

## FLOODS TRAGEDY.

### FATHER AND SON DROWNED.

#### CROSSING A SWOLLEN CREEK.

#### A LAD'S NARROW ESCAPE.

A shocking double tragedy occurred at Kellor this morning.

Mr William Mansfield, a well-known farmer, residing in the district, and his son William, a boy seven years of age, were drowned in the Deep Creek.

Mr Mansfield and his son, together with a lad named Philip Hill, were driving in a buggy, and in order to reach their destination had to cross the Deep Creek, which was in flood owing to the recent rains.

The father and son were sitting in the front of the vehicle, whilst the lad Hill was in the back seat, and was leading another horse by means of a rope.

Although the creek was very high, Mr Mansfield decided to try and cross it.

Immediately the vehicle entered the creek, however, it was overturned by the rush of water, and the occupants thrown out.

Mr Mansfield and his son were swept down the stream, and both were drowned.

The lad Hill was more fortunate. He retained his hold of the rope with which he was leading the extra horse. The animal swam ashore, pulling Hill after it. The lad, on reaching the bank, was little the worse for his adventure.

Word of the tragedy was sent in to the North Essendon police station, and Constable Walsh went out to Kellor. He succeeded in recovering the bodies of Mr Mansfield and his son, and removed them to the Kellor Hotel.

An inquest will be held, probably tomorrow.