

Inquest Into Man's Death at Lawson Syphon

At the inquest into the death of Harold Nightingale, 49 years, late of Deniliquin, at the Court House on Tuesday, the Coroner (Mr K. M. McMahon) found that Nightingale had died on November 18 from the effects of accidental injury (a fractured skull), in the course of his employment at the Lawson Syphon.

Mr McMahon said Nightingale was struck on the back of the head when a 30 foot plank fell from a trestle.

He was a member of a gang of men working under and adjacent to some scaffolding.

Several workmen gave evidence of the work in progress at the time, and as to the circumstances of the accident.

Evidence was also given by Eric S. Nicholas, who was resident engineer in charge of construction operations, Dr. F. T. Humphery and Constable A. N. Hartley.

Other witnesses were Keith Henry Neave, a leading hand, Raymond Gerovich, drag line operator, Tony Coombe, greaser, and Thomas John Cooper, laborer.

Detective Sergeant W. C. Morley assisted the Coroner.

Mr P. F. Phillips appeared on behalf of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, while Mr A. Grant appeared on