

JANUARY 21, 1937  
THETFORD MINES,  
TRAIN NO. 6,  
ENGINE NO. 2588,  
ENGINEER HERB.  
WARK  
DESIRE CYR  
KILLED.

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## BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA

Applicant,  
or  
Complainant,

Date,

Date Received, February 9th. 1937.

## SYNOPSIS:

February 5th. 1937.

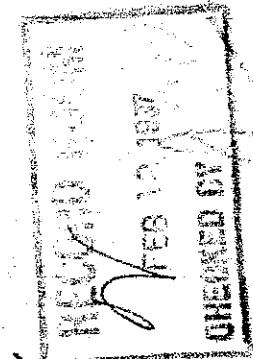
Report of Inspector J. A. LaFontaine re accident  
on the Quebec Central Railway at Thetford Mines, P.Q., Mileage  
67.7 Quebec Subdivision, by which Desire Cyr, was killed  
January 31st. 1937.

DOROTHY HANT

**RECORD ROOM TRANSFER FILE No. 40214.**

FROM	TO	
①	Chief Commissioner .....	Draw Order.....
	Assistant Chief Commissioner.....	For your information.....
	Deputy Chief Commissioner.....	For Report.....
	Commissioner Norris .....	Hold for.....days.....
	Commissioner Stoneman.....	
	Commissioner Stone.....	Set down for hearing at.....
	Secretary .....	What action should now be taken?.....
	Le Secrétaire Adjoint.....	Write as suggested.....
	Counsel .....	Take no further action.....
	Engineer .....	Hold until we hear again .....
	Traffic Officer .....	
	Operating Officer .....	No answer necessary.....
	Accountant .....	Serve on Railway Company .....
	Record Room .....	Ask for a reply to your last letter .....
	Board Meeting Basket .....	Send copies of judgment to parties interested and let Order go .....
	Date.....	Please see me with this file .....
		Would be glad to discuss this at your con- venience .....
		File away .....

Sept. 9/37



*Another ~~Mr. B.~~ appears unnecessary!*  
*G.A.B. / S.P.M.*  
*Sept. 9/37*



# BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA

## OPERATING DEPARTMENT

C. C. STIBBARD  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

OTTAWA 8th February, 1937

Inv. 30250

### Memorandum for the Secretary:

In connection with fatal accident to Desire Cyr, trespasser, who was run over by train No. 6 at Thetford Mines, Quebec, January 21, 1937; Quebec Central Railway.

#### Particulars

As shown on attached report from Inspector LaFontaine.

#### Cause

Trespasser run over by train.

#### Remarks

This accident occurred at 7.31 p.m., weather conditions, fair. As will be seen by the report, there were no trespassers seen around this train on arrival at Thetford Mines station, and the only person seen on the track was one about 400 feet ahead of the engine. This person stepped off the track to allow train to pass. About nine o'clock a badly mangled body was found on the track about 70 feet from the end of the station platform. This was not the same party who had been seen walking along the track, and no one can state just how the accident occurred.

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Chief Operating Officer.

CCS:H

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA  
OPERATING DEPARTMENT

## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

File Inv... 30450.....

1. Railway Quebec Central Mileage 67.7 Subdivision Quebec.
2. Place (if town, village or city) Thetford Mines, Province Quebec
3. Date and year Jan. 21, 1937. Time (a.m. or p.m.) 7.31pm.
4. Weather conditions Fair.
5. Train (passenger, freight, etc.) Passenger.
6. Number of train No. 6. Direction South.
7. Engine number 2588. Number of cars in train 5 coaches.
8. Engineer or motorman ..... H.J. Wark
9. Conductor ..... J.T. Nadeau.
10. Number of brakes in operation All in service.
11. Speed of train at time of accident Leaving Station.
12. Nature of accident Trespasser run over by train.
13. Cause of accident Apparently fell, or threw himself onto tracks, between tender and baggage-car.
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16. Remarks and recommendation, if any This train arrived Thetford Mines 8 or 9 minutes late. The Engineer did not get off engine, but Conductor gave him a "19" Order, which he read and handed to the Fireman. After this, the train started. Engine bell was ringing. When pulling away from Station, Engineer saw some one walking on track about 400 feet ahead of engine. This person stepped off track to allow train to pass. Conductor Nadeau went to rear of tender as train started to see if anyone was stealing a ride, but did not see anyone there.
- According to Quebec Central Constable A. Lamonde, the victim was found badly mangled at about 9 pm., by the two above mentioned men. They had been walking on track between the Station and Johnson's Crossing. Body was between rails of Main Line, about 70 feet from the end of Station platform. Bloodstains on rails and snow, indicated body had been dragged about 85 feet. One A. Hamel was the last person who saw the victim prior to death and he claims that Cyr was very discouraged over his inability to secure employment; he told Hamel that he had been unemployed for over six years.
- It is not definitely known whether this man committed suicide, or was killed accidentally. There were no eye-witnesses.

Office: OTTAWA, Ont. Feb. 5, 1937.

Date: JAL/MD.

  
(J.A. LaFontaine)

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JAL/M.D.

Date:

B.R.C. 703

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA  
OPERATING DEPARTMENT

✓ OTTAWA, Feb. 1st, 1954.

