

HAMILTON JUNCTION

MAY 23, 1927

Canadian Pacific, Dundurn Street Roundhouse Hamilton, the morning before Victoria Day, 1927. Two engines; CPR 2029, a E class 4-6-0, and 3696, a N class 2-8-0 were given the assignment of running a freight north to Guelph. The doubleheader backed down to the Aberdeen yards and coupled on to their freight. The freight lugged off through the TH&B wye, back of Dundurn Street, the slowing under the High Level Bridge they approached the CPR- CNR crossover at Hamilton Junction, This shouldn't be a problem for they were headed north. The green signal told them to proceed. While the signal was set for the CPR, the switches were set for the CNR. The doubleheader unexpectedly swung towards the CNR line and both engines overturned flat on their sides. It was 8:30 AM. The engines fell over onto the Canadian National double track line, between Hamilton Junction tower and the Desjardins Canal, thus tying up traffic of both major railways