

# Shunting operation sparks rail accident

WHAT must have been quite a spectacular rail accident to witness was reported in the pages of the *Gazette* 100 years ago.

“On Saturday night,” read the report, “preparations were being made for attaching a horse-box to a Midland Railway train at Great

Malvern Station, and during a shunting operation, the engine ran with more force than expected against a ‘dead-end’ close to the railway bridge over Clarence Road on the north-east side, and the engine got off the rails.

“The horse box was caught on

the branch of a tree. Fortunately the engine rested against a large fir tree, and with the aid of a lifting jack and other appliances it was put back onto the line again without much damage being done. The regular traffic was not interfered with.”