



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on Frederick Norris

An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson on Saturday last on the body of Frederick Norris aged 18 years. From the evidence of Mr. Hall, dairyman, it appeared that the deceased was in his employ and that on Thursday morning about 11 o'clock the deceased got down into a cistern about ten feet deep in which pigs' victuals were kept. Witness was standing by at the time. When deceased went down he remarked that "it smells strong" or words to that effect. Witness asked him to give him his hand and he would help him out, when he fell instantly backward. Assistance was procured, but it must have been an hour and a half before he was got out. There was only about three inches depth of food in the cistern which had been closed up to the time of deceased going into it.

Mr. Ramsey saw the body directly it was got out. He attributed death to suffocation from the carbonic acid gas generated by the fermentation of the food. Verdict accordingly.

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