SCHOMBERG AND AURORA RAILWAY

C. H. RIFF

The Schomberg and Aurora Ry, was originally projected to be constructed from Aurora, Ont., on the northern division of the G.T.R., to Schomberg, about 18 miles, and Ontario and Dominion subsidies were granted in aid of construction but nothing was done. The Metropolitan Ry, Co, acquired the charter and in 1900 obtained an act authorizing the operation of the line by electricity and varying the route. The new route connects with the Metropolitan Ry. (electric) at Bond Lake, 17 miles from Toronto, and runs in a porth-westerly direction to Schomberg, about 15 miles. A contract was let to Mackenzie, Mann & Co. for construction, and work was started last year. Some difficulties in obtaining possession of the right of way have delayed construction.

Application is being made at the current session of the Ontario Legislature for an act to extend the time for the completion of the railway, and empowering the township of King to pay to the Co. the bonus agreed on, notwithstanding anything contained in the act of 1901. This act confirmed an agreement between the Co. and the township by which a subsidy of \$12,000 was granted on consideration of the Co. completing the line

by Oct. 15, 1901.

February 1902

Schomberg and Aurora Ry .- The award of the arbitrator, Judge Winchester, in the action of Capt. Armstrong, of Lloydtown, against the S. and A. Ry. Co., is not likely to be given out for some time. The proceedings arise out of what Capt. Armstrong says is a breach of the agreement when the Metropolitan Ry. took over the S. and A. Ry. from the original promoters. This agreement stated that the line was to be constructed to Lloydtown or near thereto, but the line as constructed does not touch Lloydtown, plaintiffs state that there is a practicable route to the village, and the company alleges that there is not. Evidence upon this point has been heard by the arbitrator at length. (Aug., pg. 269.)

> October 1903

Motor Car Being Lested on Ochembers and Aurora Railway.

A Galt, Ont., dispatch to Toronto papers, Sept. 10, stated that a gasoline motor car, built in the United States and imported by the Preston Car and Coach Co., has been operated between Galt, Preston and Berlin on the Galt. Preston and Hespeier Electric Ry., and added that the car had been sold ito the Canadian Northern Ry. We are officially advised that the C.N.R. has upt beinght the car, but that arrangements were made with the Toronto and York Radial Ry, to try it on that company's line between Schomberg and Aurora, which is

operated by steam. The entrances and exits of this car are of the side centre entrance type. The car is double-ended and operated from a cab located in the corner of each end. The propulsion and regulation of the car is ex-tremely unique and simple. The first car of this type manufactured has an engine of the four cylinder, four cycle type, cylinder dimensions 51/4 x 61/4, develops, approximately, 36 h.p., under 600 r.p.m., and is direct connected to a 20 k.w. compound wound differential pole generator. This combined unit is mounted on a rigid frame work of rectangular form, which is brought up from underneath the truck and mounted on a anddle or spring suspension in such a manper that the movement of the truck imparts but little strain or jar to the power plant. This method of suspension appears to be practicable, and, from an operating point of view, is satisfactory as to change or repair of equipment. The motors of this car are of the compound wound type, having a heavy series winding and are of approximately 25 h.p. each and are geared to the axle in the usual manner. motors are so connected to the generator that it makes a very flexible unit and entirely eliminates the resistance, controller and cable methods. The connection between the generator and motors is such that as soon as the gas engine is accelerated the shunt fields of the motors are pre-energized before the armsture circuits of the motors are closed. This gives a cushioning effect upon the motors without resistance, which is unattainable under the ordinary methods, and also gives a combination of units which, to a great degree, protects itself from the misuse of the operator. The later cars built, including the one being tried on the Schomberg and Aurora Ry, have 6 cylinders, 54 h.p. engine, 30 k.w. generator and two 25 h.p. motors, the selling price in the U.S. being about \$11,500.

Odober 1912

Motor Car Under Test on Schomberg and Aurora Railway.

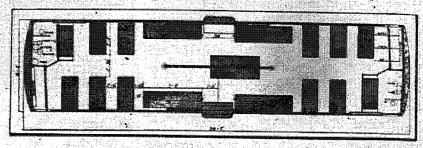
A short description of a motor car under test on the Schomberg and Aurora Ry., a division of the Toronto and York Radial Ry, operated by sleam, appeared in Cana-dian Railway and Marine World for Sep-tember. Since then, further information has been obtained.

The accompanying limstrations show the construction of the car. The truck is of a unique design, built up entirely of plate and structural shapes, a construction that is said to give the maximum strength for a given weighs, slightening the construction materially. The wheel base is 120 ins., with 33 in chilled cast wheels mounted on 4 in. axies. The journals operate in ball bearing journal boxes, and are so arranged that the wheels and axles may readily be taken from the truck.

