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SUDDEN DEATH

Stanhope Chemist Collapses

The death occurred on Friday night of Mr. James E. Trost, chemist, of Stanhope.

Deceased, who had been subject to recurring attacks of stomach trouble for some time, collapsed and died suddenly while in his shop, which is owned by Mr. R. Gorr. The deceased had suffered considerably for a few days prior to his demise, but did not seek medical attention.

An enquiry into the cause of death was conducted on Saturday afternoon, before Mr. W. Paynter, J.P., Deputy Coroner, and medical reports indicated that death was due to natural causes. The enquiry was adjourned.

The late Mr. Frost was born at St. Kilda and was only 37 years at the time of his sudden and unexpected end. He had recently been in business at Kaniva and Rupanyup before coming to Stanhope about 20 months ago. During his stay at Stanhope he had made many friends as a result of his courteous, obliging and gentlemanly manner and his willingness at all times to render assistance wherever required.

The deceased gentleman was married in Adelaide in 1931 to Miss Rita Pew, of that city, and came back to Victoria to reside.

Besides a sorrowing wife, he leaves one son, John, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

The funeral was conducted to the Rushworth cemetery on Sunday last, the mortal remains being followed to their last resting place by a number of friends, many beautiful floral tributes exemplifying the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Rev. H. F. Goss, C. of E., conducted the service at the graveside and the Masonic service was read. The mortuary arrangements were attended to by Kittle Bros.