

Appendix 2.1 – Selected Newspaper References to Landslides

Extracts from the Yarragon, Trafalgar and Moe Settlement News

1. Thursday 21 September 1905

“Landslip on the Thorpdale Line – Train Blocked Last Friday”

“Quite a sensation was caused when it became known that the Thorpdale train was blocked through a landslip about half-a-mile on the Narracan side of Coalville. the slip was rather an extensive one the earth came from a cutting in the side of a hill rail trucks were used to remove the broken-down mass away work was difficult due to the sloppy state of the ground the train finally ploughed through a thickness of nearly three feet of muck one worker had to be dragged out of the mud by a rope between 400 and 500 tons of earth is supposed to have slipped away, covering the line for about a chain.....it took until Sunday evening to completely clear away the slush, which was deposited in the Narracan Creek at a bridge not far distant.....a number of persons visited the scene on Sunday last.”

2. Thursday 29 June 1911

“The rough weather experienced at Allambee during the past three weeks, together with the heavy rains, and about four inches of snow, has caused a good deal of damage in this district. At Hallston just beyond the Tarwin river, and on Mr Mack’s property, a large landslip occurred, which bodily removed about 15 acres of land and left large gaping holes in the main road. It is feared that when further heavy rains occur another slide will take place. It proved a great inconvenience in more ways than one as no mail can get through either way.”