The motive power is a small gasoline engine, directly connected to a generator, the combined unit being supported from a frame supported from the truck on a spring auspension in such a manner that but little of the shock and impact of the truck is impacted to the motive power. The gasoline motor group contains a battery of four 4 cycle 5½ x 6½ in cylinders, developing 36 kp; at 600 r.p.m. This unit is directly connected to a 26 k.w. compound wound centre of each side frame steady the car and keep it level.

The general dimensions of the car body are 34 ft. 7 ins. over all length; 8 ft. 2 ins. and 7 ft. 9 ins., outside and inside widtha; and total height above rail of 11 ft. 8 ins. The total weight is about 13 tons, with a seating capacity of 38, giving a small unit dend weight of car per passenger. Experiwooden cage about 8 ins. high, arched by a longitudinal hand rail at a convenient beight.

The heat of the hot jacket water from the engine is utilized for the heating of the ear. Filling the balance of the car ends not occupied by the motorman's cabin, there is a radiator similar in construction to that found on automobiles, through which air from the outside is drawn in and heated. A aliding curtain in the end regulates the



Interior Arrangement of Gascina Electric Car.

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The car is of the side entrance type;

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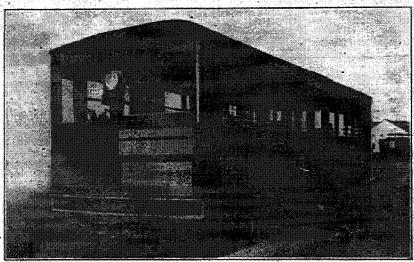
amount of air to be drawn in, as determined by the weather conditions. In hot weather, provisions are made for deflecting the cur reat of hot air, and discharging it outside

The braking consists of a rack ami pinion, the rack operating a vertical plunger in an oil cylinder, the oil from the latter being forced into the brake cylinders. one of which is mounted on each side of the car frame, the plungers bearing directly on the wheel,

The consumption of gasoline is said to be a gallon for from four to six miles of operation under normal conditions.

The car was under test from Oct 3 until on into November, making two round trips per day between Schomberg and Aurora a distance of 15 miles, or a daily running of 60 miles. All the passenger traffic was hardled by this one car. Daily observations have shown the economy of operation claimed for it, the fuel and oil averaging about 4 cents a mile. While giving satisfactory service, it was considered that better operation could be obtained on lines with less steep gradients. On this line, the maximum is gradients. On this line, the maximum is 1/2%. The conclusions drawn were that the meat satisfactory service could be produced on branch lines with grades not exceeding 2%, and for that service the car is well adanted.

In addition to the tests on the Schomberg In addition to the tests on the Schemberg and Aurora Ry, a trial trip under more satisfactory conditions was made as far north as Gamebridge on the Canadian Northern Outario Ry, on which it was learned that, on the level, the car could produce a speed of from 40 to 42 miles per hour, and could generate as much as 32 k.w.

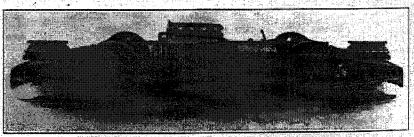


Gazeline Electric Car under Test on Schomberg and Antera Ry.

differential pole generator. This comprises the power station of the car. To each axic there is geared in the usual manner a 25 h.p. compound wound motor, provided with a heavy series winding. These motors have a direct flexible connection from the generator, dispensing with the resistances and controllers. The connection between the generator and motors is such that as soon as the engine is accelerated, the shunt fields of the motors are pre-energized before the armature circuits of the motors are closed, giving a cushioning effect to the motors without the use of resistance and at the without the use of resistance and at the same time providing against the operator's misuse. The control of the car is entirely through the engine speeding up the latter to increase the car speed, and cutting off gasoline for coasting, chiminating standby losses.

The underframing of the car is also of steel of the same general construction as that of the car truck. It has a four point support on the frame. Nests of semi-elliptical springs at each end provide the main support for the car body, giving to the latter an easy movement, while at the same time lighter semi-elliptical springs at the

ment of the interior fittings. doors on each side are longitudinal seals; the balance being cross seats. The motor-man's cabin is at the right hand side in the direction of operation. Here, the operation of the motors is controlled, cranking being



Truck of Gesoline Electric Car.

erformed electrically by means of storage performed electrically of hard for illumina-batteries, which are also used for illumina-tion. The interior of the car gives little evidence of the nature of the power utilized, only the tops of the engine cylinders projecting through the car floor into a narrow

from the 20 k.w. generator. On the run from Galt to Toronto over the Grand Trunk Ry-when being delivered for the test, the trip was said to have been made in 2 hours with the speed running up as high as H mues an hour.

