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NIAGARA FALLS

Queenston –Chippawa Power
Development Project

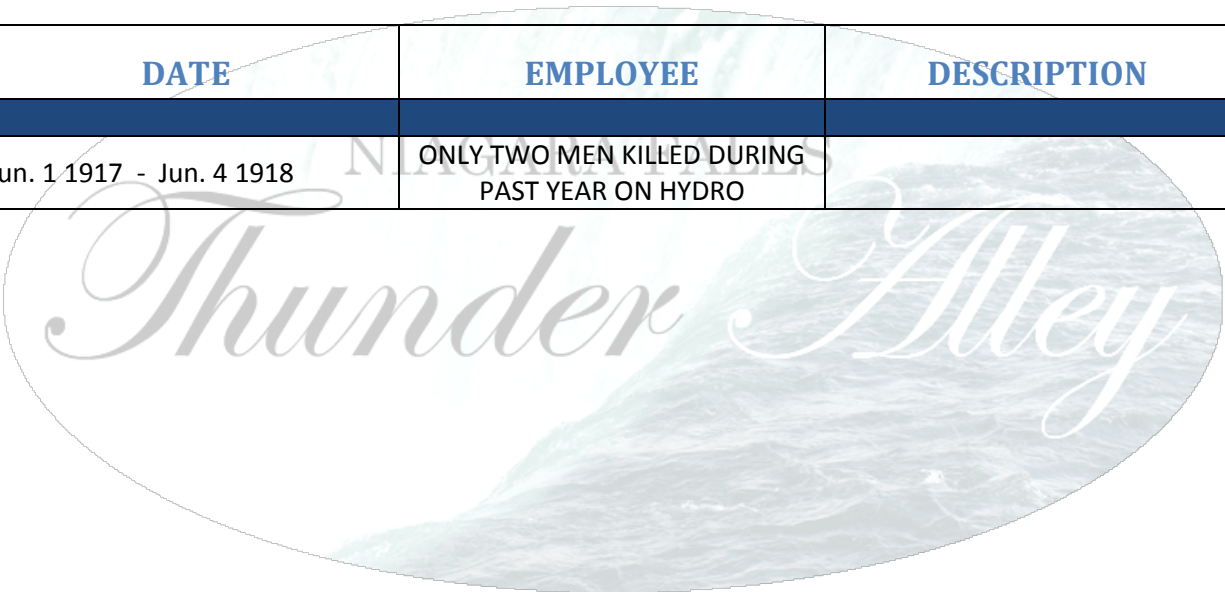
1917 -1924

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QUEENSTON – CHIPPAWA POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 1917-1924

1917

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Jun. 1 1917 - Jun. 4 1918		ONLY TWO MEN KILLED DURING PAST YEAR ON HYDRO



1918

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Sep. 4 1918	Savia GENOSS Austrian	Was injured yesterday afternoon when he was bending over behind a loaded dump railcar after orders had been given for him to move back. As the dump car was being emptied, the victim received a crashing blow to his head causing a fractured skull. He was taken to hospital but died this morning.
Sep. 13 1918	Frederick STEWART age 15 Bridge Street, Niagara Falls son of Mr. & Mrs. W.M.A. Stewart	Pole boy – was killed on hydro yesterday. Was tall and well developed. He was employed on an engine dumping cars. There was trouble coupling two of the cars. The boy without anyone knowing got down out of the engine to see what was causing the delay. While watching he got too near and got caught between the coupling of both cars and crushed to death
Dec. 16 1918	G. PATO Montreal	Was struck and instantly killed by a rail car at noon today

1919

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 14 1919	Blake HILLIKER age 25	Lineman – was working at the top of a pole. As was the custom of linemen, the victim attached his leather safety harness to the wooden cross-arm. His safety belt broke under his weight and he fell to the ground and was dead on the scene
Mar. 25 1919	William SPARROW age 28	Rigger – was killed at the forebay this morning. He was erecting a Jen-pole when he was hit in the head and killed instantly. The Jen-pole cable holding the pole upright broke causing the 68 foot long pole to fall onto the victim crushing his head.
Apr. 16 1919	Joe DREAULT	Carpenter- killed instantly when falling 20 feet from a scaffold.
May 14 1919	John ELLIOT age 56 St. Catharines	Brakeman – slipped from the train he was working on and was ground under the wheels of rail cars yesterday afternoon. Both his legs were cut off. He died last night at 6 pm at hospital
May 21 1919	Alexander GAVARIO age 52	<i>Carpenter – killed instantly at Ontario Power Plant when working on a pipeline he lost his footing and fell 150 feet into the entire length of the penstock</i>
Jun. 19 1919	John HOLUNGA age 23 Austrian	Was working on the stone crusher when he became caught in the conveyor. This accident was not witnessed however was discovered a short time later by a fellow worker. The victim had been stripped of all his clothing and crushed to death

