

**BLIND RIVER
TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY**

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The Blind River Transportation Company was incorporated in 1903, it was a three foot gauge portage railway. The company acquired its first locomotive second hand from an operation at Luther, Michigan. The engine had been built in 1888. The second shay was also a two truck but was built new for the Blind river in 1906. It is believed that the operation closed down in the 1920's.

The large scow, belonging to the Blind River Transportation Co., is now ready for launching. Workmen have been busily engaged on the scow for about seven weeks, and have produced a fine scow. It is the intention to load cars on the scow, take them up the river and transfer them to the railroad and across the portage, so that the supplies will not be handled from the time they leave here until they are unloaded at the far side of the portage.

Twenty-five cents worth

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A company which, in the vernacular, is cutting lots of ice around here these days is the Blind River Transportation Co. The officers of this company are John Stover, Pres.; Peter Wallace, Vice-Pres., and Harry Burns, Secy-Treas., and its object is to carry the supplies back to the lumber camps, and for this purpose a railway has been built over the four mile portage which will dispense with further "totting" there. The engine and cars for this railroad have arrived and have been the subject of considerable curiosity here. They are of the old time narrow gauge style, such as were used on the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad some time ago. The engine is a most peculiar piece of mechanism having all its propelling power on one side and runs by cogs instead of a driving shaft being used. A temporary railroad was laid down on Woodward Avenue by means of which the engines and cars were moved from the C.P.R. track to the water front at the foot of the street. The rails will soon be down, and the road in operation as everything is being rushed with this end in view.

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