-year-old Ottawa boy suffered a broken jaw and head cuts early last night when he lost his footing on a coal car in the CPR's West End yards and fell to the ground below.

Police said Raymond Simser of 7 Piney Street, was playing with other youngsters on a string of freights in the yards when he fell. The child was taken to Civic Hospital and required 10 stitches to close head cuts and the fractured jaw. He was admitted for observation.

Const. Robert Wilkins of No. 2 Police Station investigated.

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Carleton Place

Ottawa, Broad Street

Man "Fair" After Being Hit By Train

An elderly man escaped serious injury late yesterday when he was struck by a freight train in the CPR yards, west of Broad Street. Eli Boileau, 69, of no fixed address, was taken to Civic Hospital by Exclusive Ambulance after the accident which occurred shortly after 5 p.m.

He sustained forehead lacerations and last night his condition was described as fair.

Police said Boileau apparently failed to understand a warning shouted by yardman Peter Belanger, 2419 Clementine Boulevard.

He failed to step clear in time and the slow-moving freight car hurled him to the ground.

The accident was investigated by Const Carmen Gifford.

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Carleton Place

Bayview Road

Family OK After Car Hits Train

An Ottawa family escaped injuries Saturday afternoon when their car hit an eastbound CPR passenger train at a level crossing near Scott Street on Bayview Road.

Rosaire Burelle, 25, of 79 Melrose Avenue, told police he was driving south on Bayview Road with his wife and two children and did not hear or see the train until he hit it.

Mr. Burelle said he was travelling about 15 miles an hour and engineer Stan Patterson, of 706 Churchill Avenue, said the train's speed was 10 miles an hour at the time.

The car bounded off the train and came to rest on the east side of Bayview Road. Damage was restricted to the front end of the 1957 vehicle, amounting to about \$200.

This level crossing has been the scene of several such accidents in the past. There is no warning signal.

Constable Richard Abbass of No. 2 Police Station investigated.

AT BRITANNIA Auto Strikes Train, 1 Dead

One of the injured in the Britannia train-car crash died just before press time. Two men were seriously injured and a child bystander cut by flying debris when a car was struck by a CPR dayliner at the Britannia Road crossing about 10.30 this morning.

Residents of the area said they heard the train whistle and the wigwag signal ringing at the time of the accident but the car had driven into the train. The two men were taken to Civic Hospital by Exclusive Ambulance and the child removed by a police car.

Sitting On Box

The little boy was sitting on a battery box about 10 feet from the track, to watch the train go by. He was struck by some material from the car after the impact. Controls of the signal were smashed off but the signal was functioning after the accident. The train, which bore a large scrape down its right side, continued after a delay of two hours.

Investigation was conducted by Sgts. Ellard Miles and William Cowan and Constable James Reynolds.

CAROLE JONES

Fast Dayliner Kills Girl, 6

Six-year-old Carole Callan Jones, of 205 Island Park Drive, was killed about 4 p.m. yesterday when struck by a fast-moving CPR dayliner at a level crossing on Island Park Drive just north of Scott Street.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Jones, she died of head injuries in Civic Hospital some 3 1/2 hours after the accident.

A spokesman for the Champlain Home Owners' Association said the dayliner was travelling at 60 miles an hour but a CPR spokesman stated the speed was 40.

Heard Screeching Of Brakes

The allegation was made by J. R. Anderson, esstutive officerr of the Champlain Home Owners' Association, who lives at 276 Island Park Drive. Mrs. Anderson heard the sudden screeching of the train's brakes and went out to see the little girl dying.

The CPR spokesman said it has definitely been established that the speed of the train at the time of the accident was 40 m.p.h.

He said the intersection is a protected crossing. The bells were ringing and the lights were on and there was a school patrol on the spot at the time.

City Stymied

The city has exhausted every possible means to have train speeds at level crossings reduced. Alderman Murray Heit said today.

Alderman Heit, chairman of the civic trains speed committee, said that last August he, with city solicitor Gordon Medcalf, appeared before a board of railway transport commissioners appealing for a speed of 45 m.p.h. at level crossings.

He said the railways were adamant in their refusal to cut speed at level crossings. They held trains were on schedule and speeds could not be reduced and schedules maintained. The board of railway transport commissioners rejected the city's application for reduced train speeds.

The youngster was on her way home from Hilson Avenue School when hit by the onrushing east-bound train. Among the first at the scene was her mother, who had come to meet her with a car.

Crossed Safely Once

Directed by a school patrol at Scott Street, Carole had just made one safe crossing of the tracks when her mother passed her in the auto.

The girl was struck as she tried to recross the tracks to join her mother, who was busy parking the car on Patricia Avenue near Scott Street.

Mrs. Jones did not witness the accident.

Engineer Dalbert Payne, of 151 Spadina Avenue, vainly applied the brakes when the youngster suddenly appeared in front of the train. It stopped 725 feet east of the crossing.

Whistle Blew

Conductor Clyde Taman, of 638 Gilmour Street, said the train whistle was blowing as it neared the crossing, which is guarded by flashing red "wigwag" signals. Born in Ottawa, Carole was in Grade One at Hilson Avenue School. Her mother is the former LeNor Callan.

Besides her parents she leaves a brother, Craig, 17, and a sister, Brenda, 15, both students at Fisher Park High School.

Mr. Jones is vice-president and general manager of R. A. Beamish Stores Company Limited.

Jury Attaches No Blame In Girl's Train Death

Six-year-old Carol Callan Jones was wearing a fur-lined hood over her head when she was killed by a CPR dayliner November 17, a coroner's jury was told last night.

"I don't believe she ever heard or saw me," said engineer Delmer Payne, of 153 Spadina Avenue.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, 205 Island Park Drive, Carol was struck at the crossing on Island Park Drive north of Scott Street. She died a few hours later in Civic Hospital

Attach No Blame

Last night's jury attached no blame in the fatality. Like some other recent juries, though, it called for a reduction of train speeds in the city to "the speed limit for other vehicles".

Engineer Payne testified his engine was travelling at 40 miles per hour as he approached the crossing, sounding his horn and warning bell from a quarter-mile away.

Inside the city, he said, engineers have instructions not to exceed 45 miles per hour. At some crossings, lower speeds are specified, he added.

Evidence was that the wigwag warning signals at the crossing were also working at the time of the accident.

Recrosses Tracks

Sgt Kingsle'y Ackland of the Ottawa police said the girl had already made one safe crossing of the tracks on her way home from Hilson Avenue School.

She was struck as she re-crossed the tracks to rejoin a school patrol on Scott Street, where her mother had arranged to meet her with a car.

Still Alive But Serious

Train Hits Woman Pedestrian

A woman pedestrian survived a close brush with death yesterday as the Island Park Drive Scott Street level crossing almost claimed another victim.

Mrs. Helen McGregor, 48, of 394 Bronson Avenue, was struck by a diesel locomotive, then dragged 36 feet. She was seriously injured, but Civic Hospital officials believe she will live.

The accident occurred at exactly the same spot where six-year-old Carol Callan Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, of 205 Island Park Drive, was struck and killed by a CPR diesel November 17.

Stumbled Into Train

Witnesses said Mrs. McGregor appeared to either jump or stumble into the path of the locomotive. The sidewalk crossing over the rails has large gaps where a foot might become tangled and possibly stuck.

Two city aldermen said that, although they believe the crossing is under the supervision of the National Capital Commission, they would personally inspect the accident to see whether the sidewalk crossing was particularly dangerous.

City police said speed of the train was not a factor in yesterday's near fatality.

Not Fast Train

Mrs. McGregor was hit by a CPR shunting locomotive, which was drawing a boxcar, a tanker and a caboose. Engineer Oscar Synek, 51, of 498 Somerset Street West, said he was moving between 20 and 25 miles an hour, and brought his train to a stop in less than 90 feet.

The train operating between Ottawa West and Britannia, was moving west to the Independent Coal and Lumber Co. Ltd. siding. Mrs. McGregor was walking south.

Mr. Synek a CPR employe for 34 years and an engineer since 1950, said Mrs. McGregor seemed to "jump or fall, rather than walk", into the path of his locomotive. He said he saw her for some time before the accident, and said she appeared to be looking all around her.

Woman Saw Engine

He said she glanced in the direction of his train several times.

Engineer Synek said he had "no idea" what happened at the last instant, when Mrs. McGregor hit the front of his locomotive.

He said he yelled "she's going to go right in front of the train" to his fireman, Conrad Gratton, 36, of 330 Lafontaine Street, Eastview, then lost sight of her.

Mr. Gratton also was unable to see the actual impact from his position on the left side of the cab.

First man to reach the injured woman, after the train stopped, was brakeman Mike Zaroski, 52 of 18 Armstrong Street

"She was semi-conscious but her face and head were a mess", Mr. Zaroski said. "I didn't know how bad she was, but I did what I could to help her." Mrs. McGregor was taken to hospital by Exclusive Ambulance.

Dragged

Police believe the woman became entangled in the stairs at the front of the diesel and was dragged, rather than knocked, completely across Island Park Drive.

Sgt A. D. McConnell and Constable Emmett Ryan headed the investigation.

Two aldermen who have taken an active part in trying to eliminate level crossing accidents, Mrs. Cecile O'Regan and Dr. Murray Heit, expressed shock that the Island Park-Scott crossing had come so close to claiming its second life in less than a month.

"It's terrible", Mrs. O'Regan said. "I remember an accident some years ago at Woodroffe where a woman got her foot caught in between the rail and a sidewalk and was killed by a train. This crossing at Island Park Drive must certainly be checked.

"It's awful that two bad accidents should happen so close together at the same pedestrian crossing. Perhaps it should be investigated to see whether a gate for pedestrians could be put up there and perhaps at other busy crossings elsewhere."

Dr. Heit, chairman of the city's train speeds committee, said he would also inspect the crossing personally.

"It's the only thing to do. If a danger exists there, it must be eliminated."

Four persons were killed shortly before noon today when their car was struck by a CPR passenger train at the McEwen Avenue crossing in Britannia.

The wreckage was carried for 1/4 of a mile west along the tracks.

One of those killed has been tentatively identified as George Stead, 62. The other victims were a woman, another man and a boy. They have not been identified.

The accident occurred at 11.15 a.m., when the CPR four-coach train was bound for Brockville from Ottawa.

The crossing has no lights or signals.

The impact of the crash welded the 1950 Pontiac to the front of the diesel and cutting torches had to be used to detach it.

Body thrown from car.

Mr. Stead's body was thrown from the wreckage 100 yards from the crossing, and the bodies of the other three persons were removed when the train came to a stop.

Considerable damage was done to the front of the train.

The train engineer was Stan Patterson, of 706 Churchill Avenue, who was also the engineer when Kenneth Sparks was killed at the Britannia Road crossing November 7, 1960.

The car was travelling north across the track.

Other members of the CPR crew, all Ottawa men, included: W. Nevins, fireman; J.E. Murphy, conductor; J.E. Craig, trainman and W.E. White, baggageman.

The train consisted of a diesel engine, baggage car and three coaches.

The four bodies were taken to the Civic Hospital morgue.

Coroner Dr. W.T. Kendall was called to the scene and pronounced all the victims dead.

