KRUSE, Cornelius 1 December 1903

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Moulder	Fremantle Workshops	Struck by wagons

Cornelius Kruse was between 40 and 50 years of age when he was run down and fatally injured at Fremantle Loco Depot. Cornelius lived at Cottesloe. No other information and no official records were readily available at the time of writing.

SHOCKING FATALITY AT FREMANTLE.
LOCO. EMPLOYEE RUN OVER.
A shocking accident, resulting in the death of an employee of the Locomotive Department, occurred at Fremantle yesterday afternoon. At about half-past 4 o'clock an iron-moulder named Cornelius Kruse was engaged in picking out some material from a heap of scrap-iron which abuts on a set of rails near the coaling stages in the workshops' yards. A rake of trucks was being shunted along the line at the time, and the vibration of the train apparently caused a shifting movement in the heap of scrap-iron.. At any rate Kruse lost his foothold in consequence of the iron giving way from underneath him and he fell under the wheels of one of the moving trucks. The train was brought to a standstill as quickly as possible, but when picked up it was seen that the unfortunate man was beyond aid. "His head was almost severed from the body, and both arms were fearfully crushed. Death must have been instantaneous. The body was removed to the morgue by Coxswain Fry and Water-police Constables Richard and Notley, and an inquest will be conducted. The deceased, who resided at Cottesloe Beach, was between 40 and 50 years of age, and leaves a widow and, several children.

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The Fremantle Fatality.
An inquest was opened at Fremantle yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. Dearle, J.P., into the circumstances of the death of Cornelius Kruse, which occurred in the railway yards at Fremantle on tuesday afternoon. . Evidence of identification was given by William Smart and the inquiry was adjourned to Friday next, at half-past 2 p.m.

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