

G.T.R.

HAMILTON AND  
NORTHWESTERN  
WENTWORTH  
STREET,  
HAMILTON.

MARCH 4, 1901.

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The siding is one that is in use every day, and the railway officials cannot understand how the accident occurred. It was suggested that some person who had been at the fire earlier in the evening had opened the switch, but this could not have been the case, as the first part of the train passed over the switch and continued along the main line. Conductor Smith was in charge of the train, but neither he nor the other members of the crew was injured.

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