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DEATH OF THE STETKA FAMILY WAS NOT THE RESULT OF A CRIME

Detective Nicholas Power, Chief of Halifax, Police Makes a Statement

Claims That the Unfortunates Were Overcome by Smoke and Choked to Death Before Fire Reached Them---He Could Find No Trace of Crime.

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 27.—(Special)—Detective Nicholas Power, now chief of the Halifax police, has been making a thorough investigation into the Stetka case and today gave out the following important statements in regard to his findings in the case:

"I am here at the request of the attorney general to investigate the fire, and the suspicious death of the Stetka family.

"The jury, who made a most careful enquiry, said it was a very mysterious and suspicious matter and handed it over to the crown officer to deal with. The doctor's report says that other than burning they failed to find the cause of death. The jury and doctors in my opinion are quite correct.

"I have had some experience in investigating suspicious fires and their cause, and I have more than once come to a correct solution on the conclusion of matters of that kind. Very many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the fire, and the death of the Stetka family, and after a careful investigation I have arrived at the conclusion that no crime was committed.

"My belief is that the Stetka family were all asleep when a fire, of some mysterious way, occurred near the front door of the house and that Stetka and his wife, or one of them, awoke and discovered smoke in the house. They got out

of bed, after inhaling a large quantity of smoke, were overcome, lost consciousness, sank to the floor exhausted, and died before the fire reached them.

"The children died in their bed from the same cause. The bodies of the children were covered by the bed clothing and the bodies of the parents, not being so well covered, were burned to a crisp. The bodies of the children were not burned so much as they were protected by the clothing.

"A fire took place at Dominion No. 1 last night, which nearly reached the death of five people. The father, J. J. Burke, went to work in the pit at 11.15 banking the stove and seeing that everything was all right before he left. Half an hour later fire was discovered by Mrs. Burke, who was sleeping upstairs. When she awoke she was nearly smothered by smoke. She at once aroused the two girls in the next room and two boys in a room over the kitchen, above which the fire was, and found great difficulty in doing so. She was forced to pull them out of bed as they were nearly smothered.

"Now, if Mrs. Burke had been sleeping soundly, or had slept longer, and had been choked, as possibly the poor Stetka family was, then the whole family would have lost their lives.

"To my mind the fire of last night offers some explanation of the Stetka case."

