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Locomotive and gravel cars derailed near Paris after rear-end collision Wednesday evening.

Freight Crash Near Paris Blocks Main Line of CNR

The main line of the Canadian National Railways near Paris was still blocked today as railway crews from Hamilton and London worked to clear the wreckage of two freight trains which collided about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

It was expected traffic would be resumed late today.

Twelve cars and a locomotive were derailed and about 400 feet of track were ripped up, causing damage estimated at \$400,000.

A 45-car train loaded with gravel, eastbound out of Paris, rammed a stationary freight train which was preparing to move into a half-mile east of the town.

The crash occurred at a point between two signal blocks, on a curve which restricted the view from the west.

The locomotive and 12 cars of the loaded train jackknifed off the rails, blocking both east and west lines.

Traffic was rerouted via Stratford.

Engineer Harold Stephenson and Fireman H. Wallace, both of London, escaped without injury.

Cranes and work crews from London and Hamilton were brought in to clear the wreckage of the third train mishap in seven weeks on a 60-mile stretch of track.

A railway official said last night's wreck was similar to the one which occurred recently at Dorchester, west of Woodstock.

The loaded train was bound for Mimico. The locomotive plunged into the ditch on its side, with the front end burrowed into the ground. The tender came to a halt straddling the eastbound rails.

The buckled freight cars were piled up like logs, and wheel carriages were scattered over a wide area.

The crash drew hundreds to the scene to watch the clearing operations.

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Service Renewed On C.N.R. After Sixteen Hours

After 16 hours of fevered work by a crew of 150 men, service was renewed at about noon on Thursday on the Canadian National Railway lines after a double train wreck here last Wednesday evening.

At first, trains moved at a snail's pace along the area of track that had been torn up when a freight loaded with gravel ran into a switching freight about half a mile east of the town.

On Friday, service was held up again for a short period while the

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