ACCIDENT TO A FREIGHT TRAIN

TWELVE CARS PILED UP ON THE E. & N.

Company Has Completed New Road About Wreckage and Line is Again Open.

On a curve on the line of the E. & N. this side of Parson's bridge, and before the high embankment near the Four-Mile house was reached, a heavy freight train was wrecked on Saturday evening. The cause of the accident has not been fully ascertained. An investigation has not yet been held by the company to determine this, but will probably be done very soon. At first it was supposed to have been due to the spreading of the rails, but railmen now incline to the opinion that it was more likely due to the breaking of the axle of one of the cars.

The train consisted of twenty-five cars. The engine and the four cars next to it remained on the track. The fifth and six cars were derailed, but the contents were not damaged. The cars left the trucks, and yesterday the freight was transferred to other cars and brought into the city. The first of these contained a consignment of sugar from Vancouver in barrels and sacks for Simon Leiser. The other car was made up of barrelled salt from the Windsor Salt Works in Ontario.

The next nine or ten cars were much worse damaged. They were thrown off the track and the rails twisted and torn out of place. The freight in the first of these cars was a mixed lot, containing a quantity of Sultana raisins, and also larger cases composed apparently of dry-goods. Among the consignees represented in the lot are Lenz & Leiser and G. Campbell & Co. This car was thrown absolutely clear of the track just where the embankment commences. The goods are not likely to be badly damaged except that some boxes of raisins were broken when the contents of the car were thrown out of it.

The next car was of coal oil, largely in tins. The consignees were S. Leiser and Wilson Bros. with a few cases for the Imperial Oil Company of Vancouver. This also was hurled over the embankment clear of the road bed. There will be considerable loss of oil, but it is probable that considerably over half of the shipment will be undamaged.

The next car took up a wonderful position. There appears to have been only a partial carload in it of St. Charles condensed cream and fancy soap. One of the cases bears the address of J. H. Todd & Co., apparently indicating that it was consigned to that firm. The front end of the car apparently stuck fast. Impelled forward by the weight of the train behind the car buckled, breaking in the centre as it piled up. The car stands with the two ends on the ground not more than ten or twelve feet apart, while the centre is about the same height in the air. A considerable quantity of the cases are destroyed.

This completed the box cars in the wreck. There remains either six or seven flat cars, which were loaded with wood and lumber. There appears to be five carloads of wood, one of lath and one of lumber, but at the office of the company only four cars of wood are reported. The embankment at that point is about fifteen or twenty feet high and the contents are spread over the whole of the slope. The frames of three flat cars lie close beside one another almost at right angles to the track. The trucks are twisted and broken and bunched up along side of where the track was, but which was wrenched out of place by the wrecking of the train.

The remaining cars composing the train were undamaged, and were taken back to the siding at Parson's bridge. Among these were several loaded with coal.

In the accident fortunately no one was burt.

A brakeman had a very narrow escape. He fortunately went forward to inquire as to the reason why the train had been stopped at Parson's. Had he not done so he would have been among the cars which were wrecked.

The train was moving at an easy rate, it is reported, as it had been flaged at Parson's, and was just getting well under way again when the accident happened. The train hands estimate that the train was not moving faster than eight or nine miles an hour.

No blame, it is understood, is attached by the officials of the road to any of the employees. On the contrary the wrecking of the train is regarded as one of those accidents which is liable to happen on any line.

The wreck interfered with traffic on the line only until to-day. Superintendent Goodfellow as soon as acquainted with the fact at once got together all the men who could be employed on the work, and began preparing for the opening of the track again. Work was continued all Saturday night and again last night with the result that trains passed the place to-day again.

Fortunately the derailed cars were piled in such a way as to facilitate the building of the line around them without removing all the debris. The accident took place on a curve. The first two cars were derailed just where the road was resuming a straight line again. These cars offered the greatest obstacle. Their contents were emptied and transferred to other cars, and then the cars were pulled out of the way.

All the other cars were tumbled over on the concave side of the curve described. New rails and ties were taken onto the ground, and a gang of men kept busy laying a new track on the outside of the old curved line described by the road bed. All the ballast available was transferred to prepare the new road bed so that to-day the line is in good shape.

The loss has not yet been estimated. It will be borne by the C. P. R. Company, which will restore the goods which are undamaged or bear the loss. The various consignees have been notified of the fact that they have goods in the wreck.

