

OCTOBER 17, 1907
RUN-AWAY TRAIN
AT ROGERS PASS

| 1907 | 1907 | | Killed | Injured |
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| Dec. 18 | Oct 17 | McDonell, Gzowski & Rogers Pass, B. C. | 1 | 3 |
| | | Co., contractor for diversion of track on C.P.R. | | |

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Lost control of train. Construction train of engine and 14 cars, without air or hand-brake appliances, ran away and dropped over end of trestle. Fireman killed; engineer and two labourers injured. McDonell, Gzowski & Co. responsible.

Board of Railway Commissioners Report

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A single fatality occurred after the train had plunged from the trestle, an unfortunate victim having been found in the debris at the bottom of the trestle. The men injured were caught in pieces of the wreckage and were immediately removed to hospital maintained by the contractors at Rogers Pass, and it is not known that their injuries will result in anything serious.

Neither the name of the dead man nor the names of those injured has been received at the offices of the contractors in Vancouver, the formal telegrammed in regard to the accident stating that details were following by a written communication.

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TRAIN DROPPED THREE HUNDRED FEET

Locomotive and Cars Were
Knocked Into Splinters on
the Bed of Creek Below
Roger's Pass Trestle.

The contractors' work train which went over the railway trestle at Roger's Pass on Thursday afternoon resulting in the death of one man and the injury of four others fell a distance of about three hundred feet according to a report received to-day. After striking the patrol fill below the trestle, the small locomotive and train of cars turned over and over till the wreckage reached the bed of Beaver Creek.

Alex. Johnson was the man killed. He was fireman on the locomotive, and although his engineer escaped by jumping with nothing worse than a broken leg, Johnson clung to the cab and was carried down to the bed of the creek. He was quite dead when taken from the wreckage. Johnson was the son of a C. P. R. section foreman at Hope. An inquest is now being held on his body.

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