

BIG LOCOMOTIVES COLLIDE IN SPECTACULAR FASHION AT RICHMOND ST. CROSSING

Passenger and Freight Engines Meet Broadside at
Four o'Clock This Morning---Crews of Both
Trains Escaped---Locomotives and Cars Were
Badly Damaged---Wrecking Crew Cleared the
Tracks After Hours of Hard Work.

There was a spectacular head-on collision in the Grand Trunk yards just west of Richmond street this morning at four o'clock between mogul freight engine No. 626, in charge of Engineer J. C. Morris of Summit, and the fast westbound Sarnia way freight, No. 33, and mogul passenger engine 355, in charge of Engineer Dean, of Toronto, who was pulling in express, No. 37 from Stratford.

Both of the monsters were thrown completely off the tracks and fortunately struck the street railway tracks by a few feet.

Engineer Dean had a chance to see the freight coming before it struck his engine, and he and his fireman were injured.

Neither Engineer Morris nor his fireman were injured.

The engine plowed on for a couple of blocks and came to a stand-off the rails about 150 feet west of Richmond street.

THE ACCIDENT
Mogul 955 had just come in with a

long train of passenger coaches, and was stopping at the switch west of Richmond street when, it is stated, Crossing Watchman Delaney gave the westbound freight a "highball" to come on.

The big engine was tearing through the yards at about 25 miles an hour, and Engineer T. Morris, of Sarnia, who was in the cab of 636, did not notice that mogul 953 was foul of the switch.

MET BROADSIDE.

The locomotives met broadside with

The damage to freight cars is estimated by railroad men at several thousand dollars, while the damage to the freight engine will not be so great. The collision happened rather fortunately in so far as traffic was concerned, as all the trains were able to be run through on other tracks and then switched on to the main line.

**SURVIVAL
OF THE FITTEST**

The lighter engine naturally had to get out of the way, and the mogul freight engine lifted it as though it

JUST LIKE
STRAITFOORD REPAIR SHOPS.

The spokes in the driving wheels on the left-hand side of engine 935 were cracked on like sticks, even though they are four inches of solid malleable

The driving rods were twisted and torn off, and one side of the cab—the side on which Engineer Dean, of To-

**CONGREGATIONS CAN
PURCHASE ANNUITIES**

Government Act To Be Amended
to Benefit Pastors and
Missionaries.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Important changes in the Government annuities act are to be made this session, so as to ex-

As a result, certain classes, heretofore unable to avail themselves of the opportunities to buy annuities will be able to do so in future. For example, Mrs. Dyer and her husband, who was wounded to the bed, had not the strength to leave the burning house with her two small children, and a babe only 6 days of age.

congregations will be in a position to purchase annuities for their pastors, and annuities also may be procured for missionaries.

SYNOD OF HURON SECURES BIG SUM

\$18,000 Given Into the Treasury
From the Spragge
Estate.

What is expected to be the final judgment in the case in which the Spragge estate is involved was given

on Friday evening last, when Chief Justice Moss dismissed the appeal brought by the members of the Sprags family, with costs.

Mr. F. P. Betts represented the

Synod of Huron in the case throughout. It is unlikely that any further appeal will be entered, and it is probable that the synod will win.

The synod will receive about two-thirds of the estate or its round number.

charged with breaking the bylaw selling cigars on Sunday, was a journey for a week.

MR. W. D. REGAN

WAS RE-ELECTED

Organization Meeting of the Separatist School Board Held Last Night.

At the organization of the Catholic board of education held last evening Mr. W. D. Rogan, chairman for 1906, was re-elected for the coming year. Dr. P. J. Mullan was again chosen

from the estate of the late Joseph Bitterman Spragge, being the proceeds of the sale of certain lands in the township of Blehnelm.

The Judgment.

On the application, Chief Justice Meredith held that the devise of the Blenheim lands to the church societies as set out in the will of the late William Spragge was valid in law, and that the Synods of Toronto, and

Found Guilty. John Beach, the man accused stealing a watch and chain from his employer, appeared before Judge Beach's justice, and

other son of William Spragge, and
in E. Spragge, daughter of A. G. M.
Spragge, appealed.

