

Train Crashes

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into the ditch. There were five or six I think. Maurice Fortin, another who jumped, and I went to help some of the others we saw in the ditch. Parts of flesh and broken bodies were on the tracks. I didn't stay there long. I went home. My mother was glad. I was very lucky.

Shaken by the worst disaster in its history, this sorrowing French-Canadian town prepared today to bury its dead as police and special investigators sought to establish the cause of a level crossing tragedy that crushed out 22 lives and left nearly a score of injured, one probably fatally.

Vauge were main details of the crash that occurred when a 60-car freight train, roaring through the night on its way to Montreal, smashed into a big farm truck carrying home more than 40 men and youths from a Friday night political rally at neighboring St. Justin.

Survivors from Canada's worst level crossing accident provided little helpful information. No one seemed to know just what happened. Five boys, accompanying their elders to the traditional "contradictory" meeting, flung themselves into the ditch only seconds before the truck lumbered into the path of the fast freight. But they could not say what made them jump. They heard only cries of "Don't pass! Don't pass!" Then they leaped.

The crumpled truck, in flames, was in the ditch when the youths recovered from momentary daze. Seventeen-year-old Fernand Tousignant said he heard no crash; saw nothing.

First Recollection

The first thing he heard were groans from the dying and injured. His mild voice quivered as he retold how he had heard "some of the poor ones mutter, 'Oh, Mon Dieu, Oh, Mon Dieu.' He and other survivors helped to carry out the broken bodies from the ditch and farm field where they had been tossed, as if by an explosion. One man was decapitated. "Parts of flesh and broken bodies were all down the tracks," the lad said. And hours later, men working in a drizzling rain, were still gathering up human remains and even broken parts of skulls.

Even Albert Ricard, the youth who rode in the cab with the truck driver, Edmond Houle, could give no details of the crash. In hospital at Three Rivers, where most of the injured were taken by car and ambulance, he told through his swollen and lacerated lips how he had regained consciousness to find doctors and nurses working over him.

"Houle and I," he said, "were the only ones in the front seat. I can't tell you what happened. I saw nothing; heard nothing and really don't know what happened." He grimaced as he spat blood. "I remember passing a car on the highway just a minute before we crashed. But nothing is clear to me."

Garage and hot-dog stand attendants dragged him from the flaming cab. But Houle was dead, his clothing afire.

May Also Die

Probably the toll would be increased to 23 was indicated by doctors, who said 25-year-old Edouard Lesrenie, of Mont Joli, had failed to regain consciousness and had no chance to recover from a fractured skull and broken bones.

All day reports circulated that the deaths had reached 25, but Coroner Dr. Thomas Caron and hospital authorities at Three Rivers said the list of fatalities remained at 22.

Two of the most seriously injured,

Leo Pompert, 40, and Bertrand Levesque, 19, had shown "remarkable progress," hospital authorities said, and now had an even chance for recovery.

Preliminary inquest was opened yesterday at the scene of the crash and was adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon. But police, provincial authorities and railway officials continued their separate inquiries.

Prepare For Funerals

Meanwhile, the town, in mourning, prepared for the long series of individual funerals, starting this morning and continuing Tuesday.

It was a sad Sunday. All churches were crowded by townsmen, many of whom wore black armbands. And they grieved as one family. There was the steady stream of visitors and friends to homes of the victims. Each street had its bereaved group, marked by crepes and wreaths tacked on the doors.

The rain had cleared but there was a dark sky which added to the gloom. Horse-drawn hearses, carrying caskets and pough boxes were about the only vehicles on the narrow streets. Everywhere people spoke in subdued voices and the silence was shattered only by the pounding of hammers from the little mill where every available carpenter had been summoned to help fill the emergency order. Many caskets were brought from neighboring towns and Montreal, 75 miles west of here.

Hard to Realize

On the southern outskirts of the town where the crash occurred, crowds, many of them United States tourists, still stood along the railway right-of-way. The visitors appeared amazed when told 22 had perished in the wreckage. It was hard to realize disaster had struck so heavily in so small an area. Most of the debris had been piled beside the fire-scarred cab and chassis, all that was left intact. On top of the heap were the mismatched shoes and parts of clothing picked up. A half dozen socks were there. Many of the dead were picked up from the swampy ditch with no hose nor shoes. A man's trouser pocket with a key and a couple of coppers was picked up nearly 1,000 feet down the rails.

