HITS DRUMMERS’ FANCY

New Road Recognized as Something They Have Been Looking For.

“First drummer over the road,” shouted a tall and broad shouldered man as he jumped off a trolley car at the West Kennebunk station last week, and swung his grip around in the air a couple of times.

“I save about twelve hours time and fifty cents by this little proceeding,” said the drummer.

His remarks had been addressed to a little group of men about the platform of the West Kennebunk station of the Eastern division. He judged from their blank looks that they didn’t quite follow him and he explained:

“I was up at Hotel Sanford with no prospect of getting out of town so as to reach Waterville before tomorrow morning, when Charley Bodwell came along and offered me a ride down on the new road with him. He put my trunk aboard and here we are. I’ll take the 3.45 train here and be in Waterville this evening. It beats turning Jack from the bottom of the pack.

"This new road is all right for the drummers. There won’t be any more driving across country to North Berwick on cold days in winter, to get out of Sanford. We’ll only have to catch a trolley car for Kennebunk."

Four or five other drummers who were at Hotel Sanford that day shared this one’s enthusiasm about the new road. An instance of it convenience to Sanford people is the shortening of the traveling time to Boston. Under former facilities, a traveler leaving Sanford at 8.40, reached Boston at 12.50. If he wished to get back the same day, he must leave Boston twenty-five minutes after arriving there at 1.15. Then he would get to Sanford at 5. By taking a trolley line to Kennebunk, a traveler can leave at 7.50 and reach Boston at 10.15. He can remain in Boston until 4.15 and get back to Sanford at 8 o’clock in the evening.

SUNDAY ON THE ELECTRICS

Trips Over the Road Well Patronized—Progress of Construction.

Quite a number of Biddeford people went to Kennebunk Sunday and enjoyed a ride over the new electric road. These were mainly driving parties who forsook their turnouts and took to the trolley cars when the reached the line of the road. Some of them got to the Sanford House just in time for dinner and after a stay of an hour and a half there, returned to Kennebunk in season to reach home with their teams before nightfall.

Cars were run on about an hourly schedule Sunday, and they were well patronized. Most of those which came down from Sanford in the afternoon were entirely filled, and they returned equally well laden.

The rails are now laid to a point about a mile beyond Kennebunk Landing, and the road is dug up from there to the town house in Kennebunkport. Cars, however, run only as far as the Western division station in Kennebunk.

Among the Biddeford and Saco people who took dinner at Hotel Sanford Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. George E. Morrison, Mr., and Mrs. Freeland H. Oaks, Capt. E.S. Gowen and Miss Bridges.

On the day the road was opened to the public, Saturday, August 19, more than 1,000 people went over the line between Kennebunk and Sanford, besides a large local traffic at each end of the line. The first car was No. 13, in charge of S.A. Bodwell, conductor and Andrew Robinson, motorman. It left Sanford at 7.30 in the morning, carrying a load of 1000 bound for Old Orchard. Two other cars were started within fifteen minutes.