
CRUSHED BETWEEN TUBS.

HANDSWORTH MINER KILLED AT HAMSTEAD COLLIERY.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at an inquest at West Bromwich to-day on Havelock Williams (aged 48), a miner, Victoria Terrace, Dawson Road, Handsworth, who died yesterday in West Bromwich and District General Hospital from the effects of a fractured skull, received when his head was crushed between two tubs while following his employment at Hamstead Colliery on July 13.

It was stated that while stooping between two tubs in order to carry out greasing work a third tub bumped into the nearest, which crushed his head against the other one.

Instructions were frequently given, it was said, that the greasing should be done from the side of the trucks, and that workmen were not to stand in between the rails.

Peace-constable Edwards (Coroner's officer) said he was informed that Williams had been cautioned only the previous day for infringing that order, and it appeared to be a case of familiarity breeding contempt. Witness said the tubs, which were on their way to the canal wharf, moved very slowly, and the impact was so slight that the first tub was not disturbed.

The Coroner (Mr. Lyon Clark) said they all took risks sometimes and relied on nothing happening. Williams had apparently greased the tubs in a similar manner before, and as nothing had occurred to him he probably thought nothing ever would.
