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NEWCASTLE, N. B., Feb. 5.—One man was killed and twenty-seven others badly injured in a train accident here today. The victim was Docithe Thibideau, whose head was frightfully crushed. Several others had ribs and arms broken and some may die.

About eleven o'clock this forenoon Conductor Sears' special freight ran into Conductor Doyle's working train while the latter was backing down toward Beaver Brook. The collision took place on the south curve, about a mile and a half above Beaver Brook. The special smashed through the other, breaking up two cars. Of the 29 men in the rear only one, Wm. Fogan, escaped unhurt.

All the men except Thomas Holleran were in the second or passenger cab. Mr. Holleran jumped in time and escaped with a few scratches. Had the men been in the van few could have escaped instant death. The special tore through the van, driving the lower part of it through the next car, where the men were, and smashing into the engine, injuring the boiler. The cars took fire. Part of the track was torn and the wreck piled in all directions. The conductor, engineer and firemen were unhurt and no one on the special was hurt. The accident was late in the forenoon and help was at once summoned from Newcastle, about eleven miles away. Only Dr. Desmond

was available, and he immediately started for the wreck. The special sent up from here brought the wounded men home, arriving here about 2.30.

A gruesome sight met the eyes of the spectators as one by one the badly hurt were carried into the station and those less seriously injured walked in with their heads or arms bandaged, and in many cases the face covered with blood.

Dr. Desmond was on hand and with the aid of many willing assistants hastened to complete his work.

Calus McLellan, Wm. Black, Alfred Witzell and John McCollum, all married men, are badly hurt and in a serious condition. Their injuries may prove fatal. John Fogan was crushed in the breast. Wilbur Touchie, Elijah Astles, Jno. MacDonald, Wm. Condon, and James MacDonald, all married, and Wm. Ellison and Edward Benson received a severe shaking up.

Wm. Stewart jumped from the train and had several ribs broken by falling debris. James Wright had his hand crushed. Walter Galley, single, and Chas. Keating, married, had each an arm broken. Howard Jeffrey had a bad cut over the eye. Thos Norton, a widower, had a bad cut on the head. Wm. Kitchen, Andrew Wells, Andrew Cobb, Mr. MacKenzie and three others escaped with slight injuries.

Thibideau leaves a wife and two small children.