

FALL OVER EMBANKMENT

Maribyrnong Resident's Death

At the morgue on January 4 Mr. A. Phillips, the Deputy Coroner, held an inquiry into the death of Walter Tasman Moss, a widower, 52 years of age, who lived at The Esplanade, Maribyrnong. After hearing the evidence a finding was recorded that Moss died in the Melbourne Hospital on December 27 as a result of injuries sustained through falling down a bank of the Maribyrnong River on November 24. There was evidence that the deceased wilfully threw himself over the embankment with the idea of taking his life.

Margaret Annie Moss, a niece of the deceased, said that on one occasion her uncle threatened that he would "make a hole in the river."

Moss, who had suffered from a bad leg for more than 13 years, was found on the morning of November 24 by Constable Tregoning, who said that Moss explained that, acting on impulse, he tried to destroy himself, but broke his leg instead. Moss, who had sustained other injuries, was taken to the Melbourne Hospital, where he eventually succumbed.