MELLO, Bernetto 6 October 1897

Monday, 16 May 2016
10:02 AM

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Navvy	Mullalyup	Crushed in sand fall

Bernetto Mello was 30 years of age when he died after being crushed against a wagon in a sand fall during the excavation of cutting near Donnybrook. Bernetto's family were living in Italy at that time.

FATAL ACCIDENT.
A fatal accident occurred yesterday morning at the 14 mile cutting on the Donnybrook - Bridgetown Railway. From the information which we have been able to obtain it would appear that a gang of men were engaged in loading a truck with sand from a cutting when a fall of earth occurred. One of the men, an Italian named Bernetto Mello, was standing between the wagon and the earth and was driven against it by the falling mass. He was not entombed but when extricated from his position it was found that he had been killed. It is conjectured that the deceased received the fatal injury from the force with which he was driven against the wagon. We learn that a peculiar circumstance in connection with the accident was that the deceased had only been engaged on the work an hour and a half before the accident occurred. He was a married man, and his wife and family are living at his home in Italy. His brother is also engaged on the railway construction works. It is thought that the deceased was engaged on the Donnybrook railway about 7 months ago but we cannot obtain any definite information upon this point. The body was conveyed to Donnybrook by the contractor's train yesterday and was brought into Bunbury in charge of PC. Slattery.

An inquest was opened this morning by Mr, W. H. Timperley, R.M., the coroner, and the body was viewed at the mortuary. The following were the jury Messrs. A. T. Harris, Jas. English and W, L, Catlett.

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