Further report in the next day's paper:

No Thanks from Mother

Alert Yardman Pulls Tot from Train Path

A two-year-old child was snatched from possible death in front of a crack CPR passenger train by a fast-thinking railway worker at the Ottawa West station Tuesday afternoon.

Merland Bennett, 36-year-old CPR yardman, was standing near the Bayview Road crossing as the westbound Canadian came over the bridge from the Hull side of the Ottawa River.

Playing On Tracks

As the train neared the west end of the platform, Bennett saw a small child playing on the tracks in the path of the train.

Horried, Bennett rushed over to grab the child.

The tiny tot, between two and three years old, got up and started to run away from him, westward down the track, in the same direction as the train was moving. Before Bennett could reach him, the child had stumbled and fallen down between the rails. Bennett scooped up the scared youngster and jumped to the north side of the tracks, as the gleaming train picked up speed and continued on.

Grabbed By Mother

After the train had passed, an excited woman whom the child called "mother," grabbed the youngster from the railwayman and, without waiting to thank him, led the infant off toward Wellington Street.

A CPR spokesman said that while the train was not moving faster than five or six miles an hour at the time, it was beginning to pick up speed for its trans-Canada run westward.

He said it was "very alert action" by Mr. Bennett who ran ahead of the train to pick up the fallen child.

He added that Mr. Bennett who lives on his farm at Breckenridge, Que., has "great respect for trains," having lost part of his right hand in a yard accident in July, 1958.

Mr. Bennett is married and has two daughters, Linda, 5 and Mary, 2.

Jury Urges Crossing Protection

A coroner's jury last night recommended that all railway crossings in the city be protected with mechanical warning devices.

Meanwhile it urged that stop signs be erected at all unprotected crossings.

The jury was inquiring into the death of George Edward Stead, 77, of 60 McEwen Avenue, whose car was hit by a westbound train at the McEwen Avenue CPR crossing December 30.

Also killed in the crash were his wife, Ethel, 66, and their two foster children Gerald Davis, 11, and Robert Falls, 10.

No Blame

The jury offered no explanation for the accident, which occurred at an unprotected crossing around 11 a.m. However, it cleared the train crew of any blame, noting that the crew had taken "all possible precautions".

Fireman Willbert Nevins said the car approached the crossing slowly, as if it were about to stop. When it failed to do so, engineer Stanley Patterson vainly applied the train's emergency brake.

Mr. Sleed was hurled from the car by the crash. Like his three passengers he died instantly.

Landmark Gone

Disappearance with out a trace of the old CPR station at Westboro brings nostalgic memories to oldtimers like Stanley Hutton . . . now over 80. Mr. Hutton remembers when Ottawans used to "take the train" home to Westboro from downtown before there were trams and buses.

Saturdays the platform of the little brown building would be crowded with passengers awaiting transportation to summer cottages at Britannia.

Thousands of winter travellers have stomped in from the icicle-trimmed platform to warm themselves at the pot-bellied stove in the waiting room while the operator in a green eye shade clicked a busy morse key. The last years were years of degradation for the familiar old building.

It stood silent and empty, its windows shattered by unfeeling youngsters of a new generation, its walls covered with their lurid messages.

"It's all gone now, sighs Mr. Hutton.

First step is taken to fill in Nepean Bay.

First step has been taken on a co-operative city-national Capital Commission project to fill in part of Nepean Bay for park and recreation purposes.

The Nepean Bay project, requiring about two years to complete, will provide a causeway to be used as the eastern approach to the new Ottawa River Parkway from Fleet Street and Bayview Rad.

The city has taken action to secure necessary approval from the Public Works department, under the Navigable Waters Act, to construct the Nepean Bay Causeway using rock fill from the city sewerage construction scheme now under way.

The NCC has already started preliminary work on the Ottawa River Parkway from Parkdale Avenue to Island Park Drive.

The current NCC national capital \$20,000,000 railway relocation scheme will result in a general cleanup of the present CPR tracks and old round house in the Nepean Bay area.

The CPR crossing from Ottawa to Hull, via the Prince of Wales Bridge, will remain to provide the only railway link between Ottawa and Hull with the disappearance, about four years hence, of the railway crossing of the Interprovincial Bridge.

Heros Medals Awarded

The first Carnegie Hero Fund Commission medal for bravery to be awarded to an Ottawa district man since 1942, was announced by the Commission's manager, David B. Oliver, in Pittsburgh, today.

A Carnegie bronze medal and \$500 cash will go to Merland J Bennett, 36-year-old CPR switch tender, of Breckenridge, Que. Mr. Bennett saved three-year old Robert McKenzie from being killed by a train at Ottawa West station last Feb. 14.

Robert's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McKenzie, now of 36 Melrose Ave. Mr. McKenzie is a CNR express motorman.

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Commission assistant manager Donald G. Sink said it will take four to six weeks to have the medals struck at the US. Mint at Philadelphia. The medal and cash award will be presented to Bennett by a senior CPR official at a later date in Ottawa.

More Medals Expected

"It is probable that we will have more Canadian awards this year than during the past 10 years," Mr. Sink told The Citizen.

Gave Award

There was only one award in Canada each year from 1954 to 1960, with the exception of 1956 when there were two. Five awards were made to Canadians in 1953 and none in the years 1952 and 1951.

Caption for picture of Bennett holding a child in front of CPR 180x

Merland J. Bennett, CPR switchtender of Breckenridge, Que., will receive the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission medal for his act of bravery last Feb. 14. Mr. Bennett grabbed three year-old Robert McKenzie seconds before a train would have struck him as he lay between the tracks where he had fallen. The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McKenzie of 36, Melrose Ave., had wandered onto the tracks and Mr. Bennett saw the train approaching at about 12 miles per hour. Here Mr. Bennett and Robert re-enacted the event, for the benefit of a photographer. (See also page. 3).

Medal For CPR Hero Of Rescue

The last chapter in an exciting story that began on Feb. 14 last year, will unfold here Friday when Merland J. Bennett, 36-year-old CPR switch tender of Breckenridge, Que. receives a Carnegie Hero Medal for his act of bravery.

Mr. Bennett snatched three-year-old Robert McKenzie seconds before a train would have struck the child as he lay between the rails at Ottawa West station. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McKenzie of 36 Melrose Ave. had wandered onto the tracks and Mr. Bennett rescued him as the transcontinental train approached only yards away.

CPR assistant general manager G. W. Miller of Toronto will present the Carnegie bronze medal to Mr. Bennett who earlier received a Carnegie Hero Fund Commission cheque for \$500 in recognition of his outstanding heroism.

CARNEGIE HERO AWARD

CPR assistant general manager G. W. Miller of Toronto and three-year-old Bobbie Mc-Kenzie, admire the Carnegie Hero bronze medal presented by Mr. Miller Friday to Merland Bennett (centre), who saved the young lad's life on Feb. 14, last year. Bennett, a 36-year-old CPR switch tender, from Breckenridge, Que., snatched the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McKenzie of 36 Melrose Ave., from the tracks as a transcontinental passenger train was passing the Ottawa West station. Mr. Bennett earlier received a \$500 cash award from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for his heroic act. Citizen-UPI Staff Photo

Operation of trains on the CPR trans-continental line through Britannia will end in 1965 with completion of necessary railway intersection facilities at Bells Corners. This line will be used from Ottawa West station west to Churchill Avenue for industrial freight for a few years until industries there can be re-located. The freight trains will use the CPR Pres-cott line for access, backing in west from the station.

Driver's 'Drive' Really Railway

An Ottawa motorist found parked and asleep on CNR [sic] tracks at Scott Street last night told police he had a flat and just pulled into "this driveway" to get off the road.

Police from Number 2 Station were called to the Ottawa West CPR Station at 2 a.m., by a passerby who said, "Someone's trying to drive up the tracks in a car". Arriving on the scene Sgt. Tom Glenn and Const. Desmond Sloan found three tired gentlemen asleep in the front seat of the car blocking the Shawville shunter. Police wakened the men, sent two of them home to bed and took the driver of the vehicle to the police station for questioning.

Charged with driving while his licence was suspended is Percy Beaudry, 62, of 371 Stewart St.

Friday 13th crossing crashes kill five

A 22-year-old taxation employee was killed in a Scott Street level crossing crash at Tunney's Pasture Friday afternoon, seven hours after a car-speeder collision on Wood-roffe Avenue which killed four men.

George William LeBel of 563 Chapel St. was killed when the car he was riding in was struck by the westbound Canadian Pacific transcontinental train at Ross Street.

Shortly after 9 a.m. yesterday, which was Friday 13th, Willis White. 60, of RR 2 Bells Corners, Antoine Per-rier, 48, of Moose Creek, and John Passaw, 29, of Renfrew were killed when their light track car was struck by an auto.

A fourth man, James Knox McLean, 59, of 3011 Base Line Rd., died in the Civic Hospital about 6 p.m.

The Scott Street mishap was preceded by a number of coincidences which contributed to the crash.

A fire drill at 4.10 p.m. sent income tax employees home seven minutes earlier than usual.

LeBel, with Edward Lane, IS, of 702 Chapel was walking towards the bus stop when Rolf Posma, 22, of 187 Second St. stopped his car and asked the pair if they wanted a lift.

"As Rolf started up he and Bill were joking about something. Rolf had his head turned towards Bill.

"The next thing I knew we were about five feet from the tracks and I saw the train and heard the whistle. Rolf stopped the car but it was on the tracks. He tried to put the car in reverse but the gears jammed and the car wouldn't move forward or backwards. He swore.

"I sat there and waited for the train to hit. I grabbed onto something in the back of the car, I don't know what it was. It w as only about a second or two from the time I saw the train until it hit.

"I sat there and watched the train hit. It spun the car around in a circle."

"I got out of the car and looked around for Bill. I couldn't see him but Rolf was about 20 feet away beside the tracks.

I ran down to see if he was still alive.

"Bill had been thrown about 10 feet. His head had struck the curb. He was dead when I got to him," he said.

Lane was treated at the hospital for minor injuries. Posma, badly shaken up, was admitted for observation but his condition was reported as good.

Testimony at inquest prompts adjournment

Testimony by three railwayman into the Friday March 13 death of a 22 year-old taxation employee caused an Ottawa coroner to adjourn a Monday evening inquest.

"Because of confliction, we're going to have to get more witnesses including the city solicitor and a host of others." said Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall.

The inquest jury had heard seven of 26 witnesses called by the Crown to testify in the death of George William Lebell of 568 Chapel St., killed after the car he had accepted a ride in was struck by a transcontinental train at Scott Street and Ross Avenue.

Three of the witnesses, including engineer William Shorthouse of 1 Daly Ave., fireman Frank Alexander of 1220 Carlling Ave. and CPR assistant-superintendent W. J. Koehn of 1212 Meadowlands Drive, had testified as to the train's speed and rules governing it within the city.

All three said the train was limited to 35 miles per hour until it reached the city limits at Parkdale Avenue.

Dr. Kendall objected, saying the city limits extended farther than this.

'Something wrong'

"Holland Avenue is the geographic centre of the city of Ottawa, yet the city limits as far as the railway is concerned is one block east of this street," he said.

"There's certainly something wrong here."

