

TWO BOYS DROWNED.

HEROIC BROTHER.

PERISHES IN RESCUE ATTEMPT.

A sad drowning case occurred at Sunshine, Tuesday afternoon. Two boys lost their lives, while a third narrowly escaped the same fate.

Richard Perry, aged seven years, a son of Mr. Perry, a line repairer of Sunshine, together with two brothers, Thomas McCulloch, aged 13 years, and James McCulloch, an employe at Mr. H. V. McKay's harvester works, at Sunshine, went for a walk. They came to a waterhole behind Scott's motor works, and found a raft, upon which young Perry and James McCulloch got, while the elder McCulloch remained on the bank. The raft, when about the centre of the waterhole, which was in the places about 6ft deep, began to sink, and before the boys knew exactly what had happened they found themselves in the water, struggling hard to reach the bank.

Neither boy could swim, and Thomas McCulloch, realising that his brother and Perry were in a dangerous situation, went to their assistance. He reached the two lads, who caught hold of him, and he was pulled down. A man named James Organ arrived at this stage, and he plunged into the water, and succeeded in bringing the bodies to land. Dr. Adamson, of Sunshine, Mr. Clarke, of McKay's ambulance corps, and others were quickly on the spot, and the work of resuscitation was commenced. After some time, the workers succeeded in restoring animation in the case of James McCulloch. Perry and Thomas McCulloch (the lad who had gone to the assistance of his brother) were dead.