

# Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway

*31/08/1899 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

New Railway.

We are glad to announce that the prospects of a competitive line of railway running through a village are very bright and that in the near future we will see a reduction of rates in the express and freight, a junction and the direct connection between Brockville and Ottawa through Merrickville. Notice of application to the government for "an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway to run either by steam or electricity from Ottawa to Brockville and to expropriate land, water power and construct power for development, etc, etc," is now published on behalf of the proposed company. Merrickville will now in all probability have an opportunity to secure what is virtually a Grand Trunk line of railway, making a junction with the C. P. R. here. By this the village will have unexcelled opportunities for growth, a better attractiveness to manufacturers, a shorter route to Brockville or Ottawa, and better rates of traffic than any other inland town in eastern Ontario. With our water power, our Rideau route and two railroads surely we could make a village so attractive that the population would so increase that the agitation for a high school would become a unanimous demand and we would soon throw off the stagnation that has been weighing upon us. We hope that the projected route will be constructed and that no one, no matter how warped in his selfish contentment he may be, will object to a proposal which would result in our advancement as a village, and which would make enterprise that as yet cannot be imagined by the older inhabitants.

*01/02/1900 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

**ELECTRIC RAILWAY** An application will be made at the next session of the Dominion Parliament for power to build an electric railway from Ottawa to Winchester and Morrisburg with branch lines from Winchester to neighboring towns. It is said a rival concern is applying to the Ontario Legislature for a charter for a similar road over nearly the same route.

*06/06/1900 Ottawa Free Press Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

Bill reported in parliament. Originally known as the Ottawa, Brockville and New York.

*05/07/1900 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

The bill granting a charter to the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence railway having passed its final stage in parliament the promoters of the proposed short line between Ottawa and Brockville will make a strong effort to initiate the work this year. An application for a Dominion subsidy has already been made and a grant of \$3200 a mile from Ottawa to Merrickville has already been granted. Assistance will also be asked from those municipalities which are to be traversed by the new line. It will start at Ottawa and branch off at the Experimental Farm and ran through Manotick, Burritts Rapids, Merrickville, North Augusta and other points to Brockville. The distance will be considerably shorter than by the present route. An important feature of the new line is that it will bring the Grand Trunk System to Ottawa as it will provide direct connections with that road at Brockville. The new company is well backed financially and will at once commence to acquire the necessary right of way for the work;

*01/11/1900 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

NEW RAILWAY

Mr. Geo. Kidd, one of the promoters of the proposed Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence [sic] Railway, says the new line will be in operation by July next year.

*23/11/1900 Renfrew Mercury Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

Brockville, Nov. 19. G.E. Kidd, the well known Ottawa lawyer, was in town today en route to New York. Mr. Kidd is solicitor for the company which proposes constructing the new Brockville and Ottawa electric railway, and speaks hopefully of the scheme becoming an accomplished fact. The prospects are exceedingly bright for an early start at construction next spring.

Mr. Kidd's business in New York will be to interest capitalists in placing a line of steamers between Brockville, Kingston and the Thousand Islands, in connection with the new railway,

*17/04/1902 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Merrickville*

The proposed railway from Ottawa to Brockville, via Merrickville, is coming closer to accomplishment. We have reliable information that a responsible firm of builders are taking hold of the scheme and that substantial evidence of their sincerity will be forthcoming this summer. The Bill renewing the charter has had its second reading and will probably meet with no opposition. Whatever benefit one railway may have been to Merrickville two will far more than duplicate. On the supposition that the road will be built we can see for Merrickville cheap freight and express rates, quick delivery and shipment, stoppage of all trains here as a junction, an improved waterpower, great natural inducements to manufacturers and a large increase in population and general prosperity.

*01/05/1902 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

The Bill extending the charter of the proposed Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway has had its second reading and has been passed by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council. There is every reason to believe that this railway will be built in the near future and that Merrickville will be the junction of the C. P. R. with - will we hint it - the G.T.R. It is now up to some great headed man to circulate his opinion that such a thing would ruin us. Merrickville has a few large heads of that variety, even yet. Probably these same men are of the opinion that prosperity and progress would ruin them. Well, there are instances where a little money or a little knowledge unhinged the mental caliber, but the great majority would take great chances on it even in the face of such wisdom as is heard on the street uttered by an occasional wiseacre.