But the truck itself was tossed only about fifty feet. It was struck in the centre, just behind the cab door, knocked around to the opposite way and shoved into the steep ditch, its radiator within ten feet of the rails. The broken rear rested in the long wet weeds.

Most Tossed Clear

Most of the bodies were tossed clear. The driver's clothes were afire when members of the train crew and the garage men arrived. They tried to free him from behind the steering wheel. But he was dead and they passed on to others.

Limbs were gathered from the ditch and from down the right-of-way. It was difficult to mate sections of the bodies and most of the caskets were kept closed in the respective homes.

THE DEAD

LOUISEVILLE, Que., Aug. 17.—Following is the coroner's official list of the 22 men and boys killed in the crossing accident here early Saturday:

Roland Hubert, 21, Louiseville. Adrien Legris, 16, Louiseville. Jean Jacques Juneau, 15, Louiseville.

Armand Paul, 25, Louiseville. Elphege Baribeau, 18, Louiseville. Edouard Labonne, 24, Louiseville.

Florian Lafreniere, 19, Louiseville. Domina Lefebvre, 27, Maskinonge.

Bertrand Sicard, 15, Louiseville. Maxime Gelin, 57, Louiseville.

Fernando Bellemare 18, Louiseville. Emile Bourassa, 19, Louiseville.

Bernardin Paquette, 21, Louiseville. Edmond Houle, 55, Louiseville.

Emile Landry 17, Louiseville. Albert Bastien, 23, St. Justin.

Oneil Quessy, 16, Louiseville. Abraham Philibert, 50, Shawinigan Falls.

Maurice Fortin, 25, Louiseville. Jean Baptiste Bastien, age unknown, Louiseville.

Marcel Berard, 2, Louiseville. Henri Paul Sicard, age unknown, Louiseville, brother of Bertrand Sicard.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hickson, of Fredericton, announce the engagement of the oldest daughter, Verna Irene, to Charles Gunter Hoyt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoyt, of Fredericton, Marriage to take place September 1st.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. O. I. Cruickshank left yesterday for Charlottetown, P.E.I., where they will spend two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. W. Niles and Mr. Niles.

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The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Whitney will be glad to know that she is now on the way to recovery from the severe operation at Victoria Hospital last week.

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Miss Gladys Gregory of Saskatoon, Sask., who has been visiting in the city, left yesterday on her return to that city.

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Miss Margaret Hall has returned from New River Beach where she has been spending a short vacation with her friend Miss Edith Smith of New York.

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Miss Marjorie Macreadie and Miss Sara Burpee are spending a short vacation at the Bras d'Or Lakes in Nova Scotia.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Macreadie, of Shediac were week-end visitors to the city.

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The Misses Reta and Nora Cain are guests or relatives in Saint John.

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Miss Mary Barker, Miss Lucille Bourque of Lynn, and Miss Mary Neville left this afternoon for Bathurst where they will be guests for a few days at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. H. W. Melanson.

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Miss Edna Felsing, student nurse at Victoria Public Hospital Training School for Nurses, who has been taking a three months' course at the East Saint John County Hospital, has completed her course. Miss Felsing has been spending a vacation at Blackville.

Writ Issued

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to be imprisoned there and the said defendant, Adams, informed the plaintiff that the plaintiff would be imprisoned in the said Home of the Good Shepherd for the space of two years.

(5) That the plaintiff while so imprisoned in the said Home of the Good Shepherd was compelled to submit to indignities and treatment the same as persons committed to the said home after having been convicted of some crime or offence, namely, being bathed and combed and compelled to wear an inmate's uniform and to take a new name and the plaintiff while so imprisoned was compelled to associate with such persons who had been so convicted and were confined in said home after conviction as aforesaid and by reason thereof.

(6) That the plaintiff was able to obtain her release from the said Home of the Good Shepherd only after counsel learned in the law had been retained on her behalf and had given notice to the defendants that legal action would be taken to obtain the plaintiff's release unless plaintiff were otherwise discharged from said imprisonment as aforesaid. Thereupon plaintiff was discharged from said imprisonment after having been imprisoned in the said home for three days.

