

ONR Capsule History

1900: Ontario Legislature funds locating costs for North Bay - New Hiskardait line.

1901: (May) Survey begins; access by water primarily

1902 (March 17) T&NO Railway Act passed (ONT)

(May 24) contract for clearing first 20 miles

(July 24) first T&NO Railway Commission

(Oct 3) re-issue of May 24 contract

(Oct 14) actual construction begins

1903: Surveys north of New Hiskardait due
NTR proposal

(Aug 7) first discoveries at Cobalt

1904: By end of year, almost to ~~Engle~~ Engelhart

← preliminary surveys to James Bay

1905 (Jan 16) Commission takes over first section
(Dec 31) steel to Boston Creek

1906: (Oct 1) line from New Lisheard to
Engelhart taken over by Commission
: branches to Kerr Lake & Charlton

1907: branches above in operation
main line to Matheson

(Feb 28) contract Matheson to NTR

1908: (Nov 26) steel to Lockhart

1909: preliminary surveys into Porcupine area

1911: (June 16) rails into South Porcupine
locating survey to James Bay - Moose
River location near Moose Factory

(June 21) purchase of Kipissing Central
(from Cobalt to Haileybury) &

dominion charter meant right to
cross provincial boundaries

1912 (Nov 2) Phipps Central extended to
new highland

Elk Lake Branch Built

1913 (Feb 5) regular service to Elk Lake

(SEPT 9) line from Porquis to Aboguis Falls
to Abitibi mill complete

* World War I stopped construction

1922: contract for 70 miles north of Cochrane

1923: (Nov 1st) 44.4 miles open

completion to Fraserdale - Hydro

(Dec 31) branch completed Swastika
to Harder Lake - h.c.R. authority

1924: branch to Silver Centre completed.

1925: continuation to Quebec border

1927: (Oct 15) continuation to Horanda

1928 → 1932 to moosee

July 15/32 - Last spike

- depression construction - aid program

1936: Highway bus service - Croquis falls &
Dimmies - then extension

1944: acquire & improve Lake Temagami
boat service

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change to ONR name

1946: (June) first diesels - yard switchers

1957: (Feb) further diesels

(June) "last run" of steam