

Henry Perkins

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NEWPORT

SUDDEN DEATH

On Saturday evening the Deputy Coroner (Francis A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the Gospel-hall, Union-street, on the body of Henry Perkins, 74, carpenter, of 11 South-view, who was found dead in bed at 7.30 that morning by his daughter, Miss Kate Perkins, with whom he lived. Mr. W. Midlane was foreman of the jury. Miss Kate Perkins said her father had for many years been employed by Messrs. Smith and Whitehead at Pan Foundry. He had recently enjoyed very good health, but some years ago he had a rather bad heart attack and was attended by the late Dr. Coombs. A fortnight before his death he fell and sustained a slight injury to the knee, which necessitated his resting it at home. On Friday evening he had tea of bread and butter, stewed rhubarb, and cake, and went to bed just before 8 o'clock. She heard deceased about at 1 o'clock, when he returned to bed as usual. She called him at about 7.30, and receiving no reply entered his room and found him dead in bed. She called Mrs. Dove, of Stile House Dairy, who said that she went in at once and found deceased lying dead on his left side in an attitude of sleep.

Dr. Stanley Foster said he had been attending deceased for the injury to the knee which was only of a minor character and could not possibly have had any influence upon his death. There was no question in his mind that death was caused by syncope from some form of heart disease. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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