Mr. Koehn said the railway had established the city limits at Parkdale as the result of a Board of Transport Commissioners order of 1918, issued when Parkdale Avenue was the city's western limit.

"It's up to the city to apply to the board to change its order extending the city limits sign on the right-of-way," he said.

Mr. Koehn testified that, as a result of the lioss Avenue fatality, the board had "as a matter of course" issued a "slow order" of 25 miles per hour over the crossing, west of Parkdale Avenue.

Engineer Shnrthouse said the train usually proceeded at about 10 miles per hour as far as Ottawa West, then increased its speed to between 20 and 22 miles an hour.

Traffic heavy

He said traffic was heavy at all crossings in the city's West End on the day of the accident.

Earlier, Dr. Maxwell Klotz, chief pathologist at the Ottawa Civic Hospital testified that the victim died of a fractured dislocation of the neck that "caused death almost immediately."

The inquest continues tonight.

Inquest told of five minute ride to death

The eye-witness account of a five-rmnote ride that ended in the March 13 death of a 22-year-old taxation employee was unfolded on the second night of a coroner's inquest Tuesday.

I had overheard Rolf (Posma) I say he was going uptown after work and I asked him for a lift after we got out of work," said Edward Lane of 25 Adelaide St., an auditor with the government's taxation division at Tunney's Pasture.

Rolf Posma was the driver of a 1956 Volkswagen in which George William LeBel was a passenger when it was struck by a CPR transcontinental train Friday, March 13. near Ross Avenue and Scott Street.

LeBel was killed in the crash just five minutes after he and Lane had accepted a ride from Posma.

"We got in the car about 100 feet from the railway crossing," said Lane. "I got in the back seat and Bill got in the front.

"It was the first time I got paid and there w as a lot of excitement. Bill had turned around, talking to me, and I had mentioned to Rolf that he change the radio station as we crept along in the bumper -to-bumper traffic.

Glimpsed train

"As he switched the station, I saw the train about 150 to 200 feet down the track," said Lane. "I didn't really see it, I just caught a glimpse of it.

"I didn't say anything," he said. "Then Rolf looked up and saw it.

"He put on the brakes and the car stopped on the track while I watched the train coming."

"Roif was trying to get it in reverse, I heard it grind, I looked down at the gearshift and up again and I knew we were going to get hit then.

"After the train hit us, I jumped out the left hand side of the car and my first thought was to find Bill and Rolf.

Lying near tracks

"I saw Rolf lying near the tracks, went down to see if he was all right and saw Bill. I bent over him, opened his eyelid, and knew then that he was dead," he told the jury.

Posma, testifying under the protection of the Canada Evidence Act, told the inquest of the events he remembered concerning the crash.

"All I can remember is being hit."

"I can't say I panicked," he said. "I thought I'd have enough time to put the car in reverse and back up."

He told the jury that he had heard the train's whistle for the first time when it was about 50 to 60 yards away.

"All I can remember after we were hit was .being carried away on a stretcher," Posma said.

3 days in hospital

He spent three days in hospital with a fractured collarbone and multiple cuts to his body. Lane was uninjured.

The inquest also heard 12 witnesses describe what they saw. Most were fellow workers. The inquest resumes this evening.

All parties get blame in railway track death

In a three-page handwritten verdict, an Ottawa coroner's jury has blamed all parties involved in the March 13 death of 22-year-old taxation employee William LeBel.

Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall termed it "the longest verdict of my career."

The recommendations

After two hours and 40 minutes of deliberation, the jury recommended Wednesday night:

- That specific warning systems at both the Holland Avenue and Ross Avenue CPR crossings be established.
- That sidewalks for pedestrians be provided north of the tracks on Ross Avenue.
- That Ross Avenue be widened from its present 28-foot width.
- That the city of Ottawa specifically petition the Board of Transport Commissioners to bring railway regulations up to date and adopt uniform city limits.

LeBel died when the small car in which he was a passenger was struck by a CPR transcontinental train near Scott Street and Ross Avenue.

Sent home early

The accident happened five minutes after the government's taxation department was sent home early because of a fire drill.

The jury said the events "combined to produce a set of circumstances which made disaster almost inevitable."

Dr. Kendall referred to it in his address to the jury, before they retired, as "almost an act of God."

"We find that the operation of the train and the condition of its emergency equipment were in conformity with the required standards," the jury's verdict stated.

"However, the train crew sensed that traffic across the tracks was unusually heavy and under the circumstances the engine driver could well have throttled back and braked the train to slower speed immediately after passing Holland Avenue.

"He knew there were no warning lights at Ross Avenue and he saw the continuous stream of traffic over the track at Ross Avenue, which indicated that something unusual was taking place, since normally the traffic over the crossing at that time was limited."

'Conditioned'

The jury also said that a number of drivers had become "conditioned" to crossing the tracks without paying attention to the railway traffic.

The jury also blamed the Department of Public Works for not providing adequate warning safeguards for personnel at the crossing; the passengers "who contributed equally to the inattention of the driver;" and the driver himself.

"The driver of the vehicle cannot be absolved of his responsibility to operate the vehicle with due caution under the circumstances," the jury said.

"The driver had taken none of the usual precautions to insure the safety of the vehicle and his passengers when approaching the crossing."

The jury found that LeBel died of a fractured dislocation of his neck "by being flung from the right-hand front seat of the car." It noted that the use of safety belts could "possibly have been instrumental in avoiding the fatality which occurred."

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Acres Side Road

Youths 'freeze' on tracks as train bears down

An 18-year-old youth with a sparkling new diamond ring in his shirt pocket Friday afternoon nearly didn't get to present it to his intended that night.

John W. Martin of 1771 Hutton Ave. was driving happily along Acres Sideroad with four teenage companions when his not-too-new car stalled on a level crossing.

A CPR westbound passenger train was bearing down with its lights flashing and horn hooting.

What happened next was best explained by John. "We panicked," he said.

With John on the front seat were William Hoag, 17, of 585 O'Connor St. and Diane Smithson, 17, of 3430 Carling Ave. In back were Diane's sister, Lynda, 16, and Lyn Murdock, 15, of 224 Grandview Rd. John was driving the girls home from school.

Not all doors on the car worked properly which added to the tension and confusion as all five scrambled to get out.

"I was dumbfounded. I couldn't believe it," said Lyn.

Got school books

Lynda said she thought the car wasn't in any danger and stayed long enough to collect all her school books. After everyone was out, the two boys tried to push the car across the tracks but it was still in gear. John ran to shift it out of gear but they still couldn't budge it.

When the big diesel was only yards away "we froze, we couldn't move," William said. "We just stood there looking at the train."

Outbound trains have started to pick up speed by this point and are usually travelling at 50-miles-plus an hour. Acres Sideroad is only one block from where a milk truck driver was killed in a level crossing crash last Monday.

Dove into ditch

Just in time, the youths dove into a ditch and were able to see the diesel catch the front end of the car "and toss it higher than the train."

William was cut on the head by a flying piece of metal and the car's heavy generator landed within inches of John's head.

The first thing John thought of when the car landed was the ring. It was in his shirt which lay on the front seat.

When he presented it to Ada Boselli of 507 Chapel St. Friday night he had more than one reason for having his heart in his month.

Lynda summed up the feelings of all when she said: "From now on we go either by bus or bicycle."

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Carleton Place

Stittsville

Cycling carrier boy dies; hit by train at Stittsville

A 15-year-old Stittsville boy died in the emergency ward of the Civic Hospital Friday night three hours after he ran his bicycle into the side of a train.

Gordon Donald McRae, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McRae and a Citizen carrier boy, cycled into the side of the westbound CPR Canadian as it passed through Stittsville at 4.28 p.m.

Gordon had been proceeding south on Main Street with his paper bag over his shoulder and pedalled alongside several cars stopped for the oncoming train.

Then, as he neared the track, he looked back over his shoulder at a chum behind.

The train crew, unaware of the mishap, did not halt the train. Gordon died of multiple injuries.

Ontario Provincial Police Const. Lloyd Logan ordered the train stopped at Chalk River, about 100 miles west. Engineer of the train was Gerald Greenham of 185 Hinton Ave., Ottawa.

Train slams auto, 2 die

A Brockville bound CPR train slammed into the side of a car at the Scott - Northwestern Avenue level crossing yesterday, killing a 29 -year -old mother and her youngest son and injuring a second child.

Mrs. Shirley Levesque of 61 Sherbrooke Ave. died en route to hospital, just minutes after she was removed from the front of her battered car. She was found with the auto's windshield frame wrapped around her neck.

Son dies in hospital

Charles, three, died in Civic Hospital this morning. He was removed from the back seat of the car, which was pushed 115 feet down the track.

Adele Leblanc, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rheal Leblanc of 45 Sherbrooke St., the third occupant of the car, was thrown 60 feet by the impact. She was found lying in grass beside the track and taken to Civic Hospital for treatment of multiple bruises. Her condition is not serious.

The Northwestern Avenue level crossing is not equipped with warning lights or wigwag.

The accident happened at 4.45 p.m. and witnesses said engineer Vernon Dier, 53, of 36 Armstrong St. blew the whistle and rang the bell loudly. CPR officials said the train's speed was 38 mph.

Shortly before the impact Mrs. Levesque had left the home of fellow Bell Telephone operator Mrs. Doreen Foley of 211 Northwestern Ave.

Coroner Dr. W. Thomas Kendall said an inquest will be held.

The husband and father of the victims, Charles Levesque, is employed by the department of mines. There are two surviving children; Danielle, eight and Pierre, six.

Slow down orders to train crews after crossing death

An error in judgment contributed to the death of a 15-year-old Stittsville cyclist who ran into the side of a train at the Stittsville crossing Oct. 30, a coroner's jury found Thursday night.

Donald Gordon McRae, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McRae, pedalled into the side of the CPR transcontinental Canadian as it travelled west through Stittsville at 65 miles an hour.

Dr. Maxwell Klotz, pathologist at the General Hospital, said the boy died of severe internal injuries.

The jury recommended that train speeds through Stittsville be reduced by 20 miles an hour. They also urged that warning signals be sounded one-half mile from the crossing instead of the present system of starting to blow a train's warning whistle one-quarter mile away.

Gerald Greenhara of 195 Hinton Ave., Ottawa, engineer of the train with which Donald collided, said that since the accident engineers have been under orders to pass over the crossing at 25 miles an hour.

Mr. Greenham said he was not aware of the accident until the train made its regular stop at Carleton Place, 13 miles west of Stittsville.

J. D. Smith of Stittsville said he had been driving along Main Street in Stittsville the day of the accident, and stopped for the train when he saw a boy on a bicycle cut across in front of his auto.

"It all happened so fast I didn't have a chance to see whether he saw the train and slowed down for it or not," Mr. Smith said.

Donald, a Citizen carrier boy, had just picked up his papers for delivery from their drop-off point a few hundred feet from the tracks.

The jury's report carried a rider that if their recommendations were impractical a crossing gate should be stalled.

Rail crossing tragedy
Jury urges 25 mph limit

A coroner's jury, alarmed at the speeds at which trains are allowed to travel through the city, recommended Tuesday night that a train speed limit of 25 miles per hour be established in residential areas.

