

SUICIDE AT BRAYBROOK.

John Rabb, an inspector for the Shire of Braybrook, committed suicide, at his residence, in Ballarat road, on Sunday evening. Rabb had for some time been in ill health, and on Sunday afternoon his brother took him to the Melbourne Hospital for examination. At that institution he received very discouraging news, and, on returning to Braybrook, he went into his yard and cut his throat with a table knife.

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RUINED THROUGH DRINK.

A SHIRE INSPECTOR'S SUICIDE.

At Footscray court house yesterday, Dr. Cole, District Coroner, held an inquest concerning the death of John Habb, aged 47, Braybrook shire council inspector. Evidence was given to the effect that deceased, who was a married man with two children, had been drinking excessively for the past three or four years. He had been in falling health of late, and was depressed in consequence. On Friday night last he said to his boy Ernest, twelve years of age, "You will not have your father and mother long." On Sunday last his brother, Mr. Jas. Habb, also residing at Braybrook, took deceased into the Melbourne Hospital, where a doctor examined him, and gave some medicine and ointment. They returned to Braybrook, and his brother left him, telling him to take the medicine. A little before tea time deceased went out into the yard. As he did not come into the house again, his son Ernest went out to call him in for tea. He found him lying down dead, with his throat cut. He was lying in a pool of blood, with a table knife in his right hand. He was then quite dead.

The Coroner said that it seemed to be a case in which a man had set himself to ruin his own health and prospects by drinking. There could be no doubt it was a case of deliberate suicide. His finding was that John Habb, on 15th November, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a table knife, and there was evidence of mental depression through long continued intemperance.

A special feature at the Cathedral Hall bazaar this evening will be a shadow pantomime.

SICK AND WORRIED.

MAN CUTS HIS THROAT.

An inquest was held on Wednesday at Footscray, before Dr. Cole, Coroner, touching the death of John Babb, who committed suicide by cutting his throat at Braybrook, on Sunday evening last.

Evidence was given that deceased was 47 years of age, and a married man, living with his wife and two children, at Braybrook. He had been suffering for some time, and was very much worried about it, and had been drinking heavily.

Ernest Babb, son of the deceased, said that on Sunday last he saw his father go into the house, pick up a table knife, and go into the yard. The next time witness saw him he was lying in the yard with his throat cut.

The Coroner found that deceased committed suicide by cutting his throat with a table knife.