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# RAILWAY WRECK.

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Collision on the Grand Junction Branch.

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TWENTY PEOPLE INJURED.

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A Passenger Coach Struck by an Engine.

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NO DEATHS IN THE WRECK.

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A Narrow Escape from Destruction—  
The Names of the Wounded—Details of the Accident.

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BELLEVILLE, May 19.—Word reached the city early yesterday morning that another accident had occurred on the Grand Trunk, this time on the Grand Junction division. The news soon spread and as usual when there is so much confusion the account of the number killed and wounded was greatly exaggerated. The pitch-in happened at Corbyville, about four miles north of the city, and the news was at once flashed over the wires. THE GLOBE correspondent was in a very few minutes on his way to the scene of the disaster. An auxiliary train was hastily made up at the G. T. R. depot and despatched to the scene of the wreck in charge of Mr. John Bell, Q. C., Solicitor of the Grand Trunk. He was accompanied by D. Gunn, Agent, and Drs. Tacy, Kukius, Willson and Farley. In the meantime all sorts of rumors were afloat, but the minds of an anxious people soon became easy when it was authoritatively stated that the accident was not as bad as reported at first. About twenty were injured more or less, no deaths having yet occurred. The fortunate escape of so many people was cheering news indeed.

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The pitch-in occurred at Hayden's Corners, about a hundred yards south of where the gravel road crosses the railway. When THE GLOBE reporter arrived the victims were strewn about on the grass and in the hotel and other houses about. Many of them, while not seriously injured, had not recovered from the shock, and at first it was impossible to converse with them. There is a high embankment where the accident happened and until within a few feet of the cars one could scarcely tell what was the cause of the calamity. On drawing closer, however, it could easily be seen what was the matter. There was locomotive No. 7 almost hidden from view in a passenger coach. The smokestack had been knocked down, and the engine telescoped the passenger coach, which contained fifty-five passengers. The tender remained out, but that was all. The passenger coach remained intact as far as could be seen. The top and sides were still there, but inside the benches and floor had been smashed into kindling wood. The sides of the car had been slightly bulged out and down through the opening some passengers tumbled, while others were forced up to the roof of the car and were there wedged in so tightly that it is a miracle how so many escaped a terrible death. The accident was caused by a timber train of twelve cars pitching into the Madoc passenger train in charge of Conductor Kerr. The latter train was half an hour late and was just moving slowly out of Corbyville when the timber train bore in sight. The latter was not observed by any of the train hands on the first train, but Engineer W. Rodgers, of Lindsay, in charge of the timber train, as once saw the danger and reversed his engine. The train was a heavy one and could not be easily managed once it was under way. On it came, overtaking the passenger train, slowly but surely. Just before the crash Fireman Thompson jumped to save himself. Rodgers remained at his post, and with his hand on the throttle plunged into the car filled with passengers, who were unconscious of their terrible

jured.

JAMES FARLEY, right leg crushed.

MARGARET VINCENT, Foxboro', arm hurt.

MRS GOULD, scalp wounds.

MRS. W. FRENCH, internally injured.

A. RYAN, horse buyer, Montreal, both legs hurt and three ribs broken.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, Foxboro', right leg broken.

STEPHEN TUFT, of Tuftsville, skull cracked.

MRS. WILLIAM BRETT, Foxboro', left leg broken.

MRS. THOS. MARTEN, Foxboro', both arms broken.

A boy named Clapp was badly injured.

MRS. STEWART, mother of the section boss, was hurriedly taken away in a stretcher. Her injuries are not given.

WILLIAM HOLLAND, farmer, Huntingdon, injured internally, left leg broken, face scalded.

MRS. KAIN, Madoc, knees fractured.

MISS SINCLAIR, Scotland, who was on a visit to friends, had a terrible experience. Her clothes were torn completely from her body in the crash. She received wounds on the head and will probably die.

MRS. HARRIS, Madoc, knee injured.

MRS. FRENCH, arm broken.

MRS. ASHLEY, head and chest injured.

JOHN KINGSTON, legs hurt.

The inside of the car is smashed to kindling wood and the end of the baggage car splintered. Many of the wounded are at the hospital, and with the exception of three or four are doing well.

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School work.

**Belleville.**

**BELLEVILLE, May 21.**—The result of the investigation by the Grand Trunk authorities into the cause of Saturday's mishap is that the conductor, engineer and brakeman of the timber train have been dismissed. Robt. Good, one of the injured, who was taken home, was to-day brought to the hospital for treatment. Two more names of persons slightly injured have been discovered, namely, Jay Farley, jun., of Thurlow, and John Walsh, Sidney. The condition of the patients shows a decided improvement.

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