Jul. 7 1919	John LAIDLAW age 24	Machinist – was killed instantly when hit by a giant steam shovel
Aug. 2 1919	Arthur MOYER St. Catharines	Was working on the electric railroad at 4 am near Montrose and was doing his job as a switcher when he gave the all clear signal to the locomotive engineer who in turn started moving the train. When the engineer saw that Moyer wasn't moving he hit his air brakes to stop the train but it wasn't in time. The victim was killed instantly when he was run over by eight loaded rail cars
Aug. 27 1919	Daniel JONES Hamilton had fought in France for 4 years	Linesman for 3 days – touched live wires and was electrocuted
Dec. 22 1919	M. ONECUK age 34 Austrian	Died yesterday from fall at hydro canal that occurred one week ago



1920

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 13 1920	Gordon SMEATON Queenston	Died at Memorial Hospital NF NY. Hydro man run over by work train on January 10 th . Both legs crushed. Was walking on the tracks at Stamford. Had brother Robert who was working for hydro 2 years ago when he too was run over by train and lost a leg in the same place. Gordon took Robert's place on the hydro.
Mar. 1 1920	Morris A. MCNAMARA age 43	Foreman –was the first man on the hydro job - was killed at the new power site when he slipped on frozen ground while trying to avoid a broken 10 ton snatch block supporting 3 tons. Fell 200 feet to his death
Mar. 10 1920	Celestina ADOVOSEO Russian	Killed instantly when he fell under train engine near Stanley Ave. – died from blow to the head – body not mangled
Mar. 20 1920	Sols GIOMARIA Italian	Was killed instantly yesterday at 4:30 pm near shovel #8 near Portage Road when he tripped over a guy wire and fell under a train engine
Mar. 23 1920	H.S. BOWEN age 25 single	Carpenter – was working in forebay of power station when a locomotive crane was lowering lumber in a sling. A gust of wind caught the lumber causing it to fall from the sling striking the victim in the head, killing him instantly

Apr. 26 1920	Joseph PETCOFF age 40 Bulgarian	Was killed instantly yesterday near Whirlpool. He was working on some cars and it is said one tipped over pinning him to the ground. When released his head had been severed from his body. had not been employed very long on hydro project – came from Toronto where he worked as interpreter
Sept. 7 1920	Unknown Foreigner	8:30 am killed near Queenston from rock fall
Sept. 21 1920	Mike IZANOFF age 26 Bulgarian	Run over by hydro train on Sunday
Sept. 21 1920	Felix MARTIN	Accidentally run over by hydro dump truck on Victoria Ave.
Nov. 16 1920	Robert WILEY 112 Clifton Ave. Toronto	2:40 am crushed between train engine and rail car
Nov. 23 1920	M. KONDRADENTO	Killed when buried alive under load of dirt from wagon
Dec. 6 1920	Fred ROGERS foreman	Died in truck-car crash in Niagara Falls NY. while on duty
Dec. 18 1920	Gordon CHANDLER 4 th Ave. Niagara Falls	11:25 pm fell 36 feet from trestle at new disposal plant

