QUINN, Michael 25 March 1914

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Porter	Midland Junction	Struck by locomotive

Michael Quinn was 27 years of age when he was fatally injured by being run down by a locomotive while cleaning points at Midland Junction. The accident occurred on Thursday 19 March and Michael died on the following Wednesday. Michael lived in Midland with his wife and was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/EC/0118A).

FATALITY AT THE MARSHALLING YARDS

On Thursday of last week the marshalling yards at Midland Junction were the scene of an accident which terminated fatally. A man named Michael Quinn was engaged in clearing the points in the yards, and having his back to an approaching engine failed to notice it. The driver did not see him until almost upon him and the cow catcher struck Quinn and knocked him down. He was pushed along for some 20 yards with his legs under the cowcatcher, and when the engine was brought to a standstill the unfortunate man could not be extricated until the engine had been raised by jacks. Both legs were fearfully crushed, and the man was removed to Nurse O'Farrell's private hospital for Treatment. He was attended by Dr Clark, and on the following Monday it was found necessary to amputate one leg at the thigh. The shock, however, was too great and Quinn succumbed on Wednesday morning.

An inquest was opened on Wednesday afternoon before the Acting Coroner (Mr. G. Hiscox) and a jury consisting of Messrs J. B. Kline, H. Cavanagh and G. Willshire.

After formal evidence of identification had been given the inquiry was adjourned to Monday next.

The deceased was a married man, with no family. He was a recent arrival in the State.

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MARSHALLING YARDS FATALITY.
NO BLAME ATTACHABLE.

The inquest on the body of Michael Quint), who died in Nurse O'Farrall's private hospital on the 24th March as the result of injuries received in a shunting accident at the marshalling yards five days earlier, was concluded this week before the Acting Coroner (Mr G. Hiscox) and a jury consisting of Messrs J. B. Kline, H. Cavanagh and C. Willshire.

Considerable importance was attached to the inquiry, which was conducted by Corporal Anderson. The widow of the deceased was represented by Mr. Walter Dwyer, Mr Phil Hunt watched the case for the Amalgamated Society of Railway Employees, and Inspector Brown for the Railway Department.

The inquiry revealed very little that was new.

The evidence of Head Shunter Smith showed that deceased was cleaning the compound points connecting No, 6 and No 7 roads. They were shunting on the latter, and witness told Quinn to stand clear while he coupled up a
truck. Deceased did so and they then shunted up that road and back the same way. When they reached the points on the return journey witness, who was riding in the van, felt the vacuum brake

applied on the engine, and going forward found Quinn lying on the track with the cowcatcher on his legs.

Engine driver Cohen, who was in charge of the engine, deposed that the first he knew of Quinn being in the road was when the engine struck him. He had kept a look-out in front and had also to watch the shunters in the rear, and had not seen Quinn. The engine was pulled up within 15 yards, and there was no delay in extricating the deceased.

Dr Clark deposed as to the injuries sustained by Quinn, after the amputation of his injured leg he rallied, and death was due to gangrene.

Evidence was also given by Fireman Lynn, Shunte r Baird. and W. J Willoughby, the last named having been told by deceased before his death that he (deceased) was just getting up from the points, congratulating himself on having made a good job of them, when the engine struck him .

The jury found that Michael Quinn came his death through being run down by an engine when shunting, no blame being attachable to anyone.

The funeral of the late Michael Quinn, late of the W.AG.R. took place at Karrakatta on Thursday of last week, and was well attended. The chief-mourners were — Mrs Quinn (widow), and Mr and Mrs Wm. Willoughby (friends). The pall-bearers were Messrs W. Minnet, P. O'Connor, A. Darcey and E. Dowling. The A.S. R.E. was represented by Phil Hunt, general sec. ; the W.A.G.R. by R. O'Neil, S.M., Midland Junction, Wm. Williams, assistant S.M. ; Messrs Montgomery and O'Gorman, foremen shunters and others. The Rev. Fathers O'Gorman and Lynch officiated at the grave, and the funeral arrangements were conducted by Farrall Bros.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

QUINN.-The Friends of Mrs. Michael Quinn, of York-road, Midland Junction, are respectfully invited to follow the remains of her late dearly beloved husband, Michael, to the place of interment, the Roman Catholic portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Brigid's Church at 10 o'clock a.m. THIS (THURSDAY), March 26, and the Funeral will leave the church at 11.30 o'clock a.m., proceeding to the railway station, and thence per rail to Karrakatta. Friends at tending may proceed by the 11.43 a.m. train from Midland Junction, and the 12.30 p.m. train from-Perth.
FARRALL BROS.. Undertakers, The Crescent, Midland Junction. Telephone 054.

THE W.A.A. SOCIETY OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.
QUINN. Members of the above society are respectfully invited to follow the remains of their late comrade, Michael Quinn, to the place of interment, the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Karrakatta. Members attending may proceed by. the 11.53 a.m. train from Midland Junction, and the 12.30 p.m. train from Perth.
PHIL HUNT.
General Secretary.

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