(7) as a consequence of said arrest and imprisonment plaintiff suffered great mental agony and her reputation was injured and plaintiff was put to the expense of obtaining her discharge from said imprisonment amounting to \$25.

Plaintiff claims \$10,000 damages. Signed Peter J. Hughes, plaintiff's solicitor.

To J. Starr Tait, K.C., Esq., solicitor for the defendants, the City of Saint John; W. Arthur I. Anglin, Esq., solicitor for the defendant, Earl A. McBrien; Messrs. Gilbert and McGloan, solicitors for the defendant, Annie M. Adams.

Delivered the 11th day of August, A.D., 1936.

A reunion of the descendants of Samuel Bunker as held on the grounds of Merton Bunker, Rusiagornish, Sunday afternoon. Samuel Bunker was a pioneer who walked from his home in Gouldsboro, Maine, in 1820 and was the first white settler of Rusiagornish. Among the descendants present were the Hon. Edward C. Moran, Jr., member of Congress, from Rockland, Maine and Mrs. Moran. Mr. Moran is writing a genealogy of the Bunker family and while here collected considerable data. Over sixty were present from various parts of the province and the United States. The 28th Annual Reunion of Gouldsboro Bunkers will be held in September and a number of the New Brunswick Bunkers are planning to attend. The Bunkers are a very old family. They originally were from Nancy, France—the name originally was Bon Coeur. They were Huguenots first migrating to England and later some of them came to the United States. Among those present were Miss Alice E. M. Bunker, F'ton, Miss Emma E. Bunker, Boston Mass.; Mrs. Murray Patterson, F'ton; Mr. and Mrs. D. Higgins, F'ton; Dan Higgins, Jr., F'ton; Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Rusiagornish; Ivan Alexander, Rusiagornish; Mrs. Herbert Noble, Tracyville; Mr. and Mrs. Chas., Noble, Tracyville; Constance Noble, Tracyville; Dawn Noble, Tracyville; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Noble, Tracyville; Lillian Noble, Tracyville; Mr. and Mrs. George Bunker, Tracyville; David Bunker, Tracy; Frank Bunker, Tracy; John C. Tracy, F'ton Junction; Marvin Harrison, F'ton Junction; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bunker, Rusiagornish; Percy Bunker, Jr., Rusiagornish; Evelyn Bunker, Rusiagornish; Karl Bunker, Rusiagornish; Mrs. Chandler Bunker, Rusiagornish; Mrs. Elbridge Bunker, Rusiagornish; Miss Dora Bunker, Rusiagornish; Miss Grace Bunker, Rusiagornish; Miss Gertrude Bunker, Rusiagornish; Wendall Bunker, Rusiagornish; Lionel Bunker, Rusiagornish; Clarence Bunker, Rusiagornish; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bunker, Rusiagornish; Elsie Bunker, Jr., Rusiagornish; Betty Bunker, Rusiagornish; Joan Bunker, Rusiagornish; Zellan Bunker, Marysville; Wesley Harris, Marysville; Mrs. Winslow Mersereau, Tracyville; Dona Mersereau, Tracyville; Dorothy Mersereau, Tracyville; Arnold Noble, Tracyville; Merton W. Bunker, Miss Ethel Bunker, Rusiagornish; Arthur Bunker, Earle Bunker, Winslow Mersereau, Vernon Mersereau. The original settlers who came from England in 1628 were the three brothers Jas. Bunker, who settled at Dover, N.H., George Bunker at Charleston, Mass., and William Bunker at Nantucket. It is interesting to note that George Bunker settled on the original site of the present Bunker Hill Monument.

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Professor F. W. Harrison and son Alexander left this morning on a motor trip through Nova Scotia.

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Mrs. Hedley Bridges, who has been spending the past six weeks at Jacques River, returned home on Saturday. Mrs. Bridges left this morning for Sheffield where she will spend a couple of weeks at the old Bridges' homestead with Miss Clara Bridges.

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Mrs. Jack Lawlor, Moncton, with her small daughter Joyce is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Irvine, Devon.

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Dr. W. C. and Mrs. Kierstead and Professor E. M. Kierstead and Mrs. Kierstead left today for a motor trip to southern New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

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Mrs. Paul Barry with her small son Jerry of New York, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. O'Brien at Nelson, N.B.

