

## LUMPER FALLS INTO HOLD.

### Verdict of Accidental Death.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded yesterday when an inquest was held at the Fremantle Courthouse concerning the death of Herbert Augustus Seymour (71), lumper, of Malcolm-street, East Fremantle, who was knocked into a hold by a sling of timber while he was working on the liner Ulysses at the Fremantle wharves early on the morning of September 22. The inquiry was held before the Acting-Coroner (Mr. J. H. Payne, J.P.). Witnesses were examined by Sergeant Nicholson and Mr. J. Dunphy appeared on behalf of deceased's relatives.

Dr. Alfred Day-Lewis, principal medical officer at the Fremantle Hospital, said that deceased died of laceration of the brain, haemorrhage and shock.

Walter Krober, lumper, said that on September 22 he was driving the yard-arm winch at the No. 5 hatch on the Ulysses. His job was to lift the top ends of the slings of timber from the trucks to clear the rail of the ship. Seymour's job was to give him the signal to raise the sling or otherwise and also to give the signal to the other winch-driver when to lower the sling into the hold. For two and a half hours everything was satisfactory except that on several occasions the timber had to be raised up again to get it into the hold. Just before the accident, a sling of timber had been raised to clear the rails by about three feet. Deceased then gave the signal to the midship winchman to pull the timber towards the hatch, at the same time going to the edge and looking down into the hold. The timber appeared likely to strike deceased and witness called, "Look out!" A moment later he saw deceased

out!" A moment later he saw deceased disappear down into the hold, falling a distance of about 25 feet.

Arthur William Myers, foreman lumper, said that the loading was dangerous and the derricks had not seemed long enough for the purpose. He thought the light end of the timber dipped and struck deceased.

The Acting-Coroner found that Seymour's death was caused through his having been accidentally struck down and knocked into the hold of the ship.

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