

Eldrick Skipper

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A very sad accident, resulting in the death of a village settler named Eldrick Skipper, occurred on Friday last.

He, in company with one of his sons, was engaged on his selection in felling timber for the purpose of splitting posts and rails for sale to his neighbors when a tree that he had just cut through struck another one, and falling in the opposite direction to which he had anticipated, one of its limbs struck him on the back of the head as he was running away and bore him to the earth.

His son having given the alarm set to work and having succeeded in cutting the limb in two, released his father who was carried to his house by his wife and two sons.

Mr Daley, who was on his way home from Rushworth, on hearing that an accident had happened, at once turned his horse's head and came for medical assistance. Dr Eadon lost no time in visiting the injured man but on his arrival he found that life was extinct, the back of his head having been smashed in by the blow.

The remains were brought into Rushworth on Sunday for interment, Rev Walker officiated at the grave, the funeral arrangements being carried out by Mr Milward.

The deceased, who was one of the most industrious men on the settlement, leaves a wife and four children totally unprovided for.

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Through an inadvertence in our last issue we made it appear that the Rev. Mr Walker officiated at the interment of the late E. Skipper, who was accidentally killed at the Wanalta Village Settlement. It was the Rev. J. A. Weir who conducted the service.

On Saturday last Mr McNamara and Senior-Constable Turnbull interviewed a number of the residents of Rush worth and succeeded in collecting over £12 on behalf of the widow and family of the late E. Skipper.

They have since collected £3 at Messrs Cussen & Co.'s sale. Upwards of £6 was gathered at the Corop regatta. Others are also putting their shoulders to the wheel, so that it is anticipated a good round sum will be collected.

The money will prove very acceptable as Mrs Skipper has been left in very straightened circumstances.