

THE DUNELLEN DISASTER.

New Jersey Prosecutor Says Lehigh Valley Road Was Not to Blame.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 21.—Prosecutor John S. Voorhees of Middlesex County was asked this evening as to the progress made by the county officials in their investigation of the Lehigh Valley wreck at West Dunellen, when sixteen were killed and twice that number injured, said that the investigation was at present incomplete, but was in progress far enough to enable him to state that the company was not responsible. He said that no inquest would be held, and that he was not yet prepared to say who was responsible for the head-on collision.

The Prosecutor intimated that one or more employes were to blame for the accident. He said he would probably lay the matter before the next Grand Jury, but if an indictment was found he was uncertain whether it would hold, as in his opinion carelessness was not necessarily criminal if the employes are ordinarily painstaking.

As far as known the County Prosecutor and County Physician Samuel Long, who have been making the investigation on behalf of the officials, have not held any session in New Jersey, but their investigation was conducted at the office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in New York. County Physician Long refused to make any statement this evening.

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