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Drowned off the Sand Banks

The Deputy Coroner, Mr E F BLAKE, held an inquest at the Gem Inn, Hill Street, on Tuesday, on the body of James DRAKE ("Winkle Jack"), whose death we recorded in Wednesday's issue. Very little evidence was forthcoming, but there appeared little doubt that the poor man whilst engaged in picking winkles on Monday morning on the banks near the Landshead buoy did not see, owing to the fog, that the tide was rising till his retreat was cut off by the advancing water, and he either died a slow and agonising death or was swept away in endeavouring to cross the channel. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.