PERKINS RIDES LIKE PRINCE IN NEW \$25,000 CAR

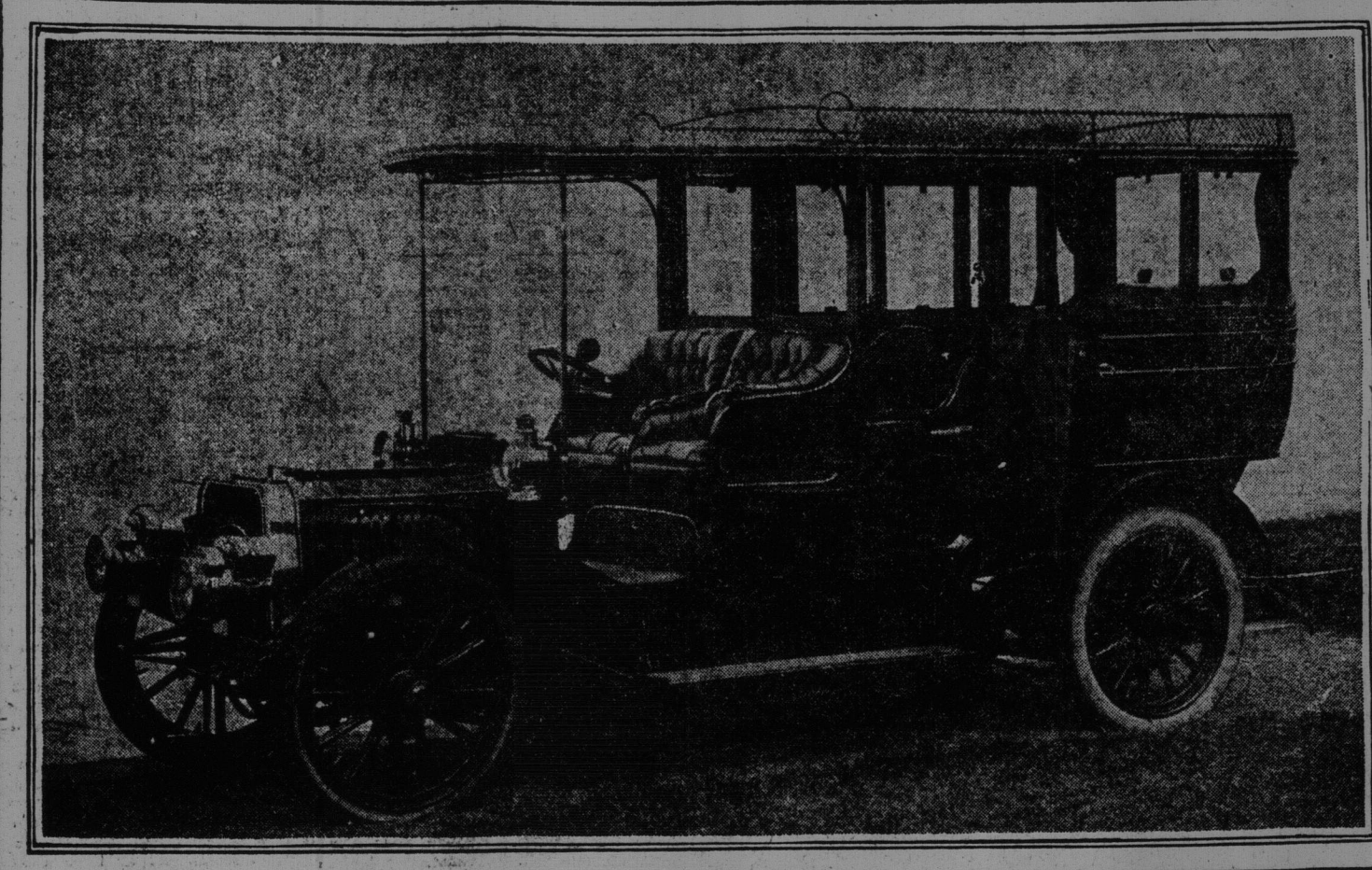


PHOTO BY G. W. PAGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—George W. Perkins, former vice president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, is today the possessor of the finest private automobile in the world. Every morning and evening he is carried to and from his country home in Riverdale, N. Y., in a machine which cost him \$25,000 in gold cash, and is surrounded by every convenience and luxury which money can make possible.

Seated in a reclining chair, he has at hand appliances which supply almost his every wish, and no Pullman palace parlor is ever fitted with the elegance contained in the interior of Mr. Perkins' automobile.

The man whose testimony at the legislative insurance investigation created a sensation has spared no effort to provide

himself with a car that, it is safe to say, will not be equalled or duplicated for several years to come, if ever. Pains have been taken by him to have installed features in automobile work which cannot be seen in any other machine in the world.

It would seem to the layman that to have a limousine body containing revolving chairs, a washstand, toilet cases, mirrors, electric lights, latent heaters, hat cords, parcel nets, leather pockets filled with various articles, a writing desk, and a cabinet containing smoking articles, left nothing to be desired, but besides all these things there is even a telephone at hand and an annunciator leading to the chauffeur's seat, so that the occupant of the car can be in touch with the driver at all times.

The annunciator is the special pride of Mr. Perkins. At the rear of the dashboard in front of the chauffeur are several small electric lights. Over each one is a silver mounted label bearing instructions of various kinds, such as "more speed," "slower," etc. By pressing a button in the interior of the car the lights are illuminated and signify that certain directions are to be carried out. If some special order is to be given there is the telephone, the receiver of which is shaped like a horn and is situated close to the right ear of the driver. Even the softest tone spoken in the transmitter can be heard by the chauffeur, enabling the person inside the car to go wherever he wishes without having to exert himself to any further extent than a simple telephone call.

The interior of the car is upholstered

with the finest Moroccan and Spanish leathers, specially imported. The mouldings are of ebony with a carmine strip. Even persons can be accommodated in the car, although the stationary seats are made to seat but nine. There are two folding seats however, which can be used if necessary, and even then the car is not crowded. There are four revolving seats in the interior. In front there are two seats.

