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## Run Off at Dumfries.

London, Ont., Feb. 19 —(Special.)— There was a run-off on the Grand Trunk at Dumfries this morning, between Harrisburg and Paris, on the main line. A freight train with a London crew on board was taking the siding in order to let a passenger train go by, when the switchman failed to throw the switch far enough, and the engine and first car left the rails. Fireman Fralick of this city was the only one hurt, sustaining a sprained ankle. The accident blocked the track several hours.

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her nurse in the washroom when the train went down the gully, and, while both were jammed, it is not believed that their injuries are serious. Mr. Victor Ross, a representative of The Globe, who had been attending the convention of the Templars of Temperance at Cobourg, was on the train and received a cut on the head.

#### Dr. Riordan in Charge.

Five patients were admitted to the General Hospital about 7 o'clock. Joseph Langille of Waltham, Mass., is suffering from a fractured rib and is bruised about the face. His wife, Bessie Langille, sustained a fracture of the right hip, and is also bruised. Mrs. Langille's daughter, Ethel Fraser, had three fingers crushed and her hand bruised. Miss Ellen Danforth of Lowell, Mass., sustained a painful injury to her left eye and had her face bruised. Ambrose Allen, a relative of Miss Danforth, had the muscles of his leg torn.

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#### No Idea What It Was Like.

Henry Lindsay of Fox Lake, Wisconsin, was one of the injured, and after getting his injuries, which were slight, dressed at the Emergency Hospital, he started out to find a restaurant.

"I'm going to get out of this country as fast as I can," he said to a Globe reporter. "My! the wonder to me is we were not all killed. I don't see how any of us escaped death, the way those cars rolled over and over and down that bank. I've got to get home as soon as possible, because I've got to attend a case in the courts."

L. E. Dunlop, a retired farmer of Westford, Vermont, was on his way to Minneapolis to visit his son. "It was the first accident I ever was in

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in my life, and I tell you," said he, "nobody has any idea of what it is like. I was washing my hands in the lavatory of the Boston car when it happened. I never knew what struck me; in fact, I didn't know anything for over an hour afterwards."

He was struck on the head and knocked senseless. Mr. Dunlop lost a lot of baggage in the wreck and seemed more anxious about its recovery than about himself. He will remain at the Emergency for a few days. He was injured in the right shoulder and cut on the left hand.

#### **An Unusual Incident.**

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### Some Sensations.

Mrs. Elizabeth Woods and her niece, Miss Woods of 7 Murray street, were returning from a six months' trip to England. When the train swerved Mrs. Woods was thrown violently backward, but beyond several ugly bruises about the arms and body Mrs.

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