

The Canaan Train Wreck - September 15, 1907
Postcards taken after the crash

The Two Engines



The passenger engine coming from Quebec is on the left. Boston & Maine's freight is on the right.

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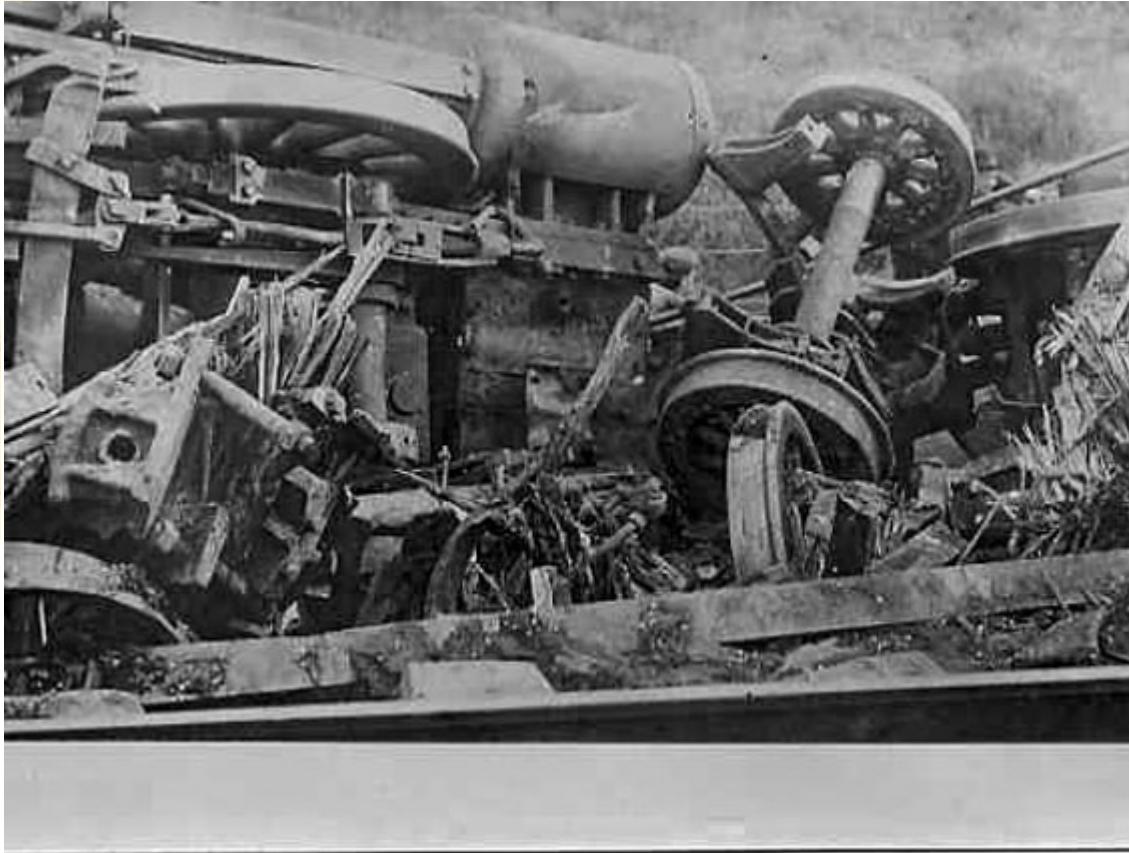
The Passenger Engine



"General View of Wreckage Showing Quebec Passenger Engine No. 780"

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Underside of an Engine



Looking down from the tracks the photograph shows the underside of the passenger engine.

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Gawking and Salvaging



The news of the crash spread, and people came from all over to see the crash, to collect souvenirs, and for some, to collect materials that had been scattered from the fractured freight cars.

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Passenger Coaches



Almost all the injuries and deaths occurred when the small baggage car slid inside the first passenger car.

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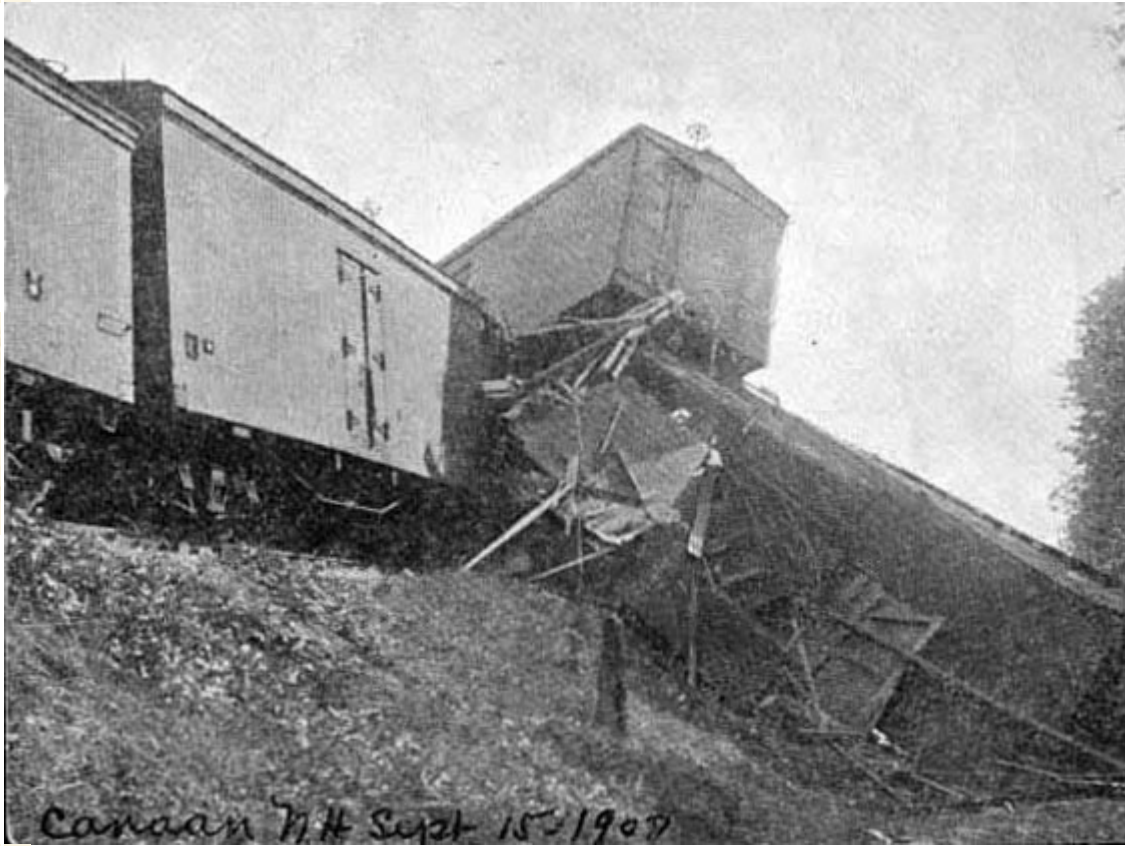
Telescoped Cars



The baggage car telescoped through the passenger car, crushing successive rows of passengers like a giant piston. Twenty-six people were killed and an equal number were badly injured.

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Box Cars



Nine of the wooden box cars in the freight train were destroyed, scattering cornmeal and high quality printer's paper over the track.

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Crowds Assembled



Next to gawking at the destruction, posing for pictures next to it seems to have been the highest priority.

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Posing for Photographs



Even after the tracks were cleared so trains could come through, the accident site was drew spectators and photographers.

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