The car is guaranteed to be able to make a speed of eighty miles an hour if necessary, and can run as low as ten miles. It has two speeds forward and two reverse and is well fitted with every up-to-date mechanical appliance known. It is guaranteed to last twenty-five years without needing any extraordinary repairs.

MINISTER TALKS OF THE I. C. R.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson in City Today from Moncton

SUBURBAN RATES

He Says I. C. R. Rates Will Be Brought to C. P. R. Standard, but No Higher—St. John and Its Port Requirements—Minister Had Busy Morning.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson arrived this morning from Moncton and will leave for Ottawa this evening on the C. P. R. Mr. Emmerson said he was not here on any particular business, but took advantage of his being in Moncton to come here and meet some of the business men and members of the Board of Trade relative to harbor matters. He wished to familiarize himself with the requirements of St. John for increased harbor facilities, so when the subject of the nationalization of ports came up before the house he could present the claims of St. John, and would be in a position to talk intelligently on the subject.

During the morning he had a conference in the car with the president of the board of trade and business men interested in harbor improvement, and this afternoon he will continue the matter.

Regarding the increase in suburban rates on the I. C. R. he said it was his desire to make the rate as low as possible for like traffic on the C. P. R. Heretofore the residents along the line of the I. C. R. had been given a good service and he intended to continue to give them the best service possible, but to do this and make a paying proposition it was necessary to increase the rates.

According to the schedule submitted to him, he said, the rates were the same as charged on the C. P. R., and it was not their intention to increase any more than that. He thought if the suburban residents were to receive a good train service they should be willing to pay the same rates as are being charged for like distances on the C. P. R. Speaking of the deduction by fire of the car shops at Moncton, Mr. Emmerson said: "While the loss is, of course, a heavy one to the I. C. R., yet it is not so serious as it at first seemed. The machine shop can be put in workable shape almost immediately. A new engine will be installed at once, and as many of the machines were not seriously damaged, we can proceed with repair work."

"Some of the buildings only had the roofs burnt off, and these will be repaired temporarily so that the work can be carried on."

"A building will be erected immediately for repairing and painting the cars, and I hope that by fall we will have the erection of modern permanent shops well under way in a suitable location."

"We expect that, with the installation of modern up-to-date machinery, the work will be carried on so much more economically that the loss sustained by the fire will not amount to much."

"Nearly all the men are employed in clearing away the ruins or in building operations, and it will only be a short time before everything will be running in good shape."

Mr. Emmerson was asked regarding the statement attributed to him in a dispatch from Ottawa on Saturday last regarding an investigation of the canal in Ontario. "I never," he said, "to point out the course with the department of canal as I have with the I. C. R. I am endeavoring to get the facts there as in the Intercolonial."

"Many people think the Intercolonial is about the worst thing that has happened in the history of the country, but it is not as bad as it has been pictured."

Miss Hazel Hall returned from Fredericton today.

SIX HUNDRED MEN OUT YET

I. C. R. Employees Walking Streets in Moncton—Foresters Trying to Identify Jones' Body.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 27.—(Special)—Between six and seven hundred I. C. R. employees are still walking the streets and about one hundred are working clearing away the debris today. The boilers were found to be very little damaged and are again ready for use though the engines will need much repair. It will be some days before power can be obtained for the machine shop. The Robt. Engineering Co., of Amherst, is loaning the I. C. R. a hundred horse power engine and this will be installed at once.

Temporary shops will be put up at once.

