

Accidents

Analysis of Grand Trunk Lines October, 1922 to May 9, 1923.

In many cases accidents to motors at highway crossings over railways are due to the negligence of those driving cars. This negligence is to be found both at unprotected and protected crossings. The Grand Trunk lines from October 1922 to May 1923 show 54 cases where there was danger at protected crossings due to the negligence of those using the crossings. All but four of these cases were due to the carelessness of motor drivers. Notwithstanding safety devices and cautionary signals, people take chances and disregard safety. Motor accidents are becoming more frequent. Every sane motorist deplors this. If accidents are to be lessened, the sane motorist must educate the culpably negligent motorists; some of these actions are recorded in the following list from the Grand Trunk returns :-

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Nov 9 1922	1440	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	219-296 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Nov 9 1922	1445	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	78-106 Ont	Did not heed stop signal and passed in front of yard engine.
Nov 9 1922	1450	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	203-763 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.
Nov 9 1922	1545	Queen St	75-060	Got on track when one gate down; finally had to back up.
Nov 10 1922	1205	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	203-577 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Nov 13 1922	1155	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	75-682 Ont	Did not heed stop signal and passed in front of yard engine.
Nov 16 1922	1025	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	202-561 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Nov 16 1922	1050	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	186-231 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Nov 23 1922	0827	Main St	C-13-638 Ont	Ran in under gates while they were down for yard engine.
Nov 27 1922	1040	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	33501 Que	Did not heed stop signal.
Dec 12 1922	1445	Booth St between Ottawa and Wellington	203-650 Ont	Not heeding stop signal
Dec 15 1922	1145	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	75-019 Ont	Not heeding stop signal and passing in front of yard engine.
Dec 15 1922	1535	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	C-12-209 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.
Dec 18 1922		Booth St between Ottawa and Wellington	75-731 Ont	Attempted to cross in front of engine.
Dec 22 1922	1000	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	77-651 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.
Dec 22 1922	1045	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	75-632 Ont	Not heeding stop signal and crossing in front of yard engine.
Jan 9 1923	1155	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	5-382 Ont	Not heeding stop signal
Jan 10 1923	1130	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	32706 Que	Not heeding stop signal.
Jan 10 1923	1550	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	215-482 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.
Jan 28 1923	1400	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	218-492 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.
Fev 6 1923	1530	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	73-027 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.

Feb 23 1923	0920	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	72-904 Ont	Not heeding stop signal.
Mar 27 1923	1620	Bronson Avenue	73-642 Ont	Ran into gate.

The Canadian National lines from May 21 to September 21, 1923 show 38 cases.

The Board hoped the press will give as much publicity as possible to what is covered in the statement, with the hope that it will educate motor drivers to be more careful at crossings.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Apr 28 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	C.7.570 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Jun 5 1923		Queen St.	75-339 Ont	Ran through west gate while lifting.
Jun 7 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	C65-378 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Jun 23 1923	1500	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	78-362 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Jun 23 1923	1510	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	76-109 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Jun 29 1923		Echo Drive	77-082	Did not heed stop signal.
Jun 30 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	76-671	Did not heed stop signal.
Jun 30 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	101-197	Did not heed stop signal.
Jul 2 1923		Echo Drive	73-029	Did not heed stop signal.
Jul 11 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	73-557	Did not heed stop signal.
Jul 11 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	157-536	Did not heed stop signal.
Jul 26 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	73-312	Did not heed stop signal.
Sep 4 1923	1450	Queen Street	77-444 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Sep 8 1923	1520	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	80-460 Ont	Did not heed stop signal.
Sep 21 1923	1515	Queen Street	80-419 Ont	Ran into gates breaking same.

