

21st June 1913

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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Ernest Bessant

at Melbourne Morgue

Received at the ~~Crown~~ Law Offices,

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R.H. Gale.

Coroner.

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA }
To Wit. }

RH
AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at
the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 21st
day of June A.D. 1913 in the fourth
year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, Robert Hodgson Cole,
gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State, upon the view
of the body of Ernest Besant
then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King, when, where, how,
and by what means the said Ernest Besant

(1) His or her.

came by his death, I say that

on the 11th day of June 1913

(2) Here state cause
of death, if known;
if unknown, doubt-
ful, or no evidence,
state the fact ac-
cordingly.

at² South Melbourne in the Homoeopathic
Hospital Ernest Besant died from injuries
caused on the previous day by a collision
between the lorry he was driving and
another lorry driven by William Gundry
in Roy Street South Melbourne. I
find that the death is due to misad-
venture

In witness whereof, I, the aforesaid Coroner, have to this Inquisition

put my hand this 21st day of June

A.D. 1913

Rome A. Crow

Coroner

VICTORIA POLICE-(47.)

St Kilda Road Station. Melbourne Police District.

11th June 1913.

No. 1 Division

REPORT of Const Cannoy 5143

Relative to.

Removing the body of Ernest Besant from the Homoeopathic Hospital to the Melbourne Morgue.

RH

I have to report that I have this day 11/6/13, under instructions from Sergeant Haydon, removed from the Homoeopathic Hospital to the Morgue the body of Ernest Besant, by way of carriage, in Drayton & Garsons Undertakers van.

I understand that deceased died at the hospital at 2.³⁰ a.m. 11/6/13 & that South Melbourne Police have furnished reports in reference to this case.

Serjt Haydon in charge.

M. J. Cannoy
Const 5143.

St Kilda Road

11/6/13

For information,

Dr Cole

Coroner

Morgue

Melbourne

Joseph Haydon,
Serjt 3233

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South Melbourne

Station Melbourne Police District

June 11th 1913

No 3 Division

REPORT of

Relative to

W. J. Gatchell Const. 4490

An accident occurring
in Roy Street by Kapier St. South Melbourne
at 11⁴⁵ am. on the 10th inst.

RM.

I have to report that I was on duty in Albert Road near St. Kilda Road at 11⁵⁰ am. on the 10th inst. when I saw two horses attached to a lorry loaded with manure galloping from Roy St. across Albert Road into Bowen-Terrace with no person in charge of same. The horses were stopped in Bowen-Terrace by some men. I hurried back to Roy St. and saw a number of persons gathered in Roy St. by Kapier St. On reaching the spot I saw a man lying at full length on the road. I saw that he was seriously injured. Constable Ryan was present in plain clothes, ^{and} informed me that he had telephoned for the Ambulance, and pointed out William Gundry who was drunk as being the cause of the accident. Gundry was driving two horses attached to an empty lorry along Roy St. towards Park St. and collided with the former lorry driven by Walter Besant who was on his right side close to the kerb thereby causing him to be thrown on to the roadway and his horses to bolt. The injured man was conveyed to the House-Opethic Hospital, and admitted by Doctor Gould. I arrested Gundry charged Sgt. Weir him with being drunk in charge of a St. H. Melbourne horse and vehicle and later admitted

to bail. The injured man was
reported to have died at 3³⁰ am.
this day.

For information.

The coroner J. M. M.
Melbourne Sep 3/86

W. H. Gatchell
Const. at 90

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* WALTER GORGE BESANTon his oath saith, I am a MARKET GARDENERresiding at DANDENONG ROAD HEATHERTON*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember the 9th inst MY brother left home at about 11 pm When he left home he was driving a lorry with the load of vegetables and had a pair of horses and his destination was the Victoria Market He was a RECHABITE. It was his usual practice for him to return about 4 pm on the following day The horses he was driving were quiet and he had been driving them on the road for twelve months. On the 10th inst I received a message and I then went to the Homoeopathic Hospital I there saw my brother He appeared to be suffering from an injury

R.H. ~~On the following day~~ I next saw him when he was brought home. He was aged 23 years and was single.