1921

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 5 1921	<p>Paul BOWER age 24 Toronto - married</p>	Killed instantly when crushed by a channel drill fell into channel pinning him at bottom. A passing work train caught one of the channel drills at shovel #9 knocking it on top of him
Jan. 17 1921	<p>Joe TAVANNI age 32</p>	Was working on Victoria Ave bridge when struck by hydro train and knocked into canal cut
Feb. 2 1921	<p>Louis EMERY French-Canadian</p>	Fell into canal while lowering drills from NS&T bridge at 10 am
Feb. 21 1921	<p>A. SEATON age 25 Englishman - lived at camp 219 was a returned soldier</p>	Was deaf- working behind hydro offices on Stanley Ave Stamford – was walking on tracks & didn't hear hydro train. Was struck and cut in two pieces.
Feb. 22 1921	<p>George NAOFF</p>	At main disposal site was knocked down and crushed by hydro dump car
Feb. 22 1921	<p>Glen YOUNG St. Catharines – married</p> <p>L.C. AUSTIN of Camp 180</p>	Last night Electric engine#13 run head on into dinky engine#50 near Whirlpool at shovel#1. The Dinky engine and cars were thrown over the bank and fell over the side of the gorge
Mar. 14 1921	<p>Frank SKERRY age 30 Coleman, Prince Edward Island</p>	Saturday night was crushed to death while unloading poles
Mar. 30 1921	<p>Phillip LUKAHKI</p>	Found dead on hydro on Sunday
Apr. 1 1921	<p>Russell James FRAZER age 20</p>	Touched high voltage wire at 4 pm on Saturday
Apr. 5 1921	<p>Norman CORTISS</p>	Killed by fall at Lundy's Lane this morning
Apr. 8 1921	<p>Tony KARCETTO age 26 single</p>	Crushed by rock fall in cutting

Apr. 9 1921	Roscoe LEIGHT age 26	Both legs cut off when struck by hydro train at Victoria Ave. crossing
Apr. 16 1921	TASCGATO (first name unknown)	Crushed to death when one tonne rock falls from shovel
May 28 1921	Herbert DEANE	On morning of May 20 th died at NF General Hospital from shock and haemorrhage caused by accidentally thrown from a speeder at hydro electric construction works
Jun. 1 1921	Peter MURRAY	Was injured Monday died at Memorial Hospital NF NY
Jun. 4 1921	Patrick MORIARTY Quebec	A driller crushed by falling rock on the hydro job on Monday, died at the Memorial Hospital NF NY last night
Jun. 11 1921	Robert DORAN Amherst, New Brunswick	Died last night as a result of a rock blast. He took cover 400 feet away behind a rock. The blast propelled a rock that pierced his cover striking him dead
Jun. 13 1921	Arthur KNIGHT age 26 Newfoundland	Scalar –was killed yesterday afternoon when erecting a scalar when it collapsed – fell sixty feet
Jun. 17 1921	Robert ANDERSON age 29 Heywood Ave. Niagara Falls married	Touched a switch in hydro canal substation. Electrocuted by 12,000 volts
Jun. 23 1921	William BRANDT	Crushed and killed by rock fall on Sunday. Leg amputated. Died at Memorial Hospital NF NY
Jun. 23 1921	Sydney FARR age 27	Crushed and killed by rock fall
Jul. 4 1921	Everton BRAITHWAITE	Killed by a rock slide of rock at big cutting of rock near Montrose Rd. on Saturday night. Four others buried were rescued
Jul. 4 1921	Hugh MARTIN	Details unknown
Jul. 12 1921	Thomas COLIGAN age 60	Working in hydro forebay and had heart attack while climbing ladder

Jul. 13 1921	Adrien LEFEBVRE age 22 brakeman Berryman Ave. St. Catharines	Hydro train was backing up towards Queenston pushing several railcars. At Thorold Stone Road first car derailed causing entire train to derail killing both men instantly
Aug. 16 1921	Alfred E. BAKER John HARRISON age 28 50 Ryerson Ave., Niagara Falls married only two weeks	Killed last night when buried by a dump car.
Aug. 29 1921	Daniel LIVERMORE Clinton, Ontario	Was pitman on hydro canal was killed when falling rock crushed him early this morning
Sept. 8 1921	Napoleon PELLETIER Montreal	Fell into shovel belt pulley and was crushed to death
Sept. 21 1921	William DIMMICK age 62	Carpenter – working on cement abutment near Montrose. Three cars of sand broke away at Lundy's Lane going 60 miles per hour and crashed into the end of the track where victim was working. Victim was buried and suffocated. Died at Memorial Hospital NF NY
Nov. 12 1921	Mike GALOSKIAY	Killed this morning when he fell from scalar near Winery Road crossing
Nov. 12 1921	John Walter REID age 28 Glenholm Ave. Niagara Falls married with 3 small children	Pipe fitter -killed last night when he went into blacksmith shop at 5:30 pm where Lundy's lane cut is located to put his tools away for the day. Blasting in the area sent a piece of pipe through the roof from the outside striking him on the head. Taken to Memorial Hospital NF NY where he died.
Nov. 21 1921	Dominic MURRIELBUL	Driller – killed between Lundy's Lane and Convent Road when working on ledge of rock 4-5 feet from the bottom of the canal. Big shovel swung over and he was crushed between the shovel and the wall
Nov. 23 1921	Peter Lee SHANNON age 21 Tweed Ontario	Killed when he fell into hydro canal this morning

