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Log Jam Assigned as Cause of Washout at Bridge Which Caused the Run-off-Section Foreman Hiram Wade Expressed the **Opinion That Temporary Track Could Have Been Laid in** an Hour to Enable Crane to Make Attempt to Lift Engine or Tender-Other Evidence Contained Little That was New.

The inquest into the deaths of the scene of the accident. Above this Driver Frank Gillis and Brakeman dam, a short distance three jam-piers John Estabrooks which occurred on and two shore abutments were built rakemen of the same train, Dr. J. A.

Macintyre who previously had given evidence and William A. Estabrooks brother of one of the dead men. Temporary Track Suggested.

The facts brought out were practic-ally the same as those previously pubished but in greater detail. Wade expressed the opinion that a temporary track could have been laid in an hour and from it an attempt made to lift the engine or tender with a crane. The opinion also was expressed that the washout which caused the un-off was the result of a log-jam which formed on jam-piers in the river which were built recently, it for-merly being the custom to hold the ogs farther up the river. The inquest vill resume Tuesday night.

Phone 423

Hiram Wade.

Hiram Wade called and sworn,

I reside at Penniac, I am employed by the Bridge and Building Depart-ment C. N. Railway, have been an emloyee of the C. N. R. since 1900, with ployee of the C. N. R. since 1900, with the exception of three years and eight months, when I was in the Canadian Army. I remember the morning of the 10th. of May inst. I was on my way to Penniac Station to catch the "Whooper" to go to Durham, where I am working, when I heard of the wreck. I at once turned about and pro-ceeded towards the scene of the disas-ter. This was between 6.30 a. m. and 7 a m L live about on mile above 7 a. m. I live about on mile above where accident occurred. I was ac-companied part way to the wreck by John and George Moore, my son Lem-uel, 17 years old, and Charles Grasse. Grasse went with me to the scene of

the disaster When I arrived at the scene I found the engine, tender, and two box cars on the west side of the bridge, and I was told that John Estabrooks was under the wreckage. I went down and talked with him, and he asked me if I could do something to get him out. I told him I had just arrived and would see what I could do. At that time Mr. Nash and his boy and some others upon in a heat trying to find others were in a boat, trying to find out how Estabrooks was caught. Isreal Nash had reached down in the water until he could feel the top of Esta-brook's boot. At that time I did not make any effort to release him, but later made some suggestions as to the best way of getting him out. His brother, W. A. Estabrooks, asked me if the forward engine was thrown off the wing wall would it not release

10th inst when the engine of the during last winter season. The logs C. N. R. freight for Newcastle plung- came down and formed a jam on these ed into the Nashwaak River at the ap- piers, and in my opinion this jam was proach to a bridge about two miles the direct cause of the fill at the rail-north of Marysville, was continued at Marysville Thursday night before Dr. B. M. Mullin of Devon, coroner. The witnesses examined were Hi-ram Wade section foreman, Walter S. Long, conductor of the wrecked train, her. In my opinion this could have Daniel Mountain and Miah Osborne, been done in half an hour, but this was not done I saw Dr. Macintyre there when I ar-

rived at the scene. At that time Estabrooks was conscious and I heard him ask someone "to get a saw and cut my leg off." I saw Dr. Macifityre administer stimulants. Cross-examined by J. B. Dickson.

This cross-examination forth no new evidence excepting that he had seen Dr. Ross on the scene, and that he did not see Dr. McNally.

Dr. J. A. Macintyre. Dr. J. A. Macintyre was re-called, and in response to a question from the coroner stated that Estabrooks died about 9.20 a. m., immediate cause of his death being exposure and not