TO MR CORR.

TO THE CORONER: MY brother told me that he was coming home towards the city and as he was coming along Roy Street he saw an empty lorry coming towards him at a rapid pace That he was on his right side and that the lorry seemed to be coming straight for him — That he did all in his power to avoid a collision That the lorry crashed into him and seemed as though it rose up in the air — that he was thrown off the lorry and that the two wheels went over him. He gave a definite clear statement and seemed to know what he was talking about and was that he was in no way to blame whatever.

TO MR CORR: HE said that the horses were going at a rapid pace.

R.H. TO INSP MACMANAMNY The lorry reached ~~near about the time~~ home when I was away at the hospital. I inspected the lorry and saw that the frame work on the right hand side was all broken away. It was the off side of the lorry that was broken and all the frame work was broken away and the arch that he used to have over him was bent and twisted, and the paint work was scratched half way up.

Taken and sworn before me the 21st dayof June 19 13 at MelbourneRobert A. Cro

Coroner.

Walter G. Besant.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* ELLAN EMMA MILLERon her oath saith, I am a MARRIED WOMANresiding at 8 COBDEN STREET SOUTH YARRAxx MELBOURNE*Christian and
Surname in
full.

Between 11 am and 12 noon on the 10th inst I was standing at my side gate facing Roy Street. I saw a lorry coming along across Park Street. There were two horses in the lorry and it was empty. It was going at a trotting pace. I saw the driver. He was sitting on the lorry. I did not notice anything peculiar about him. I saw a market gardener's lorry coming along and he had a load of manure and he was coming in the opposite direction of the other lorry. As the first lorry came up to the market gardener's lorry it seemed to make a swerve and crashed into the market gardener's lorry. The market gardener was on the right side of the road and the other lorry was on the other side. The market gardener seemed to be close to the kerb. I saw that the driver of the empty lorry was thrown off his lorry and he lay there and the market gardener appeared to stand up and then the horses gave a plunge and he fell. I went to his assistance. I did not notice anything pass over him. I spoke to the market gardener and I spoke to him. His horses bolted away and then the Police came and took the man away to the Hospital.

TO MR CORR. The lorry driver did not speak to the market gardener and I did not speak to the lorry driver. The horses in the empty lorry were coming at a trotting pace. I think they were trotting fast as if he was hurrying back to his work. The horses were not galloping. At the time the horses swerved the lorry driver seemed to be making toward the middle of the road. Prior to that he seemed to be going straight.

TO DR JONES. I was at my side gate in Roy Street and had a clear view of everything. The market gardener was on my right side and the other on my left. When I saw the empty lorry he was on his right

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day
side of the road and when they got close to each other they ~~got close to~~

of _____ 19 at _____

at _____

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on h oath saith, I am a

residing at

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

came together The driver of the empty lorry seemed to gather up his reins but it was too late. When I saw the horses swerve I saw the driver lean over and attempt to pull up. The market gardener did not stand up till after the other lorry struck him and then his horses gave a plunge and then out he went. He fell about a moment after he stood up. His vehicle was filled up with manure and it seemed as if it was heaped up. I think there was a tarpaulin over the manure I could not say there was any boxes on the lorry It appeared to me to be a full load. The whole road is pitched there in Roy street. The horses seemed to be making toward the middle of the road and then they made a swerve. It was a sudden swerve.

Ellen Emma Miller

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
of June 1913 at Melbourne
Robert H Cro
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* MARY WHITEon his oath saith, I am a MARRIED ^{WOMAN} ~~MAN~~residing at 4 Napier STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE*Christian and
Surname in
full.*Lt Insp Momenamy*Between 11³⁰ and 12 am on the 10th inst I was

sitting on my veranda a few doors from Roy Street I saw a man driving
a double horse lorry along the lefthand side of Roy Street toward Park ~~Byre~~
Street He was going slowly and was either walking or trotting slowly
The next I saw was a lorry coming toward him from Park Street .

