

MAN'S HEAD CUT OFF NEAR ANDERSON ROAD CROSSING

Identification Established.

The 7.3 o'clock electric train from St. Albans on Monday night when approaching the Anderson road crossing ran over a man, believed to have been lying face downwards on the line, and entirely severed the head from the body. Only the front part of the head, resembling in appearance a mask, was left, the rear part being crushed and scattered about the railway. The body was carried about fifteen yards along the line toward the crossing. A tag on one of the socks bore a tag on which appeared the name of "G." or "G. Smyth," but there was nothing else to establish identity. No man of that name is known in Sunshine.

Driver Morris stopped the train when half-way over the crossing, and with Guard Charles Griffiths made a search. In the meanwhile Harold Lindsay Mills, who is engaged at McKay's stables, noticed the slowing-down of the train and hurried to the scene. He was first to see the mutilated head between the rails under the train, and, though he is a veteran of the world war, a "close-up" of it almost unnerved him. A little further on the body was found, and the remains placed together on the ambulance stretcher

on the ambulance stretcher which is carried by every train. Dr. Charles Byrne and Sergeant A. Munro were then notified.

Mr. Mills says that the position of the head and trunk is consistent with the opinion that the man lay flat across the line with his head on the western rail as the train approached.

Sergeant Munro found in the coat pockets a partially used tin of "Lucky Hit" tobacco and a briar pipe. There were no letters, papers, or money discovered.

Mounted - Constable Shields supervised the removal of the body by Messrs. Nelson Bros., government morticians, to the city morgue.

Identified as Queenscliff Resident.

Mr. Knoles Miller, of Queenscliff, called at the morgue on Tuesday and positively identified the body as that of Cyril George Smyth, aged thirty years, and a laborer. Smyth, said Mr. Miller, had lived with him at Queenscliff.

An inquest will be held as soon as the police have finished their investigations regarding Smyth's antecedents. So far no one has volunteered any information about his movements in Sunshine. Smyth is believed to have been of subnormal mentality, and it seems hardly probable that he could have been any time in Sunshine without coming into contact with somebody.

The black shirts worn by the
Fascists have put a lot of
laundrymen out of work.

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