

THE CARLETON SENTINEL

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Awful and Fatal Accident

As we go to press the report comes that the down train from Edmundston on Thursday morning, consisting of an engine and nine cars, went through the bridge at Grand Falls. We are unable to get telegraphic communication with the Falls and therefore cannot learn particulars. It is said that the only persons who escaped with their lives was Conductor Henderson, Engineer W. Mathews and a passenger, name unknown. A train has just left here with Dr. Hand on board for the scene of the disaster.

June 30, 1900

Railway Accident

When going to press last week, the town was excited to the utmost tension over the report of a fearful railway accident at Grand Falls, attended with loss of many lives. It was then impossible to learn any further particulars than that the train had broken through the Grand Falls bridge, and that a special train had left Woodstock with Drs. Hand and Kiersteid for the scene of the disaster. It was not till next day that anything like a correct account of the calamity reached here and then it was learned that the results were not so severe as at first stated. The wrecked bridge is about a mile above the falls. The accommodation train consisted of engine and tender, seven freight, a passenger and smoker car. When the second span from the west side was reached it suddenly collapsed, and the engine and tender and seven freight cars plunged into the water, while the passenger car hung over the pier, the front end resting on the sunken freights, the smoker remaining on the bridge. The engineer and fireman went down in the cab, and how they relieved themselves and got to the surface is a question they can't answer themselves. Clinging to some debris they were enabled to reach the shore. In the passenger car were a Miss Kierstead, of Machias, Me., James McKenna, traveling passenger agent of the C.P.R. Horace I. Smith of St. John, J. O'Neil an Englishman, Dr. Clarence Kirkpatrick of Woodstock and Conductor Henderson. When the car went over the seats were broken from their positions and sliding forward carried the passengers with them to the front end of the car. Mr. Smith was severely

bruised, O'Neil was also badly bruised, Kirkpatrick escaped with some cuts and an awful shaking up, Henderson was considerably injured, while McKenna fared worse than the rest having his arm broken and receiving severe internal injury, Miss Keirstead was fortunate enough to escape with but trifling hurt.

As soon as the news reached the head office St. John, Gen. Manager Timmerman, Mrs. Smith, wife of the injured man, and friends of the other injured parties, and competent nurses, left and hastened by special to the Falls. Mr. Timmerman, Supt. Newcomb and in fact all the railway officials exercised themselves to the utmost to render the positions of the unfortunate victims of the accident as comfortable as possible.

The latest news from the injured ones are that they are doing well.