

Cobalt Express Wreck.

THE INQUEST AT BARRIE WAS NOT CONCLUDED.

Evidence of Engineer Meeking and the Report of the Official Investigation Required—Cause of the Accident Not Clear.

Barrie, July 17.—The inquest into the cause of the death of Nelson Garrett, killed in the Cobalt express wreck on Wednesday, began before Coroner Wells. After examining witnesses it was adjourned for a week to get Engineer Meeking's evidence and the report of the official investigation. None of the evidence adduced showed the cause of the wreck.

Wm. Switzer, piano tuner, Toronto, was called in an effort to show that Mr. Garrett had expressed uneasiness regarding the engine. He swore positively to the contrary. Dr. W. Ross said the deceased was extensively scalded externally and internally, but had no other injuries.

At the point where the wheels left the track there was a slight curve, but the wheels jumped on the concave side.

Conductor McDonald testified that the train, which was forty minutes late, took thirty minutes going sixteen miles from Allandale to where it was wrecked. It was running forty miles an hour when it jumped, and ran six or ten lengths of steel. He was positive that the speed had nothing to do with the wreck. Both rails and road bed were in good shape there.

Assistant Superintendent Lynch did not think the engine jumped first, but declined to express any opinion as to which part did. The running gear of the engine was in good shape, and it returned to Allandale after the wreck on its own wheels. He did not see any wheels broken, though the trucks were off the tender and broken. Some car trucks were also broken.