The scene was visited yesterday by a very large number from the city. Passengers on the line had to pass this point on foot, trains being in waiting to make the necessary connection.

THE WRECKAGE.

Main part of E. & N. railway wreck showing car of mixed merchandise, car of coal oil, car which broke in centre and wood and lumber comprised in train.

ANOTHER VIEW OF WRECK.

First cars which left the track in wreck, the contents of which were not damaged.

—"Next spring Capt. McCoskrie will have a small sawmill in operation at Hartley bay," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "The mill is already there, and with a little overhauling the plant will be in good shape. Next summer the captain will also go into the fish salting and curing business, the waters in the vicinity of Hartley bay being good salmon fishing ground during the season."

Methodist Sunday school orchestra, leader, Mr. Parfitt; Mrs. D. C. Reid, Mrs. J. B. McCallum, A. Steele, and T. Schroeder. Miss Bernice Scowcroft was accompanist and also played several piano selections during the evening. The following gentlemen were chairmen of the various committees which worked so energetically to make the affair a success: Programme, F. E. Clement; decoration, O. E. Finch; refreshment, E. M. Walker; reception, H. W. Pullen.

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Local News.

—A special class for a limited number of children in crayon drawing and oil painting will be opened for the winter months on November 11th at 21 Rae street. All particulars on application.

—The opening dance of the Victoria Married Ladies' Club will be held on Tuesday evening at Assembly hall. It will be under the management of Mrs. Simpson, and promises to prove a splendid success.

—Premier McBride has left for the interior of the province. He will proceed to Revelstoke, and before returning will visit Penticton, Kelowna and other points in the Okanagan and Similkameen districts. He will also tour the Lardeau and Boundary country.

—The annual meeting of the S. P. C. A. will be held this evening when His Worship the Mayor will preside. The annual reports will be read and it is expected that there will be some discussion on the lethal chamber and other matters pertaining to the society's work.

—The Victoria Mandolin Club will give a musical evening and concert in the schoolroom of the Congregational church next Tuesday evening. The proceeds are to go to the young people's contribution to the jubilee fund.

—The regular meeting of Victoria West Lodge, No. 26, I. O. G. T., was held on Wednesday evening at the usual hour. There were several visitors present from Triumph Lodge, No. 29. After the routine business had been transacted the members all enjoyed a "free and easy" time.

—A meeting of members of the Fernwood Young Men's Association was held last evening, when the basketball situation was discussed. It was decided that teams should be entered in all the local leagues, providing any were organized. In the meantime, however, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance. Business being concluded a general practice was indulged in last year's players performing in first-class form.

—Last evening about 6 o'clock some man entered the house of Napier Denison and got as far as the front hall, when the sudden appearance of a young lady from up stairs seemed to give him a great surprise. The lady had come down stairs to find out what a dog was making so much noise over, and she no sooner caught sight of the man than the latter rushed out and hurried away. Mr. and Mrs. Denison were not at home at the time.

—An important meeting of the High school cadet corps will be held to-morrow morning at the drill hall. Captain Michell will deliver a lecture on "The Crimean War." His address is expected to prove of particular interest, and will certainly be instructive, as the speaker was engaged in that campaign. All members are requested to attend in time to fall in at 10 o'clock promptly. On the same occasion arrangements will be made for a series of gallery shoots during the winter months.

—E. E. Blackwood, for many years in the railway and steamboat business of this city, has returned to Victoria after a season spent in the north, and yesterday succeeded C. E. Lang in the management of the local office of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the latter as previously reported having been transferred to Vancouver. Mr. Blackwood has two assistants, H. W. Lang, son of the former agent, who will look after the ticket department, and F. Dooley, who will be freight clerk.

—The fire department was called out just before noon to-day to extinguish a small blaze on the roof of a house at the corner of Pioneer and Blanchard streets. The shingles had caught fire, probably from a spark. The damage was slight.

—A new three story building on Government street has recently been completed for two Chinese societies. One of these is the local branch of the Chinese Reform Association, which has the distinction of being the first branch of the organization. The other half of the building is to be occupied by the Lung Kong Kung Shan, a Chinese secret society. The latter is now preparing to occupy the quarters and opening ceremonies are now in progress. To-morrow at 12 o'clock noon the formal opening will take place, followed by a grand banquet. Both divisions of the building are fitted up as stores on the ground floor. The Reform Association will devote their section to club purposes and assembling rooms for the meeting.