There was two horses and they seemed to come close to the coal
man lorry and just as they got near him the market gardener seemed to
pull his horses off to avoid running into the coal driver The next
all was quiet and then the horses seemed to loosen themselves and
then as the lorry got away I saw a man lying on the road in

The next I saw was the coal man's lorry turning away It ran past the
market gardener and then into Napier Street The market gardener
appeared to be in the middle of the road ^{and} ~~then~~ then he appeared to
pull off to the left hand side of the road.

RH

TO MR CORR: When I saw the lorry driver I had a good view. He was not

RH

^{close} ~~close~~ to the kerb stone. He may have been nearer to the middle of
the road but when I first saw him he was nearer to the kerb than the
middle of the road I had not seen the market gardener's cart then.

The horses on the lorry were trotting - I believe. When the accident
happened I believe it was nearer to the middle of the road I did not
notice how the lorry got to the middle of the road. The lorry driver was
sitting on the front of the lorry. There was nothing on the lorry and he had
his legs dangling down and he was on the left hand side of the lorry

I did not have a good view of the market gardener's lorry till after
the accident, and I did not see the man till after the accident.

The market gardener was lying on the road He was not close to the

kerb. He was in Roy Street on the other end of Napier Street He was

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day
nearer the gutter than the middle of the road.

of _____ 19 at _____

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* _____

on h oath saith, I am a _____

residing at _____

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

TO DR JONES : I didnt see the driverof the coal lorry thrown out.

I saw him on the road after and he waslying on the road - near where his lorry was .He seemed to be unconscLOus and I saw him carried away into thehouse next door to me andhe was put on the verandah, He did not seem to move till he was gt on the verandah. When he came along toward Roy Street he was jst holding the reinsas H^u was seated on the front of the lorry. He appeared to me to be nearer the left hand side and was well over to theleft hand side. There is plenty of traffic in Roy Street. I saw Mrs Miller go over to him. The deceased man was lyng down and he tried to raise his head up and theother man layd there still. I have never spoken to the driver of the lorry Thelorry driver seemed to be sitting up straight and there didnt appear to be anything the matter withhim.

Mary White

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
of June 1913 at Melbourne
Ross & Co
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

William Balfour Wishart
 on his oath saith, I am a legally qualified medical practitioner
 residing at The Homoeopathic Hospital 51 Kilde Road
Melbourne.

*Christian and
 Surname in
 full.

The deceased Ernest Mesant was admitted to
 the Hospital by me at 11.50 am. on June 10th. He
 was suffering severely from shock. On examination
 I found severe bruising in the L. groin and
~~on~~ extensive abrasions on the buttocks. He
 had marked tenderness over the ascending
 ramus of the left ischium, but his bladder
 and urethra appeared to be normal as
 a catheter passed easily and the urine
 was quite clear with no blood in it. He
 vomited blood twice - six ounces in all.
 His condition remained unchanged during
 the afternoon and evening till about 11 pm.
 when he became more restless. Drs. Barton and
 Scott were communicated with at midnight and
 arrived in half an hour. but at 12.15 he
 collapsed suddenly and on their arrival
 they decided that deceased could not stand
 the shock of operation. He rallied a little
 after an intravenous injection of 2 pints
 of saline but gradually sank and
 died at 2.25 am. on June 11th.

This death was in my opinion due to shock
 and internal haemorrhage following a fracture
 of the pelvis.