A similar analysis was carried out for CPR lines from January 8 1923 to December 1, 1923 which showed 55 cases.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Feb 16 1923	2110	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates.
Apr 3 1923	1907	Chelsea Rd, Hull West.		Ran through lowered gates.
June 6 1923	1510	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through lowered gates.
July 13 1923	1519	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	C-14098 Ont	Ran through lowered gates.
July 31 1921	1510	Wilson Street, Perth		Drove on crossing while electric bell ringing.
July 31 1921	1520	Wilson Street, Perth		Protected by electric bell. Tried to cross in front of train.
Aug 14 1923	2050	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	O.79-680	Ran into lowered crossing gates.
Aug 17 1923	1145	Bridge Street, Ottawa	13384	Ran under gates being lowered for an approaching train.
Aug 24 1923	1230	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Q.43308	Ran through lowered gates.
Sep 6 1923	0020	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through lowered gates.

Canadian National Railways lines from September 29, 1923 to March 24, 1924 show 20 cases.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Oct 5 1923		Booth St (cnr Britannia)	248-882	Passed in front of engine paying no attention to watchman.
Oct 6 1923		Mile 7.4 Beachburg sub	C.7.572	Passed in front of train 401 and as struck.
Oct 13 1923	1650	Queen Street, Ottawa	247-592	Ran into gates.
Oct 20 1923	1430	Queen Street, Ottawa	73-202	Ran past the watchman at 25 mph.
Nov 8 1923	1200	East Main St, Ottawa	C.16.893	Drove into lowered gates.
Nov 22 1923	1345	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	80-344 Ont	Crossed in front of engine, did not heed stop signal.
Nov 29 1923	1413	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	73-956 Ont	Crossed in front of engine, did not heed stop signal.
Dec 24 1923	2235	Bronson Avenue	94-266 Que	Did not heed stop signal, drove in front of engine.
Dec 24 1923	1417	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	74-247 Ont	Crossed in front of engine.
Jan 10 1924	1435	Booth St (cnr Britannia)	C-13292 Ont	Did not heed signals, drove in front of engine.

Canadian National Railways lines March 24, 1924 to October 31, 1924. 49 cases:

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Sept 2 1924	1155	Booth (cnr Britannia)	209-583 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 2 1924	1525	Booth (cnr Britannia)	205-380 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 4 1924	0950	Booth (cnr Britannia)	39895 Que	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 4 1924	1545	Booth (cnr Britannia)	210-561 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 4 1924	1555	Booth (cnr Britannia)	National Bread, Hull	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 4 1924	1600	Booth (cnr Britannia)	209-553 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 10 1924	1510	Booth (cnr Britannia)	206-571 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 18 1924	1410	Queen Street, Ottawa	279-453	Ran into east gate breaking part of it; gates down; bell ringing.
Sept 20 1924	1520	Booth (cnr Britannia)	204-495 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 20 1924	1525	Booth (cnr Britannia)	208-558 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 22 1924	1515	Booth (cnr Britannia)	277-481 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 22 1924	1525	Booth (cnr Britannia)	205-158 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 22 1924	1610	Booth (cnr Britannia)	212-709 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 22 1924	1615	Booth (cnr Britannia)	210-450 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 22 1924	1615	Booth (cnr Britannia)	212-602 Ont	Did not heed stop signals.
Sept 23 1924		Queen Street, Ottawa	Milk wagon	Gates up. Milk wagon struck one side of gate damaging iron part of gate, also stand which gate stands on.
Oct 3 1924	1000	East Main Street	96-268	Driving too fast, unable to stop;

skidded 14 yards with brakes on.

Other incidents at Booth Street on Sept 24 at 1615; Sept 25 at 1450, 1545, 1555 (4); Sept 30 at 0955 and 1450; Oct 2 at 1500; October 9 at 1505 (2), 1645 (2).

Canadian Pacific Railway Lines between October 16, 1923 and September 30, 1924, 554 cases

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Oct 24 1923	1400	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Ont. 73-645	Ran through gates.
Nov 3 1923	1000	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Ont. C-7867	Ran through gates.
Nov 3 1923	1930	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Ont. 73-645	Ran through gates.
Nov 13 1923	1815	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	80-207	Ran through gates.
Dec 6 1923	1055	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates.
May 18 1924	2250	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates
July 11 1924	2200	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Que.4.4.4	Ran through gates
July 26 1924	2235	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates
Aug 3 1924	2135	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates

Canadian National Railway lines Nov 1 1924 to May 20 1925, 30 cases.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Jan 7 1925	1510	Rideau Jct at m. 1.5	23-407	Crossed in front of trains; motor stalled and was struck.