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Chief Justice J. H. Barry and Mrs. Barry left this morning by car for Halifax where they will attend the Canadian Bar Association convention. They were accompanied by their son and daughter, C. R. Barry and Miss Molly Barry.

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Mrs. Lottie Lawrie with her daughter, Mrs. George Littlehales, and Mr. Littlehales of Windsor, Ont., are guests of Mrs. E. B. Young at her home on York St. Mrs. Lawrie is a former resident of the capital and sees many improvements in the city since her departure.

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Miss Edith McLeod entertained at bridge on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Kay Shea. The guest prize was won by Miss Shea and first prize winner was Mrs. B. J. Jones of Thorold, Ontario.

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Blizzard O'Leary

The marriage of Miss Georgina Myrtle O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George O'Leary of New Maryland, to James Douglas Martin Blizzard of Victoria Mills took place on Saturday night. The ceremony was performed at Christchurch Parish Church by Venerable Archdeacon A. F. Bate in the presence of immediate relatives. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was dressed in brown crepe with hat to match. Miss Frederica Blizzard and Frank E. Boole were the witnesses and the young couple will reside at Victoria Mills.

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Quebec Electors

(Continued from Page One) with Sunday meetings from one end of the province to the other.

Premier Adelard Godbout, to whom Hon. L. A. Taschereau handed over the leadership of the Liberal administration which has ruled the province for 39 years, tomorrow seeks endorsement of his government and its revised programme.

Maurice Duplessis and his Union Nationale, composed of Conservatives and former Action Libérale Nationale adherents, has asked the electorate to turn out the Liberals, in power here since 1897, and give Union Nationale the mandate.

Union Nationale has a full complement of 90 candidates in the field. Liberals have only 88, for they did not oppose two Independent candidates known to be friendly to the administration. There are 12 Independent Liberals and four Independent Union Nationale candidates. Conservatives have two official candidates and one Independent Conservative. Three candidates describe themselves merely as "Independent." Communists put three men in the fight, Labor and Co-operative Commonwealth Federation one each. The other man is running as "People's candidate."

The election picture is far different from that presented last Nov. 25, when Hon. L. A. Taschereau's Liberal government was sustained by a narrow majority. Electors then sent 48 Liberals to the Legislature, but one was prevented from taking his seat because of court action over his election.

On the opposition side of the House sat 16 Conservatives under Conservative Leader Duplessis, and 26 members of Action Libérale Nationale, a group of insurgent Liberals led by Paul Gouin. Mr. Duplessis, by terms of the alliance, was official leader of the united opposition of 42.

The session opened March 14, and closed abruptly June 11, when Mr. Taschereau resigned and turned over the premiership to his youthful minister of agriculture, Hon. Adelard Godbout. During the present campaign Union Nationale speakers charged the Liberal government halted the session during the budget debate because they feared further revelations of the House's public accounts committee inquiry into government departments. The government charged the opposition with causing dissolution through refusing to vote funds to carry on ordinary government business.

ISSUE SCHOOL PERMITS

Commencing today, permits for pupils to enter school were issued at the office of the School Board at the High School building. Issuance of permits took place from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock noon and also from two o'clock until four o'clock. On Saturday permits will be given out from 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock.

Farmers

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The advance in farm prices since the drought became a major market influence about six weeks ago has been sensational. From June 15 to July 18, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said farm prices showed the greatest increase for any thirty-day period since August, 1934. At mid-July, when prices were lower than they are now, the general level of values, the bureau said, was the best since September, 1930.

Prices Are at Peak

During the past week, 1936 peak prices were established for virtually all major farm commodities—wheat, hogs, corn, rye, oats, barley, eggs, butter, potatoes, cheese, lard and soy beans. Corn sold in some cases at the highest level since 1929. Wheat was the best since July, 1933. Eggs and butter futures sold the highest since 1930.

The Department of Agriculture placed cash incomes of farmers for the first six months at \$3,291,000,000 compared with \$2,956,000,000 the corresponding period in 1935, and estimated the drought probably would raise the price of the farmers' output much higher in the last half of the year. Included in farmers' income this year were \$171,000,000 in benefit payments compared with \$286,000,000 in similar payments the first half of 1935.

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