

HISTORIC SITE

The Missing Link

With the building, in 1881-1882, of the "missing link" from near this spot to Omemee, George A. Cox set the base for Peterborough's claims to being a major railway centre. By 1905 a train carrying mail reached Peterborough every hour of the day. This new rail line shortened the trip to Toronto for trains from Ottawa and from Peterborough, and allowed them to move cargo from Belleville to Midland, a timely alternative to a lengthy water trip through the Welland Canal, Lake Erie and Lake Huron. Peterborough became the head office of the Midland Railway, later absorbed by the Grand Trunk and the Canadian National Railways. This stretch is now part of the Trans-Canada Trail, and is integral to Peterborough's rich system of trails, firmly based on this city's rich tradition of railways.

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