Canadian Pacific Railway lines Nov 1 1924 to Jan 31 1925, 99 cases.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Nov 3 1924	1540	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gate while it was being raised.
Nov 8 1924	0425	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gate damaging same.
Nov 11 1924	1750	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Passed street car on the wrong side when over crossing at high speed.
Nov 14 1924	1645	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through and struck gate.
Nov 21 - 29 1924		Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Four autos passed over crossing at high rate of speed.

Canadian National Railways lines from May 25, 1925 to May 12, 1926, 124 cases

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Jul 3 1925	1530	Queen Street, Ottawa	113-116	Ran into gates.
Aug 11 1925	1550	1st crossing west of L'Orignal station.	115845	Drove into side of train.
Aug 18 1925	1530	Crossing 2¼ miles west of Wendover.		Truck driven in front of train.

Nov 14 1925	1030	Queen Street, Ottawa	27255	Ran through east gate.
Nov 17 1925	1143	Crossing m. 39.1 Westport subd.	245874	Fast driving in front of passing train.

Canadian Pacific Railway lines, February 1, 1925 to January 31, 1926, 239 cases

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Feb 17 1925	0645	Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through crossing gates when down.
May 18 1925	1340	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	F-4016	Motor truck travelling west ran through the north-east gate breaking gate and casting. Driver A. Hamon claimed brakes would not work.
June 18 1925	11.35	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	F-4035	Ran under crossing gates when down and occupants used their hands to push them up.
June 18 1925	1848	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Ont 114605	Auto travelling west ran through north-east gate when gates were down, breaking it off near casting.
July 11 1925	2210	Chelsea Rd, Hull West	Que.34548	Auto owner and witness claimed west gates were dropped in front of his car and when he had passed east gates all were up. Signalman was disciplined but owner was also to some degree at fault.
Oct 11 1925		Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates while gates were down.
Oct 29 1925		Chelsea Rd, Hull West	34804	Ran through gates while gates were down.
Nov 28 1925		Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates - \$18.07 damage.
Dec 27 1925		Chelsea Rd, Hull West	John Felosa	Ran through gates - \$6.05 damage.
Jan 25 1926		Chelsea Rd, Hull West		Ran through gates - \$14.66 damage.

Canadian National Railways lines June 13, 1926 to March 31, 1927, 91 cases

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Sep 2 1926	0700	Bronson Avenue, Ottawa	131-135	Ran into gate breaking same.
Oct 6 1926	1342	Queen Street, Ottawa	T-2202	Backed into gates breaking same.
Oct 29 1926	2105	Queen Street, Ottawa	T-2226	Ran into gates while down, broke same
Nov 30 1926	2100	Main Street, Ottawa	130630	Ran into gates while lowered,damaging same.
Dec 1 1926	1435	Queen Street, Ottawa	S-3130	Bus struck gate while being lowered, breaking it.

Jan 5 1927	1405	Queen Street, Ottawa	C020445	Ran into gates, breaking same. Train was approaching.
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Canadian Pacific Railway lines July 15, 1926 to January 31, 1927, 111 cases.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Aug 14 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull		Auto ran through gates, springing same and knocking crossing lamp off.
Aug 21 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull	Que 81975	Auto ran through and broke gates.
Aug 21 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull		Auto ran through and broke gates.
Sep 4 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull	NY 5-P-1334	Auto ran through and broke gates.
Sep 9 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull	Ont 131-247	Auto ran through and broke gates.
Sep 11 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull	O 20-306 C	Auto ran through and broke gates.
Oct 23 1926		Montcalm Street, Hull	Que 5599-F	Auto, account defective brakes ran through and damaged gates.
Dec 2 1926		Chelsea Road, Hull	Ont 129-724	Auto ran through and broke point off gate although light was burning on gate at the time.
Dec 5 1926		Chelsea Road, Hull		Gates were lowered for train when auto ran through and broke south eastern gate.
Dec 24 1926		Chelsea Road, Hull	Ont 125-838	Auto stopped at gate and then started again too soon and broke north west gate.
Dec 24 1926		Raglan St., Renfrew	Ont 299-001	Auto ran under gates as train was approaching and stopped on tracks. Train was stopped and car backed off tracks.

