

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* James Strainon his oath saith, I am a Municipal Constable of Portresiding at Dunlop* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember Monday the 27th May 1907 I had about 8 o'clock am
~~the bodies~~ in the morning on 27 May I received the bodies of
 the deceased & conveyed them to the Glasgow House where the
 inquest was commenced that night.

Taken and Sworn before me the 12th day
 of June 1907 at Dunlop
S. J. Goldsmith
 Coroner.

J. Strain
No 110249

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Surname in
full.This Deponent* John Roseon his oath saith, I am a Inspector of Minesresiding at Castlemaine

I visited the Adelaide Mine on the 23rd, 24th, 25th & 27 May
in consequence of the Report from the Managers of the Adelaide
Mine I inspected the shaft on 25th & 27th May last -
I found the shaft well timbered & the Mining Regulations
complied with in every respect from what I could see I
have no doubt that the ingress of water came from the North
West corner I found after examining the shaft that a considerable
amount of rock had been cracked from behind the timber on the
North West corner, this had apparently given away by the little seam
of quartz that had intersected and struck the shaft - this would
cause the ground to break away more easily than any other
place in the shaft - I am of opinion from all inquiries made that no
one is to blame for the cause of this accident - the underlie is in my
opinion from East to West - If I instructed the Manager to bore I would

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have instructed him to bore on the
East side

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having seen the character of the shaft in the East side I would not think it necessary to bore - This is usually a Pneumatic as well as a Engine down when ^{air} operations are in progress - I don't think there is any advantage to communicate with the surface every quarter of an hour - it might follow to communicate as far as the progress of the shaft - there is no law to prevent a company to sink a shaft that will go into dangerous country but if it seems ^{fitting upon water they have} to keep this bore 10 feet a head in search of water - as far as I can see ~~there would not be~~ putting in of the bore when one would pass them. As the East end would not present ^{if the accident} - from information received I consider the shaft in a safe position so far as I know the information the Adelaide Company had when they found the site for the shaft was that the old Adelaide ^{drift} was 316 ft deep. that a drive was opened out 320 feet deep & a south drive driven 150 feet - from the drive a vein was sunk on the East a depth of 80 feet - this would bring the vein ^{back} ~~back~~ about 50 feet North of the ^{present} Adelaide shaft - the lode in the surface appears to be about 1 foot to 18 inches thick - the Cornish. I cannot say where the water came from it ^{must} ~~has~~ have come from old workings -

Taken and Sworn before me the 12th day
of June 1901 at Darlingford
S. J. Goldsmith
Coroner.

J. Rowe