



PROSPECTIVE VIEW OF LAKE ONTARIO, AND THE SPOT OF THE RAILROAD ACCIDENT NEAR HAMILTON, CANADA WEST.

THE LATE RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN CANADA.

Although some weeks have elapsed since the terrible railroad accident which happened near Hamilton, C. W., the catastrophe is still the theme of mournful comment, while the magnitude of the disaster gives it the importance of an historical event. We have therefore placed upon this page two scenes delineating the locality where it happened. We have refused to illustrate the details of such mournful tragedies, and it will be observed that we do not in the present instance, but the general character of these sketches has nothing to wound the feelings or unduly excite the sensibilities of the spectator. Of the engravings, the first is from

a sketch made on the spot last summer, the second from a photograph taken shortly after the accident, and both expressly for our Pictorial. The first is a general view. The drawing was made from a high hill in Dundas, about seven miles from Hamilton. The suspension bridge over the Desjardins Canal is depicted, and the railroad bridge beneath it. On the right is seen the city of Hamilton, and stretching in the distance, the broad waters of Lake Ontario. The second view is the immediate scene of the accident. The railroad is shown exactly as it appears—one car partially submerged, another standing as it fell, on end, while crowds of persons are present as spectators, or are engaged in

searching for the bodies of the unfortunate passengers. This terrible accident occurred on the 12th of March, and on the next day the following minute account of it appeared in an extra of the Hamilton Spectator:—"A national calamity may fairly be said to have befallen us. Men who have ever stood in the foremost rank—capitalists the most shrewd, speculators the most keen, merchants the most far-sighted, clergymen the most earnest—have at one fell swoop been taken from among us. The train from Toronto, due in this city at a quarter before 6 P. M., yesterday evening, had come from Toronto as was usual, and was proceeding at a moderate rate of speed to pass the swing bridge across



SCENE OF THE FEARFUL RAILROAD ACCIDENT AT THE BRIDGE OVER THE DESJARDINS CANAL, CANADA.