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Train Goes Through Grand Falls Bridge

Falls 75 Feet into 15 Feet of Water; Two Will Possibly Die

(Special dispatch to the Daily Times)

Caribou, Me., June 20—The through C.P.R. train from Edmundston to Aroostook Jct. of seven freight cars, two passenger, and one baggage car, broke through the second span of the Grand Falls Bridge over the St. John River this morning. The whole train went into the river. Conductor Henderson was hurt and a commercial traveler named Hiram Smith of St. John was injured seriously. General Passenger Agent McKenna of the C.P.R. had his shoulder broken and was internally injured. J. O'Neill, engineer, was seriously injured. The train was heavily loaded with passengers from the graduation exercises at Vanburen College. It is believed that Engineer Smith will die and there is little hope that Henderson will recover. It is thought several others are seriously injured. The bridge is 75 feet above the bed of the river. The water is 15 feet deep. The engine and freight cars were piled up in the river, passenger coaches standing on end upon the wreck. The engineer and fireman went to the bottom of the river with the engine, but in some way managed to extricate themselves and cling to the wreckage until picked up before they were swept into the current of the falls half a mile below the bridge. Wrecking trains have been sent to the scene of the accident.