



CORONERS INQUESTS



Ann Muspratt

Fatal Accident

On Monday an inquest was held before Mr. R. M. Wilson, coroner, on the body of Ann Muspratt, aged 8½ years, daughter of John Muspratt, labourer. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was sitting on some rails with a child in her arms, on Saturday afternoon, when she accidentally fell backwards, pitching on her head. Her mother put her to bed at once, and she became very sick and drowsy. About 10 o'clock, as she became worse, the doctor was sent for, but she was dead before he arrived. He found a bruise over the left ear, and another on the left arm. He attributed her death to compression of the brain, caused by the fall. Verdict "Accidental death."

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