

Ashburnham Railway Station

The Ashburnham railway station, constructed on this site in the early 1850s, served from 1854 to 1860 as the northern terminus of the ill-fated Cobourg and Peterborough Railway. Repeated severe damage to its bridge spanning Rice Lake by spring ice forced closure of the line's northern section. One of the railway's last passengers was the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, who visited Peterborough in September of 1860. From 1880 the station served the Peterborough & Chemong, the Grand Junction and the Midland railways until a new bridge was built over the Otonabee River near Little Lake Cemetery. Some buildings associated with the terminus survived here past the middle of the twentieth century.