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REPORT ON ACCIDENT TO
DRUMM BATTERY TRAIN.

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24th July 1935.

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE,
Irish Free State,
Upper Merrion Street,
DUBLIN.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions, our representative proceeded to Dublin on the 7th July to enquire into the incidence of the accident which occurred on the 25th June, when the Drumm Battery "A" train, one of the two in trial service on the Great Southern Railways, collided with masonry and earth debris on the track between Dun Laoghaire and Sandy Cove and was, subsequently, further damaged by fire.

Our representative spent four days in Dublin, during which he visited the site of the

accident, examined the damaged train in detail at the Railway Works at Inchicore, and enquired into all the circumstances of the accident and the conditions appertaining to this. He was assisted in this by your officers, the officers and staff of the Railway Company, the Drumm Battery Company, and others concerned, and obtained all the information he required.

We now beg to present our report, which is divided into two parts: I, the cause of the fire, and II, our recommendations as to the precautions to be taken to guard against similar mishaps in future. The report is illustrated by a diagram of the train and by nine photographs showing different views of the damaged parts.

I. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Circumstances of the accident.

A very severe storm was experienced between 9.30 and 10.30 p.m. on the evening of

