

## 7. Accidents, Summary, Canadian Railways.

The following has been compiled from *Wreck! Canada's Worst Railway Accidents*, by Hugh A. Halliday, Robin Brass Studio, Toronto Ont. 1997. The book records and describes accidents with 10 or more fatalities.

LOCATION	DATE	CAUSE	KILLED
Baptiste Creek, Ont.	October 27, 1854	Collision w ballast train	52+
Desjardins Canal, Ont.	March 12, 1857	loco axle fracture, derail on bridge	60
Beloil, Que.	June 29, 1864	open swing-bridge	99
Shannonville, Ont.	June 22, 1872	loco leading truck derail	34
Komoka, Ont.	February 28, 1874	on board fire	10
Yamaska, Que.	September 28, 1875	sabotage timbers on track	10
Toronto High Park, Ont.	January 2, 1884	head-on collision, misread timetable	29
St. Thomas, Ont.	July 15, 1887	T-bone collision w tank car	17
St. George, Ont.	February 27, 1889	driving wheel lost tire, derail on bridge	10
Hamilton, Ont.	April 28, 1889	fast running? engine jumped track	18
Craig's Road, Que.	July 9, 1895	rear end collision 2 excursion trains	14
Victoria, B.C.	May 26, 1896	tram car - bridge collapse	55
Murray Hill, Ont.	November 15, 1898	head-on collision, missed red signal	11
Wanstead, Ont.	December 26, 1902	head-on collision, despatcher error	28
Sand Point, Ont.	February 9, 1904	head-on collision, forgotten orders	13
Azilda, Ont.	September 12, 1906	head-on collision, brake failure	12
Vancouver, B.C.	November 10, 1909	runaway timber flatcar, tram car	15
New Westminster, B.C.	November 28, 1909	wash-out	22
Spanish River, Ont.	January 21, 1910	derail on bridge	43
Queenston, Ont.	July 7, 1915	run-away trolley car	15
Brandon, Manitoba	January 12, 1916	rear-end collision, poor visibility	19
Onawa, Maine	December 20, 1919	head-on collision, misread orders	25
Drocourt, Ont.	March 20, 1929	head-on collision, forgotten orders	17
Capreol, Ont.	June 26-27, 1930	2 wash-outs	15
Dundas, Ont.	December 25, 1934	rear-end collision, human error	15
Albert Canyon, B.C.	March 2, 1936	snow slide, run-away loco tender	16
Almonte, Ont.	December 27, 1942	rear-end collision, inadequate signals	37
Dugald, Manitoba	September 1, 1947	head-on collision, disobey orders	31
Canoe River, B.C.	November 21, 1950	head-on collision, incomplete orders	21
Hinton, Alberta	February 8, 1986	head-on collision, ignore signals	23