

## **VIA Rail Canada Train Hits Derailed Canadian National Railway Train**

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Canada's government-owned rail-passenger service, VIA Rail Canada, said one of its trains struck a derailed Canadian National Railway Co. train in eastern Ontario on Friday afternoon, causing one injury and disrupting service in the busy Toronto-Montreal rail corridor.

The five-car Via Rail train heading to Toronto from Ottawa was carrying about 300 passengers when it hit an empty lumber car 4 miles east of Gananoque, Ont., said Jacques Gagnon, spokesman for Via Rail. One of the passengers suffered minor injuries, Mr. Gagnon said.

CN spokesman Jim Feeny said the 120-car train derailed on the railroad's mainline around 2:15 p.m. on Friday. Six cars at the end of the train derailed, five of which were empty lumber cars and one of which was carrying lube oil. There was no leak of lube oil following the derailment, Mr. Feeny said.

Mr. Feeny added that the collision punctured the fuel tank of a Via Rail locomotive. There were no injuries to the CN crew.

"CN will conduct a full investigation of this incident, and will cooperate fully with the regulatory agencies," Mr. Feeny said.

Mr. Gagnon said that passenger service will be disrupted for as many as nine trains traveling between Toronto to Montreal and Ottawa until Saturday.