

RAILWAY COLLISION.

Two Freight Trains Dash into Each Other.

The Trains Wrecked, but No Lives Lost.

A very serious accident, which caused a heavy loss of property, but was fortunately unattended by any loss of life, occurred on the Grand Trunk on Saturday night. Owing to a blunder on the part of Mr. Charles Brown, relieving agent, in opening a wrong switch, a special freight train going west from Camlachie was sent along the same line on which No. 26 freight was proceeding east from Barnia. The drivers of the approaching trains did not see each other, owing to a curve on the road, until it was too late to stop the engines. They and the firemen had just time to jump before the engines met with a terrific clash. The two locomotives rolled down the embankment, and seventeen cars were smashed to pieces. The boilers exploded, and the debris took fire, but the flames were quenched before they obtained headway by the conductors and brakemen. Mr. Brown, who has been in the service of the company for several years, and who has hitherto proved an efficient officer, was placed under arrest. A good deal of sympathy is felt for him, as he is a general favorite.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

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A collision took place on the Grand Trunk Railway last Saturday night, at about 10 o'clock, between a freight train which leaves Point Edward at 10 o'clock for the east and a freight train due from the east.

It appears that the conductor received his orders from the dispatcher at Point Edward, who also told him that a train from the east would arrive in a few minutes, when he could start but, through some misunderstanding, the conductor started his train, and when about one mile of Point Edward and while rounding a curve, the incoming train was seen. The engineers reversed their engines and whistled for brakes, but too late to avoid the collision. Both engines were badly damaged. Twelve cars were thrown from the track into the ditch. The west bound train was heavily loaded with flour, but the other was light. Thirty-two cars were demolished and the freight ruined. No lives were lost fortunately, the men having jumped off the en-

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