JUNCTION CUT INQUEST.

JUNE 11. 1889.DAY.

The Long Inquest Brought to a Close

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Breaking of the Wheel the Cause of the Wreck.

SPEED OF THE TRAIN TOO GREAT.

Further Opinions Given by Mr. Robinson-Coroner Woolverton's Charge.

HAMILTON, June 10. - After a patient and searching investigation, extending over six weeks, the jury on the Junction Cut disaster gathered together for the last time this Before proceeding with his ufternoon. charge Coroner Woolverton stated that Mr. W. A. Robinson, one of the experts, had handed him a document containing a supplemental and extended review of the reasons on which he had based his previous report, which he was alraid was not fully explanatory to the jury. The coroner then proceeded to read Mr. Robinson's statement, which gave at great length his reasons for arriving at the conclusion that the truck wheel of the engine jumped the

track at the north switch rail. The coroner, in opening his charge to the jury, referred to the many sessions held and the close examinations conducted, which enabled them to have the subject well in hand. A great deal of theoretical evidence had been given to explain the cause of the accident, but this in a great measure should be dismissed and only practical avidence given should be accepted as means to arriving at a verdict. The evidence showed that the majority of the victims had been killed outright. He was of the opinion that the rapidity of the igniting of the train could only be brought about by the inflammable oil lamps. Reference was made to the lack of appliances and water to check the fire, to the make-up and running of the train. He had received about 40 letters from passengers on the train, and in regard to the speed of the train there was much difference of opinion among thom. One passenger wrote that the speed of the train was from 15 to 20 miles an hour; nine said from 20 to 25; seven from 30 to 35; two thought 40; two from 45 to 50 and one 50 miles an hour. Accord-

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The jury are of the opinion that F. Gurney. R. J. Edorer and others who were passengers on No. 52 cast-bound express on Sunday, April 23 last, were killed by the accident which occurred to that train at the Junction cut, near Hamilton, caused by the breaking of the flange on the left leudwhoel of the engine truck, break allowed the wheels to leave the truck at the switch; and the jury are also of the opinion that the speed at which train was running had much to do with the cause and extent of the disaster which followed. The jury are also of the opinion that greater efforts could have been put forth to have prevented the almost entire cremation of the unfortunate people who were buried within wreck. The jury would recommend from all the practical evidence adduced that the curve with a switch on a down grade a greater rate of speed than twenty miles an hour is not consistent with safety, and further, that a speed of fifteen miles per hour andmote SRICE much be would desirable in the interests of the travelling public at such point, and would likewise recumnend that the Government Government take insure action as may be no a full and complete inspection bv competent person in all cases where there has been loss of life through accident, before anything whatever has been removed or touched, further than what may be necessary to rescue bodies and property from the wreck. Had this been followed the jury could have come to a verdict with much more ease and certainty.

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Besides votes of thanks to the Coroner and Mr. John Hoodless. Foreman of the jury, a resolution was carried by the jury to the effect that the attention of the Government be called to the time, skill and attention given to the investigation by Coroner Woolverton, and asking that his services be recognised and rewarded in some special way.

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