The inquest into the death of Mrs. Charles Levesque, 29, was told that speeds of 45 mph in residential districts and up to 75 mph inside the city limits were permitted.

It was the second time in a week that a coroner's jury has called for reduction in train speeds. Acting on the death of a boy at a Stittsville crossing, a jury recommended Thursday that speeds be reduced to 20 mph while passing through Stittsville.

The Levesque accident is one of at least six area railway-crossing collisions that have taken the lives of a minimum of 15 people in the last year.

Mrs. Levesque died in hospital Nov. 4 of multiple injuries after the car she was driving was hit broadside by a Canadian Pacific passenger train at a level crossing on Northwestern Avenue between Premier and Scott Streets.

Her son Charles, age three, was also killed in the collision and another child, four-year-old Adele Leblanc, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Leblanc of 45 Sherbrooke St., was injured.

The only warning at the crossing is wooden signs on both sides of the track.

Distraction cause

The jury found that the cause of the fatal accident lay mainly in the distraction of Mrs. Levesque's attention from the railway crossing.

The inquest found that a major cause of her distraction could have been a multiple intersection just 100 feet north of the crossing where Premier Street and Northwestern Avenue intersection.

The jury felt that the heavy S o'clock traffic on Scott Street, just south of the tracks, may also have drawn her attention.

The five - man jury recommended that flasher signals with bells be mandatory at all level crossings within the city. The findings also suggested that the intersection where the accident occurred be straightened out to eliminate funnelling of five lanes of traffic into two at the crossing.

Several witnesses who saw the accident said that Mrs. Levesque was driving very slowly and looking straight ahead when the train slammed into the side of her 1958 model car. Whistle heard

George Smith of 306 Keyworth Ave. said he was travelling west on Scott Street when he heard the train whistle. He turned right onto Northwestern Avenue and stopped in front of the crossing to wait for the train to pass.

He then noticed Mrs. Levesque's car proceeding across Premier Street towards the crossing, moving very slowly. She was looking straight ahead. She drove onto the tracks and the train hit the car on the driver's side throwing it into the ditch.

Engineer of the train involved, Vernon Dier, of 36 Armstrong St. said that his speed shortly before the accident was just under 35 mph.

He said he noticed Mrs. Levesque's car approaching the track very slowly and "I thought she was stopping. But when we got up real close she seemed to speed up. I threw on the emergency brake and then the train hit the car."

It took the train 640 feet to stop which Mr. Dier claims is less than usual.

Mr. Dier also said that just before he put on the brake he had a glimpse of Mrs. Levesque. "She was looking straight ahead," he said.

Loud blast

Other witnesses stated that the train's whistle was blowing loudly for some distance before the crossing and could be heard clearly.

Samuel Degagne, who lives right across from the crossing at 1752 Scott St., said he was in his kitchen when he heard the train's whistle. When he got to the front of his house the train was still some distance from the crossing.

He also observed the Levesque car approaching the tracks. "It was running very slow," he said. "I could have walked faster."

Coroner Dr. W. T. Kendall was critical of the Northwestern Avenue's southern approach to the crossing which makes a swing to the left and joins up with the northbound lane.

He also felt that a signal device was needed at the crossing, which is used by a great many government workers coming to and from Tunney's Pasture.

Thor Neilson, director of the city's traffic engineering department, told the inquest that a survey of the crossing had been made in late 1959 or early 1960 and it was decided that flash signals weren't required.

He said the factors which require the installation of signals at a track, such as poor visibility and heavy traffic, weren't evident at this crossing when the survey was taken.

Such signals, he said, were the joint responsibility of the city, railway and board of transport, who share the costs. Any one of these three departments can take the initiative towards installing warning signals and the others would likely follow.

12/01/1965 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

'Slow trains city'

The city will ask the Board of Transport Commissioners to put an immediate slow-speed order on trains on the Scott Street railway line.

Cost \$500,000

The city has learned it would cost close to \$500,000 to guard the 16 Scott Street level crossings with wigwags, flashing lights or other mechanical protective devices.

"I don't see how we can justify that expense for a line which is scheduled to be abandoned in 18 months," said Mayor Don Reid.

The trains now have a 45 mile-per-hour speed limit between Bayview Road and Woodroffe Avenue.

Con. Murray Heit said the traffic committee last year asked the commissioners to order slow-speed on the line but met with no success.

'Try again'

"Then we should try again and make the request from board of control," said Con. E. D. Webber. "A slow-speed might be part of the answer."

When the traffic committee made its request, a spokesman for the Board of Transport commissioners said most level crossing accidents were caused by cars hitting the side of trains, rather than by locomotives hitting cars. He doubted if the speed of trains made much difference in such cases.

Board of control is concerned over the number of fatalities at unprotected Scott Street crossings. The board asked for a report on the cost of protection and was told mechanical signals would average \$30,000 each.

The cost of level crossing signals is shared by the municipal and federal governments.

20/01/1965 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place**Northwestern Avenue*

Scott Street will get train signal

A flashing warning signal will be installed at the Northwestern Avenue level crossing of the CPR's Scott Street line.

The signal, to cost \$15,000, was approved by board of control Tuesday. The city's share of the total price will be \$1,200.

A recommendation to close off the nearby Carleton Avenue level crossing to traffic was deferred, for several days, at the request of Con. Ken Fogarty.

The warning signal will protect the Northwestern crossing for 13 months, after which time railway traffic on the line is expected to cease.

The board, worried about level crossing accidents on the Scott Street line, has asked the Transport Commissioners to put a "slow speed" order on all trains. The board has not yet received a reply.

Driver leaps clear as train hits car

A wrong turn on to a railway track parallel to Scott Street almost cost a Gatineau Point man his life last night.

The car became stuck on the track at 10.45 p.m. where it was struck by an east-bound passenger train shortly after its driver had jumped to safety.

Guy Drouillard, 31, of 4 Carmel St., who was unfamiliar with Ottawa's west end, drove onto a side track running off the main railroad line on Roosevelt Avenue. He proceeded along the spur until he came to the main section of track that runs parallel to Scott Street.

Because the track was covered with snow, he didn't realize he was on the line until it was too late. His car became stuck partially on the track.

When he saw the oncoming train, which was travelling at 40 m.p.h., he jumped clear. About \$1,000 damage was caused to his vehicle.

Mr. Drouillard was shaken by the experience as was the train's engineer, Vernon Dier of 36 Armstrong St.

He was engineer of the train which struck a car along the same track last Nov. 4, killing 29-year-old Mrs. Charles Levesque and her three - year- old son, Charles.

Mr. Dier wasn't at the controls of the train when it hit Mr. Drouillard's car. Fireman Frank Alexander of 1220 Carling Ave., had taken charge a few minutes before the accident.

The passenger train, coming from Toronto, was delayed about 45 minutes.

6-year-old west end boy killed by freight train

A six-year-old boy was killed by a moving freight train before the eyes of his sister as he was returning to school just before one o'clock Thursday noon.

Jeffrey Gerald Allard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allard of 75 Aylene Avenue, was struck down within 75 yards of his own home. He died instantly from head injuries.

Jeffrey's father said his daughter told him his son was being chased by a dog at the time of the accident and didn't see the train.

Mr. Allard said his son had just left the house a few minutes before with his three sisters one his twin on the way to Woodroffe Public School six or seven blocks away.

"They always went that way," said his father. "They were always cautioned to watch for trains. We sent them that way because there is such a heavy truck traffic on Woodroffe Avenue."

Mr. Allard didn't see the accident or know about it until his eldest daughter came screaming home saying that "Jeffrey was hit by the train."

His father rushed out of the house and picked the boy up "only three feet from the track."

The freight train, east bound from Smiths Falls, did not stop until it reached Ottawa West station when Engineer Chester Shellborn was told of the accident.

"We didn't see any children on the track at all," said the engineer. "It was quite a shock when the yardmaster told us a child had been killed."

He said the train was travelling about 35 miles per hour at that point on the line. He described this as the normal speed for the area.

With him in the cab of the engine was Fireman Elwood Sloan, 35, of 1016 Connery Ave.

The dead boy was in Grade 1 at school. He was one of two sets of twins in the family. With him at the time was Deborah, his twin; Brenda, 8; Patricia, 10; and two neighboring children who also were returning to school.

His father said the children always left home "in good time so they wouldn't be late for school."

Police said there were two holes in the fence and a path across the tracks which pedestrians used as a shortcut.

Car hits train, 4 persons injured

Four young people Sunday night narrowly missed adding to the death toll .from car-train collisions in the Scott Street area.

All four were injured when the car they were travelling in collided with CPR's east-bound Trans-continental passenger train.

The accident occurred at a crossing on Hinchey Avenue where warning wig wags are in operation.

Most seriously injured was Lyette Barrette, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Barrette of 214 St. Anne St., Eastview. She received a fractured thigh bone and is reported in satisfactory condition at Civic Hospital.

Admitted to hospital

Claude Lamothe, 20, driver of the car, suffered head injuries and was admitted to hospital for observation. His brother Gerard, 19, was treated and released. They are the sons of CPR conductor Lionel and Mrs. Lamothe of 51 Whitburn Cres., in Nepean Township.

Lise Lepage, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lepage of 127 Carruthers Ave., was admitted with facial lacerations and bruises.

The car was travelling south towards Scott with its four occupants when the collision occurred.

The right front of the car took the main force of the impact and the vehicle was spun around. It smashed into a "no parking" sign and tore through a fence, coming to rest upright and facing west in a lot on the east side of Hinchey, about 40 ft. from the point of impact.

Train engineer Gerald Greenham, 55, of 198 Hinton Ave., said the train was not going over 25 mph at the time.

Path over tracks safer route, inquest told

A short cut across railroad tracks because it was safer than walking on the street ended in death for his son, a father told a coroner's inquest Monday night.

Jeffrey Allard, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Allard, of 76 Aylen Ave., died from skull fractures that resulted in severe brain damage after being hit by a train March 25.

He was using a path across the railway tracks, east of Woodroffe Avenue, to the Richmond Road when he was killed.

Residents in the area commonly use the pathway and it was considered safer by some parents than Woodroffe for their children.

Woodroffe had no sidewalks and since the new Ottawa River Parkway opened was heavy with traffic.

Mr. Allard testified that tandem trucks hurtle along Woodroffe at 40 mph and called it "a death trap for children."

Because of this he thought the path across the tracks was safer for his children than Woodroffe.

Speed up urged

The jury recommended that the city's school sidewalk program, already in progress, be speeded up. Construction of sidewalks on Woodroffe below Richmond Road started last week.

Also recommended in the verdict was that railway tracks inside the city be protected by page wire fencing similar to that used on the Queensway.

Canadian Pacific Railway associate roadmaster Kirk Martineau of Carleton Place testified that since 1961 the stretch of fencing blocking the pathway in question had been repaired every spring and fall

But, Mr. Martineau, added it was always torn down shortly afterward. In one instance, the fence and a "No trespassing" sign had been taken down the day after being erected.

The path ran from the end of the street where the dead boy lived, across the tracks to Richmond Road.

Children used it to get to Woodroffe Public School, situated on Woodroffe south of Richmond Road, where the dead boy was in Grade one.

Freight train

Evidence indicated that the boy ran or walked into the side of the eastbound freight train.

