BIRD, Charles 24 November 1891

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Porter	2 Mile Junction (Bluff Point)	PW trolley train collision

Charles Bird was a Porter employed by the MRWA. At 10:00pm on 24 November 1891while riding a rail tricycle Charles collided with the same train from which William McCormick had fallen and been killed earlier that day. Having left Geraldton for Walkaway the train had stalled on the grade and was setting back to take another run at it when the accident happened. Charles, conscious throughout, was taken to Geraldton hospital where he died about midnight. Charles was married with two children. There is no information about where Charles lived or where he is burried.

A MAN ON A TRICYCLE RUN OVER AND TERRIBLY MANGLED.
THE TRAIN RUNNING BACK WARDS WITH TRUCKS CARRYING NO LIGHTS IN FRONT.
[Bv Electric Telegraph.]

Geraldton, November 25.
Another shocking and fatal railway accident occurred here last night, the victim being Charles Bird, porter and goods clerk at the Geraldton Railway station. Bird, in the performance of his duty, went last evening to the Two-mile Junction on a tricycle to give Keane's train, which was leaving Geraldton for Walkaway between 9 and 10 o'clock, the right of way. He did so, and the train, while proceeding on its journey, came to the incline about half a mile further on, which, failing to mount, it was forced to run back in order to take it with a rush. While returning the driver blew the whistle three times. In the meantime Bird was supposed to be making his way towards Geraldton. However, he must have been delayed for some reason, for he was overtaken by the train, which ran into him, knocked him off the tricycle, and passed over his thighs and mangled his body terribly. He was perfectly sensible when picked up, and remained so till death, at midnight, at the Geraldton hospital. Drs. Elliott and Laffan were in attendance and amputated one leg at the thigh, although the case seemed hopeless from the first. Bird, who leaves a wife and two children, was a most efficient and obliging rail way official, and his sad end has caused a general gloom. An inquest will be held to-day. At the time of the accident the train was necessarily running trucks foremost, and there were no lights on the trucks. Bird had a narrow escape at the same spot recently ; the train on that occasion being the same as the one which killed Jones yesterday morning.

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