

Obituary for James Edgar 1805-1882

A sad accident happened on Monday afternoon, by which, an old and well-known resident lost his life. Mr. Edgar, a farmer, living in the first concession of Lancaster, Ontario, was walking up the Grand Trunk Railway track and was about a mile from Westley's crossing. He was struck by a train and killed instantly. The engineer blew the whistle, but Mr. Edgar being very deaf, did not hear in time to get off the track. His skull was cracked and his legs were broken. The train stopped and the body was taken to Lancaster where he was identified and word was sent to the sorrowing family, who have the sympathy of everybody in their sad affliction. This piece of road, between Westley's Crossing and Lancaster is noted for its accidents and a number of people have been killed and several trainmen have had accidents at the spot. It was almost at this exact place that an express car burnt last Tuesday.