

Circus Man Fell Down Coal Chute— Drivers Luckily Effected His Rescue

There was one circus fatality between here and Hamilton Tuesday night, and facts which have just been unearthed show that there might easily have been another while the outfit was in this city.

Tuesday noon one of the circus men, whose name is unknown, wandered along the Grand Trunk tracks and wended his way into the large sheds of the Brantford Coal company for the purpose of sleeping off a debauch. It would appear that in walking along the gangway the man tripped and fell overboard, landing on the coal some distance below.

Completely stunned by the fall, and being in an intoxicated state, he lay there for more than two hours before his perilous position was discovered. In the meantime the coal drivers of the company had been drawing coal from below by means of chutes. Naturally, as the man was directly above the

chutes, he was drawn down as the coal sank and emerged from the bin to the wagons.

About 2 o'clock the unfortunate fellow awoke from his stupor and realized his condition. He at once sounded an alarm, but was nearly too late for his own safety. He had been drawn down so far into the chute that only one hand remained uncovered. Work was stopped and all efforts were directed at releasing the prisoner from the death trap into which he had been drawn while in a paralyzed state.

Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Miller were the first to discover the man, and they secured the services of some seven other employees, who succeeded in getting the man to the top of the chute by means of a rope tied around his hand. He was drawn to the surface inch by inch, and the operation entailed an hour of hard labor. The man was uninjured.