THE ENGINEER'S STORY

Swears That Train Was Travelling at Rate of Less Than 20 Miles.

A despatch from Toronto says: There is every indication that the investigation into the cause of the Caledon disaster is to be a very thorough one. The principal evidence was that adduced by Engineer Hodge, who was driving the train.

Mr. T. C. Robinette, K. C., appeared on behalf of Engineer; Mr. Angus McMurchy represented the C. P. R., and County Crown Attorney McFadden, of Peel, appeared on behalf of the Crown.

THE ENGINEER'S STORY.

George Hodge, the engineer of the ill-fated train, was called, and immediately he got on the stand his counsel, Mr. Robinette, K. C., had entered a formal objection to Hodge giving evidence, so as to obtain the protection of the court concerning anything which he might say to incriminate himself.

"I think," said the coroner, "it would be well to allow the witness to give his evidence in this way, that if he objects to answer a question because it might incriminate him, then he has the protection which he craves. That answer could not be used against him."

"At the same time," remarked the coroner to Hodge, "you are not excused from answering any question which may be asked you here."

"I am quite satisfied with that," Mr. Robinette replied.

The examination of Hodge was then proceeded with. He deposed:—"I left Markdale at 7.34, and had a good run to Orangeville, which we reached at 8.55. There were three cars added there and we left between 9.05 a.m. and 9.06 a.m. We reached Caledon at 9.20, and received an order to run one hour late of the original schedule. We left Caledon at 9.21, and before reaching the curve, and about 150 yards from the slow board, I slowed down and shut off steam. I applied the brakes about a quarter of a mile from where the accident occurred, and I felt the brake hold. This made a reduction of 7 lbs. on the air pressure of the brake, which was sufficient, in my opinion, to steady the train. Just before the accident I was about to release the brakes."

"Did you release the brakes?"

"No, sir. Not intentionally."

Describing the accident, Hodge said he felt the engine give a sudden lurch, and found himself out on the ground.

Hodge explained that at the time the engine gave a lurch he was thrown to the north, and as he had his hand on the brake it would have the effect of releasing the brake.

HODGE'S EPERIENCE.

Replying to Mr. Robinette, Hodge said he had been acting as engineer of a freight train since January of this year, but had had experience as a fireman since December, 1902. He had only previously to last Tuesday run one passenger train over this line. He was between 23 and 24 years of age.

In answer to Mr. McFadden he said:—"I took one train up the night before. There were passengers on it. That was the only passenger train I had run over this line."

BRAKES WORKED WELL.

The brakes were working well. He examined the brake after the accident and he could not find anything to account for the accident.

"What do you think yourself was the cause of the accident?"

"I couldn't say."

"The engine was all right?"

"Yes."

"And the roadbed was all right?"

"Yes."

Between Caledon and the slow board 20 miles an hour was the highest speed reached.

Replying to a juror, witness said he had been on continuous duty since 10.15 the previous night. He had had a good rest the previous day. His hours of work average 9 or 10.

The coroner pointed out that the witness had already been working about eleven hours at the time of the accident.

WOLVES TORE BOY'S ARM.

Accident to a Little Lad in Winnipeg Menagerie.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Walter Brewer, a lad of 9 years of age, met with a painful injury on Tuesday afternoon at River Park by having one of his arms nearly torn to shreds by wolves that are in the menagerie there. The little fellow was feeding one of the animals some grass through the wires, and in taking the grass a wolf took the boy's thumb into his mouth and bit it so that it made the blood flow. This gave the beast a taste of blood and made it savage for more. Three or four other wolves which were in the enclosure attacked the boy's arm, and before aid could be summoned they had terribly lacerated it. A man came to the relief and beat the wolves off. The boy was sent to St. Boniface Hospital. The doctors fear that the arm will have to be amputated.

