

16<sup>th</sup> September 1883

583

Largest nest of  
Geology in the rock  
of Malmesbury

Dear Sir

7 Malmesbury

Subj.  
County of Grant  
City of  
Victoria }  
To Wit.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

THE Examination of\* *Alexander Cooper*  
*Carpenter*

\* All Names of Witnesses.

of *Subj.* taken on oath this *16.*  
day of *September* A.D. 185*6*, at *the National Hotel*

† City, Town, District, or County,  
as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

This Deponent

*John*

on his oath saith as follows:—

The deceased & I were on a stage  
yesterday about noon, coming into town, as  
we came down the slope of the street leading  
to the dam. The horse began to trot, deceased  
had hold of the reins & tried to stop him.  
The horse began to gallop when deceased  
fell from his seat on the frame of the cart.  
While I was at the same moment thrown  
back into the cart, and on to the road. When  
I got up I went to the assistance of the deceased  
who lay on his side in the street. As I approached  
him, I heard him say, Oh, my horse I helped  
him

on his legs, we then got him on a chair, and  
conveyed him <sup>to his house</sup> .. deceased seemed  
quite calm, as far as I could perceive, I came  
from the end of Smythe street with him -  
a doctor was immediately sent for.

Wm Cooper

TAKEN and Sworn before me the

16<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1856,  
at the National Hotel

John Shaw

Coroner.

Quebec  
County of Quebec  
City of  
Victoria

[No. 66.]

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit. }

THE Examination of\*

Charles King

\* All Names of Witnesses.

Gillies

of

Quebec

taken on oath this

16<sup>th</sup>

day of

September

A.D. 1856, at

the National Hotel

† City, Town, District, or County,  
as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

Town

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

I was coming round the dam yesterday  
about 11 o'clock. In when I saw a horse with  
a drag coming down the Hill towards the dam,  
the horse was galloping at the moment, not a  
minute before the accident occurred, the deceased  
was sitting on the shaft or frame of the drag  
he fell from his seat to the ground and  
the wheel passed over his body, about  
his chest. The horse galloped and was  
stopped near David Osborne Street. Next  
after the horse, as returned, I saw some

persons

persons being deceased on a cart.  
I accompanied deceased to his house and  
remained there till he died in less than  
half an hour after - it was the rear wheel  
that passed over his body, his head and  
shoulders fell just to the ground -

Charles King

TAKEN and Sworn before me the  
16<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1856,  
at the National Hotel

John H. Hays Coroner.

Geelong  
Co. of Geelong  
Colony of  
Victoria

[No. 66.]

**CORONER'S INQUEST.**

**DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.**

To Wit. }

THE Examination of\*

John Day Esq M.D.

\* All Names of Witnesses.

of Geelong taken on oath this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of September A.D. 1856, at the National Hotel  
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said  
Town.

+ City, Town, District, or County,  
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

I was waited on by Mr. Handlyman yesterday  
about 11 o'clock a.m. requesting me to accompany  
him to see a man who had fallen from a chimney  
I found him in a state of extreme collapse  
in fact he was dying. I had him wrapped up  
in hot blankets. Great attention to his respiration  
he. I considered his state hopeless that I did  
no more. Dr. Hilyour agreed with me that  
nothing more could be done for the man. I  
retired leaving the care with Dr. Hilyour, they  
deceased I understood which soon

John Day

affi. decedent was an old man,  
we could discover no fracture, there  
was a wound <sup>contusion</sup> over the left temple, I am  
of opinion <sup>of opinion</sup> that death was produced by the shock  
of the fall, in a person of his advanced age.

John Jay

TAKEN and Sworn before me the  
16<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1856,  
at the National Hotel

John H. ...

Coroner.

*Guthrie  
County  
Colony of  
Victoria*

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the* in  
*National Hotel* the *Town* of *Guthrie* aforesaid,  
the *fifteenth* day of *September* A.D. 1856, in  
the *nineteenth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
before me *Johnathan*

\* City, Town, County, or District, as the case may be.

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the\* *district* of

*Guthrie* aforesaid, upon the view of the body of *Patrick Handymen* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

- Patrick Hede*
- Joseph Ashmore*
- Thomas Gleeson*
- John O'Brien*
- William Conway*
- Michael O'Connell*
- Bates Patterson*
- John Devine*
- William Hewitt*
- Nathanael Dunne*
- Edward Eastwood*
- Timothy Ashes*

good and lawful men of *Guthrie* in the  
said *County* who being duly sworn and charged to  
enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the  
said *Patrick Handymen* came  
by † his death, do say upon their oath that

‡ His or her.  
§ Here state cause of death, if known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly, using the words of the Verdict of the Jury.  
It is desirable that the Jury should find expressly whether there are or are not marks of external violence on the body of deceased.

*On the 15th day of  
September in the year aforesaid in Malpas  
Street in the Town & County aforesaid, the  
said Patrick Handymen was driving a dray  
towards the dam. as the horse descended the Hill  
leading to the dam the horse got jammed into*

a gallop, when he the said Patrick Hardymen  
 was thrown with much force from his seat on the way to  
 the post and the rear wheel of the said chaise  
 passed over the body of the said Patrick Hardymen  
 inflicting such grievous injury on the body of the  
 said Patrick Hardymen as to cause his death  
 in half an hour after, and w<sup>th</sup> the jurors aforesaid  
 on their oath aforesaid do say that the said Patrick  
 Hardymen accidentally came by & by misfortune  
 came by his death & not otherwise. —

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to  
 this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above  
 mentioned.

\* Here let each Juror sign his own  
 name, or make his own mark,  
 and affix or acknowledge his  
 seal.

<i>John Han</i>	(L.S.)
	Coroner.
<i>Patrick Meek</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John Derry</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John O'Flaherty</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Joseph Stinson</i>	(L.S.)
<i>James Patterson</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Wm. Heavitt</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Edward Eastwood</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Wm. Cannon</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Michael O'Halloran</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Thos. Gleeson</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John O'Brien</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Nathaniel Mead</i>	