



Coroner's Inquest Report Minety

Edwin Smart

On Monday, the North Wilts Coroner (Mr W E N Browne) enquired into the circumstances concerning the death of Edwin Smart, an old man of 63, living at Minety, and who died on Saturday in the GWR Accident Hospital at Swindon.

Smart, who had been in the service of the Railway Company for 25 years, was on Tuesday in last week working on the main line near Shrivenham Station, when he was knocked down by the 2.15 am train from Severn Tunnel Junction Station. He was hurled from the rails against the goods shed, sustaining a fractured arm, three scalp wounds, and concussion of the brain. The poor fellow was at once taken by his mates into Swindon, and although he lingered until Saturday, he never regained consciousness.

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, the foreman, Mr Thomas Gardiner, commenting upon the danger of the level crossing at Shrivenham Station, and suggesting the erection of a footbridge. Mr Acklin, the Bristol district inspector of the GWR Company, promised to forward this suggestion to his Company.

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