Canadian National Railway lines from April 1, 1927 to August 31 1928, 302 cases:

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Sep 23, 1927	1040	Queen Street, Ottawa	Ont 159-638	Drove through lowered gates, wrecking them
Sep 27, 1927	1345	Church Street, Yarker	Ont 60-524	Failed to stop in time; hit lowered gates.
Nov 10, 1927	1155	Main Street, Ottawa	Ont 158-338	While gates were up and no engines approaching above auto went east down our main line about 20' from crossing, striking semaphore and breaking the clamp which holds pipe for operating our signals. Driver could not account for the happening. Car travelling 15 mph.
Nov 30, 1927	1450	Queen Street, Ottawa	Ont 148995	Above auto, when travelling east on Queen Street, struck and broke the south west gate also base of same. Gates were not in operation at the time

May 10, 1928	1140	Queen Street, Ottawa	Ont C 27-746	as there was no engine approaching. Coming ahead contrary to signals and when gates down crashing into same ar south east side at Water Works.
Jun 29, 1928	0645	Main Street, Ottawa	Ont 180-929	Auto ran into north side of gate breaking off end of gate arm.
Jul 23, 1928	1540	Queen Street, Ottawa	Ont 170--61	Ran into gates. Driver did not stop.

Canadian Pacific Railway lines from January 1, 1927 to July 31, 1928, 375 cases:

Date	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Feb 16, 1927	Aylmer Road, Hull	United Coach Line Bus No. 8	Bus ran into side of train. Crossing is protected with wig wag and bell.
Feb 18, 1927	Second public crossing Chelsea, Que	Gatineau Bus line No. 20	Driver crossed over ahead of the train despite warning signals given.
Feb 23, 1927	Raglan Street, Renfrew	Ont 345-776	Auto ran through and broke arms of gates.
Apr 18, 1927	Moore St. Carleton Place	Ont 154-624	When gate was closed, auto ran into it
Apr 20, 1927	Main St, Cobden	Ont 346-074	Auto ran into side of engine. Signals had been give and engine bell was ringing.
May 11, 1927	Montcalm St. Hull	Ont C26-623	Truck ran through and broke gate while same was down for train.
July 11, 1927	Chelsea Road, Chelsea	Ont 1480809	While gates were down and bell ringing, auto ran through gates breaking same.
Aug 23, 1927	Montcalm Street, Hull	Ont 155-083	While gates were lowered for light engine, auto drove through same.
Sep 20, 1927	Montcalm Street, Hull		While gates were lowered for train, auto, driving at a high rate of speed, ran through and damaged same. Warning bell ringing at the time.
Oct 22, 1927	Montcalm Street, Hull		Auto drove through gates while lowered for train.
Oct 29, 1927	Montcalm Street, Hull		Auto drove through gates while lowered for train.
Oct 3, 1927	Raglan Street, Renfrew	Ont 345-760	Car ran against frame of gate, breaking gate completely off.
Nov 19, 1927	Chelsea Road, Hull	Que. F-8191	Gates were lowered for engine and taxi failed to stop at southwest gate, breaking same.
Dec 3, 1927	Chelsea Road, Hull	Bus No. 8	Bus of Gatineau Bus Co. Ran through and broke northeast gate.
Dec 17, 1927	Chelsea Road, Hull	Ont C 25-596	Auto truck ran into and broke northeast gate
Dec 24, 1927	Chelsea Road, Hull	Bus No. 8	Bus of Gatineau Bus Co. Ran through and broke southeast gate.
Dec 24, 1927	Raglan Street, Renfrew		Car broke 9 inches off end of north gate.
Jun 21, 1928	Montcalm Street, Hull	Ont 180-765	When gates were lowered for engine, auto approached crossing at a high rate of speed

July 23, 1928	Montcalm Street, Hull	Ont 396-505	and when brakes applied car skidded into gates breaking same. When gates were lowered to permit train to pass, auto was standing at crossing and before train had cleared auto started and ran through gates.
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Canadian National Railways lines from September 1, 1928 to December 31, 1928, 67 cases.

