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SUBJECT.

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3rd May.

NO. 3. P.W.D. LORRY.

Previous Paper.

COLLISON WITH CYCLIST AT JUNCTION OF ROSS ROAD AND VILLERS STREET.

MINUTES.

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Minute from Hon. Director of Public Works. 3/5/34.

Submitted. It would seem from the report that the driver of the lorry was in no way to blame for this unfortunate accident.

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as es.
J. S. 54.*

Hon. C. S.

I should like to have a statement of the Chief Constable and also of eye-witnesses of the accident including independent persons i.e. not in the employ of

Subsequent Paper.

The Government.

YMS



4. 5. 34.

Chief Constable instructed to furnish a statement.

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4. 5. 34.

Hon. Director Public Works.

Will you please obtain statements from eye-witnesses of the accident, excluding anyone in the employ of the Govt., and submit the statements in due course.

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as cd.
4. 5. 34.

Hon. Col. Secretary.

I beg to attach statements from.

Miss A. Rynacre.
Mr E. J. Thompson.

I know of no others who witnessed the accident.

S. White
for MCH
10/5/34.

Yr. Submitted. Fortunately all is well and the injured child has made good recovery. It would seem that the lorry driver was not to blame for the accident.

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Hon. C. S.

Thank you & nil hereon

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

3rd May, 1934

From Director of Public Works,
Stanley.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

MOTOR ACCIDENT ON ROSS ROAD.

I regret to report that an unfortunate accident occurred this morning on the junction of Ross Road and Villiers Street. Miss Hannah Hansen, who was riding a bicycle down Villiers Street intending to travel East along Ross Road collided with one of the Government Morris ton lorries which was travelling West on Ross Road.

2. From enquiries made it would appear that no blame attaches to the driver. The girl was travelling at speed and turned the corner close to the kerb on the wrong side of the road. Mr. S.P. Summers, the driver of the lorry, from his report attached, apparently tried to avoid the accident by swerving the lorry to the off side, but it would appear that the girl was too close. As he says he pulled the lorry up in less than its own length, which shows that he was not travelling at speed.

3. Mr. G.L. Challen and the Chief Constable visited the site immediately after the accident and noted the marks of the bicycle and lorry on the road.

4. Miss Hansen was taken immediately to the Hospital.

5. The damaged bicycle is in the Government garage.

L.B. White

for Director of Public Works.

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Thursday May 3rd 1934

The Director of Public Works

Sir

I am sorry to have to report an accident which happened this morning at the cross roads Ross Road and Villiers Street. I was driving along Ross Road at a slow rate and on reaching the corner at cross road I collided with Hannah Hansen who was on a push bike and turned the corner on the wrong side of the road. I turned off trying to avoid an accident but was too close to the push bike and we collided causing the accident. I pulled the Lorry up in less than its own length without shedding showing the low speed I was travelling at. The Chief Constable and Foreman of works viewed where the accident took place before I removed the Lorry.

I am

Sir

Yours Obedient Servant

J. B. Summers

Driver Lorry No 3

At 9.30 on Thursday morning I was on
Plover Road going eastwards, a Government
Lorry was ahead of me about 50 yards,
going at maximum speed, when almost
opposite Stanley Cottage a girl cyclist
came around the corner from Hillier St,
on her right hand side of the road, &
collided with the front of the lorry,
as far as I could tell, The lorry
appeared to have stopped at that
moment & I then saw the driver
take the girl from underneath.
The lorry was on the left of the
road, & I should think no blame
could be put on the driver for
the accident.

Edwin Fisher Thompson.
10/5/34

9-5-34.

I have been asked to write of what I saw of the motor lorry and cycle accident which occurred on Thursday morning 3rd May, between 8.25-30. I saw a lorry coming up Ross Road, travelling slowly, and it passed me by Stanley House gate. Having reached by this time the end of Stanley House garden, I heard a crash, and on looking round saw lorry at a standstill at corner of Villin's Street, and was jumped down, thinking that something had slipped off back of lorry went on my way, on arriving at West Store gate, looked a second time and saw one of the lorry men carrying a child up the road.

Cecilia Rees

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Police Station
Stanley

Sir

I submit report on the accident which occurred at the junction of Ross Rd and Villiers St, on the morning of Thursday the 3rd day of May. Mr. S. R. Summers driver of Government lorry No 3, came to my Quarters at or about 8.30 ^{AM} asking for a stretcher, as he stated he had run over a girl. I got the stretcher, and in the meantime one Norman Hills had carried the girl into the Police Station. I then informed the P. M. O. at Mr. Spierons who ordered her removal to the R. E. M. Hospital, which was done immediately. I then returned to the scene of the accident and in company of Mr. G. L. Ballen made enquiries. We noticed the marks made by the bicycle tyres on the right hand side of Villiers St, at a distance of about 2ft 6 inches from the curb. I also noticed that the driver had swerved off to the right in trying to avoid the cyclist, and had pulled up in a length of about 8ft. From further enquiries made, a youth named Edward Thompson states, that he saw the girl cyclist come out of Villiers St on the right hand side of the road, and collide with the lorry. He also states the lorry was travelling slow at the time, and in his opinion no blame could be attached to the driver.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

S. H. Hooley

C. C.

The
Honourable
Colonial Secretary