

SHOCKING RAILWAY ACCIDENT ON THE NEW DEWSBURY BRANCH.—The new branch of loop line between Dewsbury and Heckmondwike was the scene of a dreadful accident yesterday afternoon. The 3.43 p.m. train from Bradford left that town in due course, and, after taking up passengers at Heckmondwike, ought to have stopped at the new Ravensthorpe station. Just about four o'clock it was seen approaching, and as it drew near Chas. Crossley, one of the porters stationed there, left the down platform for that on the other side, in order to attend to the passengers in the ordinary course of his duty. The train, however, neither stopped nor slackened speed perceptibly, but dashed on, and catching Crossley between the metals knocked him down, and in running over the unfortunate man cut off his head and feet, and scattered portions of his viscera about the line. What had occurred was apparently not observed by the driver, for the train went on its way, crossing the bridge over the turnpike road, then that over the river Calder, and only drawing up when it had gone under the London and North-Western Company's line by the bridge, and nearly reached the junction with the Lancashire and Yorkshire main line at Thornhill-lees. The train was then backed up, and a fearful sight presented itself, poor Crossley's mangled body being exposed in all its ghastliness. It was covered up, and the remains being gathered together were taken to a shed. The deceased, who leaves a wife and children, was a native of Hightown, Liversedge. For some time he had been a porter at Heckmondwike railway station.