Date	Time	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Sep 13, 1928	1843	McGill St, 1st public crossing west of Hawkesbury		Drove auto on to track in front of approaching train; auto stopped in centre of rails and was struck by engine. Driver received fatal injured dying at 9 p.m.

Canadian Pacific Railway lines from August 1, 1928 to December 31, 1928, 154 cases.

Date	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Aug 15, 1928	Montcalm Street, Hull	Ont 163829	Auto travelling from Hull at high rate of speed ran into northeast gate, breaking same.
Aug 22, 1928	Montcalm Street, Hull	Que. F-12033	Gates were being lowered when auto truck ran into southeast gate, striking the gate rod.
Sep 25, 1928	Montcalm Street, Hull		Driver in charge of horse and cart ran through northeast gate, breaking it off. The jar of this broke casting on borthwest gate. Driver was arrested for being drunk.
Oct 30, 1928	Montcalm Street, Hull	Que. T-4042	When gates were down, auto passed other cars standing clear and ran through northeast gate and into side of engine 2217. Auto damaged and end broken off gate.
Sep 21, 1928	Raglan Street, Rebnew	Ont 398-159	Gate broken off at centre by car striking same.
Nov 14, 1928	Cumberland St. Ottawa	Que 12195	While gates were down for train No. 98 automobile ran through same.
Nov 24, 1928	Chelsea Road, Hull	Ont 169245	While gates were down for train No. 86, automobile ran through same.
Dec 13, 1928	Chelsea Road, Hull		While gates were down for engine 598, automobile ran through same.
Nov 6, 1928	Raglan Street, Rebnew	Ont 48003	Mr. Munroe of the Bell Telephone Co at Renfrew knocked 8 feet off gate while

Nov 15, 1928	Raglan Street, Renfrew	Ont 399-408	same was lowered. Car being driven by B. Leslie at Renfrew broke woodwork off end of gates, about 12 feet long.
Jan 1 1929	Raglan Street, Rebnew	Ont 399-838	Car driven by S. Kasaboshi of Renfrew. Point broken off one gate about 4 feet long.

Canadian National Railways lines from Jan 1, 1929 to Jul 31, 1929, 311 cases. None in study area.

Canadian Pacific Railway lines from Jan 1, 1929 to Jul 31, 1929, 140 cases.

Date	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
April 26, 1929	Raglan Street, Renfrew	Ont 410-290	Dr. Waide of Renfrew ran through north side of gate on Raglan Street.
May 7, 1929	Chelsea Road, Hull		When gates were lowered for train no 18 to pass, Hull Dairy Wagon No. 9 ran through northwest gate breaking it off close to the casting. Aldege Mountreuil, driver, claimed horse became frightened and he could not stop it.
May 25, 1929	Montcalm St. Hull		When gates were lowered for ex. 539, automobile coming from Wrightville, travelling at moderate speed, struck the northwest gate, breaking it near the base. Engine bell ringing at time of affair.
May 4 1929	Glen Tay	Ont 410125	Drove auto up on private crossing apparently without looking for approaching passing train which was in sight before he opened gate. Was struck and killed.

Canadian National Railways lines from Aug 1, 1929 to Oct 31, 1929, 64 cases. Nothing in study area.

Canadian Pacific Railway lines from Aug 1, 1929 to Oct 31, 1929, 99 cases.

Date	Location	Licence	Dangerous Practice
Sep 19 1920	Chelsea Road, Hull		Auto ran under gates while latter were being lowered.
Oct 20 1929	Chelsea Road, Hull	Ont 170-054	While gates were being lowered auto ran under them. Bell ringing.
Oct 22	Raglan Road, Renfrew		Auto struck gate, breaking side braces on northeast arm.