

FATAL ACCIDENT

FALL FROM MOTOR TRUCK CAUSES DEATH OF PATRICK QUIRK

Fatal injuries were suffered by Patrick James Quirk, on Monday evening last. At about 7.45 p.m. he was riding on the back of a motor truck driven by his son-in-law, Mr. Maurice McMahon. They were returning from Mr. P. Kennedy's farm at Gobarup to their home at Cornella.

The old gentleman refused to ride in the cabin, preferring to sit on the end of the truck. They had proceeded about half a mile when Mr McMahon noticed a bag of chaff fall from the small lad on the truck and on stopping to retrieve it saw Mr. Quirk lying on the road some distance away.

Mr. McMahon obtained the assistance of Mr. Tom Kennedy and he was taken home. Medical aid was summoned and he was found to be suffering from concussion and internal injuries.

The Rushworth Civil Ambulance conveyed the old gentleman to Mooroopna Hospital, where he passed away on Tuesday, about 6 p.m., without having regained consciousness.

A coronial inquiry was held at Mooroopna on Wednesday morning, when a finding of accidental death was recorded.

The remains were interred at Rushworth cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Father Tehan performing the last rites. The funeral arrangements were carried out by E. F. Anderson.

The late Mr. Quirk was a very old resident of the district, coming here originally from the Kyneton district, of which he was a native. He was 74 years of age. He is survived by a grown-up family to whom the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended.

The family is Matthew (Cornella), Clara (Mrs. Chas. Clark, Rushworth), Mary (Mrs Leo Clark, Toolleen), Elizabeth (Mrs Reed, Toolleen), Patrick (Rushworth), Nellie (Mrs. M. McMahon, Cornella) and Jack (Costerfield).