ARCHIBALD, John 9 April 1915

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Labourer	Belmont	Fall from ballast train

John Archibald was 40 years of age when he died after falling from a Ballast train and being run over. He died instantly. A coronial inquest found that his death was an accident. John was married with two children.

Fatal Accidents
ON THE RAILWAY LINE
Perth, April 14
Last night John Archibald, 40, employed in ballasting work, at Belmont Park, fell under the train wheels. Death was instantaneous.

Peter McCafferty was driving over a level crossing between Belmont and Bayswater when a train struck the cart. The man was thrown on to the cowcatcher and sustained terrible injuries, which caused almost instant death.

Source: *Trove/Nor-West Echo (Broome) Saturday 17 April 1915 Page 4.*

Railway Fatalities
INQUESTS OPENED.
Coronial inquests were today opened on the bodies of John Archibald, who was killed at the Government ballast pit, and Petar McClafferty, killed at the Guildford Road crossing, on the Belmont line, yesterday.

The inquiries were adjourned until the 16th Inst.

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RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.
LABOURER'S FATAL HASTE.
Mr. Davies, P.M., and, jurors held inquiries yesterday into the deaths of the two men who were run over and killed on the railway on Friday, April 9. The inquests were opened a week ago and were adjourned after formal evidence had been taken. The subject of the first inquest was the death of John Archibald, a laborer, who fell beneath the wheels of a ballast train at Belmont.

Dr. Stirling Landon, Acting Chief Resident Medical Officer at the Perth Public Hospital, who conducted the post mortem examination on the body, said that the injuries were consistent with deceased's being run over by a railway train.

James Flynn a guard employed by the Railway Department, said that on the 9th inst. he was in charge of a ballast train at Belmont. Deceased, who had been unloading from the train during the day, jumped from one of the trucks when the train was set in motion after being unloaded. He appeared not to gain a good footing, was struck, by the side of the truck, and fell beside the wheel. Witness brought the train to a standstill in about 12 yards and found deceased's body in a mangled condition on the line. The body was taken into the train and brought to East Perth, where the matter was reported to the police. It was the practice for men engaged in the work which deceased was doing to ride in the trucks.

Percy Litchfield, a laborer, residing at Victoria Park East, said he had been working with Archibald at Belmont unloading the train. On the return journey, When the train was leaving Belmont after unloading. Archibald threw his shovel out of the truck in which he was riding with witness and jumped out after it, but appearing to miss his footing was struck and thrown under the truck, which was then travelling at a speed of about five miles an hour. The train was stopped and it was found that Archibald was dead, with the wheels of the truck resting on his back. Witness thought that Archibald's reason in throwing his shovel out of the truck was to take it to the guard's van and so 'save himself a task which he would otherwise have had to perform at East Perth. Deceased was a, sober man.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased had been killed by being run over and that blame was not attachable to any person for his death.

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