Mc CORMICK, William 24 November 1891

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Navvy	Walkaway	Fall from locomotive “DODGER”

William McCormick (22), who was also known as John Jones, was employed by the MRWA as a Navvy/Plate Layer. On the Morning of 24 November 1891 while riding, slightly under the influence, on the tender of the locomotive "DODGER" which was pulling "Keane's Picnic Train" he fell and was run over. He died instantly. His body was conveyed to Geraldton. No other information was reported.

The same train that ran over and killed William was involved in another fatal accident at 10:00pm that night. Charles Bird, a Porter, was run down and killed as the train set back after stalling on a grade.

NEWS FROM GERALDTON.
FATAL BAILWAY ACCIDENT
A PLATELAYER KILLED
[By Telegraph].
Geraldton, November 24.
A platelayer named John Jones, aged twenty-two, was killed this morning by Keane's train, on the way from Walkaway to Geraldton. Whilst riding on the tender slightly under the influence of drink he fell off and was shockingly mutilated by the train, death being instantaneous. The remains were brought in to Geraldton. An inquest on the remains will be held today.

Source: Trove/ *The Daily News (Perth)* Tuesday 24 November 1891 p3.

Author's Note: *John Jones real name is believed to have been William McCormick.*
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