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[Reported by the Special Committee on Railroad Accidents.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-  
Nine.

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### AN ACT

Concerning Accidents upon Railroads.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

1    SECT. 1. Whenever any accident shall occur upon  
2 any railroad in this Commonwealth, attended with  
3 loss of life, it shall be the duty of the coroner of the  
4 county whose residence is nearest to the place where  
5 such accident shall occur, to take an inquest upon  
6 view of the dead body or bodies of such persons as  
7 shall have come to their death by such accident, in  
8 the manner provided by the one hundred and fortieth  
9 chapter of the Revised Statutes.

1     SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of every railroad  
 2 corporation, on whose road any such accident shall  
 3 occur, to cause immediate notice to be given to such  
 4 coroner of the occurrence of such accident.

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