



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on Elizabeth Rutty

Sudden Death

Mr. W. E. N. Browne held an inquest at the Lansdowne Arms on Monday touching the death of Elizabeth Rutty, wife of Thomas Rutty, residing in Mill Street. The evidence of the husband was to the effect that his wife, who was 65 years of age, enjoyed fairly good health. On the previous Saturday he went home to dinner at quarter past two and his wife appeared then to be in her usual health. Soon after he arrived home she went to the house of a neighbor named Mrs. Haines, for the purpose of sending someone to purchase some camphorated oil for a throat affection. Soon after she had gone witness was fetched and told that his wife, whilst in Mrs. Haines' house, had fallen off a chair on to the floor. She was brought back into his house, but died before a doctor could arrive.

Mrs. Haines stated that deceased, when she came to her house, complained of her throat. Suddenly she fell off the chair in an unconscious condition and did not speak intelligibly afterwards.

Dr. Ferguson stated that he had attended the woman for an affection of the throat, but had not seen her for some time. In his opinion death was due to syncope.

Verdict accordingly,

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