CORONERS INQUESTS

On Saturday evening an old man named (William) Henry Tasker (about 70 years of age), belonging to Seend, near Devizes, was knocked down by a train on the Great Western Railway between Seend and Holt, stations on the line from Reading to Trowbridge. The body was terribly mutilated, the limbs being severed from the trunk, and death was apparently instantaneous. It is not known exactly how the accident happened, as deceased was not an employee of the company, and it would appear that he was trespassing on the line. His body was found on Sunday morning, and the remains were taken to the Railway Inn, Semington, to await an inquest, which was held on Monday by Mr Sylvester, coroner for Mid-Wilts.

The sad occurrence has caused quite a sensation in the district, as it is many years since a fatal accident happened on this part of the railway.

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