Elwood Sloan of 1016 Connery Ave., engineer on the train, said he blew the whistle at a point just east of Woodroffe, about 700 feet from where the boy was hit.

Neither he nor any other members of the crew knew that the boy had been hit until they reached Westboro Station where they were told of the accident.

All the members of the train's crew testified that they had not seen any children in the area of the pathway.

Jeffrey's sister, Patricia told the jury that her brother was running ahead of her with his twin sister Debra on the path towards the track.

She saw the train pass and then saw her sister crawling away from the track. It is thought that Debra was hit by the flying body of her brother.

Returning to school

The children were on their way to school after lunch when the accident occurred at about 12.40 p.m.

It wasn't usual for a train to be using the track at that time. The train involved was about five hours late.

Dog theory in death I

Was young Jeffrey Allard being chased by a dog when he was struck by the train and killed March 25?

The question didn't come up at Monday's inquest into his death, but it was one theory offered when the accident occurred.

Just before Monday night's inquiry, a Toronto lawyer representing the Canadian Pacific Railway went to the scene of the accident to familiarize himself with the area.

While there, a big collie charged at him, forcing the lawyer to retreat.

Reports when the accident occurred said that his twin sister Debra said she saw him being chased by a dog just before he was hit by the train.

Train kills boy, aged 10

A 10-year-old boy running away from a barbershop after a haircut was struck and killed by a Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Jimmy Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oliver of 2648 Regina Ave. was killed instantly when bit by a 50-mph westbound train, just west of the Britannia Road crossing.

Just before the accident he had run from a barber shop on Howe Street which parallels the railway line.

Ran out earlier

The youngster had bolted from the same shop shortly before while waiting to get his hair cut but had returned and allowed the job to be done.

He had an infection on the back of his neck and apparently feared it would be injured during the hair cutting process.

Engineer of the train in-volved Verner Dier, 45, of 967 ; Wellington St., said he didn't see the boy until he was 10 feet away from the engine.

It was the fourth accident Mr. Dier has been involved in since last November while engineer on a train.

The Scott Street line and its continuation out to Britannia has been the scene of numerous fatalities since its installation and has one of the highest railroad fatality rates in the country.

A coroner's jury earlier this year recommended that page wire fencing be installed along railway tracks inside the city.

There was no protective fencing to prevent Jimmy Oliver from crossing the tracks where he met his death.

The boy's body was carried 140 feet by the engine's cow catcher before it fell off into the north ditch beside the tracks.

Engineer Dier told police that the train's whistle was going at the time of the impact.

Train speeds in Ottawa

The Board of Transport Commissioners has rightly decided to limit the speed of trains to 35 mph at all unprotected crossings on the section of the CPR's Carleton Place Subdivision lying within the city limits.

While this stretch of track is due to be abandoned next year as part of the railway relocation program, it is necessary to take into account the heavy traffic now moving over the crossings and on streets adjacent to the track. It is to be hoped that the board also sees fit to approve the installation of some form of automatic signal protection on the most dangerous of the crossings. Several serious accidents have occurred at level crossings in this area in recent years.

The city should take particular note of the points made by the federal board in rejecting Its bid to have the speed within Ottawa reduced to 35 mph. The commissioners said that their investigation of thousands of crossing accidents had given them "no sufficient reason to believe that a general reduction of train speeds to 35 mph in urban areas , would actually reduce crossing accidents." And they felt that Ottawa should not be treated any differently than any other city with about the same population. (The speed of trains over unprotected crossings within this city is voluntarily Mmited by the railways to 45 mph.)

This does not mean that the city should hesitate to ask for reduced train speeds when it believes that the circumstances warrant such action. But it should do much more than at present to bring about the installation of signal protection at crossings in Ottawa and its environs. Under the Railway Grade Crossing Fund legislation, a municipality is required to put up only 12 1/2 per cent of the approved cost of automatic warning signals.

Kendall sparks inquest 'crusade' for crossing safety

An angry coroner said Tuesday night he would fight for his jury's recommendations in Toronto, if necessary, to lessen the danger from rail traffic through Ottawa.

Dr. W. T. Kendall made his pledge as he called for strong recommendations following an inquest into the death of James Oliver, 10, son of Mrs. Rita Oliver, of 2648 Regina St.

The jury found that the boy died instantly when a Canadian Pacific Railway train struck him just west of Britannia Road last June 15.

The jury's recommendations stated:

The railway company should erect fences "to protect juveniles from having access to the rights of way for at least 600 yards in either direction from a level crossing."

The company should maintain fences as much as it does tracks, also the property within rights of way next to level crossings. This would "insure that existing fences are erected and in good condition and that all trees, bushes or other obstructions in the vicinity of such crossings are removed."

Since the railway speed limit in Hull is 15 miles per hour, "the board of transport commissioners or other responsible bodies should be urged to reduce the speed of all trains operating in Ottawa to 15 miles per hour in the interests of public safety."

Agencies owning land next to railway rights of way-should "be urged with the railway companies themselves to assume their proper responsibility and define their areas of jurisdiction so that fence construction and maintenance would result in adequate protection to citizens."

Dr. Kendall congratulated the jury for the recommendations returned after 1 1/2 hours of deliberation.

'Shifting of responsibility'

"For over 25 years," he had told the jury "there has been considerable shifting of responsibility along this stretch of railway, and not only concerning fencing and road crossings.

"The parties concerned always resolve their arguments. They usually agree costs are fantastic, and nothing is done."

He said the CPR runs through "almost half of Ottawa at a more or less unrestricted speed."

Proper fences are lacking in many places, and the blame must go to the city, National Capital Commission, public works department and board of transport commissioners, as well as railways, stated Dr. Kendall.

"It is a mumble-jumble, continually," he said, "and we just close our eyes to it and let it go."

"The fact that the federal government is supposed to be moving that main line means nothing to me," he said. "They've been doing that for 25 years."

He said he would take the jury's recommendations to authorities in Toronto.

"If Hull - a whistle - stop compared to Ottawa can have a 15 mile per hour speed limit," said Dr. Kendall, "then I see no reason why the Board of Transport Commissioners can't lower the speed limit in Canada's capital,"

Following the inquest, a railway spokesman commented that the law requires fences along tracks only to keep cattle off, not to protect children. "A fence doesn't stop them," he said.

He added that Hull has a lower rail speed limit because of the great number of road crossings, and trains don't give warning whistles there as they do in Ottawa. Evidence during the inquest was that James Oliver had approached the railway track from a shopping centre on the northwest corner of the track and Britannia Road.

Fence down

Witnesses said a wire fence on the north side of the track had been trampled down for years and children and adults often took short cuts across the track.

Kirk Martineau, of Carleton Place, CPR assistant road-master, testified there was no fence along the south side of the track there.

"This has been the responsibility of the city since Ottawa took over the Electric Railway company," he said. "There hasn't been a fence on the south side in over 10 years."

The CPR fence, he said, had been in good repair after regular fall maintenance there last year, but that construction of the shopping centre through the winter had helped beat it down.

Unable to stop

Engineer Vernon Dier said the diesel unit and five coaches were 10 to 15 feet from the boy when he saw him. He threw on the emergency brake, but the train did not stop for 1,100 feet.

Cst. Gerald Egan said the right front corner of the train struck the boy, throwing him for 140 feet.

Members of the jury were G. W. Greene, 556 Coronation St.; T. W. O'Brien, 528 Fenhill St.; Harvey Harris, 1014 Fisher Ave.; Gordon Fyfe, 1327 Ave. "R", and Andre J. La-pointe, 1323 Ave. "S".

Rail subway overhaul under way

Work has started on reconstruction of the subway on Highway 15 where it passes under the CPR line just west of Bell's Corners.

Motorists using this route will find a detour on the highway in operation during the winter.

The detour will be a level crossing over the rail line, which will also be a detour, with a flashing light signal and bell to warn traffic.

The rail line detour will permit removal of the present subway and construction of a new subway, without interference by traffic on both routes.

When the work is completed next spring, highway traffic will begin using the new subway which will eliminate two dangerous curves in the road. The rail line will be replaced over the new subway and the level crossing will be discontinued.

It is understood the CPR line will be joined with the CNR main line just north of Bell's Corners, and from this point, trains will enter the city and the new union station, expected to be open by next July.

Youth held after train stabbing

Ottawa police charged a Lachine teenager Thursday night with the July 29 stabbing of Emilio Penetta, 18, of 50 Preston St., at the Ottawa West railway station.

John Schofield, 18, of 938 Twenty-fourth Ave., Lachine, was arrested in a restaurant by Montreal police Wednesday.

Schofield was brought to Ottawa by Detective Sergeant Norm McGee and Detective John Aldrich.

The wounded youth and a friend, Larry Gagner, 17, of 1460 Chatelaine St., were returning from New Brunswick by train when they argued with two other youths who were using offensive language before a woman and child.

When Panetta and Gagner left the train at the Ottawa West station, the other two youths followed them. Gagner told police one of them pulled a knife and stabbed Panetta. He was in good condition this morning at the Civic Hospital with stab wounds to his left forearm, right leg, chest and abdomen.

TEENAGER PAYS PIPER

A youth firing a gun who hit the pipe being smoked by a CPR employee in a moving train Aug. 6 was fined \$50 in magistrate's court this morning.

"I wasn't shooting at him," said Richard Baird, 16, of 357 Dominion St.

Donald St. Denis, of 420 Parkdale Ave., was in the lead engine of a freight train bound for Ottawa from Smiths Falls when the B-B pellet hit his pipe. Magistrate Sauve ordered the gun confiscated.

Court heard of fight and stabbing

To resume a fight that had started two hours earlier on a train, Emilio went behind the old Ottawa West CPR station with a Montreal youth shortly after noon July 29.

But the Montreal youth surprised him by pulling a knife, Penetta testified Wednesday.

Penetta countered by picking up a rock and throwing it, he recalled. But he missed and in the ensuing fight was stabbed four times.

Testifying at the trial of John Schofield, 18, for stabbing with intent to wound. Penetta said the fight had started when the train was a short distance out of Montreal.

He had objected to a friend of Schofield's using obscene language with ladies present in the railway coach. Schofield had taken up the argument, said Penetta, a student at Ottawa Technical High School who lives at 50 Preston St.

Needling kept up

As the journey continued Schofield "kept on trying to annoy me turning around and saying things," Penetta told assistant Crown attorney D'Arcy Finn.

This resulted in a shoving match at one point when Schofield stood to put something on an overhead rack. "

I stood up and asked him if he wanted to fight right now," said Penetta. "Then I pushed him."

The scuffle was stopped, but the angry words continued. When Penetta and a friend, Larry Gagne, got off the train at the Ottawa West Station they were followed by Schofield and his friend.

"Schofield said he still wanted to fight. I was getting fed up, so I said okay," Penetta testified.

Penetta said he followed Schofield towards the back of the station when Schofield stopped and turned around.

"I saw a knife in his hand my reaction was to pick up a rock," Penetta said.

He threw the rock and lunged forward trying to grab Schofield's knife arm, Penetta said.

But Schofield lifted his arm and stabbed Penetta in the chest.. Penetta picked up a small rock and threw it. Then he looked down at his chest to check the wound, he said.