G. T. P. CONSTRUCTION.

Report Shows Good Progress in Various Sections.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A report received by the Government on Friday as to the progress of construction on the G. T. Pacific Railway up to the end of August shows that the steel had been laid for 124 miles westward from Portage la Prairie, of which 87 miles is ballasted, one-fifth of the grading between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie is completed, while from the latter point to Saskatoon 85 per cent. is finished. The company has 1,100 men and 800 teams at work on the 462 miles between Winnipeg and Saskatoon. The company could employ many more men, as large numbers of laborers have left to take part in the harvest for which higher wages are paid.

ABOUT TO WED; TOOK HIS LIFE.

Prospective Bridegroom Suicides in Kingston.

A despatch from Kingston says: Rendered despondent by financial troubles, Harry Nicholson, an Englishman about thirty years old, committed suicide by shooting on Friday, almost on the eve of his wedding to a Montreal girl. Deceased, who had no relatives in this country, was a marble cutter and had a shop here. He came from Montreal, where he dealt in musical instruments, and gave lessons on the mandolin. A letter from Montreal signed "Minnie" was found in his pocket.

CRASHED THROUGH BRIDGE.

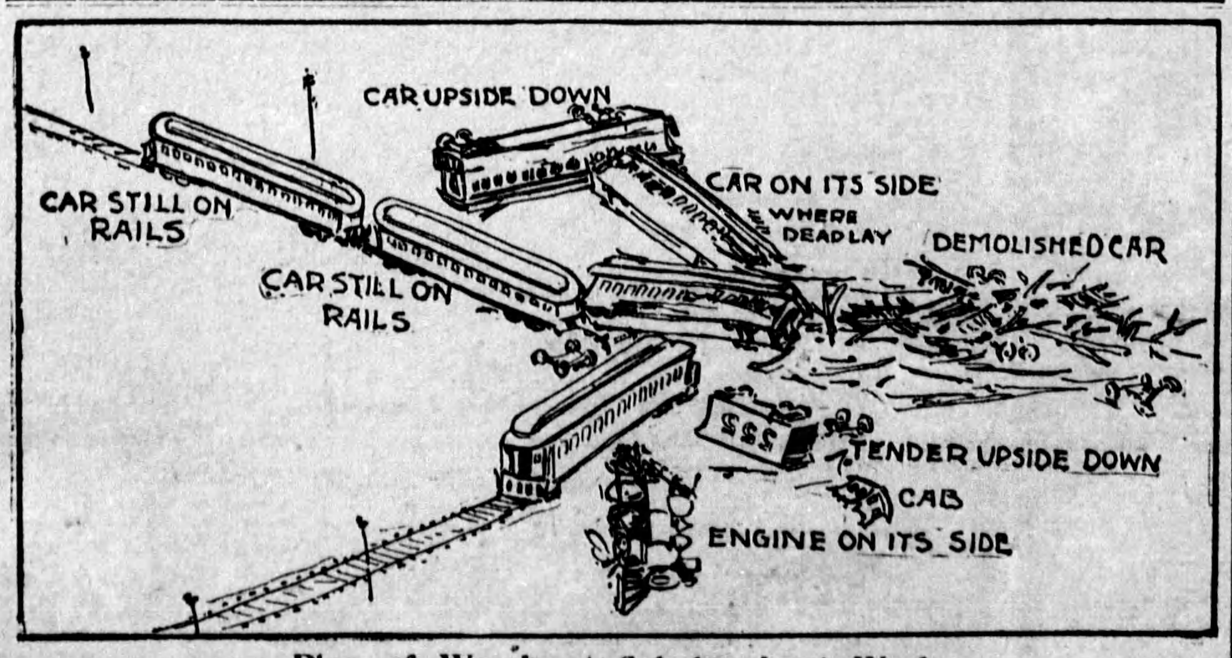
Thomas Clark, Driver of Traction Engine, Killed.

A despatch from Brantford says: Thomas Clark, farmer, of Brantford township, was killed on Wednesday morning by being crushed to death by a traction engine which he was driving and which crashed through the bridge over Fairchild's Creek on the Hamilton road, five miles east of here. He was pinned under the engine in the water. Clark was unmarried and 32 years old.