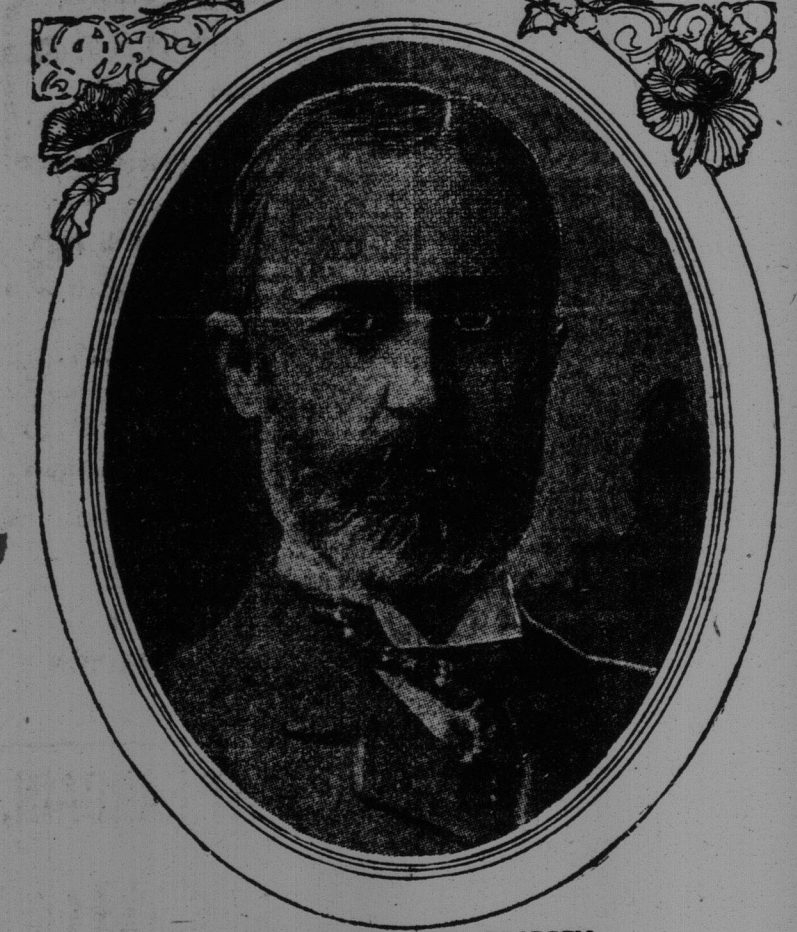
The remains found in the ruins, believed to be those of Abraham Jones, were taken to the family residence yesterday and will be buried tomorrow.

der the auspices of Court Moncton, I. O. Foresters, of which deceased was a member. Jones had \$1,000 insurance in the Foresters in favor of his wife but the Foresters are having difficulty in identifying the remains and one of the requirements of the Foresters is that the remains must be positively identified by the officers of the court to which the insured belongs. In face of the fact that only a few bones and the skull, practically reduced to shreds were found the difficulty of the Foresters to positively identify the remains can be readily seen. Some articles found beside the bones were identified as belonging to Jones.

The location of the proposed new I. C. R. shops is a question agitating the citizens. Deputy Minister Butler, while here yesterday took a look at lands near the old trotting park and other sections. The railway recently purchased a block of land at the west end of the I. C. R. yard taking in the old tannery. It is not improbable that this location may be decided upon.

The Dominion Coal Co. operates nine kilns, one of which has the largest coal shaft in the world. These kilns are distant from Sydney 9 to 15 miles, but Sydney is the chief shipping point. The company have over 8,000 employees on their payroll. The quantity of coal in the area is used in this company's lease is estimated to be 2,115,891,310 tons.—Shipping, Illustrated.

PEABODY DENIES TRUST INFLUENCE



Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, declares: That neither H. H. Rogers nor any other Standard Oil man has tried to influence the Mutual's policy under his administration.

That Mr. Rogers, not by any means of communication, hinted at any particular course to pursue.

"That Mr. Rogers, to avoid even the appearance of exerting influence, has remained from calling upon Mr. Peabody

at the latter's office in the Mutual Building.

That the Mutual will urge the selection of Joseph H. Choate as counsel to the Trusts committee.

That Mr. Choate's suits against the McCurdys will demand the refund of \$100,000 campaign contributions and of Rich and A. McCurdy's liabilities on his salary account.

That impractical requests were cunningly interpolated in the blanket requisition which will be submitted to Mr. Choate for decision.

ST. JOHN COUNTY COURT WAS OPENED TODAY

The county court opened this morning. The petit jury are as follows: Reverend Steven, Stanley Cook, John Hannah, William Hattfield, David Watson, Michael Higgins, William H. Myles, Peter McIntyre, Sanford H. Byles, Hugh Ryan, Barzilla Vanwart, James Quinn, A. Wellington Girdling, M. Douglas Austin, Jas. D. Morrison, John Seaton, Harry H. Mott, Harold Chimo, Charles L. Bustin, Joseph Dalzell, James H. Wales.