As he did so, he saw Schofield coming at him with the knife. He put up his right arm to stop it. He was hit with the knife which went through the fleshy part of his arm, said Penetta.

Schofield came at him again and Penetta lifted his knee, which got cut. Then Schofield stabbed him again in the chest.

Penetta turned away from Schofield and walked towards the station. "I wasn't worried about anything more that could happen to me," he explained.

The two chest wounds caused Penetta's left lung to collapse, testified Dr. F. N. Brown, a specialist in general surgery at the Civic Hospital who examined him.

Both these wounds were one-half inch wide and two inches deep. In addition the flesh at the knee was cut to the bone. Penetta spent nine days in hospital and is fully recovered.

Defence attorney Arthur Cogan was expected to begin his cross-examination of Penetta today as the trial before County Judge A. E. Honeywell and a General Sessions of the Peace jury continued.

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Locomotive destroyed by flames

CARLETON PLACE (Special) Passengers aboard a Canadian Pacific train were delayed about an hour here Friday when the main locomotive caught fire and burned.

The fire was spotted in the leading engine of the westbound Canadian as it travelled through Stittsville.

It continued to Carleton Place and shunted the burning unit into a siding. Remainder of the train was driven clear.

Members of the volunteer fire department here battled the blaze for more than an hour but the locomotive was gutted. There were no injuries.

Exact damage has not yet, been determined but is expected to run into tens of thousands of dollars.

Town Fire Chief Caldwell Wilson said the fire appeared to have started in electrical wiring and spread to fuel oil.

A replacement locomotive was brought in' from Smiths Falls and the train continued its Trans-Canada journey.

29/05/1973 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place*

Gov't to do cost study of Ottawa area GO-train

By MIKE GILLESPIE Journal Toronto Bureau TORONTO (Staff) - The provincial department of transportation and communications has agreed to carry out a cost survey of operating a high-speed GO-Train service from Almonte, Carleton Place and Smiths Falls into Ottawa.

The proposal, which Lanark MPP Doug Wiseman is pioneering as a possible solution to a growing commuter congestion problem facing Valley commuters to Ottawa, has been described as the key to a revitalization of the numerous "bedroom towns" west of the capital.

Initial indications, however, from similar surveys taken in other areas, are that it could cost commuters as much as \$4 a day return to travel into the city - if they lived in Smiths Falls.

In the Metro Toronto area, GO-Train service costs commuters about 4 cents per passenger mile.

If the service was to cost as much in the Ottawa Valley, Carleton Place and Almonte commuters would pay more than \$2.50 a day return to travel downtown.

"Those costs to Smiths Falls might kill the proposal right there," Mr. Wiseman said Monday. The MPP said many residents from that town are involved in car pools which often cost even less than the service bus lines can provide.

The MPP says, however, that such a system could be a lifesaver to the federal government in view of its plans to build a satellite city for 60,000 southeast of Ottawa.

By supporting a GO-Train service west of the capital, the revitalized rural communities could easily handle the population envisaged for the new satellite community.

"Not only would it help the federal government, though," said Mr. Wiseman, "it could also give a lot of people a chance to live in a smaller community and let do want to try it."

The MPP said a major segment of the labor force in Smiths Falls, Carleton Place and Almonte commute to jobs in the city every day. But every day the problems related to just getting to their jobs are increasing with the rush-hour chaos in downtown Ottawa.

The importance of planning a GO-Train service immediately is obvious, says Mr. Wiseman, since plans will soon be underway for a rapid transit system in the city and the GO-Train would have to be linked into such a scheme.

The MPP says three or four trains could run during the rush hours, making stops at such centres as Carp, Stittsville and Kanata. Arnprior could also be linked into the system too, he feels.

A fast train service between Ottawa and the rural towns would also coax far more city-residents out into the country for recreation- bringing far more tourist dollars into small town coffers, says Mr. Wiseman.

Trainload of memories

CARLETON PLACE (Special) Local residents will be waiting for one particular train to arrive next weekend with more than the ordinary feeling of excitement. For the train - which pulls in at 11.45 a.m. next Sunday and Monday - will be drawn by a steam engine, and for older residents, it will, bring back memories of their days with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Many Carleton Place natives spent their lives working for the CPR.

The old train will carry 300 passengers from Ottawa for a three-hour stay in Carleton Place.

Once here, visitors will be entertained by a guided tour of the town swimming at Riverside Park, old-time music and other features.

A carnival will also be held in the town park here over the Canada Day weekend.

The train service, co-organized by the National Capital Commission and locomotive buffs, will make the trip every Sunday during the summer.

NCC's little engine that will

They thought it could, they thought it could, they thought it could.

But the big old steam engine the National Capital Commission selected to inaugurate a 1973 tourist run to Wakefield couldn't because of a track washout.

The NCC has a little engine that can - and will, starting Sunday - make weekly runs to Carleton Place and back.

The 1912 steam locomotive owned and restored by the Ontario Rail Association in Brampton will leave on its first run at 10.30 a.m. Sunday, arriving in Carleton Place at 11.30.

After a two-hour layover there, the five-car train will be back in Ottawa by 3.15 p.m. It can take 250 passengers at a time, at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Tickets are available at the information kiosk in Confederation Square. Special trips will be made Monday and Labor Day, Sept. 3.

Another NCC success

His face withheld those blatant grins of triumphant self-satisfaction, but Dave McIntosh must have felt well, extremely comfortable when old 1057 slowed to a halt at journey's end Sunday.

The run had been flawless, on time no less, and the National Capital Commission celebrated another success in its cause to maximize leisure.

Mr. McIntosh, officiously titled adviser to communications policy for the NCC had supervised the year-long effort in pulling it off. A little self-aggrandizement seemed not at all out of context.

About a week ago, St. Jean Baptiste Day to be exact, he was still out looking for wood to fire the restored 61-year-old engine.

Then, too, there was the problem of finding the anthracite coal. It was finally imported from West Virginia.

A train. Most of all the NCC needed a train. Thanks to the Ontario Rail Association, it was able to rent old 1057 and five cars, which would do the trick nicely. \$30,000 deficit

If the initial success of the summer excursions continues, the NCC next year will use locomotive 1201 now being restored for the National Museum of Science and Technology. In addition, the NCC will have to purchase its own cars.

The experimental operation will run a deficit of around \$30,000, estimated Mr. McIntosh, despite the income from tickets at \$5 each. Some \$50,000 from the operating budget set up the project.

Whoo Whoo. Toot returns to railroad

By Paul Workman Citizen staff writer

Morning sunlight danced a bit of a jig on the stubby black smoke stack of old 1057. With gusto, the engine belched great clouds of steam as onlookers admired her vintage sleekness.

The 1912 locomotive, christened Port Credit 1057, was about to make its first of many summer excursions to Carleton Place. The round-trip train rides, leaving Ottawa station every Sunday morning and returning by mid-afternoon, are sponsored by the National Capital Commission.

If an engine could grunt happiness, old 1057 surely would have done so as its load of about 300 passengers boarded the seven cars in two. Instead, long, reminiscent blasts of the steam whistle sounded her worth.

Watchdog crew

Up front, the volunteer watchdog crew from the Bytown Railway Society jumped into the baggage car for the hour-and-a-quarter ride. At the end of the line, the dignitaries, among them, Urban Affairs Minister Basford, his wife and son, took their places in the posh, carpeted [sic] VIP coach.

Right on time, bellowing a thick cloud of black sooty smoke, the refurbished relic eased its way out of the yard.

As it passed through the countryside at a steady 25 miles per hour, the curious lined back yards and railway crossings to watch the procession chug by. Herds of cattle ran frightened as the whistle screeched.

The locomotive and cars used on the trip belong to the Ontario Rail Association and have been rented by the NCC for the summer.

No. 1057 was built in December, 1912, by the Montreal Locomotive Works and spent most of her days in Northern Ontario hauling for the CPR out of North Bay, Sudbury, Schreiber and Mactier. In 1956, she was transferred to southern Ontario and finally retired - pushed out by the Diesel age in 1960, after grubbing around the yards at Havelock, Ont.

She was sold to the Regal Stationery Co. in Toronto and remained there for 10 years until bought by H.W. Hansen of Chicago. The Ontario Rail Association purchased her from Mr. Hansen this year for part of a typical 1930's branchline railway they're setting up at Georgetown, Ont.

The cars in the train, painted in the old maroon of the CPR, glory in such names as Chinguacousy, Esquesing, Glen Williams, Terra Cota and Credit. Forks. They were built between 1919 and 1930.

The 31.8-mile route to Carleton Place is in itself a casual history lesson. It passes the home of Captain Bradish Billings, built in 1826, now within city limits but originally a half-day's ride away by horse; Bells Corners, an important stop to the military settlement at Richmond; and Stittsville where some of the stone for the Parliament Buildings was quarried.

The coach riders enjoyed it immensely. Wearing his gray-striped engineer's hat, Mr. Basford suggested Canada's two leading railways should go back to steam.

He and the other special guests Carleton Place Mayor Eldon Henderson, MPs and NCC officials stood on the rear platform waving gaily to hundreds of people as 1057 ambled by. It was a sentimental journey for Mr. Henderson. He was fireman on the very same 1057 years ago out of Galt.

At Carleton Place a good 750 of the townsfolk were waiting to greet the train. They entertained during the two-hour layover with a show of antique cars, a country and western trio and an old steamer of their own.

After replenishing her water supply and turning around on the wye, 1057 started back for Ottawa station right on time.

Up front in the baggage car, without soft chairs and iced drinks to pass the time, the half-dozen Bytown Railway Society members were titillated by the trip.

Their job as train marshals had been relatively easy, since a regular crew of CPR engineers, firemen and brakemen had commandeered the locomotive.

No it was just a dandy day to enjoy a hobby.

"It's like a dress rehearsal," said 46-year-old Al Craig. "If it's a shambles, the play will be all right."

Work of art

He'd been up since 6.30 that morning lending a hand to fire the engine. He insists he's one of the "nutty" ones.

The closest he ever came to working on a train was loading 60-pound containers of fish onto cars in Winnipeg years ago. But to him, a train, especially a train like the 1057, is art.

The whistle blows. "Music," said Mr. Craig showing lots of grin.

"We real nutty ones have records of those things. Sit in the living room and listen to them. Drives the wife up the wall.

"I've got a terrific record called Steam Under Thundering Skies. It was taken down in Tennessee in February, 1960."

A measure of scepticism must have been showing. "You just can't imagine anybody sitting and listening to that, eh?" said Mr. Craig. "When you're a railroad nut, you're a real nut."

Railwayman's Heaven

Engine 1057 on the Carleton Place run

By CATHY McKERCHER Engine Number 1057 205,000 tons of coal-burning, puffing and chugging steel brought the age of steam back to the Ottawa Valley during the weekend.

Dubbed the Mississippi Express, old 1057 and seven cars made the inaugural run of the National Capital Commission's weekly summer excursion.

More than 275 persons crowded the platform of the Ottawa Station at 10.30 a.m. Sunday in spite of the gloomy weather to climb on board for the hour-long ride to Carleton Place.

The ride was repeated Monday.

The vintage 1912 locomotive pulled five public and two private cars along the tracks at a sedate 25 m.p.h., chugging impressively and blowing its whistle at every crossing.