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1912

HUNTSVILLE AND LAKE OF BAYS

The charter of this Co. has been acquired by the Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Lake Simcoe Navigation Co. (Ltd.) We are informed that it is intended to construct the line authorized from the north end of Lake of Bays to the south end of Peninsula lake this season if possible. The grading is comparatively easy and no bridges will be necessary on the 1½ miles. The line will be operated by steam. The Co. does not at present propose to take any action in reference to the line authorized to be constructed to connect Lake of Bays and Hollow lake. (June, pg. 191.)

August 1902

Huntsville and Lake of Bays Ry. Some preliminary work was done this season on the portage between Peninsula lake and Lake of Bays, but no arrangements have yet been made for the construction of the railway,

November 1902

Huntsville and Lake of Bays Ry.—We were advised Dec. 12 that track was being laid on this mile of railway across the portage between the Lake of Bays and Peninsula lake, near Elentsville, Ont. (Dec., 1903, pg. 423.)

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Schomberg and Aurora Railway

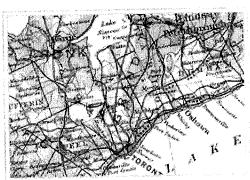
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The **Schomberg and Aurora Railway** (**S&AR**, also nicknamed the "Annie Roonie") was a 36 km long railway in Ontario, Canada, running from the town of Schomberg to Oak Ridges, just south of Aurora. It connected Schomberg to the Toronto and York Radial Railway (T&YRR) tram service running along Yonge Street, and from there into the Toronto city proper. The service ran for 25 years between 1902 and 1927; the rails were pulled up shortly thereafter.

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History



Map of the S&A circa 1915. See the small S&A and the pale yellow patch near the center of the image.

The S&AR started at the request of a Schomberg businessman who wanted to open the local produce markets to day-trippers from Toronto.^[1] The T&YRR had greatly increased visitors to similar markets in Newmarket and they were hoping to do the same for Schomberg. The company was chartered in 1896,^[2] and construction started out from the Bond Lake area south of Aurora in July 1899.^[1]

The line was completed and opened for traffic in August 1902, an oddity that used steam trains to connect to the much smaller electrified trams. [1] There were four stations in total, Aurora, Eversley Station on Dufferin Street, Kettleby Station at the corner of Kettleby Road and Weston Road, and Schomberg Station in the

middle of Main Street in Schomberg. There were also numerous street-side whistle stops along the route, numbers 158 through 171. Because the railway operated on a small budget, it purchased extant buildings for its stations instead of constructing new ones.^[3]

There were four spurs, one to Mary Lake to serve a private line to the summer estates of Henry Pellatt and the Eatons (Eaton Hall), two smaller ones near Pottageville serving the Lloyd and Armstrong farms, and a small wye at Brillinger farm.

The S&AR operated independently for only two years before it was absorbed into the T&YRR family, [4] part of William Mackenzie's railway empire. In 1916 the line was electrified [2][4] and connected to the mainline on Yonge, allowing full interchange of cars. The line was never very busy, and as the T&YRR scaled back operations the S&AR was closed in 1927. [1] Attempts by residents in Schomberg to reopen the line failed, and the rails were removed the next year. [1]

Portions of the former right-of-way remain easily visible on aerial photos today, notably the portions closer to Schomberg. The final few hundred yards were incorporated into Dr. Kay Road in Schomberg, running between Main Street and the much newer Highway 27 to the east. Other portions have been incorporated in the nearby 19th Sideroad, Lloyd's Lane and Brule Trail, but development to the east of Highway 400 makes it more difficult to follow.

The Aurora station was converted into a restaurant before being demolished in the 1960s.^[2] The only S&AR building still in existence is a house in Schomberg that was once the terminus of the line.^{[2][3]}

