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## **SECTION HAND STRUCK BY ENGINE Joseph Fitzpatrick Run Over and Instantly Killed While Working in East Yard**

Joseph Fitzpatrick, aged 42 years, was killed in the east yard and horribly mangled when a light engine backed down on him late Tuesday afternoon. He was employed as a section hand on the Boston & Maine Railroad and was engaged in cleaning ice from the tracks near the new roundhouse. A locomotive in charge of Engineer E.M. Jarvis of Boston backed out of the house on its way to the union depot, where it was to be attached to the train, which leaves this city at 4:10 for Boston.

Fitzpatrick stepped from behind a tender onto the track directly in front of the approaching engine and although Engineer Jarvis saw the man as soon as he reached the track and applied the emergency brake in an effort to prevent the accident, the distance was too short. It seemed as if the entire engine had run over Fitzpatrick, as both legs were amputated and the lower part of the body badly mangled. He died almost as soon as other railroad men had reached him.

Medical Examiner F. H. Thompson was notified and after an examination of the body, turned it over to Undertaker John R. Smith, who removed it to his parlors on Water Street, where the medical examiner made another examination today. The body was later removed to the home of his brother Edward Fitzpatrick, 3 Bradford Street, from where the funeral will be held, tomorrow morning.

The victim was born in St. John, N.B., but has lived in West Fitchburg on Highview Street for some time. He was employed by the Fitchburg Paper Co. till a few months ago, when he secured employment as a section hand on the railroad. He was the son of Patrick and Annie (Teehan) Fitzpatrick, and is survived by his mother, wife, and four daughters - Margaret, Annie, Veronica, and Alice of this city, four brothers - Edward of this city, James of South Royalston, John of West Fitchburg, and Thomas of Washington, D.C. - and two sisters - Mrs. Thomas Cormier of West Fitchburg, and Mrs. William Crosby of Lynn.