

THE RECENT COLLISION AT MIRFIELD STATION.

Colonel HUTCHINSON, reporting on the collision between a cattle train and a passenger train, which occurred on the 2nd Oct. at the east end of Mirfield Station, on the Lancashire and Yorkshsre Railway, says:— After fully considering the conflicting evidence in this case, the primary cause of the collision is in my opinion to be attributed to the Tower signalman having neglected to stop the cattle train at this cabin by keeping his home signal at "danger" as he ought to have done in censequence of the short interval (probably two minutes) that had elapsed since the passenger train had passed and this more particularly considering that he believed the tail light of the latter train was not burning. His mind evidently misgave him on the subject as the cattle train passed, for he acknowledges to have tried to attract the driver's attention by exhibiting a red hand light. The cattle train driver was not running as cautiously as he ought to have been in approaching W. cabin, the signals of which were at danger, or he could, I believe, have stopped before striking the other train. The weight of the evidence I think shows that the tail light of the passenger train was not burning as it ought to have been, and for this the guard is to blame. This collision would have been prevented had the line between the Tower and West Cabins been worked on the absolute block system. The Superintendent of the Line informed me that it was intended shortly so to work it."