STONE, John 24 July 1926

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Carpenter	Cannington/Kenwick	Broken rope

John Stone (a.k.a. John Sten) aged 64 was severely injured when his legs were crushed by a heavy pile due to a loading rope snapping. John survived the accident and a subsequent operation only to succumb to a pulmonary embolism the following day. John lived in North Perth with his wife Ellen and he was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery with his 12 year old daughter who died in 1909. His wife, Ellen, survived him by 33 years and is interred with him and their daughter (PRESBYTERIAN/AA/0421).

A ROPE THAT BROKE.
Pile Loading Fatality.

The breaking of a rope when some piles were being loaded into a truck between Cannington and Kenwick on the afternoon of July 23 was responsible for the death of John Stone, alias -Sten (64), a carpenter employed in the Ways and Works branch of the Government Railways. An inquiry into the circumstances of the fatality was conducted jn the City Courthouse on Friday, before Mr. F. F. Horgan, Deputy Coroner.,

Henry Ray, of 21 Lacy-street, guard on the goods train, described how the piles were being loaded into a truck by means of rope haulage and skids. One of the piles was almost on top of the truck, when a rope broke, and the pile rolled back on to the skids, jamming deceased's, legs against some piles on the ground. Deceased was then conscious but his legs appeared to be badly crushed. He was placed, in the brakevan and conveyed to Perth.

Charles Edwin Hoare, foreman in charge of the gang which was loading the piles, said that as the rope broke, he dodged under the pile before it crashed to the ground. Witness immediately seized a crowbar and eased the timber from deceased's legs. The pile weighed about 15cwt, and the rope, which had been used to load five piles on the same day, measured about 7/8 of an inch in diameter. Although the rope was partly worn it was suitable for the purpose for which it was used. It was selected and fixed by the direction of deceased, who had had twenty years' experience in similar work. At this stage, the rope was. Produced in court, and after examination, witness said that it was not as strong as it appeared to be, but should have stood the strain of rolling the piles on to the truck. The break was probably caused by the rope having been 'pinched' in the shackle where it was attached to the side of the truck.

Dr. C. W. .Anderson said that deceased was operated on at the Perth Hospital. His condition was low after the operation terminated by midnight, and was progressing favorably, when he died suddenly on the morning of July 24. Death was due to embolism of the lungs, arising from a compound fracture of the right leg.

Mrs. Helen (sic.) Sten said that deceased was a native of Finland, and had been a sailor.

The Deputy Coroner found that deceased's death was caused by the breaking of a rope which had been pinched at the point where it was tied to the truck the fixing of the rope having been done under the instructions of deceased.

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FAMILY NOTICES

STONE. — The Friends' of the late Mr. John Stone, of the, Way and Works, W.A. Government Railways Perth, and of 133 Raglan Road. North Perth, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to tie place of interment, the Presbyterian Cemetery. Karrakatta. Tie Funeral is appointed to leave Messrs. Bowra and O'Dea's Private Mortuary, 195 Pier-street, Perth, at 1.45 o'clock THIS (Monday) afternoon. Friends wishing to attend the, Funeral may proceed by the 2.5 p.m. train leaving Perth.
BOWRA and O'DEA, . Undertakers, 195 Pier-street. Perth. Tel. Tel. A4303.

W.A. AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

STONE. — .Members of the above Society are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late comrade. Mr. John Stone, which is appointed to leave Messrs. Bowra and O'Dea's Private Mortuary, 195 Pier-street, Perth, at 1.45 o'clock THIS (Monday) Afternoon for Karrakatta Cemetery. Members are requested to proceed by the 2.0 p.m. train leaving Perth.

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