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INQUEST AT RYDE

Yesterday afternoon (Friday) the Deputy Coroner (F. A. JOYCE, Esq.) held an inquest at Ryde on the body of **William Henry STEVENS**, aged 53, a carpenter employed on the Ryde House Estate, who resided at Stonepitts Cottage, Binstead.

---The evidence showed that deceased injured his hand with barbed wire fencing three weeks ago. On Saturday he became ill, and died on Tuesday.

---Dr. KENNEDY attributed the death to ptomaine poisoning and hydristatic pneumonia. He was shown pork of which the deceased had eaten, but it was of excellent quality. He did not think the injury to the hand had anything to do with the death.

---Dr. TURNER, who assisted with the post mortem, thought the death due to gastritis and pneumonia.

---Mr. RUSSELL (a juror) asked why an inquest was necessary, seeing that the doctor had given a certificate.

---The Coroner said the doctor was not quite sure about the ptomaine poisoning. If it had been proved that death was due to the food quality of it would have had to be closely investigated.

---The jury returned a verdict that death arose from acute gastritis and pneumonia.

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