

TWO HURT IN SMASH AT RADIAL CROSSING

Wallace Dumaw and Daughter
Are Injured, the Former
Quite Seriously.

VESTIBULE OF COACH
WRECKED BY IMPACT.

Auto Hurled Upside Down In
Ditch—Man Has Fractured
Skull.

Wallace Dumaw, aged 46, of Wilton Grove, received injuries from which he may die, and his daughter, Louise Dumaw, 26 years old, suffered several minor injuries, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by London and Port Stanley No. 5 at the fifth concession of Westminster Town-ship, otherwise known as Stop No. 5, early to-day. The train was in charge of Motorman James Molachlan and Conductor R. G. Liner, both of this city. It was a limited, with St. Thomas as its first scheduled stop. Crew and passengers escaped unhurt.

Father and daughter were brought to London by the train crew when the train, its pilot wrecked, was backed to this city. The injured persons were at once removed to Victoria Hospital, where an examination revealed that the father's skull was fractured. He was also found to be suffering with other minor injuries. The daughter's right arm was lacerated and she was also suffering with a contusion on the face above one eye. Her condition is not regarded as critical.

The front of the automobile was struck by the train and it was hurled upside down into a ditch along the track. The lives of the occupants were probably saved by the fact that the vehicle spanned the ditch, permitting them to fall clear. The vehicle was almost completely wrecked. The pilot of the front car of the train was demolished and the vestibule badly damaged.

Dumaw, who was driving, and his daughter, were proceeding west along the fifth concession of Westminster. It was their intention to stop at the platform used as the station, the daughter intending to take the northbound A. & P. E. train into this city.

WARNING BELL.

The approaching electric train was apparently not noticed by the occupants of the automobile. Witnesses of the accident declare that the bell was ringing at the time, and it was thought that the automobile would stop to allow the train to pass. The latter is a through train, its first stop being at St. Thomas.

The vehicle carrying the father and daughter was about to cross the tracks when the crash occurred. The train struck the radiator of the automobile and it swung around a couple of times, finally landing upside down across the ditch.

With the pilot and front of the train broken the train was unable to proceed further and it backed into London, bringing the injured persons on board. Dumaw and his daughter were at once removed to Victoria Hospital and an examination of the injuries of each was conducted by Dr. Edward Spence.

How serious the head injuries of the father are is not definitely known. The fracture may just involve the outer layer of bone in the skull, and if this proves to be the case the fracture may be more or less superficial and the chances for the recovery of the patient will be greater. The daughter's condition is not serious, her injuries being of a minor nature. It is stated, however, that necessarily some time before physicians can definitely determine the exact extent of the father's injuries.

The A. & P. E. train which struck the automobile is the one due out of London at 2 o'clock in the morning for St. Thomas. The city another train was made up and left for Port Stanley.

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