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Serious Accident

On Friday in last week, Robert Taylor, a young man employed as banksman at Wilson Wood Colliery, Ingleton, met with a very serious accident while engaged at his daily occupation.

It appears that he was running a tub of coal on a tramway to what is termed the "Big Heap", and had prepared a place for tipping the coal, and in the customary manner flat sheets (large iron plates) were laid for the purpose. In one of his journeys, on arriving at the terminus, and when about to tip the waggon, which holds about 4 cwt of coal, the timber on which the road was laid suddenly broke, then the waggon, the iron plate, and the unfortunate young man were precipitated a distance of between five and six yards, and it was supposed from the fearful cut on his forehead that his head had come in contact with the waggon wheel, as the waggon was laying the wrong side up. Had not the waggon and its contents and the iron plate gone down first, then the result in all probability would have proved fatal. His head was fearfully bruised, as well as different parts of his body, but no bones were broken. He was at once taken home in one of Mr Bracewell's carts and was attended by Dr Griffiths, who stitched up the wound in his forehead and applied other necessaries. He still suffers from great pain in his head, but one understands that under all the circumstances he is progressing slowly but favourably towards recovery.