

FOUR FOUND DEAD.

RICHARDSON COLLIERY VICTIMS

All Were Crushed to Death by the Fall of Coal.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 8.—The bodies of four of the Richardson colliery victims were found at Glen Carbon last night. Shortly before midnight, at about 11 o'clock, District Superintendent Kealy gave the signal to hoist the gun-boat up the slope, and when it appeared at the surface it contained Mr. Kealy and the bodies of John Purcell and Joseph Shields. About an hour later the bodies of Jno. Lawlor, a miner, and John Salmon, driver boy, were taken out. The coroner after viewing the bodies pronounced them in a good state of preservation. He adjourned the inquest until the arrival of Mine Inspector Gay to-day. After the inquest the bodies will be taken to their homes.

The men were all caught in the rush of coal and buried beneath it, being crushed to death. The bodies of Michael Welsh and Thomas Clancey have not yet been found. It was expected they would be found near the other bodies, but just after Lawlor and Salmon were taken out another rush of coal took place, piling up several hundred tons in the gangway and blasting all hope of finding the men until this mass is cleared away.

The news of the finding of the bodies spread like wildfire to the surrounding villages, and thousands of people flocked to the mine. A force of coal and iron police had to be put on to keep back the crowd. Purcell will be buried to-morrow at No. 3 Catholic cemetery, Pottsville.