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Telegraph FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT  
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY I  
TWENTY-FIVE PASSENGERS  
SCALDED TO DEATH.

Forty-four Wounded.

(By Telegraph to the Globe.)

BELLEVILLE, June 22.—The Night Express went down past this place at 12:20 this morning full of passengers, embracing among the number many ministers of the English Church en route homeward from the Synod, which has been in session at Toronto. Everything went well until the unfortunate train reached the bridge that crosses the Shannondale river, at Milltown, about 11 miles below the Belleville station, just at the entrance to which the engine jumped the track, carrying dismay, death, and fearful torture to the scores of passengers in the forward cars. It appears that the baggage-car remained on the track, and telescoped the smoking-car, and the second-class passenger-car, leaving them on top of the engine exposed to the escaping steam from the boiler. Hence the poor creatures were helplessly penned for some time, breathing the vapours of death, and suffering all the agony of an immersion into a boiling cauldron of super-heated water. Mr. R. M. Roddy, an eye-witness, says that he was sitting in the first-class car; immediately after the accident he went to the second-class car, where a squad of 14 men of his from Orillia were, with whom he was going to Montreal. The second-class car and smoking-car were telescoped, and on the locomotive, the steam from which, issuing from the windows of the cars, was so dense that he could see nothing. One after another of the scalded victims were crawling from the openings. Crowds were instantly put in requisition by the passengers from the first-class cars, all of whom escaped injury. Many were found entangled, and were extricated with the utmost difficulty, timbers having to be broken. Five persons were found dead and were carried to the roadside where the wounded lay for nearly three hours in most fearful agony. Dr. Burdett from Belle-

a second-class car, and conductor, variously named.

The second-class car contained about 35 lumbermen, some men employed in putting up telegraph poles mostly Lower Canadians, and three families. The smoking car was occupied by a few first-class passengers, and some of the men just now mentioned, there being but few others on the train, with the exception of the occupants of the Pullman car, which was full.

All went well until one o'clock in the morning, when, about half a mile east of Shannonville, the flange of one of the forewheels of the locomotive broke, and it went off the track on the left-hand side of the train, which was on a down grade, and then going at the rate of about 20 miles an hour, which of course rendered it somewhat difficult to get the engine very quickly under command. The driver, Hibbert, who was one of the best on the road, did his utmost; and, as is usually in such cases, "reversed"; but, unfortunately, all his efforts to avert the impending danger were unavailing. The engine, after pursuing its career for some distance, of course dragging the train after it, finally fell over the embankment, which at that spot is about eight feet high, falling with its smoke-stack inwards, pointing directly across the track. The second class car was pulled over on its side, and as it capsized it unfortunately caught the safety valve set done of the engine, breaking them both, and letting the entire contents of the boiler into the car, and also into the smoking car, which had one of its ends broken in. The scene at this time is described astutely awful. The most frightful screams and cries for help rent the air, and for a few moments, so dense was the steam and intense the heat, that no assistance could be rendered to the unfortunate creatures who were being gradually boiled to death in their wooden prisons. At last three brave men, Mr. Harry Neilson, the conductor of the train, the Pullman car conductor, whose name did not transpire, and Mr. Robert Nelson Roddy, went to the rescue and succeeded in liberating the sufferers.

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Stephen Paul, Paris, will recover;  
Baptiste Lefevre, Otago, doubtful;  
M. Cardinal, St. Timothy, do;  
Robert Pratt, eighteen miles from Ottawa,

Francis Leneux, unknown, do;  
Richard Belcourt, unknown, may recover;  
Ignace Faucheuil, unknown, doubtful;  
Parnabe Boisniette, Vaudreuil, very bad;

Jac. Robeau, Quebec, will recover;  
John McDonald, Cumberland, doubtful;  
J. B. Leroix, St. Calixte, do;  
A man unknown, will die.

At Kingston there are Israel Lalonde, Coteau, Joseph Pelon, do; Chaneau Gilchrist, Clayton, New York; H. Pelon, Coteau, who all went on the same morning, and are not very seriously hurt.

At Shannonville there are Chevrette, of Gatineau Point, who may recover; Xavier Chabot, Quebec, bad; Oliver Laflamme, Montreal, bad; Nathan Anderson, Trenton, may recover; Alex. McClellan, Glengary, who may recover.

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## SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

#### CRICKET MATCH.

AHLA CREAM, June 22.

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#### THE SCALDING CASE.