The civil docket is as follows: Appeal from the court of Joe. Mason justice of the peace: D. R. Jack vs. Leigh B. Freeze, Daniel Mullin, K. C. for appellant.

Non-Jury: Murray vs. Clark. Ring vs. Clark. Waring vs. Mayer. Toombs vs. Sayer.

Bastardy: The King on information of Bertha Stephenson vs. Robert Johnston.

The King on information of Mary Perry vs. Stephen Daley.

Ida Burns was admitted to bail on \$100.

The adjournment case comes up tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The first non-jury case will be dealt with in chambers on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock a. m. The three remaining cases will come up at a time to be seen.

The benchy cases stand over until the next sitting of the court.

Rivers, J. Fred Shaw, skip. R. H. Redd, H. G. Barnes, F. McLean, driver, A. Malcolm, skip. J. F. Gregory, J. R. Thompson, D. R. Willett, W. J. Shaw, skip.

Evening: Dr. McLaren, A. W. Sharp, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Jas. Mitchell, skip. F. D. Myles, W. J. S. Myles, S. W. Palmer, W. A. Shaw, skip. C. J. Milligan, Frank Watson, J. L. McAvity, J. S. Malcolm, skip.

All the above mentioned members are requested to meet at the club rooms this evening.

Afternoon: J. A. Sinclair, J. W. Cameron, W. N.

J. S. Harding went east on the noon train.

WILL PLAY IN FREDERICTON

Thistle Curlers Will go to "Celestial City" Tomorrow.

The following rink of Thistle curlers will leave tomorrow morning for Fredericton, where they will play the curlers of the "Celestial City" tomorrow afternoon and evening:—

Dr. McLaren, A. W. Sharp, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Jas. Mitchell, skip. F. D. Myles, W. J. S. Myles, S. W. Palmer, W. A. Shaw, skip. C. J. Milligan, Frank Watson, J. L. McAvity, J. S. Malcolm, skip.

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ON ANOTHER TIME.

The temperance federation, the temperance and moral reform committee and Inspector Jones had Admiral Glasgow before them this morning.

It appears that the Ludlow strayed again from the path of rectitude last evening and isolated on visiting the Navy Island bar. Had the thing been done quietly it would not have excited so glaring a lapse on the part of the Ludlow, but she brazenly went there and stayed for forty minutes, while hundreds of scandalized people looked on in mingled sorrow and amazement.

Inspector Jones stated this morning that he had listed the Ludlow as an interdicted immediately after her last jamboeree, and members of the federation and reform committee testified that she had conducted herself with propriety until last evening.

They were all at a loss to account for her unexpected and unbecoming conduct, and therefore summoned Admiral Glasgow. It was perfectly clear that if this

sort of thing were to continue the people on both sides of the harbor would be in danger of being driven to drink. For a man is not like a horse. You can drive a horse to the water but you can't make him drink. If you take a man to the bar he develops a thirst.

Admiral Glasgow said he had given much thought to the most unfortunate weakness of the Ludlow, and feared that the trouble was constitutional. She was built in Ontario before the local option campaign had made much headway, and had doubtless come honestly by her fondness for leaning against a bar. He asked that she be given one more chance.

After much discussion the conference decided to do so. It was respectfully noted by several speakers that the piling at the entrance to each ferry slip had a very uncertain gain, and sometimes seemed on the verge of falling down. This was no doubt one result of a bad example, and it was decided to ask the ferry committee to take some action. It is said that a Christian man sometimes counts four or five pieces of piling where there is only one,

and this is no doubt due to the baneful influence of the Navy Island bar, which does not appear to be under the jurisdiction of the license commissioners nor at all afraid of Inspector Jones.

The Ludlow is quite sober today, but experience dirty spells, which are no doubt the result of last night's carousal.

THEY WANT JAMESEY.

