

# Acton Mine Worker Loses Life in Tragic Accident Tuesday

## A. Peterson Is Killed in Fall of 180 Feet Down Shaft

The Governor Mine near Acton was the scene Tuesday morning of a fatal accident which took the life of A. Peterson, of that place. An inquest is being held at Lancaster this morning, at 11:00.

According to reports from Constable Kelley, who investigated the tragic occurrence, Mr. Peterson, who was an experienced miner, had been working down in the 20-foot shaft which is at the end of a 300-foot drift back in the mountain. He and other workmen were putting in new timber around the walls of the shaft, and that morning, Peterson was working on the lift about 40 feet down from the top of the shaft. The timbers, which were 18-foot 4 by 4's, smoothly planed, were lowered from the top of the shaft to be placed by Peterson, and were lowered by means of a rope fastened around them, half-hitch fashion. Apparently one of the timbers slipped from its fastening when Mr. Peterson was not in the clear below, and struck him off the lift. His body was badly broken and smashed from the impact following the fall of about 160 feet.

Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden and had been a California resident about 12 years. He was 42 years of age. He and his family came to Acton the 28th of February, this year, and he began his work in the mine at that time. He is survived by his wife and three small children.