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TWO ENGINES WRECKED: SIX CARS BURNED

FREIGHT WRECK ON THE GRAND TRUNK NEAR YORK STATION.

One of the most devastating freight wrecks which have ever occurred in the neighborhood of Toronto happened early yesterday morning on the Grand Trunk, just east of York Station.

Three engines were in the smash and two of them were badly damaged, while half a dozen freight cars were telescoped and bulged in the subsequent blast. No person, however, was injured.

On the tracks outside York was a stationary freight a little distance east of which stood a light engine, No. 586. The through freight from Lindsay was expected at any moment, so a flagman was sent up the line to stop it. He had got a few hundred yards down the track when, rounding a curve, the heavy freighter appeared, double-headed. He flagged her energetically, and the foremost engineer immediately applied his brakes signalling to the rear engineer. The train, however, was made up of about thirty cars, principally laden with stone and ice, and so great was its weight, that the momentum carried it forward despite the brakes.

With locked wheels, emitting a steady stream of sparks, the heavy freight bore down on the stationary engine with whistles open and the crew, seeing that a smash was inevitable, jumped to safety.

Though its speed had been reduced to six miles an hour, the train had sufficient way on it to drive the boiler of the foremost locomotive, No. 2,703, through its tender and into the front of the rear engine, No. 2,035, and smash the first car, which, in turn telescoped the first six cars, one of which was loaded with steel rails, and acted as a battering ram. The stationary engine was hurled forward and demolished the caboose of the foremost freight.

The wrecked cars caught fire and burned for several hours, despite the efforts of the local fire brigade. The track was blocked for about three hours.

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