*04/12/1902 Merrickville Star Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

The Ottawa-Brockville Railway.

The Survey of the New Line which will Pass Through Merrickville was Started on Monday.

Mr. E. J. Walsh, C.E., and a party from Ottawa started out on Monday to survey the proposed line of the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway. The new road, which it is believed will be completed by this time next year, will be fifty-five miles in length, and will run through Richmond, Merrickville and North Augusta to Brockville. It will afford direct connection with the Grand Trunk at that place, and by means of a ferry system will also connect with the New York Central at Morristown, on the St. Lawrence. The party will arrive here in two or three weeks.

## The New Ballway

The survey party of the proposed Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway arrived in town to-day having completed the preliminary survey of the line. The members of the party are E. J. Walsh, C. E., in charge; E. A. Sullivan, W. H. Bruce, P. Mullins, E. A. Melbourne, H. Shouldise, F. Shouldise, and T. H. Crane. They left Ottawa on the 10th of last month, and have been busy ever since covering about 56 miles of ground, and passed through North Gower, Burritts Rapids and North Augusta. The line will reach Brockville in the angle formed by the V. of the G. T. R. and C. P. R. tracks, near the former's freight sheds. Mr. Walsh said that the road would be easy to grade and cheap of construction, and location parties would probably be sent out as soon as he finished his plans and estimates, which will occupy him for the next two weeks. Although the charter gives the company the right to use any motive power, steam will be used. It is the present intention of the company to make connection with the American roads by ferrying the trains across here. As Brockville is almost directly south of Ottawa, this road will be the shortest connection with their transcontinental route. The president of the new line sails for England to-day on business regarding the railway: -The survey party left for Ottawa on the 2.40, train-Saturday's Brockville Recorder.

20/02/1908 *Merrickville Star**Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway Extension.

The bill extending the time for construction of the Ottawa, Brockville & St. Lawrence railway was reported with the usual amendments protecting municipalities in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The bill gives the company until July 1913 to complete the line.

Mr. George E. Kidd explained that the line has been surveyed and located between Ottawa and Brockville, the distance being 56 miles. It passes through Nepean and North Gower, by the villages of Manotick, North Gower and Merrickville and crosses the river near Burritts Rapids. Mr. Kidd intimated that English capital was interested in the project and that a subsidy would be asked.

02/04/1908 *Merrickville Star**Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

At yesterday's session of the Senate the bill respecting the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence railway was given its third reading.

14/07/1908 *Globe and Mail**Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Brockville*

New Electric Railway.

Ottawa and Brockville May Soon Be Connected by Trolley Line.

That Ottawa and Brockville will soon be connected by an electric railway seems now assured. C.P. Stuart Morgan, of Bristol, England, a gentleman of influence and wealth, and heavily interested financially in the proposed new road was here yesterday inspecting waterfront properties for the purpose of locating a terminal, and left for Ottawa this morning impressed with the location of one spot in particular. The new route will cut off eighteen miles between here and the capital, and travel through a country not now accommodated by railways.

16/07/1908 *Merrickville Star**Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Brockville*

The Electric Railway

Work on the New Bond Expected to Begin in September - an Hourly Service

Brockville, Ont., July 13. - C. P. Stuart Morgan, of Bristol, England, one of the principal parties financing the construction of the new road between here and Ottawa came to Brockville Saturday and during the afternoon met a number of prominent gentlemen, among them being Mayor Cossitt. He examined a number of proposed places for terminal facilities and finally decided to convey to his company descriptions of three water front properties either of which would be suitable.

Mr. Stuart Morgan said he was well pleased with the prospect, and stated that horses and scrapers would be put to work in September.

When completed the visitor stated an hourly service would be established between Ottawa and Brockville with connections to the Thousand Islands.

11/09/1909 *Ottawa Journal**Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence*

Shows map of proposed line.