

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1862

20/02/1862 Brockville Recorder Brockville and Ottawa

Much illegible. Gives results for 1861 (Passenger and freight) carried, financial.

21/02/1862 Almonte Express Kingston (CN)

No Mails

We received no mails last night except that from Brockville. All the others were snowed up. The Grand Trunk Railway is in a very bad condition at the present time. Scarcely a day goes past without trains running off the track, and often the delays occasioned thereby are most vexatious, though the dangers of any serious accident have hitherto been averted.

28/02/1862 Perth Courier Brockville and Ottawa

SNOW STORM.

On Monday morning last a heavy snow storm set in, accompanied by a stiff gale from the North West which increased during the day to a regular hurricane. The falling snow was driven before the wind in dense clouds, rendering out-door travel or labor next to impossible. It was a fearful day to be out-doors. The train of the B&O Railway from Brockville, due in the evening, did not arrive until Wednesday evening owing to the track being drifted up with the snow. The Grand Trunk track must be completely blocked, and it will probably be several days before the trains can run regular again. The country roads must be badly drifted up.

08/03/1862 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa and Prescott

One of the locomotives on the train from this city on Wednesday last broke one of the cylinder heads near Gloucester and the second locomotive was thrown (?) from the track near Kemptville. A third locomotive was procured from Prescott, which took the train and the passengers on to that place. Owing to this accident there was no ? to the city yesterday. The damage to the locomotives is very slight and the trains will resume their regular trips today.

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Of late snow has been in the ascendant. A fortnight ago, the railroad tracks and country roads were overwhelmed with winter's fleecy covering. Men and railroad cars were pent up. There was no moving about, and trade came to a standstill.

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Scarcely have we got out of one "drift" till another comes into view, softer it may be but none the less towering. --

Fortunately the snow plough was kept going, and the trains made pretty good time although the Brockville and Ottawa cars stuck fast in a drift on Monday about two miles from town, when the passengers had to make their own way into town on foot. We do hope the snow season is now at an end.

21/03/1862 Perth Courier Brockville and Ottawa

ANOTHER SNOW STORM

On Sunday last, this section of the country was again visited with a sever snow storm, accompanied with a high wind, and the roads were again blocked up with snow the drifts, rendering travel difficult, and in some places impossible. The cars of the B&O Railway, due from Brockville on Monday evening, did not arrive here until Tuesday forenoon. The weather has again set in fine, and it now looks something like spring. We have probably seen the last severe snow storm for the season.

27/03/1862 Brockville Recorder Brockville and Ottawa

Account of Railroad Meeting at North Elmsley.

19/04/1862 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa and Prescott Rideau River bridge

On Wednesday the water began suddenly to rise and the ice, being double the ordinary thickness at this period and more than usually flinty from the absence of any thaw.--

Two or three bridges above the railway were early carried away. So great was the rise of the water several times during the day that the ice, which had accumulated in immense masses above the railway bridge was shoved up far from the shore and some small houses and fences were demolished. The three solid stone piers in the channel were much damaged. A quantity of the masonry was swept away and the intermediate wooden piers were greatly injured. It was deemed best not to trust the train on the bridge on its arrival. Passengers crossed the Rideau on foot and the baggage and mails were carried across on small cars. The road bridge at New Edinburgh was at one time in great danger, and is considerably damaged; but unless an unexpected rise in the river takes place or some of the dams on the canal give way, which would endanger the railway bridge, all danger for the road bridge is passed.

The streams between here and Prescott have risen to an unusual height and the railway track is in many places inundated. Owing to this and some slight damage which has occurred on the Nation river bridge near Spencerville, no train will pass the railway tomorrow, but it is expected business will be resumed on Saturday.

26/04/1862 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa and Prescott

A portion of the railway is still flooded but the water is gradually lowering and it is expected by the first of the ensuing week trains will commence running regularly.

26/04/1862 The Union, Ottawa Ottawa and Prescott

A regular train passed over the Ottawa and Prescott road yesterday, and Montreal mails of the previous day reached this city.--

02/05/1862 Almonte Gazette Kingston (CN)

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Wednesday morning lasr week, one of the brakemen on the Grand Trunk Railway fell from the top of a freight train when near the Brockville station, and two or three caars passed over one of his legs.

