

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT RAVENSTHORPE.—

An inquest was held at Ravensthorpe on Wednesday touching the death of Percy Ramsden, aged six years, son of John Ramsden, factory operative, who lives in the village. Mr. Gerrard, Inspector of Mines, and Mr. J. Nevin, one of the proprietors of the colliery, were present.—The deceased was killed by an explosion of steam from near the man-hole, and the evidence showed that this was caused by the indiarubber ring-packing having been blown out at the sides owing to the pressure of steam, which, however, was not greater than usual, being between 50lb. and 60lb. to the square inch.—The jury found that the occurrence was accidental, and returned a verdict accordingly.