

ENGINE JUMPED THE TRACK

Plunged Into River and Engineer and Fireman Drowned.

A despatch from Vancouver says: The engine and tender of Great Northern train No. 274 left the tracks on the New Westminster side of the Fraser bridge about 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and plunged into the tide. A sound of seething water was heard as the big locomotive went to the bottom. Though the train was traveling slowly, the engine failed to take the points at the curve, or the switch had been left open. The locomotive left the tracks and pulled the train along with it for some distance, smashing the woodwork and twisting the steel rails.

At the junction point of the tracks to New Westminster and

Vancouver the immersion occurred. There the water is deep, and a trace of the engine could be seen. George Zigweid, the engineer, and the fireman, who is an extra man just gone on the run, and whose name was unknown to the train men, were drowned.

The train, according to witnesses of the accident, was traveling at its usual rate of speed across the bridge, when she struck the half open switch. The points of the switch were broken, and the engine and tender were derailed. The engineer reversed his engine and applied the air brakes, but the momentum of the train carried along until the engine plunged down the open space.

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