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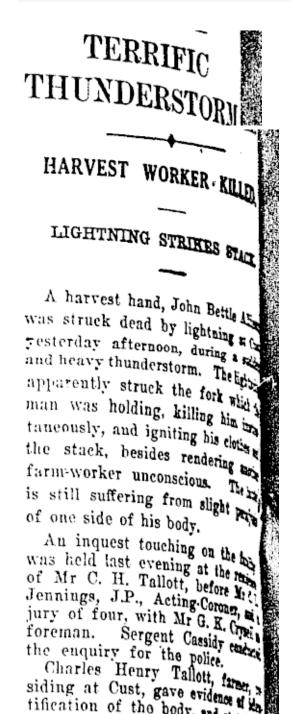
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tification of the body, and stated deceased was employed by mixes father, Henry Tallott, as a few

itis age was 32 years. He was single man residing at Cust with h

Walter Jury, farm labourer, in 5 employ of Henry Tallott, said that a about 1.45 p.m. that day, he re "crowing" on a stack on Mr 74 Allison was building lott's farm. stack, and was on his feet with a feet Witness had just : in his hands. ed a sheaf to Allison, when he led a loud report, and felt as there is had received a blow on the head to ness fell off the stack, which water six feet high. He was dated in 1 in but when he became conscious saw Allison being taken down to Allison was then del in stack.was a hole burnt in the stat B ness found that the vision dising eye was deficient, and him in also bloodshot.

Charles Alexander Grant, in a ourer in the employ of Mr Hanti lott, stated that he was caring in the stack which Allison was builty Witness had just about emptie b dray of sheaves when he rotted, storm approaching from the norther and a few drops of rain comments Allison spoke of taking the fall. as soon as the dray was emptied ? ness had observed no lightning a vious to that. Suddenly he say a light flash across the prong of fork, and he heard a report. E ness's horse bolted. Turning ma when about 20ft from the stark to ness saw that both Allison and h had disappeared. At the same of ment he saw smoke rising from \$ stack. Witness jumped out de dray, and ran back to the stack ! saw one man lying in the smoke. To ness immediately pulled the body of the stack, and found that it was to of Allison, who was then to all a pearances dead. The stack did x ignite from the top. It was burns Allison's clothes w from below. also smouldering. Witness's left th which was nearest Allison, was nuclei for a time, and it was still stift if sore.

Dr. T. A. Will, Rangiora, said to he was called to Mr C. Tallott's plant and found Allison lying dead insect of the sheds. Having examined body, and heard the evidence, with had no doubt that the man was killed by a stroke of lightning, and the death was instantaneous.

The jury returned a verdict is a cordance with the evidence.

The deceased was a native of Cm, and was highly esteemed by the comunity. His tragic death cost is gloom over the township. He was the eldest son of Mrs Julia Allison, as the late Mr Edward Allison, who was early settlers in the district. He was to the front with the 32nd Reinferments, and was invalided home suffring from the effects of malaria. It funeral is to take place to-more afternoon.

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