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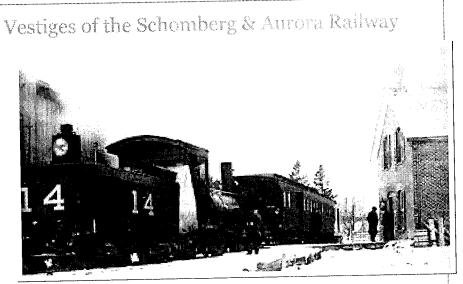
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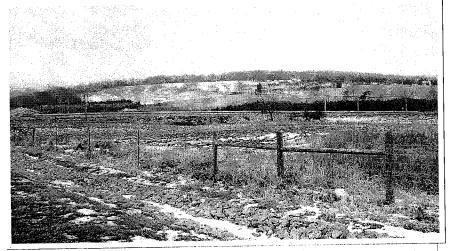
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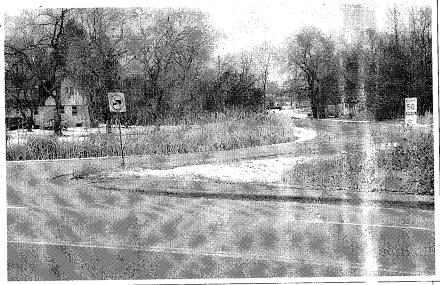
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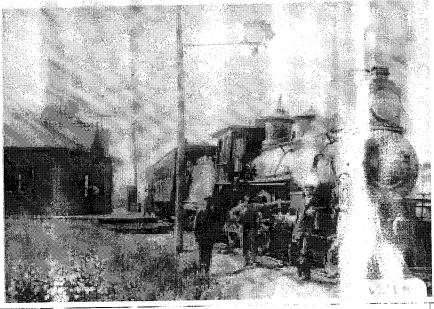
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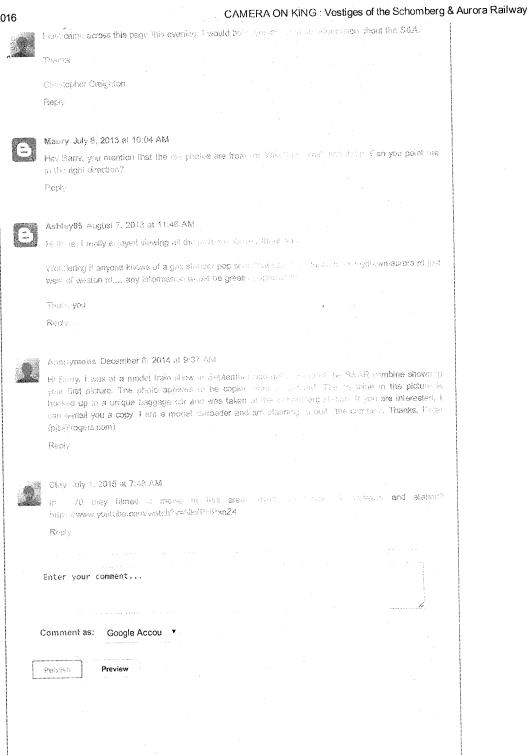


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Hundreds of people have found shelter in the 104-year-old dwelling which has spent many years as both a home and a train station.

part of the home's initial construction.

The Broomfields have provided the home with a few necessary improvements. It has been insulated, it received a new roof and eavestroughs, the pipes have been brought inside to prevent winter freezing and

added at the back of the home.

Steps lead up to this new room from the existing hallway. Completely finished in pine, it features an additional side entrance and high-quality Pella panel windows to both the back and side of the property. The exposure is excellent for collecting sunlight and a counter provide of ideal location for plant

life while creating a separate work area in this room.

The home, which has served so many people, continues to provide a warm, secure residence for a growing family. "This house definitely has its own character," said Mrs. Broomfield. "It has a heritage and people are always saying it's a happy, friendly place."

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Mary Jane Copps

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waiting for merchandise to reach the rural stores.

Passenger service on the Schomberg and Aurora Railway began in 1903. A celebration was held, at which time a flatcar loaded with Schomberg citizens was taken from Schomberg to the other end of the line and back again for free.

Snow problems

According to Allan Anderson, who wrote an article for the Tottenham Times about the Schomberg train, "People fondly called the little train the Annie Rooney. Annie Rooney was a comic strip in which a trolley car has adventures with cattle on the track and other hazards, as did the Schomberg and Aurora. In winter, the S. & A got stuck in snowbanks and men had to be rounded up to dig it up. Then it would get stuck again and the men would have to be called back."

Soon after the introduction of passenger service, the Schomberg and Aurora Railway bought a house on

Main Street for use as a station. Historical articles indicate that the house was built by a blacksmith called Kitchen and is approximately 104 years old.

"There was a wooden sidewalk from the street to the platform and the station. The front room of the house was turned into a waiting room. There was an eight-foot counter with a ticket wicket. A safe was set in the northeast corner of the room and a pot-bellied stove in the southwest corner. Two benches were provided for passengers waiting for trains;" Mr. Anderson reported in his article.

The train into Schomberg carried mail twice a day and three trains came in on Wednesdays. The Wednesday special brought buyers to the Schomberg market and took the buyers and produce back home. It also provided the hockey league, which included Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Bedford Park, and their fans with transportation to games.

About 1916, the line was electrified and the entire course

was called the N Railway. Steam tri peared. An electric sign saying SCI replaced the train; trolley at each end busiest days, the train to five trips

In 1927 it was at that the Schomber branch of the Mei Railway was to be at and the tracks torn up. ly press reported the branch line is losin \$8,000 a year on operpenses in addition to the ting charges and the (Toronto Transportation mission) reports nothing done to make it pay."

Traffic on the line of because of the available cars and trucks for transportation of people and services.

When the railway peared, the station which ed the passengers was reto its former function home. The only traces station are a main washroom and a hollow behind one area in the room where the pot-belly had its outlet. However, home has maintained a tional, old-fashioned mosphere.

Original elements

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