FIVE YEARS FOR BRIBERY.

San Francisco Man Sent to Prison for Bribing Civic Official.

A despatch from San Francisco says: Louis Glass, Vice-President of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, convicted of having bribed Supervisor Lonegan to vote against granting a franchise to the Home Telephone Company, was on Wednesday sentenced by Superior Judge Lawlor to five years' imprisonment in the State prison at San Quentin.



Plan of Wreck at Caledon Last Week.

(From The Toronto Telegram).

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 85½c to 86c, outside.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern $1.03; No. 2, $1, lake ports.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 71c to 72c, Toronto; No. 3 mixed, 69c to 69½c.

Barley—No. 2, 53c to 53½c; No. 3 extra, 51¾c to 52c; No. 3, 50½c to 51c.

Oats—Manitoba, No. 2 white, 44c to 45c on track at elevator; No. 2 mixed, 44½c.

Peas—Nominal at 75½c for No. 2.

Rye—65½c to 66c outside.

Flour—Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, about nominal, $3.45 to $3.50; Manitoba, first patents, $5.10 to $5.20; seconds, $4.40 to $4.60; strong bakers', $4.30 to $4.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Supplies are moderate, but the demand is heavy and prices firmer.

Creamery, prints	23c to 25c
do solids	21c to 22½c
Dairy prints	21c to 22c
do solids	19c to 20c

Cheese—Large quoted at 12½c and twins at 12¾c in job lots here.

Eggs—Prices firm at 18½c to 19c.

Poultry—Live chickens are quoted from 9c to 11c, and hens from 7c to 8c.

Potatoes—Market is firm at 65c to 75c per bushel.

Baled Hay—Prices firm at $14 to $14.50 in car lots on track here.

Baled Straw—$7.50 per ton in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Dressed Hogs—$9.25 for lightweights and $8.75 for heavies.

Pork—Short cut, $22.75 to $23 for barrels; mess, $20 to $21.

Lard—Firm; tierces, 12c; tubs, 12¼c; pails, 12½c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15½c to 16c; heavy, 14½c to 15c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10¾c to 11c; rolls, 11½c; out of pickle, ½c less than smoked.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Eggs—Sales of selected stock were made at 21c to 22c; No 1 at 18c to 18½c, seconds at 14c to 16c and straight gathered at 17c to 17½c per dozen.

Butter—Buyers' prices here for finest townships creamery are from 21¾c to 22c Quebecs are quoted at 21½c and dairy at 20c per lb.

Cheese—Prices range from 12⅜c to 12¼c for westerns, 12c for townships and 11¾c to 11⅞c for Quebecs.

Pork—Heavy Canada short cut mess, in tierces, $33 to $33.50; heavy Canada short cut mess, in barrels, $22 to $22.50; Canada short cut backs, $22 to $22.50; Canada short cut mess, in half-barrels, $11.25 to $11.50; Canada short cut backs, $11 to $11.50.

Lard—Compound, in tierces of 375 lbs., 10c to 10¼c; parchment-lined boxes 50 lbs., 10¾c to 10½c; tubs, 50 lbs., net 10½c to 10⅝c; wood pails, 20 lbs., net, 10½c to 10¾c; tin pails, 20 lbs., gross, 10c to 10¼c; tins, 3 to 10 lbs., in cases, 10¾c to 11c; pure lard, tierces 375 lbs., 11¾c to 12½c; parchment-lined boxes, 50 lbs. net, 12c to 12¾c; tubs, 50 lbs. net, 12⅛c to 12⅞c; parchment-lined wood pails, 70 lbs. net, 12¼c; tin pails, 20 lbs. gross, 11¾c; tins, 3 to 10 lbs. in cases, 11¾c to 12½c.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Sept. 10.—Wheat closed—No. 2 red, 94c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 72c; No. 2 white, 70c. Oats—No. 2 white, 56c; No. 2 mixed, 52c. Barley—Nominal.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Sept. 10.—Spot firm; No. 2 red, $1.02⅜ elevator; No. 2 red, $1.03⅝ afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.06⅛ f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—Trade was good and active and prices steady to firm for good quality cattle, but for the poor stuff, of which there was more than usually large proportion in the market to-day, trade was quite draggy and slow, and prices weaker.