PROSPECTT, June 22.

The unfortunate man, Bradley, who was severely scalded yesterday by falling into a distillery vat, died this morning about the o'clock from the injuries he received.

#### BASE BALL MATCH.

WATFORD, June 22.

A closely contested base ball match was played here to-day between the "Clippies" of Lambeth last year's champions for the county of Lambeth, and the "Shop Fleets" of Watford, resulting in the favour of the latter by one run. The scores were: "Shop Fleets," 42; "Clippies," 41.

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**Movement.**

Mon., June 22.—The strike in New York is ended; nearly all have returned to work, and the same on Monday.

**Convocation.**

Tue., June 22.—The Peake-Mackay strike in the United States was adjourned yesterday at the request of the President, and will take effect at 12 m. on Friday. It is to continue at least two weeks.

**Nitro-Oxygenate.**

Wed., June 22.—This city was shaken by a tremendous explosion in the liquidation of 1,300 pounds of oxygen in the California Powder building near Laguna Honda, less than a mile from the City Hall. Two were killed and a half a dozen injured by the explosion.

**MEXICO.**

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**CUBA.**

Expedition.

July 21.—Coating vessels saw only supposed to be the *Rambo*, carrying off Nauritas into two several small boats. The wards headed towards Roman fort, and John Hamilton, severely scalded, was taken to his home. Mr. Callendar has died since morning.

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As soon as the sufferers were brought into the city there was an lack of officers of assistance in the shape of nurses, and the wonderful nerve displayed by the matrons looking of the fair was something to be wondered at and admired. Some were badly scalded. Cheyoea was taken to his

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**COMPLIMENT TO THE HON. E. BLAKE.**

Kingsburg, June 22.

The Reformers of South Bruce will assemble in Convention at Riversdale on Tues-

#### more recent stories.

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#### HIGH SAILING CASE.

Preston, June 22.

The unfortunate man, Bradley, who was severely wounded yesterday by falling off a scaffold, died this morning about three o'clock from the injuries he received.

#### BASE-BALL MATCH.

W. C. Moore, June 22.

A closely contested base ball match was played here to-day between the "Chippewas" of Simcoe that year's champions for the County of Lambton, and the "Shoos" of Watford, resulting in the favour of the latter by one run. The scores were 22-21. (See clip p. 41.)

#### TWO GIRLS THROWN INTO

SAP-SITE, June 22.

This afternoon about two o'clock two little girls aged, five and nine years, the former a daughter of Mr. J. T. Grange, M.P., of this place, the other of Mr. Thomas Orton, were drowned in a pond while bathing at Grange's mill. Great sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents.

#### REFORM CONVENTION.

Vancouver, June 22.

A Convention of the Reformers of North Huron was held here to-day. Mr. Peter Fisher was elected President of the Association and Mr. J. M. Lock, Secretary. Mr. James Summerville, of Lucknow, received the unanimous vote of the Convention, as their candidate, which honour he accepted.

#### SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Penetanguishene, June 22.

An accident occurred here this afternoon which is likely to prove fatal to a man named Orlora, exhumated from his grave by some means it fell over. His foot caught under the oil tank fall upon him, bursting open his body and mangling his head terribly. He is not expected to survive many hours. Since writing the above the man has died.

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morning. Mrs. Wilson is also severely  
scalded. The roofs of the cars were torn off  
and John Hamilton, severely scalded. Joseph  
Trambly, Quebec; Beaupré, Quebec; Xavier  
Lecompte, Vandreuil; Narcisse Pa-  
quett, Three Rivers; and Jas. Chooves, all  
badly scalded. Chooves was taken to his  
home. Mr. Callender has died since morning.  
Joseph Barquear, Vaudreuil; Joseph Gaun-  
que, Melborne; Baptiste Lefever, Coteau  
Landing; Oglis Lucas, Vandreuil; Baptist  
Doyleau, St. Deans, near Montreal; Mrs.  
Lavasseur has also died since morning; her  
son injured; Augustus Goerneau, Laprairie;  
Richard Gauvin, Vaudreuil; Michel  
Béto, Pointe Levi; Narcisse, Blanc,  
Quebec; Charles Napham, Toronto;  
Oscarine Compté, Quebec; Odolina Montpleir,  
Vaudreuil; Donald Cameron, Cumberland;  
John McDonald, Cumberland; John Ander-  
son, Henely, Ill.; John MacLennan, 1st con.  
Kenyon, Lochiel, Province Quebec; L. A.  
Tremblay, St. Urbain, Quebec; Andre  
Fournier, Coteau Landing; Arge  
Dumas, St. Lambert, near Quebec;  
Larry Richard, Vaudreuil; John Rossen,  
Vaudreuil; Barabe Bessette, Vaudreuil;  
Jean Malette, Beauharnois; Venier Cardurae,  
St. Timothy; Isaac Desabu, Quebec; W. Rich-  
ard, Vaudreuil; Geaffre Minore, St. Ballais;  
East of Quebec. Francois Leblanc, St. Chino,  
Pierre Blier, Gaspesieana. Geo. Leveque  
Riviere, Ouelle. Thos Hardy, of Kingston,  
died just before noon.

