

Daniel Lee

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FOUND DROWNED.

A SAD CASE.

On Friday morning last the body of a man named Daniel Lee was found by a Mr Sandy, an orchardist, lying in a water channel about 2½ miles from the Girgarre railway station.

A magisterial inquiry was held on Sunday morning by Mr. R. Haslem, J.P., when it was shown that deceased was lying with his head and shoulders in the water, while a bucket was lying on the bank beside him.

Dr Harcourt, who made a post mortem, gave it as his opinion that deceased had been overcome by faintness and fell forward into the water, then being asphyxiated by the mud and vomiting. The heart showed signs of weakness.

A finding was given in accordance with the medical testimony.

Deceased was a returned soldier, having enlisted from Canada. He was a brother of Mr Joseph Lee, of Bailieston, and only recently got a block of land on the estate where his body was found. It was indeed hard luck, after having served his country and got through the war safely, that he should meet his death in this manner.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

A Daniel Lee is included in Rushworth cemetery records.