# CORONERS INQUESTS

## John Croft

**Fatal Accident**

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock John Croft, a guard on the Great Western Railway, was killed at the Wilton Station of the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth line, under the following circumstances. The deceased was towing some trucks into the siding and whilst so employed the rope broke in two, and curled round his legs, throwing him down on the metals, a truck laden with coal passing over his body. The unfortunate man, who was instantly killed, was conveyed to the Wilton Union House, where a coroner's inquest was held in the afternoon, and a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned. The deceased has been in the employment of the Great Western Company about 15 years."

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