One man refused to give his name for fear  
his wife should hear it. There are six dead  
whose names have not been ascertained; also  
there are four or five of those who are slightly  
injured, and whose names are not included  
in this list.

#### LATEST PARTICULARS.

(By Telegraph from our own Reporter.)

BELLEVILLE, Sunday, June 23.

The accident at Shannonville, on Saturday  
morning on the Grand-Trunk Railway, was  
probably the most horrible and disastrous  
that has ever occurred in Canada, rivalling  
in its effect upon human life the catastro-  
phe at Dejardine's Bridge and Belle Isle,  
but far surpassing either of the last named  
in the dreadful tortures now being under-  
gone by the unfortunate survivors.

The train was the ordinary No. 4 express,  
which leaves Toronto a few minutes after  
7 o'clock in the evening, as it did on Friday  
last. It was made up with a Pullman car in  
the rear, then a first-class car, the Post

As soon as the sufferers were brought into  
the city there was no lack of offers of assis-  
tance in the shape of nurses, and the wonder-  
ful nerve displayed by the most delicate  
looking of the fair sex was something to be  
wondered at and admired. Some were on  
duty from early yesterday morning until  
to-day (Sunday,) and yet they seemed to be  
so engrossed in their work as not to show  
much fatigue. The people of Belleville have  
supplied any number of beds and clothing, and  
the Pullman car conductor also was kind  
enough to contribute liberally of the same  
article. The company have done all in their  
power to alleviate the condition of the suf-  
ferers, and have provided plenty of medical  
aid. Mr. Lynskey, as soon as the accident  
had happened, telegraphed for Mr. Spicer to  
come up immediately, and he promptly re-  
sponded to the request, bringing with him  
Dr. Scott, surgeon to the Grand Trunk Rail-  
way and those three gentlemen, with the  
resident physicians of this place, have been  
unremitting in their attention. Mr. Brydges  
is expected to arrive this evening.

An inquest was formally opened yesterday,  
but the Coroner (Dr. Burdett) only heard  
the evidence of Mr. Roddy; whose testimony  
was to the same effect as the statement he  
made to our representative. The enquiry  
will be resumed to-morrow (Monday) morn-  
ing. The fireman on the engine, whose knee  
was badly crushed, has had his leg amputated,  
and is doing well.

The following is the surgeon's statement of  
the killed and injured up to five o'clock this  
evening:

#### WOUNDED LYING AT BELLEVILLE:

- A. Dumas, Quebec, will recover.
- J. Dubois, Quebec, do.
- L. Moran, do., do.
- F. Leblanc, Three Rivers, do.
- P. Burkhie, Quebec, do.
- J. Ranson, Vandreuil, bad.
- W. Richard, Vandreuil, will recover.
- Joseph Razza, do., do.
- H. Trembley, St. Henri, do.
- A. Fournier, Octave, do.
- J. Trembley, St. Henri, do.
- H. Henderson, Trenton, do.
- Donald Cameron, Cumberland (on Ottawa  
River), doubtful.
- John MacLennan, Kingan, will recover.
- Antoine Materier, unknown, doubtful.
- J. Berthiennne, unknown, doubtful.

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were heard, mostly appeals by Reformers. A great many appeals were laid over, an adjournment being made until Oct. 14.

#### OFF THE TRACK.

A broken wheel threw a G. T. R. freight train off the track near Dundas on Sunday morning. One car was badly damaged and traffic was somewhat delayed. Passengers on the morning express were taken to the Falls and sent west over the Air Line.

#### VIOLATION OF THE CROOKS ACT.

The two charges against Henry Pearson for selling liquor during prohibited hours were

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