W. B. Wishart.

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
 of June 1913 at Melbourne
Ross H. Cro
 Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* JOHN THOMAS WILLIAMSon ~~his~~ oath saith, I am a BRICKLAYERresiding at 15 SANDILANDS STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE.*Christian and
Surname in
full.*To Sub Insp. Macmanamy:*

I remember about 11.30 am on the 10th inst as I turned round from Park Street to Roy street I saw a market gardeners cart ahead ~~us~~ at the intersection of the Napier and Roy Streets. The market gardener was going in the ~~same~~ ^m ~~way~~ ^{way} as I was and then I saw another lorry coming from Park Street and both lorries seemed to strike each other about the fore carriage and then the driver of the two horse lorry—that was the empty lorry—tried to pull his horses up and they over-powered him and then they turned round and cleared away. Just before the collision the market gardener seemed to be about two feet from the kebb stone and just before the collision he appeared to get a little toward the centre of the road. The empty lorry was on his left side coming toward Park Street. Just before the collision the empty lorry seemed to be in the centre of the road. He seems to be a little over on his wrong side. He then tried to try and pull the horses away and they over-powered him. I hurried over after the collision and I saw the driver of the empty lorry and I unbuttoned the neck of his shirt and then I WENT to the other driver. I then went back to the driver of the empty lorry and he was taken on to a veandah. I saw Constable Tatchell come and the market gardener was taken away to the Hospital. I saw the lorry driver taken in charge. He appeared to be stunned at the time.

TO MR CORR. When I first saw the market garden~~er~~ he was within two feet from the kerb. The market gardener was picked up a little from the ~~the~~ centre of the road. The vehicles seemed to free themselves in a second or two after the crash. The horses in the empty lorry seemed to over-power the driver. They were going at an ordinary trot. The driver of the empty lorry appeared to be in the front and was sitting on the left

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day

of _____ 19 _____ at _____

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Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on h oath saith, I am a

residing at

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

left hand front of the lorry. After the collision he ~~tried~~ to pull up the horses and they overpowered him, and they turned round and galloped away toward Napier Street. The market gardener was going at a very slow pace and he was sitting on a raised seat on his proper driving side and he appeared to have full control of his horses at the time.

TO DR JONES. I THINK THAT THE DRIVER OF THE ^PEMPTY LORRY WAS A LITTLE on his wrong side. I was about 50 yards away from the scene of the accident and I was walking South. The market gardeners horses swerved over a little-but a very little., The horses were both going in opposite directions when they struck. I did not see the market gardener stand up after the collision. The first I saw of him after the collision I saw him on the ground. The driver of the empty lorry was on the ground and he was insensible longer than the other man.

I think the driver of the empty lorry was on the road about ten minutes before he was taken away. I did not see his head strike the pillars.

TO SUB INSP MACMANAMNY: The market driver was on his right side and and the other was a little on his wrong side of the road.

John Thomas
Williams

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
of June 1913 at Melbourne
Robert A. Cro
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* JAMES SYDNEY RYANon h^{is} oath saith, I am a MOUNTED CONSTABLE OF POLICEresiding at DEPOT ST KILDA ROAD MELBOURNE.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

About 11.45 am on the 10th inst I was walking along Napier Street towards Roy Street I saw a pair of horses bolting with an empty lorry I stopped the horses and drove them back to Roy Street and when near Roy Street I saw two men lying on the road near in Roy Street I jumped off the lorry and locked the wheel One of the men appeared to be very seriously injured That was the deceased. I telephoned for St Johns Ambulance The other man had been carried to the side of the road. I saw the man afterwards before the ambulance He was then making off up Napier Street leaving his horses and lorry behind. I stopped him HE smelt strongly of liquor and appeared to be dazed. Constable Tatchell then came on the scene and I said to him "This is the man that drove the lorry that caused the accident" St Johns ambulance then came and I took the deceased to the Homoeopathic Hospital where I learned his name was ERNEST BESANT. Just then HE made a statement. I then went back to the scene of the accident and there saw Constable Tatchell and I examined the road I found marks of a wheel skidded on the stone on the left hand side of Roy Street facing South That was 6 to 7 feet away from the channel There was then a mark as if something had dragged about 5 or 6 feet from the centre of the road and that mark was about 7 yards long and it appeared as if something had been dragged. The deceased was picked up on the South end of that mark and about 6 feet from the crown of the road.