Owing to an unfortunate delay in procuring medical assistance, he died from loss of blood some three hours after the occurrence.

13/06/1862 Almonte Express Brockville and Ottawa

THE B. & O. RAILWAY BILL. - The thanks of the people of these United Counties are due to Alex. Morris.Esq., M.P.P. for the active part he has taken in the House for the passage of the B. & O. R. R. Bill, AS AMENDED, which secures the municipalities in all their rights and privileges, which it was intended to chisel them out of had the matter not been looked after.

05/08/1862 The Union, Ottawa Ottawa and Prescott Sussex Street

On yesterday forenoon, shortly after the arrival of the cars, a little boy about eight years of age, the son of a laboring man of the name of Neil, who has lately arrived in Canada from England, was killed at the railway station. It appears that the little fellow was holding on by the window on the outside of one of the passenger cars, when the train began to move and in attempting to slip on to the platform fell down between it and the cars. The space between the platform and the cars was only about ten inches. He was twirled along for about fourteen feet, and when the cars were stopped he was so badly caught between them and the platform that it was with some difficulty that he was extricated. He was immediately conveyed to the house of his parents a short distance from the station, where after a few moments he expired. This is the second child that has been killed at the railway station within the last few weeks. Surely some provision ought to be made to keep such young children of the platform of the station [sic], and from hanging about the cars. If something is not done this time it is hard to say how many deaths may take place,

23/08/1862 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa and Prescott Ottawa

The formal opening of the Ogdensburg, Rome and Watertown Railway, which gives Ottawa a shorter and more direct communication with New York, was taken advantage of by a large number of the most distinguished citizens of New York, Albany and the other places of note on the line of the New York Central Railway, to pay a visit to Ottawa. Their intention having become known a few days ago, a large number of our citizens determined on giving them a cordial reception as well to mark the friendly feeling entertained by us towards the American people -- Accordingly, yesterday morning on the arrival of the morning train, a long string of carriages were at the depot ready to receive our visitors -- Then follows an account of a banquet and speeches.

Mr. Bell-- We turned the first sod on the 2nd of September 1852. On 29th December we brought the first engine through and formed our first train, and we have continued on the even tenor of our way - not altogether noiseless, it is true - from that day to this (Applause) It was a strange sound to hear the steam whistle, but I believe there was not a single person in the city, although the sound was unharmonious, that was not as pleased to hear it as I was. More.

26/08/1862 The Union, Ottawa Ottawa and Prescott

Railroad excursion to Ottawa - Conductor White in charge --

11/10/1862 Ottawa Citizen Ottawa and Prescott Sussex Street

Account of the arrival of the Governor General in Ottawa by O&P.

21/11/1862 Ingersoll Chronicle Ottawa and Prescott

A BURGLARY AND A CHASE. On Friday a strange man entered the house of a Mr Brew, near Beckett's Landing, and stole therefrom a large quantity of clothing, &c. He was pursued by three persons, and discovered with his booty concealed in a school-house in Malborough, but defending himself with a knife succeeded in beating off his pursuers. One of the men was stabbed in the arm and had his throat partially cut while attempting the capture. The pursuers at length fell back on Kemptville for reinforcements, and finally took the fellow prisoner near Burritts Rapids. The robber, however, made good his escape while being conveyed to the gaol at Brockville. He leaped from the cars of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway when at full speed, and was lost in the woods, - Mirickville [sic] Chronicle..

27/11/1862 The Union, Ottawa Ottawa and Prescott Prescott

The third rail alongside the old track of the O & P Railway, and which is intended to connect the Grand Trunk with the river, is now laid down from the Junction to the river; and by 1st of May next it is intended to have a wharf finished 400 by 100 feet running from the present wharf towards Capt. Farlingen's property. On this will be erected a freight shed 200 by 40 feet -- Prescott Messenger.

02/12/1862 The Union, Ottawa Union Forwarding Chats Falls

Short reference to tramway from Pontiac to Union Village.