

NOVEMBER 15, 1898

WRECKED NEAR HAVELOCK.

The Klondyke Express Goes Into the Ditch While Running Forty Miles an Hour—Few People Injured.

No. 172, the Klondyke express going east, was badly wrecked at Blairton, four miles east of Havelock, at 4.25 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

The whole train was thrown into the ditch while going at forty miles an hour.

Baggageman Jos. Campbell had his leg severely injured by the safe falling on him. Mr. W. Edgworth, of Smith's Falls; Raymond, brakeman; Mr. Price, the porter of the Pullman, and Mrs. Clapper, of Danimerle, were also injured.

The accident was caused through the switch at a siding at Blairton being left open. The train ran off the siding into the ditch, but the main line was not obstructed in any manner.

The statement in the Toronto papers to the effect that the afternoon express did not reach that city until after midnight was incorrect. It was a special train, awaiting for connections at North Bay, which reached Toronto at so late an hour. The afternoon express was only five minutes late. The ditched train was replaced on the siding again by an auxiliary from Havelock.

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RAILWAY SMASHES

**The Klondike Express on the C.P.R.
Ditched While Running Forty
Miles an Hour.**

**A Collision on the Grand Trunk at Row-
manville Between an Express
and Fast Freight.**

**Both Accidents Were Due to Misplaced
Switches—A Number Injured,
But No One Killed.**

Havelock, Ont., Nov. 14.—No. 172, the Klondike express, going east, was badly wrecked at Blairton, four miles east of here, at 4:25 p.m. to-day.

The whole train was thrown into the ditch while going at 40 miles an hour.

Baggageman Joseph Campbell had his leg severely injured by the safe falling on him.

W. Edgworth, of Smith's Falls; Mr. Raymond, brakeman; Mr. Price, porter of the Pullman, and Mrs. Clapper, of Dummerie, were also injured.

A Carpenter's Error.

The accident, so far as can be learned, happened through the error of a carpenter, who was engaged in boxing a switch. This is a thing that is done every year to protect the tracks against the snow. In connection with his work the frogs on the main line were closed tight. When train 291, with Engineer Plaxton on board, came along these were by some mistake not opened.

The train, which was running at a high speed, made a rapid swerve on to the switch, and as a result toppled sideways off the track, the engine alone remaining on the track.

Baggageman Joseph Campbell, who was struck by an iron safe, received injuries to his leg, and was taken to Toronto to-night. Baggageman Raymond also belongs to Toronto and was taken to that city, too.

The accident took place between 5 and 6 p.m.

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A Bad Smash.

The Kloukike express was badly wrecked at Blairton Station, four miles east of here, at 4.25 p. m. on Monday. The accident was caused by the carelessness of a carpenter who was boxing the switch at that place. He threw the switch open, and the express, which was running about 40 miles an hour, plunged into the siding, the sharp curve throwing the passenger, and baggage coaches, and tender into the ditch. The locomotive never left the rails. By a miracle, no one was killed, and only five persons were injured. Mr. Jos. Campbell, baggage man, had his left leg severely bruised by the safe falling on it; Mrs. Clapper of Dummer, had slight injuries in the head and chest; Brakeman Raymond, a brother-in-law of Mr. Jos. O'Brien, of town, had his knee bruised; W. Edgeworth, of Smith's Falls, was cut over the nose and badly bruised in several other places and Mr. Price, the porter of the Pullman, was cut over the eye. The baggage car and tender were overturned, but the rest of the train was right side up in the ditch about 15 ft. from the track. The marvellous escape of the passengers is due to the staunchness of the coaches which were very slightly injured. The auxiliary from this place was immediately sent down to the scene, when the wounded were attended to by Dr. Holdcroft. Supt F. P. Brady of Smith's Falls, was on the wrecked train.

ANOTHER WRECK.—The West-bound G. T. R. Montreal express crashed into a freight train at Murray Hill, a small station near Brighton, at 3.35 on Tuesday morning. Twelve people were killed and eleven injured. The accident was caused by the passenger train taking the wrong track owing to an open switch. The list of killed and injured are as follows. Killed, Driver Wm. Brady, Belleville; Fireman J. McDonald, Belleville;

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