Passengers leaned out the windows to wave and smile at the crowds that lined the tracks at every settlement, even enjoying the thick black smoke from the engine which sent soot into every part of the train.

And as the engine picked up speed, so did the sun.

Residents of Carleton Place came out in full force, to greet the train as it pulled into the station, many recalling the days when the town was one of the major stops on the CP Rail route.

"We're all very excited about this," said Mayor Eldon Henderson in a welcoming speech to the passengers.

Urban Affairs Minister Ron Basford, the guest of honor of the trip, replied that he had had "a wonderful time."

"This will be the first of many successful runs," he said.

To the last time Mr. Basford rode on a steam train was when he was a child in Manitoba about the same age as his four-year-old son Daniel who came along the ride.

Passengers and residents alike celebrated the train's arrival by listening to an old-time fiddler, watching antique car and farm machinery displays, buying balloons for the children, and taking bus tours from the station to swim at Riverside Park.

Mr. Basford, NCC and CP Rail officials and special guests ate lunch on the train, in a 1927 "director's day car" named the Mount Stephen.

CP Rail official Dave Peters said the car which was panelled in Russian Walnut and fitted with a bar and balcony at the rear cost \$74,000 when it was built and is worth more than \$500,000 today.

It was taken out of storage for Sunday's trip, along with an antique "business car" complete with brass beds to rest on during the return trip to Ottawa.

The five public cars and engine 1057 are owned by the Ontario Rail Association. They were brought to Ottawa by the NCC for the Mississippi Express which will run every Sunday during the summer.

The engine, built in 1912, was used in the Algoma District until 1959, then transferred to Ontario District, based in Owen Sound. It was manned by a crew of five. The cars are the type used by Ontario railways during the 1930s not very different on the inside from ones used today. The NCC had hoped to use the historic locomotive owned by the National Museum of Science and Technology for the weekly excursions, but on inspection. It was found, to be not up to the trip.

It has been sent to rail association headquarters in Toronto to be repaired, and may not be on the tracks again until after Sept. 1.

Next summer, this NCC is planning to operate two routes for the steam trains the Mississippi Express and one to Wakefield, Que., provided public response is good. Mr. Basford says he was surprised to see the number of persons who came just to take pictures and record the sound of Sunday's train. "This just shows how popular steam engines are," he said.

The passengers certainly enjoyed the ride. Many bought souvenir postcards and engineer's hats available in one of the cars.

NCC spokesmen said, sales of tickets which cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, or \$15 for families, will help cover the costs of the trip

But the train will run at a loss this summer. Officials would only say this is an "undisclosed sum."

23/07/1973 *Ottawa Citizen**Carleton Place*

Whoop..Whoop Week four and old 1057 was jam packed

The National Capital Commission enjoyed its fourth successful weekend for the steam train excursion as 296 people rode the rails from Ottawa to Carleton Place and back.

Children, some not old enough to walk, joined adults of all ages to fill every available seat in the train.

Hundreds of people lined the 31.6-mile route waving to friends and strangers, taking pictures and standing open-mouthed as the Credit Valley Locomotive 1057 passed.

Armed with cameras and tape recorders, onlookers stood on cars, sat on roofs of houses and fences and pulled their cars off the road for a glimpse of the 61-year-old locomotive.

Greeted with waves

Children greeted the Credit Valley with waves, occasional shouting and always a smile. When the adults weren't waving, they were focusing their cameras.

A car even dared to out-toot the blasts from the vintage engine, but placed a poor second.

Blasting its whistle and bellowing clouds of black sooty smoke, the locomotive appeared incongruous as it passed newly constructed highways, \$40,000 homes with swimming pools, partly finished apartment buildings and white and green oil containers, which stand out like blisters in the level country fields.

Only the occasional weather-beaten fence and distant farms gave the feeling of riding in the early twenties.

The train travelled under roads and over highways that weren't built, let alone conceived, 60 years ago.

While all agreed the excursion was wonderful, the ride meant something special for each individual.

In comparing Sunday's ride with others she took many years ago, Vera Smith of Ottawa said: "The seats are different. They're more comfortable."

Meharu Ohlsen, a six-year-old boy who moved here with his family from Ethiopia a year ago, said: "It made me happy."

Found it fascinating

John and Margaret Simpson of Alta Vista found the ride so fascinating they are planning another in August.

"The NCC should do it every summer," suggested Mrs. Simpson.

The ride brought back memories for Mrs. Simpson travelling to Toronto in a day coach, seeing the Prairies eight times and a journey to Kingston sitting in a wicker chair.

At Carleton Place passengers were treated to music by a country and western band and a ride to Riverside Park in a school bus and a horse drawn cart for picnicking and swimming.

The train, which belongs to the Ontario Rail Association and is rented by the NCC, took passengers through Ellwood and Wass Junctions, Bells Corners, Bells Junction, Stittsville and Ashton before reaching its destination

27/07/1973 *Ottawa Journal**Carleton Place*

Excursion may be hit by strike

CARLETON PLACE (Special) Resident and town officials are hoping that the present Ontario rail strike will be over in time to allow the steam passenger excursion train to operate this Sunday.

Arrangements have already been made for a British double-decker bus to transport passengers between the station here to Riverside Park, located on the Mississippi River.

A pipe band will also be on hand to welcome passengers to Carleton Place and an orchestra playing old-time music will play at the station during the 2 1/2 hour stopover.

Rail strike takes steam out of NCC excursion

Sunday's steam train excursion to Carleton Place has been cancelled because of the CP-Rail strike, the National Capital Commission announced today. Tickets purchased for this week's ride will be honored on the first train run after resumption of normal rail service, or refunds can be obtained at the place of purchase.

The excursion is run by the NCC and the National Museum of Science and Technology, but the engine is driven by CP-Rail employees.

Steam train excursion cancelled

In light of the national rail strike, the National Capital Commission has announced it has had to cancel its steam train excursion to Carleton Place this Sunday. An NCC spokesman said refunds on tickets may be obtained from wherever the tickets were purchased or they may be saved and used Sept 2 if the rail strike is over.

Again depending on the strike situation, the commission is planning three excursions next weekend to run on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Tickets are to be available Monday through Thursday next week at the National Museum of Science and Technology on St Laurent Boulevard and Friday and Saturday at the NCC information booth at Confederation Square

Boy dies in snowmobile - train crash

Fourteen-year-old Daniel Welch, of 102 Orville St., died when struck by a westbound Canadian Pacific passenger train as he attempted to cross the tracks just north of his home on the 10th concession.

Police said the snowmobile had stalled on the tracks and the boy was struck by the train before he was able to jump clear. The accident occurred at 2:25 p.m.

Town off the track

CARLETON PLACE (Special) Steam Train 1201, which in the past had included Carleton Place on its summer excursions on occasion, will not be making the trip to the town this year unless an arrangement can be made with the National Capital Commission.

A CP Rail spokesman said that the Wakefield run could be possible because the NCC have at their own expense installed facilities for servicing the train, whereas no such services prevail on the Carleton Place route.

When the train visited Carleton Place in the past, hundreds of local poured into the station area and the town made many special events available to offer entertainment to the travellers.

Motorist only bruised in crash with train

A Kanata man escaped with bruises after his car struck a VIA Rail passenger train Tuesday at a CP Rail crossing on Moodie Drive, just north of Hwy. 7 in Bells Corners.

Hugh Irvine, 41, of Rutherford Crescent, said later he didn't notice the flashing warning signal as he approached the crossing on his way home for lunch about 12:30 p.m.

When he slammed on the brakes, his northbound car slid into the engine of the westbound, four-car Transcontinental train, which was travelling about 40 kmh. The impact spun his 1985 Pontiac into another car which had stopped at the crossing moments before Irvine came along.

The VIA train, which was on its way from Montreal to Sudbury, was delayed 25 minutes. There were no injuries to passengers and the engine wasn't damaged. The crossing was without safety gates.

Irvine said he noticed some cars stopped in two lanes at the crossing, but believed they planned a left turn.

When he realized the reason was a train, it was too late.

Following the crash, Nepean police charged Irvine with careless driving under the Highway Traffic Act.

The CP line where Tuesday's accident occurred is used by the Transcontinental, which travels at much lower speeds than the maximum 145-kmh used by Toronto-bound trains.

Motorist fined for crashing into VIA train ;

A Kanata man who escaped with only bruises after his car struck a VIA Rail passenger train last month, pleaded guilty to careless driving and was fined \$128.

Hugh Irvine, 41, of Rutherford Crescent, 5, had not noticed the flashing warning signal as he approached a CP Rail crossing on Moodie Drive, just north of Hwy. 7 in Bells Corners.

He was charged under the Highway Traffic Act with careless driving.

Couple, grandchildren die in pre-school outing

CARLETON PLACE An Almonte couple and their two grandchildren were killed Friday afternoon when a Sudbury-bound VIA Rail passenger train smashed into their car at a level crossing three kilometres east of here.

Dead are Stanley John Taylor and his wife Joan Norma Taylor, both 64, Caroline Moxley, 6, and Graham Moxley, 4.

The youngsters were the only children of the Taylors' daughter Jill and her husband Robert Moxley, of R.R. 1, Almonte.

Const. Neil Fennell of the OPP's Perth detachment said the accident occurred at 12:55 p.m. Friday while the Taylor car was travelling south towards Hwy. 7 on County Rd. 17.

Travelling at about 110 kmh, the train hit the car broadside and dragged it about 20 pole lengths down the track.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, and no decision has been made about an inquest. Driving conditions were ideal, with clear skies and a dry, paved road.

Fennell said the car was so badly smashed that it took police and Beckwith Twp. firemen several hours to get the victims out.

The children's aunt, Susan Moxley said the four were headed for a drive in the country.

"They were going to stay the night at their grandparents as a final treat before the beginning of school.

Beverly Smith, manager of Via Rail's Ontario public affairs, said the train involved was VIA's Transcontinental No. 1.

It left Montreal Friday morning and was bound for the west coast. None of the 150 passengers were injured.

Undamaged, the train resumed its trip around 4:30 p.m.

The engineer, pale and shaken would say little about the tragedy. "They just drove in front of us, that's all I can say," he said before driving away.

Hours after most of the wreckage had been towed away, people were still arriving to survey the crash site. They found it still strewn with pieces of wreckage, including a headlight, part of the car's front grille and pieces of the dashboard.

Fennell said this was the first he's ever heard of a fatal accident at the crossing, which is indicated only by a white wooden sign.

A Carleton Place resident, who declined to be identified, said it was not a tricky crossing. "It is a level crossing. You can see quite a ways both ways. What more can they do?"

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Man's hearing impairment may have caused fatal car-train accident

Canadian Transport Commission officials believe an Almonte man's hearing impairment caused the car-train accident that killed four people Aug. 29 near Carleton Place.

Stanley John and Joan Norma Taylor, both 64, and their grandchildren Caroline, 6, and Graham Moxley, 4, were killed when a Sudbury-bound VIA Rail passenger train smashed into their car at a public crossing, which is marked only by a white wooden sign.

"Mr. Taylor was a handicapped driver with a hearing impairment," said Bill Bell, an Almonte resident and engineer with the transport commission.

"It looked to us to be a relatively safe crossing with little or no problems."