O. D. X. STOLE

Inspector LaTouraine

Please investigate and report on the accident referred to in the copy  
of Schedule Report hereto attached.

Chief Operating Officer.

## SCHEDULE "B"



Sherbrooke, January 29th, 1937.

QUEBEC CENTRAL

Railway

REPORT to the Board of Railway Commissioners for  
Canada as required by Section 285 of the  
Railway Act and General Order of  
the Board No. 561.

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1. Date January 21st, 1937.
2. Hour 7.31 p.m.
3. Train No. 6. Conductor J.T. Madani Engine 8588  
Engineer H.J. Wark
4. Place Thetford Mines,  
Province P.Que.
5. Name of Person Injured Desire Cyr.
6. Age 45 Years.
7. Passenger, employee or others Trespasser. (B) Mat
8. Residence Thetford Mines, Que.
9. Description of injury The body of Desire Cyr was found on main track  
75 ft. south of station platform, Thetford Mines,  
apparently run over by No. 6 train. The body was  
badly mangled, left leg cut above ankle; right  
leg below the hip; right arm cut above the elbow;  
left shoulder crushed; abdomen crushed.
10. How accident occurred Apparently Desire Cyr fell between tender &  
baggage & mail car #6 when train left Thetford Mines,  
or was attempting to board train and fell under  
wheels.  
Note:- If injury or damage  
be to a bridge, culvert, viaduct  
or tunnel, answer numbers 1, 2,  
4, 9 and 10.

N.B. Use only one form for each  
accident, attaching plain extension  
sheets if insufficient space here.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

SUPERVISOR

SCHEDULE "B"

Montreal January 1935.

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OWNER GENERAL Railway

REPORT to the Board of Railway Commissioners for  
Canada as required by Section 285 of the  
Railway Act and General Order of  
the Board No. 561.

1. Date	January 1st, 1935.		
2. Hour	7:30 p.m.		
3. Train No. 5.	Conductor	J.W. MacLean	Engine
	Engineer	H.J. West	
4. Place	Westwood Mine,		
Province	P.Q.C.		
5. Name of Person Injured	Domingo Goye.		
6. Age	45 Years.		
7. Passenger, employee or others	Employee.		
8. Residence	Westwood Mine, Q.C.		
9. Description of injury	The body of Domingo Goye was found on early morning of January 1st, 1935, hanging from a wire, which had been strangely suspended from a rock. The body was nearly decomposed, skin black and bones partially broken. The body was laid out on a board and covered.		
10. How accident happened. If inju ry to a bridge, or tunnel, answer 4, 9 and 10.	Accidently Domingo Goye fell between timber & timber & wood, say 10' above ground level. Westwood Mine, or was attempting to load truck and fall under timber.		

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QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SHERBROOKE, P. Q. January 29th, 1937.

E. J. WALKER,  
SUPERINTENDENT

REFER TO FILE C/3756.

Col. G.C. Stibbard,  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Board of Railway Commissioners,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Railway Commission  
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FEB 1 1937

Chief Operating Officer

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith two copies of  
Schedule "P" covering accidental death of Desire Cyr,  
whose body was found at Mileage 87.7, Quebec Subdivision,  
after departure of No. 6 train from Thetford Mines  
station.

Yours truly,

*E. J. Walker*

Superintendent.

G.C.C./G.A.X.  
Enclosed.

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BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS

OPERATING DEPARTMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 28/37

M. J. Walker, Supt.,  
Quebec Central  
Railway  
Shawville, P. Q.

Please quote cycle  
File number.

Telegraphic report received from E. J. Waller, Sup't.

~~Regarding cross-tie~~  
Regarding personnel injury etc. ~~on~~ ~~21st~~ ~~Jan.~~ ~~1937~~ ~~at~~ ~~De~~ ~~Isle~~ ~~of~~ ~~Pointe~~ ~~de~~ ~~la~~ ~~main~~ ~~track.~~

Please forward schedule quickly.

P.S. If schedule already sent in, please ignore this notice.

C.C. STIBBARD

Inspector: McDonald

Ottawa, Jan. 25/37

RAILWAY CROSSING ACCIDENT

O. D. A. - 19018

Date..... Jan. 21st, 1937.  
Railway.....  
Place.....  
Train Number.....  
Name of Conductor.....  
Killed or Injured.....  
Nature of Accident.....

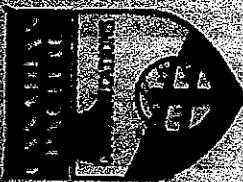
Q. C. R.

Thetford Mines, N. S.Y.7 Quebec Sub.  
undetermined.

Desire Cyr, 48 years, killed.  
Body found on main track about 250 feet  
south of station by 2 young men.

Please investigate and forward your  
report promptly.

Chief Operating Officer.



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JANUARY 21ST 1937 TWENTY-NINETEEN

THE HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PAST

**MAN FOUND ON MAIN TRACK ABOUT 250 FEET SOUTH OF STATION BY TWO YOUNG BOYS FOUND DESIRE GYM ABOUT 45 YEARS UNEMPLOYED KILLED IN LIL BODY**

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