Good butcher cows steady at $3.25 to $3.50.

Sheep and lambs—Good grain-fed lambs are quoted at $5 to $6 per cwt.; export ewes, $4 to $4.40.

Export market steady: medium export, $4.90 to $5; choice, $5.10 to $5.15; extra choice, $5.25.

Butchers—Market steady, choice picked butchers' cattle, $4.50 to $5, and ordinary to good butcher cattle at $3.75 to $4.50; common butcher cows and mixed cattle easier, at $3 to $3.50.

Light stockers—Market dull and easier at $2.75 to $3.

Heavy feeders—Steady demand for good feeders, 1,050 to 1,100 lbs., at $4 to $4.50.

Calves—Market slow at $5 to $10 each.

Hogs—Market easy, selects $6.25, lights and fats, $6.

HINDUS BEATEN BY WHITES

Driven From U. S. Territory They Make for Canada.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: Six Hindus, badly beaten and maltreated by a mob, are in the hospital at Bellingham, Washington; 400 are finding sanctuary in the jail and public buildings, and 150 beaten, hungry and half naked, are on their way to British Columbia. These are the results of a savage outbreak of local sentiment in the United States town on Wednesday evening.

The trouble started in the Pelly Street district, which is filled with Hindustani lodging houses. These houses were cleaned out, and the occupants driven out of the town. From there the mob swept down to the waterfront and the lumber mill. After the lumber mill was visited the white employees swelled the mob, and every black man was hustled outside. Here the police suggested that the unfortunates should be taken to jail. The proposal was hailed with delight, and the Hindus were hustled along. The mob kept up its work till early morning, when Darson's mill at Whatcom Lake was visited and hundreds of Hindus brought in from there. The police were helpless, authority was paralyzed, and for five hours a mob of white men raided the mills where the blacks were working and battered down the doors of the lodging houses where they sought shelter and dragged them from their beds.

Mayor Black has organized fifty armed deputies for the protection of the Hindus, and those of them who return to work will do so armed. The explanation given of the affair is that every day the whites in mills are being replaced by blacks. It is said that the Hindus have become insolent, pushing women into the gutter and insulting them on the street cars.

"Drive out the Hindus!" was the cry to which the mob marched on Wednesday night..

RIOT IN VANCOUVER.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: The campaign against Oriental labor has taken a new and sinister turn in this city. Saturday evening a gang of the men from Bellingham, across the border, in the State of Washington the town from which the Hindus were recently driven, came to Vancouver and organized a parade with the intention of making trouble. There were some thirty of them, and, reinforced by a large number of hoodlums, they proceeded to the Chinese and Japanese quarter and began to raid the stores and assault the Orientals. Property was damaged and many people stabbed and otherwise injured, while it taxed the efforts of the police force and the entire fire brigade to keep the mob from burning up the Chinese and Japanese quarters. Several arrests were made after a strenuous time between the mob and the officers who took the men.

GUNS, KNIVES AND PISTOLS.

Fatal Riot Amonk Italians in New Brunswick.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: As a result of a drunken riot on Saturday afternoon among a crowd of Italian laborers employed on the N. B. Southern, one man is dying and two are critically wounded. Forty-five Italians, who are living in a box car near Prince of Wales, got possession on Saturday afternoon of some liquor. The whole crowd became wildly intoxicated and a free fight broke out, in which knives, revolvers and a shotgun were freely used. The dying man, Antonio Candisdoti, was pierced by three revolver bullets, another is riddled with buckshot about the shoulders and arms, and another has several serious knife wounds.

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL.

Fatal Riot Among Italians in New Three Dying.

A despatch from Quebec says: News has reached town of a terrible occurrence at Cape Bauld. A schooner captain, who arrived there from a small island in the gulf, reports that four men are dead and three dying as a result of drinking wood alcohol. No further details have been received, nor have the names been learned, and the agent of the Marine Department in this city has telegraphed instructions to investigate the matter at once and report the circumstances attending the tragedy.

