

## ELDERLY MAN'S DEATH.

### Collision Held to be Accidental.

A finding that Frans Oscar Fredrikson (62), of Stratford-street, East Fremantle, died at the Fremantle Hospital on December 10 from injuries received when he was accidentally struck by a utility truck driven by Richard Robert Piercy, of Victoria-street, Mosman Park, at East Fremantle on December 7 was returned by the Acting-Coroner (Mr. W. F. Samson, J.P.) at the Fremantle Courthouse yesterday. Fredrikson and George Alexander McNicol, of King-street, East Fremantle, were crossing Canning-highway, near Hubble-street, when the collision occurred. The deceased sustained a fracture of the skull and lacerations to the brain. His companion, who suffered slight concussion, was allowed to go home after treatment at the hospital.

Evidence was given by John Philip Gabbedy that he was parked in Canning-highway before the accident and allowed Piercy to go past before he drew out from the kerb and followed. A little later he saw a cycle proceeding across the road in front of Piercy's utility. The front of the cycle was in the light, but the person pushing it was in a shadow. He then heard a crash.

Piercy said that after passing Gabbedy's vehicle he looked in the mirror of the utility truck, after making sure the road was clear. His wife then told him to "look out," and he felt a bump. When he stopped, McNicol fell off the mudguard and Fredrikson was on the road about 25ft. behind the utility.

Sergeant Chesher assisted the Acting-Coroner, Mr. M. F. Cahill (instructed by Messrs. Dwyer, Durack and Dunphy) appeared for the relatives of the deceased and Mr. John Garvey (instructed by

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Messrs. Hardwick, Slattery and Gibson)  
for Piercy.