

COUNTRY NEWS.

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT.

Mr. H. M. Murphy, P.M., on Monday held an inquest on the body of Mr. J. H. Bates, who died as the result of injuries received on the previous Wednesday night. Mr. H. Troup appeared for the Electric Supply Company, and Mr. R. J. Gribble for the relatives, while Sergeant Curtain conducted the case for the police. Thomas Glenn, tram-conductor, and other witnesses gave evidence to the effect that Mr. Bates, who was riding on the rear platform of a car, walked along the footboard to reach some timber belonging to him. He either stepped or fell off, and his coat was caught by the trailer, which dragged him along the road for a short distance. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

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