

**Accidents on Railroads, Report of to Railroad Commission.
Railroad Commission, Accidents Reported to.**

Sections 16A and 17 of the act creating and establishing the Board of Railway Commissioners of the State of Montana, contemplates only the report of accidents occurring to passengers, employes, or the public, caused from the operations of trains to the traveling public. Accidents occurring in other departments of the railroad need not be reported.

Helena, Montana, March 20, 1909.

The Railroad Commission of Montana, Helena, Montana.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 18, wherein you ask me to construe Sections 16-A and 17 of the Act creating and establishing the Board of Railway Commissioners of the State of Montana.

It is my opinion that the sections above referred to contemplate the filing of reports with your commission by the railroad companies of accidents occurring in the operation of trains.

I agree with you that trivial accidents, as well as those occurring to employes of the railroad company not engaged in the operating department, should not be made the subject of report to your commission.

My construction of the law agrees with the views expressed in your letter above referred to, and I advise you that you may modify your instructions to the railway companies in accordance therewith.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General.