

**AGED RYDE WIDOW'S DEATH
SEQUEL TO BURNING ACCIDENT**

On Tuesday the Deputy Coroner (F.A. JOYCE Esq), held an inquest at the Parkhurst Institution on the body of **Annie Elizabeth KENWARD**, 72, a widow of 45 Monkton-street, Ryde, who died in that institution on Friday week, following a burning accident at her home on July 20th.

According to the evidence of her son, Raymond Henry KENWARD, the deceased had been a widow for eight years and had been suffering with paralysis for three years being attended by Dr. MACKENZIE. In January she had a fall and began to get worse. On the 20th July he heard a cry of "Fire," coming from his mother's room and found her in the room with her hair on fire. He put out the flames with the aid of a cushion and called in medical assistance. The deceased had a small celluloid comb in her hair and that was smouldering. She had lighted a candle and it was to this that the accident was attributed owing to her invalid state. As the injuries were not healing as well as they should the doctor advised her removal to hospital, and as the County Hospital was full, she was taken to Parkhurst.

Miss BRICE, the superintendent nurse at the Parkhurst Infirmary, said that deceased was admitted there on August 20th, suffering from extensive burns involving the whole of the left side of the head and her left leg, and erysipelas. The patient appeared to improve until the 2nd inst., when a rapid change took place and she became unconscious. She remained so until her death on the 4th inst.

Dr. G. RAYMOND, medical officer of the institution confirmed the statement of the previous witness. On the 2nd inst., she had a stroke and he attributed death to cerebral haemorrhage accelerated by accidental burning.

A verdict in accordance with this evidence was returned. – Insp. SIBBICK was present on behalf of the police.
