

A FALL OF EARTH

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ONE MAN KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED.

MELBOURNE, This day.

One man was killed and another injured as the result of a fall of earth at Spotswood yesterday afternoon. Their names and addresses are as follow:—

Edward John Thatcher, 37 years, of Elizabeth street, Williamstown, married (killed).

Charles Davidson, of Mason street, Newport, abrasians and shock.

Gray Bros., engineers, situated some distance from Spotswood, adjoining the Brooklyn loop line of railway. The two men were working in an excavated part of the works, about 16 feet in depth. While one of them was using a boring machine a large quantity of earth became dislodged, and overwhelmed them. Other workmen ran to their rescue, and removed the injured men from their precarious position. Afterwards they were taken to Williamstown Hospital for medical treatment. Thatcher was the more seriously injured of the two. He was badly crushed internally, and died two hours after his admission to the institution. Davidson, whose condition is not regarded as serious, received abrasions to the face and back, and shock.