—The question of opening the new mission on Yates street was brought up at the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the president Mrs. Gleason occupied the chair. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements and it was decided that the opening should be marked by a reception in the afternoon and an entertainment in the evening, when a number of the local clergy will be asked to give addresses. The W. C. T. U. temperance service celebrated throughout the world, will be held in Victoria at the Metropolitan

—A large number gathered at the Y. M. C. A. building on Friday in response to a general invitation to attend an "at home." The association is admirably adapted for the purposes of entertainment and those who were present had an enjoyable time. One of the most popular features was a wall game arranged by Oswald Margison. Copies of well known advertisements were provided, the contestants being required to state which firms were represented. Charles Hopper won the prize with nineteen correct out of a possible twenty. During the evening a choice programme was rendered by the following, J. T. Croot acting as chairman: Metropolitan Methodist church on November 26th. Another subject of discussion at yesterday's meeting was the proposal to hold an entertainment in the near future which will be under the direction of Miss Underhill.

—A dispatch from Ottawa says: John Knarston, of Nanaimo, has been gazetted harbor master of Departure Bay, Nanaimo.

—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the choir of the Centennial Methodist church, assisted by some well-known singers, will give a concert in the schoolroom of the church, commencing at 8 p. m. The programme will consist of a number of glees, quartetts, duetts and solos. No charge will be made for admission, but a collection will be taken in aid of the choir funds.

—A special dispatch to Seattle from Nome Saturday says the whaling fleet is frozen in near the mouth of the Mackenzie river. Of the eleven vessels only about four are provisioned for the winter. Capt. A. J. Stone, who spent the winter of 1897-98 in the vicinity of the Mackenzie stated that there was no danger of the whalers starving.

—On January 1st the new flour rate from Pacific coast ports to the Orient will go into effect. Under the new scale of rates the companies after the beginning of 1906 will charge $4.50 per ton for carrying flour to all ports in Japan and China, excepting to Shanghai, which is $4.50 now. Rates to this port are always higher, because it is said to cost more to enter that city than any other in the Far East.

—At noon Saturday Mr. Justice Martin delivered judgment in three cases which came before him at the late sitting of the Supreme court for the trial of civil causes. In the case of Mellor vs. Mellor, where alimony was sought, His Lordship allowed $120 per year; in Crawford vs. Paxton, a decree nisi, annulling the marriage, was allowed, the style of cause to be amended; in Ah Sing vs. Jacobson, judgment was given for the plaintiff for $725.

—The appeal in Jackson vs. Drake, Jackson and Helmcken, which was dismissed by the Full court, was for a sum of $16,595, which the plaintiff appellant claimed as due him according to the terms of a document produced. It was held that the document could not be construed as constituting an absolute liability on the part of the defendant firm, and the appeal of the plaintiff was therefore dismissed.

—The closing days of the month of October were marked at the city treasurer's office by a rush of taxpayers anxious to pay the amount due by them to the city. This occurs each year, but does not indicate that the citizens of this city differ in any marked degree from those of other places in respect to taxpaying. The reason of the rush is in order to take advantage of the rebate allowed if paid before November. During the month of October, there was collected $287,064. This eclipses last year's record for the same month by about $8,000.

—In the monthly sewing machine drawing which took place at the Windsor Grocery on Friday afternoon, No. 3,625 was the lucky ticket, and on presentation of this coupon the B. C. Soap Works will be pleased to turn over the machine. There will be two more machines given away after the 1st of January. All White Swan Soap wrappers returned will be redeemed for valuable premiums such as books and pictures of all kinds, including a large assortment of works of art, jewellery, furniture, etc. The premium lists will be out shortly giving full particulars.

—All pastors, Sunday school workers and those interested in the progress of Sunday school work are earnestly requested to attend a meeting in St. Andrew's school on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Several speakers will address the meeting on the value of the work, and organization will be effected for the careful prosecution of the canvas throughout the city, which is to take place on November 26th. The Ministerial Association and Y. M. C. A. will render valuable assistance to this undertaking, and it is hoped that a very large number of workers will be present on Tuesday next.