Although the investigation into the accident has not been completed, Bell said Canadian Transport Commission officials believe Taylor's hearing impairment may have prevented him from hearing the oncoming train.

Investigators are also returning to the scene to check reports that a cornfield might have impaired his view of the train from one angle, he added.

A Perth OPP spokesman said an inquest will be held but a date has not yet been set.

In the wake of the accident, Bell is helping to organize a seminar to be held Friday by Operation Lifesaver for about 900 schoolchildren in Almonte.

Roger Cyr, national director of the railway safety organization, will speak to schoolchildren at G.L. Comba public school, St. Mary's separate school and Naismith Memorial school Friday. He hopes his messages about safety, along with a presentation by CN security police on vandalism and trespassing, will help prevent similar accidents.

CN security police will also attend the seminars to discuss problems such as trespassing and vandalism.

Operation Lifesaver is responsible for public education campaigns on train, car and pedestrian safety, engineering at train crossings and inspections and police enforcement.

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Mother's plea for safer rail crossing answered by jury

CARLETON PLACE - On behalf of four lost loved ones, Jill Moxley made a poignantly written plea to her peers Wednesday, asking them to help prevent the kind of accident that killed her parents and children.

Four hours later, a coroner's jury answered her, calling for immediate improvements at the level crossing near Carleton Place where the four were killed Aug. 29 when their car was struck by a VIA Rail train.

"We will never know why my parents failed to see the train that killed them," the Almonte-area resident wrote in a letter read at the inquest.

"... What really matters is that everything possible be done to prevent accidents such as this."

Moxley's parents, Almonte residents Stanley John Taylor and Joan Norma Taylor, both 64, and her two children, Caroline, 6, and Graham, 4, were killed at a train crossing marked only by white wooden signs.

The jury made six recommendations, the first being that flashing lights and warning bells be installed immediately at the crossing, which is on County Road 17, about 600 metres from Hwy. 7.

The jury also called for stop signs or reduced-speed signs at level crossings in rural areas, expanded public education and regular inspections of traffic counts and visibility at the crossings.

An engineer with the Canadian Transport Commission, Ian Naish, said after the inquest the jury's recommendation may speed up the process of getting lights and bells installed.

Ottawa resident Richard Moxley, whose brother Robert is married to Jill Moxley, said he was satisfied with the jury's work.

"I think the whole process was a good one today ... a step in the right direction."

The inquest was told the passenger train, which had left Ottawa for North Bay, was travelling at about 110 kmh and had sounded its whistle before crossing the road.

OPP Const. Lloyd Phillips testified the car was struck above the left front tire. It was a cool, sunny day at about 12:55 p.m.

He said there were no signs that the driver, Stanley John Taylor, had tried to brake or make a sudden turn, suggesting that Taylor simply did not see or hear the train.

Phillips also testified that Taylor had a severe hearing impairment caused by nerve damage inflicted during the Second World War.

The inquest also heard that Taylor's view of the train may, have been obscured by a large field of tall corn that bordered the track.

In her letter, in which she apologized for not attending, Moxley wrote:

"My father's hearing was impaired but my mother's was exceptionally good. All the speculation in the world is possible but none is good enough."

Moxley concluded her letter by saying:

"It is unbearable to lose your children and parents like this. It is even more unbearable to think that the authorities could sit back after such a tragedy and not at least try to prevent it from happening to someone else."

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Carleton Place

Ashton

Passengers escape injury in VIA train, truck collision

The locomotive pulling The Canadien, VIA-Rail's cross-Canada train, derailed Friday near the Ottawa Valley hamlet of Ashton, forcing 64 passengers to take buses to Ottawa and Montreal after a two-hour delay.

Const. Gary Couture, of the Perth detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, said the train's engine was knocked sideways off the track but remained upright at a slight angle. The cars were not damaged and none of the passengers, mostly tourists on the train which left Vancouver on Sept. 15, were injured.

A semi-trailer driven by Ronald Boal, 39, of Ashton, was crossing the tracks at 7:15 p.m. at a private crossing owned by Cavanagh Construction, when the back end of the truck's empty flat-bed collided with the locomotive pulling six passenger cars.

A VIA spokesman said the railway provided two buses to Ottawa and Montreal. A bus with 40 passengers left about 9:40 p.m. for Dorval. A second bus left later for Ottawa with 24 passengers.

Cavanagh Construction workers provided a truck and a grader to unload the baggage from the train onto the buses.

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Bridlewood Pedestrian crossing delayed

A pedestrian railway crossing linking Shetland Park with southern sections of Bridlewood won't be constructed until spring.

Kanata planner David Krajaefski said it will take at least eight months to order and install a grade-level crossing off the Palamino Drive park.

Once installed, the crossing will have a sign, flashing lights and a bell to warn pedestrians of approaching trains.

Krajaefski said a CP passenger train uses the section of track twice daily.

Krajaefski said Coscan Development Corp. would have to wait three months for project approval from the Canadian Transport Commission.

The crossing will be built at Coscan's expense. Coscan is developing some 600 units in north Bridlewood.

Truck-train collision

Frank Somerville, 43, of Lanark, was killed Wednesday afternoon when the truck he was driving hit the side of a VIA train about 15 kilometres west of Ottawa. Passenger David McIntyre, 19, of Lanark, was in satisfactory condition at Queensway-Carleton Hospital, Police said the truck failed to stop at a level crossing on Ashton Station Road.

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Carleton Place

Save tracks for commuter trains: mayor

Carleton Place Mayor Melba Barker is trying prevent the railways from ripping up two rail lines they plan to abandon Jan. 15. She hopes the lines will someday be used for commuter trains.

Canadian Pacific's line between Nepean and Carleton Place and Canadian National's line between Nepean and Arnprior are to be abandoned.

"It's a very real concern to all of us that we're going to see the possibility for the future destroyed," said Barker. She thinks that in another decade the growing population of Carleton Place will be able to support a railway.

But if the tracks are ripped up "the land would likely be sold, and that would be it."

Carleton Place Council has endorsed a report released this week by a group of commuter rail advocates from Kanata, Carleton Place, Ramsay Twp. and other west-end communities that urges the province to intervene to save the tracks on both lines.

It also asks the ministry of transport to study the possibility of commuter trains similar to the GO system in Toronto.

Carleton Place is now asking Kanata, Almonte, Perth, Smiths Falls, Arnprior, and the townships of Ramsay, Beckwith, Goulbourn, and Drummond, to support the commuter train idea.

All except Kanata have given preliminary support to the idea, Barker said.

Kanata Council voted against the idea in November when 50 residents whose houses back on the railway tracks protested the trains would be noisy.

Kanata Aid. Judy Hunter, once the prime mover behind the commuter rail idea, dropped out of the group promoting it after the 50 residents complained she wasn't representing them.

Barker said all responses to the Carleton Place appeal will be forwarded to Ontario Transport Minister Bill Wrye, who has established an intermunicipal committee to study future prospects for abandoned rail lines in the province.

Gary Rice, of Ramsay Twp., who helped draft the report endorsed by Carleton Place, said ministry officials invited the commuter rail promoters to submit their ideas.

But they warned him commuter travel was a regional government responsibility, and Ottawa-Carleton is served by the transitway.

The report proposes that commuter trains be linked to the transitway.

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Ashton

Driver survives train crash

For a split second Thursday, Todd Sterritt didn't think he would live to see 1990.

As his car slid towards a westbound VIA Rail train, the 19-year-old Almonte man didn't think he had a prayer.

His small car hit the moving train but Sterritt walked away from the collision. He was treated at Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital for minor cuts.

"It's amazing he wasn't killed or seriously injured," said Const. Neil Fennell of the Ontario Provincial Police in Perth.

Sterritt said he was going to get gas for his snowmobile when the collision occurred at about 1 p.m.

"You can't see the crossing because of bushes. When I got around the bushes, it was too late. I heard the horn of the train, hit the brakes and slid right into it.

"I guess I was meant to see the new year," Sterritt said.

A month ago, Frank Somerville of Lanark was killed at the same unprotected level crossing, on Ashton Station Road, 15 kilometres west of Ottawa.

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Ashton

Crash survivor blames brush for obstructing view of railway tracks

Todd Sterritt, 19, who walked away from his demolished car after it struck a VIA Rail train Thursday, says brush impeding a driver's view of the tracks should be cut to prevent a similar mishap.

Sterritt said he didn't see the train nor hear a whistle as it crossed the Ashton Station Road "until it was too late. I hit the brakes and I rammed the train."

The Almonte man was at home Friday nursing his cuts and bruises and thanking his stars he's alive to talk about the mishap. His car, a subcompact, is beyond repair.

Sterritt attributed his walking away from the scene of the wreckage to wearing his seatbelt.

Only a month ago, the driver of a truck was killed at the same junction.

Police said Friday that they still haven't been able to talk to a passenger who was injured in that crash.

Ontario Provincial Police in Perth, who investigated both accidents, said there has been no move to have the brush cut down.

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CP derails town's hope of setting up commuter line

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The National Transportation Agency granted CP's application for abandonment because the route was "uneconomic," Cox said.

"It's not generating enough traffic to cover its own costs," he said.

Ottawa-Carleton is negotiating with CP to buy the corridor for future transportation or utility purposes. But planning commissioner Nick Tunnacliffe said the region has no interest in buying the actual rails since it has no short-term plans for the corridor.

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Caption to photo. End of the line. CP Rail workers begin pulling track on the abandoned route.

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He called the lifting of the line a "tragic and heart-breaking" event.

Caption to photo: End of the line: Crew pulls spikes at Carleton Place.

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All aboard: Railway display at library

All aboard, the railroad's back in Stittsville.

Or at least the next best thing - photographs of the way it was as well as a collection of railway artifacts and memorabilia.

It is all at the Stittsville branch of the Ottawa Public Library thanks to two staff members from the Goulbourn Museum, Tracey Donaldson and Brianne Kerik, who prepared the exhibit and display which is now occupying the ArtSpace wall and accompanying display cabinet at the library branch.

Everyone interested in the railway history of Stittsville as well as Ashton and Richmond is urged to drop in and view the exhibit and display to get a feel for the important role that the railway played in the history of these Goulbourn communities. This exhibit and display on the history of the railway in Goulbourn will be on view at the Stittsville library branch until Wednesday, August 5.

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New Chamber office in former train station officially opens

Bob Hawkins remembers his ride on the last passenger train to ever stop at the former CP station in Carleton Place, ON. "I took my grandson Ryan and we went to Arnprior. He was just a little lad - only four years old," a smiling Hawkins told the Record News EMC. "It was sad to see it (passenger rail service) go." The date was Jan. 14, 1990 meaning the Hawkins' train trip occurred nearly 20 years ago. Only weeks after the last passenger train passed through the community the tracks, which connected Carleton Place and nearby Ottawa, were torn up. It's a move that remains controversial to this day, especially in light of the current trend toward expanded commuter rail service from suburbs, including Carleton Place, into the centre of the nation's capital. The official opening of the sections of the former station which will now house the town's 'Visitors Centre', along with the Chamber offices, touched off a wave of nostalgia. Many of those who came to the opening were there to see how the structure has changed in the two decades since it was last used as a railway station.