Walter S. Long. Conductor Watler S. Long was the

next witness called. On being sworn he stated as fol lows: I am a Railroad Conductor, em ployed on the C. N. R. for the past 25 ears. I reside at South Devon. I remember the morning of May 10th inst. I was in charge of Train No. 644, a regular scheduled train from South Devon to Newcastle. We left South Devon at 4.50 a. m., with Driver Frank Gillis, in charge of the engine, Clifford Hughes as fireman, Miah Ob-borne, Daniel Mountain and John T. Estabrooks as brakemen. We arrived in Marysville and after discharging freight, we left there about 5.30 I was just sitting down to my desk in the van when I felt a shock which threw me to the floor. As soon as I recovered, I rushed out of the car to-wards the front of the train, where found the engine, tender, and two car loads of pulpwood over the bank on the easternside of the railroad. Beng unable to proceed further on that side of the track, I crossed over the train and went forward. I found the engine lying with the forward part of the wing wall of the fill, and the cab in the water, the tender was sitting at right angles to the engine, and two car loads of pulpwood resting against the tender. I could not see anyone on account of steam, as I approached the engine, I saw Fireman Hughes crawl ing out. He informed me that he was

scalded. I asked him where Engineer Gillis, and Brakemen Estabrooks were and he stated that he did not know. My next move was to the telephone, in company with William Estabrooks. went to James Peterson's to tele-phone, and although I tried for some him from his position. I said that we with the despatcher. I left that tele phone and went to Miles Spencers? time, I could not get communication



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til some of the officials arrived. I suggested to a number of the men standing by, that the end of the engine might be raised sufficiently to clear Estabroks from the water.

About this time the auxiliary ar-rived and T. Murray Brewer, Wrecking Foreman, took charge. A line was fastened to the end of the engine to the crane, and another line was fastened to a tree on the opposite side of the railroad, but no strain was taken on either line. For first twelve years of my employment with the C. N. R., I I went down to where Estabrooks was was employed on a section, three summers as foreman of section. My dutmers as foreman of section, ky dur-ies as foreman consisted of, super-vising repairs to the railroad, and see-ing that it was kept in safe condit-ion. In case of storms and in the spring weather, it is usual to patrol the road before any trains pass over. The water in the Nashwaak was very high on May 10th. but I have seen it higher. The present rallway bridge was built six or seven years ago, I think. The piers of the bridge are to Marysville Station and telephoned think. The piers of the bridge are built of concrete, on either side there is a wing wall or retaining wall, to support the fill. I helped to build the trestles for the fill, I think the fill was made of stone and ordinary bal-last, but did not work at it myself. Bred Condon was the Inspector of this last, but did not work at it mysell. Fred Condon was the Inspector of this bridge when it was built. I have seen the water higher in the Nashwaak, but not since this bridge was built. A wooden bridge, which occupies the site of the present railway bridge was because some men were working

reiterated statements made to the coroner. With reference to logs in the Nashwaak, Mr. Wade stated that in former years it was customary to hold the logs above the Covered Bridge, this was done by the aid of five jam-piers. The new concrete dam at Marysville is about one mfle below

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where I got in touch with spatcher, and told him of what had happened and asked that assistance be rushed to me. I then returned to the wreck. I think the accident oc-curred about 5.40 a.m.

Asked to Have Leg Cut Off. After telephoning I returned to the wreck, and met Brakeman Mountain, who told me that Estabroks was living, but caught in the wreckage. I and found him in the water, with his head and shoulders above water. He knew me, and said, "Walter I am caught and cannot get out, get a saw and cut my leg off, you can do it quite easily." I replied, "Jack, I will do the best for you." At that time, there was no one there but the Brakemin and I, and not knowing that there was a Doctor in Marysville, and fearing that the train might be rushed out withto Marysville Station and telephoned again. I remained there, 'until the site of the present railway bruge was gine, but no strain was taken on in swept away by high water about 25 because some men were working around Estabrooks trying to release him, they having asked not to pull on it for fear it would upset the en-Cross-examined by Mr. Peters. In this cross-examination, Mr. Wade reiterated statements made to the draw bar coupling between the engine

the Marysville Yards. Concilctor Lon also told of the line being attached to the tree, and passed over the top of the box car, but no strain was taken on this line. Estabrooks died at 9.15 . m.

Cross-examination.

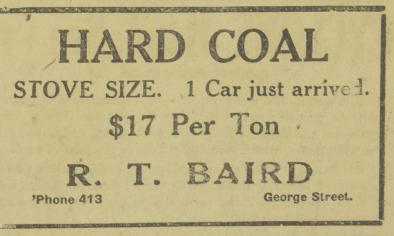
Cross-examination by Mr. Peters and Mr. Dickson elicited nothing (Contrates on page 4)

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