

EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILED

Broken Rail Wrecks C. P. R. Toronto Train But Nobody Is Seriously Injured

The west bound C. P. R. Ottawa Toronto express was wrecked near Sharbot Lake yesterday morning but fortunately there was no loss of life neither was there anybody seriously hurt. It was almost a repetition of the accident at Winchester last week, attributable to the same cause—a broken rail—but fortunately attended by no very serious results to either passengers or rolling stock. The train left Smiths Falls on time, at 1.05, and while running at the usual speed about a mile east of Sharbot Lake, less than an hour after leaving here, it was wrecked. A broken rail was the cause. The engine and all the forward part of the train, including the first class passenger coach got safely over the weak spot in the rail but in doing so broke out the defective part and the three big pullman cars were flung into the ditch. One of them turned completely over so that the wheels were where the roof should have been, and the upper berth passengers were lower berth passengers when it was all over. The danger of fire was present in everyone's mind and everybody scrambled out of the coaches as quickly as possible without waiting for clothing or valuables, but there was no fire and nobody lost anything. It was a great relief to find that nobody had been killed and apparently nobody was very seriously injured. When the accident was reported at Smiths Falls it was thought of course that there would be a big casualty list and several doctors were sent up from here, but they were stopped at Perth—their services were not needed. The train was made up over again and continued on its way, the injured being taken to Peterboro.

On account of two accidents within a week, from precisely the same cause, the C. P. R. has sent out a special force of experts to examine every rail on the line between Montreal and Toronto.

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CAPT. GRAHAM HURT

Was in C. P. R. Wreck at Sharbot
Lake Yesterday

Capt. G. Fleck Graham, the medical officer of the 50th Machine Gun battalion, figured in the wreck at Sharbot Lake, Monday morning, and sustained injuries to his side and back. He was brought to this city yesterday afternoon in a special Pullman car, and is now at the military hospital. It is feared that several ribs are fractured. Three steel sleeping coaches left the rails and rolled down a 20-foot embankment, and Capt. Graham was in one of the derailed cars. Lieut. Anderson is assuming the medical duties of the battalion.

Hamilton
Spectator

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