Mr. Jamesey Jones has been approached by a delegation of prominent citizens who have asked him to become a candidate for one of the vacant seats on the council. It is his great ambition to serve the citizens of St. John, and this caused him to consent to be a candidate for the city council when the thought occurred to him that he ought to do so. The city council will be dealing in millions when the senate is meeting an adjournment for three weeks, or trying to remember what he made for the day.

The charges against the Ludlow, therefore, that it's Jamesey for the council, and a foul for the senate.

MAY JIMMEAU GETS SIX MONTHS IN HOME

Four prisoners faced the magistrate in police court this morning.

May Jimmeau, a girl about 15 years of age, was arrested by Officer Charles Ritchie on Water St. last night. The charge against her was walking the streets at night and not giving a satisfactory account of herself. This morning, Miss Jimmeau said she left her home in Chatham and came to this city last Friday. She went to James Brennan's hotel and asked for work but was refused. She declined to tell what she then did so Magistrate Ritchie thought it advisable to send her to the Home of the Good Shepherd for six months.

One drunk who was arrested last night and who promised to leave the city today was allowed his freedom.

Patrick Brennan was arrested last night on a charge of using insulting and abusive language towards Jas. Brennan proprietor of the Union Hotel, Union St.

James Brennan swore that the offense was committed yesterday. As the prisoner was under the influence while in court the magistrate remanded him until to-morrow to sober up.

Mrs. John McCarthy, of North End, this morning swore out a warrant for the arrest of her husband who she said had abused her and would not permit her to take charge of her child.

Mrs. McCarthy stated that she was married last August and ever since her marriage, she has been unable to get along with her husband.

Last Friday when she asked him for a little money she says he caught her by the throat and commenced choking her. Mr. McCarthy denied the charge and asked for a postponement of the case until this afternoon when he would secure witnesses. He was sent back to jail.

SPOTTER ON STAND

Witness in Liquor Case Says Rev. Mr. Colter Gave Him Money to Buy Brandy.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 26 (Special)—The case of a local druggist, charged by Rev. J. J. Colter with violating the Canada Temperance Act, was taken up in the police court today. George Crandle, of Brookville, Carleton County, swore that he had purchased a flask of brandy from the defendant's store on February twentieth. He admitted he was a professional spotter and had been employed by Inspector Colter to procure evidence against liquor dealers in Fredericton and York County. He was to receive ten dollars for every conviction but no price was agreed upon for city cases. Rev. Mr. Colter gave him money to purchase the liquor. Part of the liquor was sold to a man named Jones, who purchased he drank himself and took the balance to Carleton County and treated his friends. The defendant denied that he had sold Grand emire any liquor. The case has been postponed until tomorrow.

AN OLD TIMER

Old Shore Line Railway Engine Consigned to the Scrap Heap

A relic of olden days that is of much interest to railway men, is a Shore Line Railway locomotive that at present rests in the I. C. R. yard near Mill street. It is one of the kind built about 30 years ago and bears an old fashioned funnel topped smoke stack. The engine has lost its usefulness and has been sold to John McGladrick for junk. On the side of the tender the following pathetic sentence has been inscribed:—"Push me home to Russell Sage, New York."

However, this appeal is likely to go unheeded, and the old bunch of junk will all probably be broken up.

MARITIME EXPRESS IN COLLISION AT NEW MILLS THIS MORNING

Freight Special Fouled Switch and Maritime Struck her---Freight Cars and Express Engine Derailed and Damaged but no one Hurt.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 27 (Special)—The Maritime express was in a slight collision at New Mills this morning with a freight special going west. Conductor Decker's special was in a siding at New Mills and they were doing some shunting. The train lacked up and fouled the switch. The Maritime came along and the engine collided with the special, four cars from the van. The freight cars were derailed and more or less smashed, some being completely disabled. The express engine was knocked off the rails and badly damaged. The baggage car of the

Maritime express was also derailed, but the other cars remained on the rails and were not damaged.

No one was injured. Driver George Anderson was in the cab of the express engine and the train in charge of Conductor A. McCallan, of Campbellton.

The Maritime express slowed up in time to avoid what might otherwise have been a disastrous wreck. As the result of the collision the Maritime express will be six hours late arriving here. Number two express from St. John was sent out to Two on number 34's time.