

George Robertson Was Run Over by a Train He Was Brakeman On'

'Taken to The Government Hospital at Homer, Where He Died Thursday Evening'

George Robertson, an Englishman recently out, 21 years of age met with a fatal accident Thursday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock, on section 3 of the new canal construction at Thorold. Robertson was brakeman on a line of dump cars, and went to jump onto the moving engine when his foot caught in a frog and he was thrown down the engine passing over both legs. He was taken at once to the Government Hospital at Homer where one leg was amputated at the thigh. He died Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2:30 from the company's boarding house on the townline. Robertson had only been in this country about eight months and has one cousin Mr. Holden in Hamilton. It has not been decided yet as to when an inquest will be held, but an inquest is necessary, the victim having been employed on a public work, Coroner Armour stated this afternoon.

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