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# CARS ROLLED DOWN EMBANKMENT

## Grand Trunk Passengers Have Miraculous Escape

The west-bound Grand Trunk Express, due at Whitby Junction last Thursday morning at 7.15, is lying in an uncrossable tangle in a field about 300 yards east of the station and fully 30 feet below the level of the track.

There is some doubt as to the cause of the accident, some say a spread rail, others a broken axle. Judging from the general appearance of the track the latter theory is more probable, and it is to this section men lean.

The train was composed of an engine, a baggage car, two vestibule day cars, of the last model, and three Pullman sleepers. In all there were about 150 passengers on board, and as a result of the accident forty-four persons were more or less seriously hurt. About twenty others were considerably shaken up, and the remainder escaped unscathed. The most peculiar thing about it all is the very light list of casualties.

POSITION OF THE WRECK.  
Just before reaching the Whitby Junction station the track takes a wide curve. It was at the western extremity of this curve that the accident occurred.

The train was on the curve at such a high rate of speed caused the breakage of an axle on day coach No. 2, the third from the engine. The car immediately jumped the track and slid down the embankment, and as the coupling held, all the other cars were forced to follow suit.

THE ACCIDENT.  
Station Agent Roper was in his telegraph office, from which a good view could be obtained of the track both east and west, and was watching the approaching train when the disaster occurred.

Mr. John Fallon, one of the first of Whitby's citizens to reach the scene of the wreck, said that what surprised him was the quietness. He and his companions at first thought that a great many of the passengers had been killed, and could scarcely believe anything to the contrary.

# THE MARKETS

## Prices of Grain, Cattle etc. in Trade Centres.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Wheat—The market is quiet and featureless. No. 2 white and red quoted at 71c middle brights, No. 2 spring nominal at 71c on Midland, and No. 2 do not fall asleep. He did not awaken until after the car had slid down the embankment and come to a stop.

Barley—Trade is quiet, with No. 3 extra quoted at 46c middle freight, and No. 3 at 43c middle freight. Rye—The market is steady at 50 to 51c outside for No. 2. Buckwheat—The market is dull, with No. 2 nominal at 47c outside. Peas—Market dull at 71 to 72c high freight.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.  
Beans—Trade is inactive. Medium \$1.65 to \$1.75 per bush, and hand-picked, \$1.90 to \$2. Dried apples—Market quiet, with prices unchanged at 4 to 4 1/2c per lb, and evaporated at 6 to 6 1/2c.

BRITAIN'S NEW FORCE.  
The Home Fleet to Be Thoroughly Reorganized.  
A London despatch says.—The Admiralty announced a reorganization of the Home fleet, to become operative in May. The statement is important, as the reorganization creates practically a new sea-going force for the British navy.

NEEDED IN TRANSVAAL.  
Chance for Canadian Firms to Sell Implements.  
An Ottawa despatch says.—Agent Jardine sends to the Trade Department a list of agricultural machinery and accessories required by the Transvaal Land Department.

SIX DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.  
Prospectors Encounter Terrible Hardships.  
A Victoria, B.C., despatch says.—A party of prospectors was brought from the Vancouver Island coast by the steamer Queen City on Wednesday day. Two prospectors, Fred Anderson and D. A. Ferguson, were wrecked.

# SINGULAR CONTRAST

## Hot So Fond of City Life in Adelaide as Australia.

A London despatch says.—The Royal Statistical Society, Mr. H. Baines read a paper of statistics on the singular contrast between Canada and Australia with respect to the distribution of the population. In Ontario and Quebec, fifty-one per cent. of the population were classified as rural.

MAY ABANDON SERVICE.  
Vessels to South Africa Delayed Many Weeks.  
An Ottawa despatch says.—Vessels of the direct line from Canada have been detained for weeks at South African ports before getting a chance to discharge their cargo.

LEMON CROP DESTROYED.  
Cold Wave Caused Serious Loss to California.  
A Los Angeles, Cal., despatch says.—The cold wave which swept over Southern California during the past week, bringing snow and ice, has destroyed the lemon crop.

THE GRIP IN NEW YORK.  
The Hospitals Are Now Crammed With Cases.  
A despatch from New York says.—By reason of the changeable weather of the last few weeks the grip has become prevalent until it is almost the proportions of a serious epidemic.

COLONY OF SETTLERS.  
Will Set Sail for New Home at End of March.  
A London despatch says.—Already 1,850 of Rev. Mr. Barr's colony of settlers for Canada have been booked to sail by the steamship Manitoba, sailing March 25.

MURDER TO GET BODIES.  
Starting Revelations Expected in Insurance Frauds.  
A New York despatch says.—Assistant District Attorney Krotal said on Wednesday that the insurance fraud case now under investigation into one of the most startling in the criminal history of the city.

JAMAICA HAS MONEY.  
For Fast Steamship Service to Canada.  
The Kingston, Jamaica, despatch says.—The Jamaica Government has authorized the Government to purchase a steamship to service the route between Jamaica and Canada.

HOT WAVE IN AUSTRALIA.  
Undone All Good Accomplished by Recent Rains.  
A despatch from Ottawa says.—Mr. J. S. Lark, Trade Commissioner for Australia, reporting to the Department of Trade and Commerce on February 13, says that a hot wave has passed over the continent and undone the good which has been accomplished by recent rains.

SMALLPOX IN NOVA SCOTIA.  
Epidemic in Halifax.  
A despatch from Halifax says.—Smallpox is prevalent in the town of Thornburn, Pictou County, and is being quarantined. Communication is allowed between the town and Nova Scotia. Provision is made by a special supply train.

# NEWS ITEMS.

## Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.  
Princeton thinks it ought to have a bank. Renewed activity is reported from the "Soe". New Hamburg wants an armory for her militia.

THE FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE MACHINERY COMPANY has been incorporated. Montreal labor unions are active and general demands for increased pay are probable.

STRAFFORD is preparing to erect an isolation hospital in case smallpox should reach the city. The new Dominion Government fisheries cruiser, Kestrel, was successfully launched at Vancouver.

THE MARITIME FARMERS' ASSOCIATION decided to raise the price of stoves, ranges and furnaces 5 per cent. British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals dealt with 497 cases last year.

THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY'S first annual report shows a profit of £1,000,000. The National Council of the Y. M. C. A. in England is planning to bring the young men of towns and villages under the domain of sound principles.

THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE has been reported among the herds of cattle in Vermont and Massachusetts States. In convention at Richmond, Va., the National Association of Master House Painters and Decorators decided to hold their next annual meeting in Toronto.

THE PITTSBURGH RAILWAYS COMPANY, operating the traction line in Pittsburg, Pa., has voluntarily advanced the wages of 3,000 motormen and conductors one cent an hour. Some of the men get 24 cents an hour.

THE 29TH ANNUAL REPORT of the New York Board of City Commissioners of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx shows that the volume of arraigned last year exceeded that of 1901 by 18,876, making the total number of arraignees 106,421.

AN AUSTRALIAN SYNDICATE has offered General De Wet \$1,250 weekly for lecturing tours in Australia and in that town of Icano, in the district of that name, in northern Nigeria was occupied by the British expedition.