—Something new and unique in the way of hotel advertising is being put out by C. A. Harrison, of the Hotel Driard of this city. Mr. Harrison has had several hundred pennants made, after the style of the well known college style. They are about four feet long, being about eighteen inches wide at the widest part and tapering down to half that width, end in two points. They are made of felt with letters of same sewed on. The main body of the pennant is of blue, with letters of gold forming the words "Hotel Driard, Victoria." At the widest end is a full width red triangular piece, on which in white letters is Mr. Harrison's monogram. Pieces of ribbon for tying up the pennant at the larger end, complete the design. Already many of these have been sent out, and it is the aim of Mr. Harrison to have one of these pennants in all the first class hotels in Canada and the western portion of the United States. They make a very pretty decoration for the hotel office.

—It has been decided to renovate the Tourist Association rooms, Fort street. First class accommodation will be provided for lady and gentlemen visitors, the different apartments being re-papered and made to look as bright and attractive as possible. In addition there will be exhibits of grain, mineral and fruit; a special feature being made of the latter. It will be constantly replenished with fresh specimens from different orchards, so that tourists may obtain a correct idea of the character of the fruit grown by the agriculturists of Vancouver Island. Secretary Cuthbert and members of the executive have a number of other improvements in mind which have not yet been definitely decided upon.

—On Saturday evening Bessie, the youngest daughter of Peter and Annie Merriman, passed away at the family residence, Cedar Hill road. The deceased was a native of Victoria district, aged 13 years and 3 months. The funeral is arranged for Wednesday afternoon from the residence at 2 p.m. and at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, at 2.15 o'clock, the interment taking place in Ross Bay cemetery.

—Winter hours are now in force at all local public schools, which open at 9.30 o'clock and closed at 3, instead of 3.30 as has been the custom during the summer months.

—A correspondent writing from Alberni says: On Hallowe'en the Presbyterian church members had a successful sale of work, folowed by a recherche supper, to which full justice was done by a large number of visitors. Mrs. Glasford, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Riddell were kept busy by their many customers for the pretty and useful articles exhibited. About $50 were realized when expenses were paid. The dolls dressed by the young ladies belonging to the church were a notable feature.

—The United States fishery steamer Albatross dropped anchor off the outer harbor yesterday. She left again to-day at noon for Tacoma. On board the steamer was F. M. Chamberlain, a naturalist of repute. Orders have been received by the steamer to operate in Puget Sound waters during this fall and winter. The Albatross has only recently returned from the north, where she ran on the rocks while making the new surveys for the government hatchery at Yess bay, and has just received repairs and new propellors.

—According to the News-Advertiser the charge of attempted burglary on the house of Alfred Adams, contractor, has been withdrawn by the prosecution. It is understood that the reason for the withdrawal was that Mrs. David refuses to give evidence, and it was felt to be useless to proceed without her. Kurtz is still held on the charge of stealing a bicycle, for which he was sent up for trial a week ago. He has not yet elected, but as he has been unable to obtain bail, it is quite likely that he will choose speedy trial.

—A. J. Dallain, president of the S. P. C. A., accompanied by Dr. Hamilton, began the new year of the organization by locating two cases of cruelty yesterday. Those responsible will be prosecuted if information can be obtained to convict them. In the one case a horse had apparently been turned out in the woods to die. In the other instance a cow had had a potato hook driven into its back. The cow dashed away, and according to the information which Mr. Dallain received it required considerable force to remove the prongs from the flesh. The wounds were examined by the two S. P. C. A. officers

—A special meteing of the Johnson street mission board is being held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this afternoon to make further arrangements for the opening of the new hall on Yates street.

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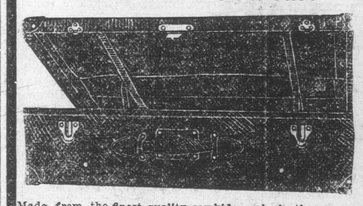

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It's a splendid bargain for $3.75, and if, after reception, you might think it otherwise, just return the skirt and get your money back. We supply them in lengths from 38 to 42 inches, and waistbands up to 28 inches. When sending your order, mention number V. T. 52. $3.45.

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This coat to measure, cloth well shrunk, best canvas used for staying, silk stitching on seams, with covered barrel buttons and fine mohair cord loops. Cut according to the latest style, full loose back. Body of coat lined throughout, including sleeves, with prime furred muskrat skins, well-matched and carefully sewn. Collar No. 1 grade Persian Lamb or selected dark Canadian Otter skins, in either shawl or lapel style, as shown in cut.

Order number, V. T. 50.

A Simpson Bargain, $47.50

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Why not buy a good warm Winter Coat now, when it is offered to you at a remarkably low price?

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