

# Accident at Oakville.

## MR. AND MRS JACOB COLTON

An Elderly and Well to do Couple Struck  
By a Train and Instantly Killed — Nine  
Children Survive them — Sudden Death  
of Fred. Winters Also of Oakville.

Oakville Aug. 18. 1897.—A shocking fatality took place within half a mile of Oakville yesterday afternoon, by which an elderly farmer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Colton, were instantly killed. They were crossing the railway tracks in a covered buggy, at Ion's crossing, on the sixth concession road, when their rig was struck by the O. P. R. through express No. 82, which passes Oakville 2.10. The man was dragged under the wheel for 100 feet, and the woman was thrown 60 feet into the ditch. She only lived for about three minutes after the accident occurred.

Colton was a well-to-do farmer about seventy years of age, living at Munn's Corners, four and a half miles from Oakville, on the Dundas road. He and his wife went to the town yesterday afternoon and made a number of purchases, and then started for home. A short distance north of the railway tracks they met a man who runs a thresher, and made arrangement, for him to come to their farm and thresh on Friday. In view of this they decided that some more groceries were needed, and turned back to get them.

The railway tracks at Ion's crossing run through a high embankment and when one is driving south it is impossible to see a train approaching. In addition to this the old man was said to be a trifle hard of hearing. The buggy was right on the track before its occupants saw their danger, and in another second the engine had struck them, hurling the horse high in the air, and scattering the buggy into small pieces. Colton was dragged under the wheels and carried some distance, and his wife, as already told, was thrown into the ditch. The train was running at between fifty and sixty miles an hour at the time.

Thomas Cavan, who lives near by, was the only witness of the accident, with the exception of the engineer. He ran to where Mrs. Colton was lying, and raised her up. She was still living but before those from the train could reach the spot she was dead.

The Colton couple leave nine children, seven boys and two girls, all grown up and away from home. One son lives at Toronto Junction and Mrs. Brown, sister of Mrs. Colton, is a resident of Oakville. Colton was well off and had a farm of about 100 acres. Both were highly respected by all who knew them and the horrible fatality has greatly shocked the residents of the district.

The funeral, which took place yesterday, was very largely attended. Dr. French, of Brampton, is a nephew of the deceased, Mrs. Colton being his mother's sister.