Harold Frank Groves

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FATALITY TO TOTTON MAN

The death of Harold Frank Groves, aged 40, of Downs Park-crescent, Totton, following a fall from a ladder at Southampton Docks, was the subject of an inquest, conducted by the Southampton Borough Coroner (Mr. Arthur H. Emanuel), on Monday.

Groves, a marine engineer, was employed by the Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company in the steam tug Vulcan.

Mr. H. E. Abel watched the proceedings on behalf of the Steam Packet Company, Mr. R. G. Ward (Inspector of Factories) appeared for the Home Office, Councillor G. B. Bascomb, represented the Amalgamated Engineering Union, appeared for the widow.

Evidence showed that deceased fell from a ladder reaching from a quay to the deck of the Clausentum. Two rungs of the ladder were found to have fallen out.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure."



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