
FATAL ACCIDENT AT WEST GUILDFORD.

MARINE DEALER THE VICTIM.

An accident resulting in the death of a young man named Philip Perlman occurred at West Guildford on Thursday afternoon.

Information of the occurrence was received at the Guildford Police Station shortly before 5 o'clock, and P.c. Trevatt left at once for the scene of the accident. From inquiries made by the police it would seem that two brothers, Philip and Max Perlman, who followed the occupation of marine dealers, were driving home to Perth with a cart-load of bottles, bones, etc., which they had collected in the Guildford and Midland districts during the day. When in North-road, West Guildford, in the vicinity of the bridge, the back band of their harness—which would appear to have been in a somewhat dilapidated condition generally—broke, with the result that the shafts dropped and the horse commenced to gallop. The two men were both sitting in the front of the cart and managed to keep their seats for a few yards. When the vehicle, however, reached the bottom of the short incline leading from Perth-road, Philip Perlman, who was driving, was thrown forward and fell between the horse and the cart, the wheel of which passed over his chest. The unfortunate man had several ribs fractured and sustained other internal injuries of a serious nature. The accident was witnessed by Mr. George Bailey, and medical evidence was at once summoned. Dr. J. E. Ferguson Stewart was soon in attendance, but nothing could be done for Perlman, who died just as the doctor arrived less than half an hour after the acci-

Perlman, who died just as the doctor arrived, less than half an hour after the accident happened. Deceased's brother was also thrown from the cart a few yards further along the road, and sustained minor injuries to his legs, over which the wheel passed. He was suffering also from shock, but was able later in the evening to proceed to his home in Perth.

The body of the deceased was removed to the morgue, and an inquest concerning the occurrence was opened at the Guildford Courthouse yesterday morning, before Mr. W. F. Guppy, J.P., Acting Coroner, and a jury. Sergt. O'Halloran conducted the proceedings.

Manuel Levy, a dealer, residing in Perth, gave evidence of identification, and stated that he had known deceased for several months. He boarded at the same house as the Perlman's. Deceased was a married man with three children, and was about 30 years of age. He arrived in Western Australia about 11 months ago from Palestine, and, along with his brother, followed the occupation of marine dealers. Witness added that he recognised portion of the harness produced as belonging to Perlman, and stated that he had previously drawn attention to its state of disrepair, and told deceased that unless it was seen to he would have an accident with it.

At this stage the inquest was adjourned until Friday next.
