

The Brockville & Ottawa Railway

Incorporated in 1853, the B&O was empowered to build a new railway from Brockville north to Smiths Falls, and then on to the Ottawa River at Pembroke.

The B&O also had rights to build branch lines from Smiths Falls to Perth, Newboro, Westport, Merrickville and Richmond, all growing villages, at that time.

Construction began in 1854, but progress was slow because of lack of funds. In 1859, the line from Brockville to Smiths Falls and the branch to Perth was opened to traffic. Other branches were never completed.

By 1865, the northern leg going from Smiths Falls through Carleton Place, Almonte and Arnprior was completed to Sand Point on the Ottawa River.

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