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STONEY CREEK,
ONTARIO.

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Railway Accident at Hamilton,

N. Y. EXPRESS THROWN OFF THE TRACK.

Fireman Killed Driver not expected to Recover Three Cars Burned

By Telegraph from our own Correspondent at J

HAMILTON, Sept. 17

Number ten, New York Express, going east, ran off the track at Stony Creek at 2:30 this morning, the switch having been left open. The engine and tender fell into the road from the bridge, killing the fireman, William Mason. The driver, Samuel Jackson, has lost his legs below the knees and cannot live. Two baggage and one passenger car left the track before running to the bridge and were consumed by fire along with the baggage. The fireman's body is burned to a crisp. The passengers and train crew escaped. Doctors Bullen, White, McKelcan, and Doctor Brevere of New York were soon on the spot to render assistance. A Coroner's jury were empanelled by Dr. White.

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The accident was caused by the switch having been left open by the brakemen of the Chicago Express. There is a regular appointed switchman residing on the spot, but unfortunately he had to give up duty on Monday last owing to sickness, and in his absence it becomes the duty of the Conductors of trains to see that the side switches are opened and closed, the front brakeman opening, and the rear brakeman closing the switches. In this case the rear brakeman got on his train without closing the switch, and it is reported that the Company have arrested both brakemen of the Chicago Express.

The driver and fireman were two noble fellows; for instead of jumping off the engine, they both stuck to their posts, thereby sacrificing their lives in the discharge of their duty to save the passengers, as the brake fellows had reversed the engine, and the breaks were close down.

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