



Coroner's Inquest Report

Inquest Report on Matilda Bradley

An inquest was held in the Council chamber before the city Coroner Mr. G Smith, about the death of Matilda Bradley, aged 58 a married woman of Milford Hill. Mr. J Jenkins was foreman of the jury.

The coroner said the deceased went to bed on Monday evening and the next morning was found dead. Dr. Gordon was of the opinion that death resulted from natural causes, but as he had not usually attended deceased, he declined to certify the cause.

Dr. Gordon was the first witness. He said he was called up at about one in the morning, by the son who told him his mother was dead and he saw her about 8 o'clock. He attended her some time ago for some trifling ailment, but had not seen her just before her death. He examined her but could find no traces of bruises. Not having visited her recently he was not in a position to say the cause of death but judging from statements made by her husband, he thinks that she died from syncope.

James Bradley of 38, Milford Hill said that deceased was his mother. She had been in her usual good health up to the night previous to her death. His father called him in about quarter to 12 to see his mother, who refused to get into bed. She did so as he (witness) was leaving the room and about quarter of hour afterwards his father again called him saying "Come in, your Mother is dead". He went in and found that she was dead. He then went to his brother's house in Church Street, to tell him of it and his brother went up home with him and then for the doctor. His mother had not complained of illness recently. About five months ago she was attended by Dr. Gordon for rheumatic gout.

The father was too unwell to attend to give evidence.

The verdict returned by the jury was in accordance with the medical testimony.

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