Nov. 28 1921	Thomas SHIPWELL age 40 Pace St., St. Catharines	Killed instantly yesterday when he fell to the bottom of the hydro canal
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1922

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 6 1922	<p>John MCKAY age 29 159 Victoria Avenue Niagara Falls parents & sister in Scotland</p>	Died at Memorial Hospital NF NY as a result of accident that occurred on November 23 rd 1921 after falling 70 feet into the hydro canal near Queenston
Feb. 4 1922	<p>William RICHARDSON age 37</p>	Lineman – died as a result of fall from pole at St. David’s Thursday evening.
Apr. 19 1922	<p>Louis MADUL age 35 Port Colborne Polish</p> <p>E. OPOVONICH age 36 Toronto Polish</p>	Two Polish workers were killed today crushed by rock and another worker, James BAINE has his legs broken at the power house. The deadly accident was as a result of a rockslide at Queenston last night at about midnight. The men were scaling rock in conjunction with the #4 unit at the powerhouse when the slide occurred. The bodies of foreigners were taken to the St. Catharines Hospital today where an inquest will be held
Jun. 26 1922	<p>Joseph DAROSBIK age 37 Welland</p>	Died yesterday afternoon at hospital following a blasting accident at the big intake project by a blasting accident earlier in the day. The victim lost his arm to the shoulder but received massive internal injuries. Was an employee of sub-contractor - Tomlinson, McGAW & McDONALD

<p>Aug. 11 1922</p>	<p>Levi WILSON Port Robinson</p>	<p>Died after being scalded to death while working on a suction dredge near Montrose. While in the process of firing one of the water tubes, the tube blew out covering him in boiling water from head to foot. He was taken to the hospital where he died last night.</p> <p>The deceased is one of five brothers who have died by accident: Two died of drowning one killed in railway accident one killed overseas</p>
<p>Sep. 25 1922</p>	<p>Harar MARACLE age 24 Deseronto</p>	<p>Fell from scaffold in screen-house at forebay on the hydro works. Taken to the hospital unconscious but died a short time later</p>
<p>Oct. 21 1922</p>	<p>William Thompson age 31 732 Ferry Street, Niagara Falls</p>	<p>Pipefitter – died instantly yesterday at the forebay when he touched a live wire carrying 12,000 volts and fell 13 feet. He was working on a dead transformer and somehow moved through it to the live transformer</p>
<p>Dec. 8 1922</p>	<p>Bill MCRAE age 18 Stamford family came from England</p>	<p>Drown in the hydro canal at 5:30 pm last night when he slipped on a frozen platform and fell through the side rail of the swinging bridge where the hydro canal meets the Welland River at Fraser Station. He was following a fellow worker who had successfully crossed when he slipped and fell into the water. The water was dredged but his body was not recovered.</p>

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Sep. 25 1923	Albert STANFIELD age 18	Carpenter – was found at 7 pm last night on hydro grounds laying face down on the ground on top of a wire clothes line beside #1 bunkhouse on Portage Road-body burned to a crisp One end of the clothes line was connected to a pole that carried 2,200 volt transformer which was fenced off with chicken netting. The clothesline was only 15 feet long. The ground was electrified. The victims face was almost entirely burned away with his legs, abdomen and feet burned to cinders.

1924

DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 19 1924	Agostino DE STEFANO 102 Park Street, Niagara Falls	Scalar - was beginning work and was going down the cliff a rope. He was instantly killed at Queenston after falling 300 feet down the side of the cliff. It is unknown if rope broke or he slipped.