TO DR JONES. Gundry appeared to be dazed but did not look like a man that had been thrown on the top of his head. I could not say whether it was his clothes or his breath that smelt of liquor.

TO THE CORONER. I WOULD NOT SAY THAT THE MAN WAS DRUNK BUT HE SMELT OF LIQUOR

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
of June 19 13 at Melbourne
Ross H Cro
Coroner.

Ja. S. Ryan
M.P. Const 21126

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* WILLIAM FREDERICK TATCHELLon his oath saith, I am a CONSTABLE OF POLICEresiding at SOUTH MELBOURNE.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

About 11.50 am on the morning of the 10th inst

I saw a pair of horse s attaced to a lorry loaded with manure galloping across Albert Road from Roy Street They were stopped in B Bowen Terrace by two men. ON reaching Roy Street I saw a number of ~~men~~ persons gathered in the centre of the road at the interscetion of Napier and Roy sreet On reaching tem I saw a man who was the deceased lying on the road in the centre of the road. . I noticed that his clothing was partly torn from his body. I saw Constable Ryan there. Later on the ambulance arrived and Constable Ryan took the deceased away When I arrived Gundry was with OCⁿ stable aa Ryan I saw that Gundry was nunde thenfluence of drink ⁿ _n was drunk. From what I was told by Const RYan I took Gundry to the Watch house and charged him with being drunk in chage of a horse and vehicle. I placed the horses and lorry in Livery Stables On leaving Elliott's stables Gundry said to me "I have had a good few drinks this morning let me down as light as you can" I said "You are very drunk and you will be charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and vehicle" At about 12.35 on the same day I made an examination of the road in company of Constable Ryan and his evidence of that is correct I examined Guddrys lorry and I saw a small scratch on the wood word under the table of the lorry. The corners of the lorry are bound with iron.

TO DR JONES. I arreated Gundry about 11.50 Gundry did not ~~explain~~ complain to me There was no sign tha he had vomited on his clothing. I shud not say that the man was suffering from the effects of a blow having on his head. He was standing alongside Ryan on his feet He walked to the lorry with my assistance I took him arm and assisted him on to the lorry. HE did not say anything to me about injuries.

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day

of _____ 19

at _____

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* _____

on h _____ oath saith, I am a _____

residing at _____

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

iI believe now that he was thrown from his lorry.

I didnot tell him that I was going to arresttillhe spoke to me
He walked fairly well from Elliott Stables to the watch house . HE bears
a good character and has not beenin trouble before as far as I know.

TO THECORONER. When he spoke to me and askedme to let him down he was
about half drunk I do not think that he was capable then to look after
givenhorses.

TO DR JONES'. I didnot say to Gundry onthe following morning
"Hw is your head" or "you had a bad knock onthe head" I do not
remember feeling his head at all. I^N the watch house after the

case I put myhand on his head to feelif there was lump there

TOTHE COROERN I didnot feel any lump.

TOXXMXXJONESXX

W. J. Fatchell
Const. 4890

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
of June 19 19 at Melbourne
Ross H. Cro
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* GEORGE ROBSON FEATHERSTONEon h *is* oath saith, I am a SENIOR CONSTABLE OF POLICEresiding at SOUTH MELBOURNE.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

On the 10th inst the man Willam Gundry was brought to
at the South Melbourne Watch house He appeared to *me* ~~be~~ to be very drunk.
 He appeared groggy and didnot want to be lockedhup He smelt very
 strongly of drink I

T MR JONES: I didnot notice any stains of vomit on his clothes.
 I took a bag apron off him.

