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# C.N. Locomotive Jumps Rails, Ploughs Furrow Two Charged After Watchman Shot In Zeller's Store



**LOCOMOTIVE PLOUGHS FURROW SIX FEET DEEP**—This morning about 6 o'clock, a C.N.R. freight train locomotive jumped the rails and overturned as it rounded the Bayview curve near the York Street traffic circle. The train was going slowly as it made the turn but the weight of the 11 cars behind drove the cab into the rain-softened roadbed making a furrow 30 feet long and six feet deep. Two crewmen were slightly injured as they jumped clear of the toppling engine. The coal tender and the rest of the train, which was proceeding from Sarnia to Hamilton with a load of machinery, remained upright. Railway officials are still investigating the mishap and have not yet determined the cause of the derailment.

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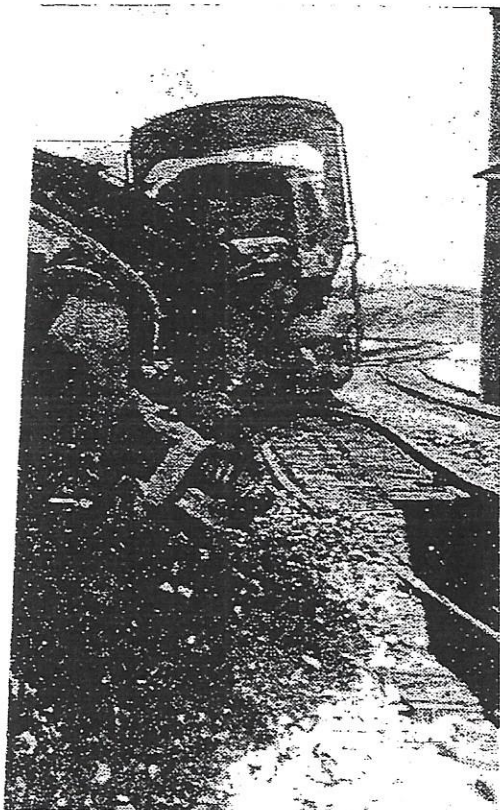


## Ploughs Furrow Six Feet Deep

Zeller's Store

## Two Crewmen Slightly Hurt

Mishap Occurs While Freight Rounds Curve Near York Street Circle



morning about 6 o'clock, a C.N.R. freight train locomotive derailed near the York Street traffic circle. The 11 cars behind drove the cab into the rain-soaked ground. Two crewmen were slightly injured as they jumped from the train, which was proceeding from Sarnia to Hamilton. Officials are still investigating the mishap and

A C.N.R. freight train locomotive ploughed a furrow six feet deep in the ground and completely severed a siding track this morning when it jumped the rails and overturned while rounding the Bayview curve near the York Street traffic circle. Two crewmen suffered minor injuries when they jumped from the cab.

### Carrying Machinery

The 11-car train, transporting machinery from Sarnia to Hamilton, had just stopped and was starting up again at a speed estimated at three miles an hour when the engine left the rails and toppled over. The coal tender and the rest of the train stayed upright. Railway officials are still investigating the mishap and could give no cause for the derailment.

The fireman, Lloyd McPherson, of Stratford, and a brakeman, E. S. McLeod, of Sarnia, both jumped clear of the cab as it started to go over. McPherson wrenched both knees and ankles when he landed on a near-by set of tracks. McLeod suffered similar injuries.

The engineer, John Egan, Port Huron, Mich., rode the locomotive into the ground and escaped without a scratch. The conductor, Ernest E. Blackwell, of Sarnia, was riding at the rear of the train.

The weight of the heavy load behind drove the engine six feet down into the rain-softened roadbed. A parallel set of siding tracks were completely uprooted and broken as the cab dug into the ground and ploughed up a furrow 30 feet long.

None of the crewmen could give an opinion as to the cause of the derailment. "It just left the tracks all of a sudden," said one.

The line is expected to be cleared for traffic this afternoon. A crane was brought in by rail from London to help the huge Hamilton railway crane lift the heavy locomotive from its side.

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