LATEST REPORTS ENCOURAGING.

Grain In Canadian Northern Districts Looks Well.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The C. N. R. crop report is fully as encouraging as all previous reports from various sections during the week. The most optimistic feeling prevails as to the ultimate outcome of the harvest. There has been no frost in the majority of places and the weather promises to be all that could be desired. Some rains fell during the past few days, but not enough to cause any damage or seriously interfere with the cutting. There is a scarcity of men in some districts, where the grain has been ready for a week or more.

WHOLE HOUSE STRIPPED.

Ottawa Man Loses $4,000 of Plate and Jewellery by Burglars.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The residence of Mr. D. M. Finnie, assistant general manager of the Bank of Ottawa, was burglarized on Wednesday, and diamonds, jewellery and plate to the amount of nearly $4,000 abstracted. The burglars, evidently experts, had first made sure of the fact that the family were absent and went about their work systematically and deliberately. The thieves gained an entrance to the premises by the rear basement windows and proceeded from floor to floor, collecting movable valuables and jewellery. The house was practically stripped of everything of value of a movable nature.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED.

Twelve Persons Killed at Norris, Indiana.

Waterloo, Ia., Sept. 6.—Twelve persons were killed and twelve others injured in the wreck of an express train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Norris, Iowa, on Friday. The express train, northbound, jumped the track while going at full speed, and crashed into a freight train standing on the siding. All of the dead and injured were in the smoking car, which was immediately behind the baggage and mail cars. The smoking car was demolished. The northbound express was ten minutes late at Norris, where the freight train was awaiting. The express came along at terrific speed in an effort to make up time. Just as the locomotive of the passenger train was about to pass the freight locomotive the trucks of the former left the tracks, and the moving engine crashed into the engine of the freight, wrecking both locomotives and telescoping the baggage and the mail cars, and demolishing the smoking car.

WEAK SPOT IN THE LAW.

Eighteen Chinese Cause Government Officials Worry.

A despatch from Ottawa says: There are eighteen Chinese in custody in Sydney who are providing a puzzle for the chief controller of Chinese immigration in Ottawa, and who seem to have hit upon a flaw in the fabric of Canadian law. The Chinese came ashore from the schooner Colorus, which brought them from Newfoundland. The captain alleged that they escaped. They were seized by the customs officials as smuggled goods, and are now in jail. The law provides that the Chinese who enter Canada irregularly may be placed in jail for a year, but it makes no further provision regarding them. No authority is given to deport. It is not considered good policy to keep eighteen Chinese in jail for a year and then give them their liberty, without even the payment of the $500 entrance fee. A year in jail is hardly considered a qualification for permanent Canadian residence. The only thing apparently that can be done is to keep the Chinese until a law may be passed next session for their deportation, and then send them back.

FIFTEEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Hotel at Shelton, Washington, Destroyed by Fire.

A despatch from Tacoma, Wash., says: Fire destroyed the Webb Hotel at Shelton, 20 miles from Tacoma, on Wednesday night. It is reported fifteen persons perished. Miss Bailey and Mrs. Mudge, both of Shelton, are known to be among the lost. All the other victims are believed to be men. Seven bodies have been recovered.

SHOT DEAD BY BROTHER.

Minnedosa Lad Victim of a Hunting Accident.

A despatch from Minnedosa, Man., says: A shooting fatality occurred here Monday evening in which an 11-year-old lad, named John Stewart, lost his life. His twin-brother, Bert, was shooting blackbirds with a 22 rifle and did not notice his brother running in front of him. He received a shot, from which he expired almost immediately.

The number of typhoid fever cases in Winnipeg is much fewer for August than for the same month last year.

Wreckers near Berlin derailed the express from St. Petersburg, probably in an attempt to kill the Russian Grand Duke Nicholas, who is shortly to pay a visit to the German Emperor.