

WHEAT SAMPLER KILLED.

An accident attended by fatal consequences occurred on the railway line near the Brooklyn wheat stacks yesterday afternoon. Thomas Hugh Potts, 32 years of age, who resides at 129 Miller street, Fitzroy, and is a wheat sampler, was working at one of the stacks at about a quarter past 2 o'clock, when a sharp shower caused him to seek shelter. Incidentally failing to find a sheltered spot near the stack, Potts crawled under a line of stationary trucks. It is apparent that he did not know that an engine was attached to the trucks, as when they began to move off a few minutes after he had settled himself under one of them he was taken completely unaware. He was struck by a portion of the under-carriage of one of the trucks and apparently thrown against the moving wheels. Whether any of them passed over him is not clear, but when he was picked up from the line he was found to have sustained painful injuries and had lost consciousness. He was brought to Melbourne by the 2.28 p.m. train and was hurried to the Melbourne Hospital in a St. John ambulance. On examination there it was found that several of his ribs had been fractured and the lung badly lacerated. He succumbed to his injuries about an hour after reaching the hospital. The body was removed to the Morgue, and the coroner has been notified.

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