



# CORONERS INQUESTS



**Henry Smith**

## **Fatal Railway Accident**

An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson, at Semley, on the 31st ult., on the body of Henry Smith, aged 35 years, when evidence of the following effect was taken:-

William Brown, of Sherborne, stated that he was the foreman of the ballast train on the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway, and the deceased was employed under him, and was engaged on the 30th January in filling ballast into the trucks. Witness, with deceased and others, left the Semley station about 0 o'clock with the ballast train, and stopped at the slip in the Pythouse cutting to take up some of the labourers; they then started again, and proceeded about 150 yards, when the deceased attempted to step from one truck to another; he missed his footing, and fell upon the line, four of the trucks passed over his body and legs, killing him instantaneously. The train was going very slowly at the time, and the engine was stopped within 30 yards. Deceased was quite sober.

Verdict, "Accidental death."

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