Geo. Featherstone
Const 3944

Taken and sworn before me the *21st* day
 of *June* 19 *13* at *Melbourne*
Robert A. Cru
 Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* JOHN ELLIOTTon *his* oath saith, I am a LIVERT STABLE KEEPERresiding at 229 CECIL STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I REMEMBER THE 10th inst when Constable Tatchell came to my stables with a horry and a pair of horses The man Gundry was on the lorry. A man was driving the lorry and they turned round into the street. The driver of the lorry then got off the lorry and Constable Tatchell took him by the arm I think that the man was under the influence of liquor.

TO DR JONES I do not think that I could distinguish the difference between a drunken man and a man that had been dazed by a fall.

John Elliott

Taken and sworn before me the 21st day
of June 19 19 at Melbourne
Robert H. Cro
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* WILLIAM GUNDRYon h oath saith, I am a LORRY DRIVERresiding at 118 GLADSTONE STREET SPUTH MELBOURNE*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have been driving horses for the past 26 years

I have never been charged in a Court before this one on the 10th inst I was charge of a lorry and two horses then and have been driving that pair of horses for about five months. I took the horse to the Toorak Siding that morning and took two tons of coal and I stacked the bags on the lorry and took then to Morris Brothers Siding at Toorak Station I had one drink going out and one drink coming back. I had a glass of beer on each occasion. Coming ^{along} Roy Street coming back I was seated on the lorry and was driving on my near side. The horses took a fright and swerved on the other side of the road. I do not know what caused them to swerve I tried to pull them back. I was coming at a comfortable trot. When the horses swerved I fell on the back of my head and I did not know any more about it then. I was not drunk that morning. I have not any recollection of what occurred after the accident as I was stunned. I may have said things to Constable

Tatchell but I do not remember ~~what he said~~ I have a little recollection that they were trying to give me some whisky.

I have a little recollection that I ran into another lorry I had my seat right alongside the brake so that I could use it if required. I generally sit in the centre of the lorry.

TO SUB INSP MACMANAMNY. I REMEMBER THE WHISKY BEING SUPPLIED TO ME.

I remember the Constable speaking to me, I do not ^{know} what he said I remember him arresting ^{me} I remember what he arrested me for and that he told me that I was drunk. I did not make the complaint that I was not drunk. I had no spirits that morning. When the collision took place there was the centre of the road between us and we were both on the proper side of the road. I was pretty well on the centre of the road when the collision took place.

Taken and sworn before me the day

of _____ 19 _____

at _____

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on h oath saith, I am a

residing at

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I cannot say for sure what made the horses take the fright but there were two children ran around the corner and they might have taken fright at them I cannot account for the horses swerving like. The horses are not in the habit of swerving but they are easily frightened.

TO MR CORR. I was ~~not~~ sitting on the front and had one foot on the pole. I could put the brake on with one hand and pull the reins with the other. The brake is in the centre of the lorry. I heard the evidence of Mrs Miller as to my coming from one side of the road and then to the other and then swerved. I saw the market gardeners waggon ~~was~~ coming toward me. I knew that ~~the street was narrow~~ the street was narrow. I pulled the reins up I was not driving with a loose rein. I heard the evidence of the constable that there was mark of a swerve on the wrong side of the road. I do not see how I was 6 feet on the wrong side of the road to make that mark, I started work at 7.30 am that day and left the yard at about 8 am. I walked and trotted part of the road to Toorak and reached the siding about 10 am. I had a drink at the Adelphi Hotel and had another at the Bush Inn in Malvern Road. I had some drink the night before but was not suffering recovery on that morning, of I think I do not now what ~~sa~~ was saying when I told the Constable I had a good few drinks that morning.

TO DR JONES. I have been driving for 26 years and ~~a~~ not ^{at any} time has anyone told me that I was incapable of driving a horse and lorry. I came back along Malvern Road and along S^t Kilda road and then into Roy ~~ss~~ Street and that was my nearest cut.

TO THE CORONER. I had a drink coming back at the Bush Inn Hotel I did not stop any time. I got out of the lorry That was the only place I

xcalled at coming back. 21st day
Taken and sworn before me the

of

19

at

Melbourne

Robert St Cro

Coroner.

William Gundry