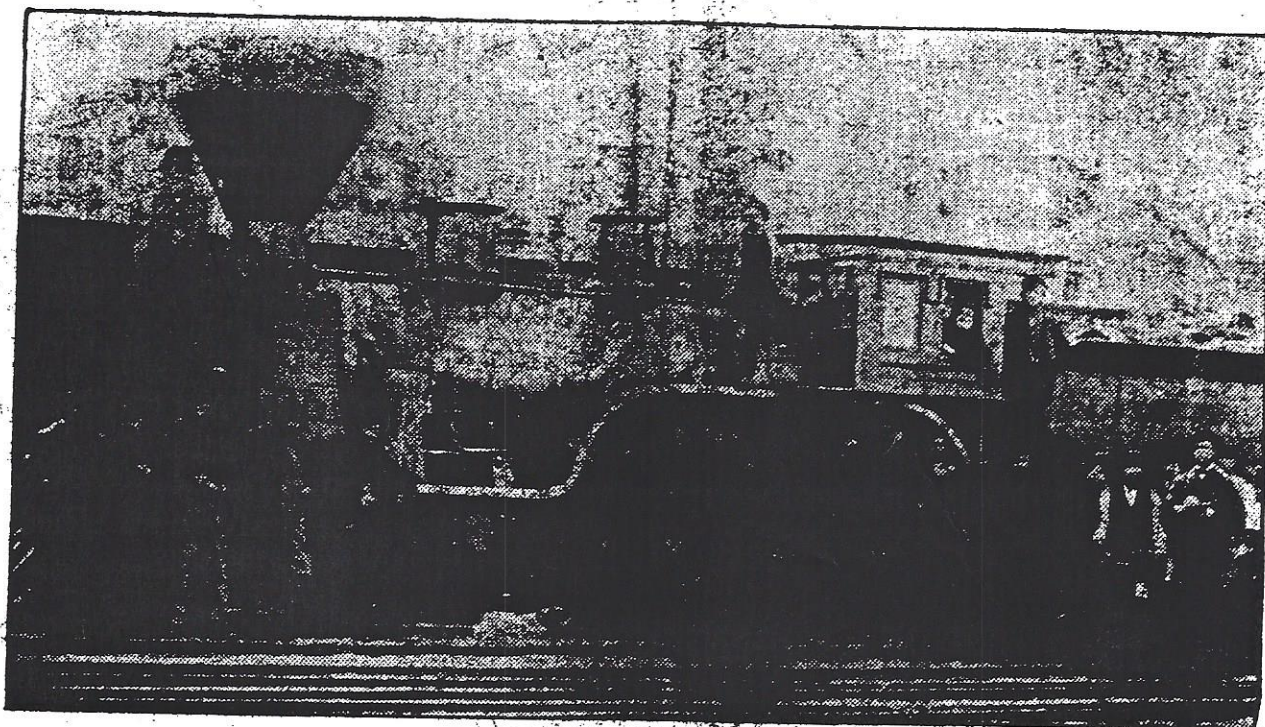


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"Gazelle," Type of Old-Fashioned Engine Which Was in Charge of the Late John Hall



This interesting photo, owned by Joseph Hall, engineer of the waterworks, was taken some time between 1862 and 1866, these two dates being defined by violent deaths. It was in 1862 that John Hall, Sr., brother of Engineer Hall, was killed at Bothwell. He ran the 'Gazelle,' the engine in the picture. The other date, 1866, was the year Mr. Montchur, who appears in the group, was burned to death in the fire at the foot of Brush street, when the ferry "Windsor" was destroyed.

Leaning out of the cab window is the late Joseph Noble, father of Ex-Ald. Thomas Noble. Standing on the steps is George Jacques, the fireman. Sitting on the railing is Sam Blanning. Standing near the front is John Hammond, the fitter, while the gentleman with his arms on the engine railing is William Rosevere, the foreman.

Reading from left to right, those standing on the track are: John Clements, second man not known; Mr. Montchur, who was burned to death, George Montgomery, John Goodenough, Wm. Kettle, car foreman, next man not known, Wm. Winn, station master, Adam Shorloff, interpreter, Mr. Ballentine, station policeman, Mr. Clark, customs officer, and James McCormick, whose widow resides at the corner of Janette and Chatham. The other three are not known.

In the background is shown the old Great Western hotel, where the Iroquois hotel now stands.

Mr. Hall was much interested in the article published in *The Record* a few days ago to the effect that George Thomas Horton was the oldest locomotive engineer alive. It was also claimed that Mr. Horton drove the first engines from Hamilton to Suspension Bridge, from Hamilton to London, and from London to Windsor. Mr. Hall has documentary evidence to refute this claim, as he retains his brother's time book, which has some interesting items. It shows that he and four others were given 15 pounds to pay passage money from Carlyle, Cumberland, to come to Canada and open the Great Western. On Nov. 27, 1853, it is recorded that he ran an engine from Hamilton to London and from London to Hamilton the next day. On Nov. 30 the book has this item: "Conductor Thomas Horton from Hamilton to London."

A sad fate overtook Engineer Hall in 1862. He was on his last trip before starting on his way to the old country with his brother, Joseph, Simpson Mason, Wm. Love, Wm. Heaver and Edward Black. At Bothwell he attempted to make a coupling and was crushed to death. One of the brakemen on the train was Fred Chilcott, father of Frank Chilcott, of this city, who was burned to death some years later.