

**MUSICIAN'S DEATH.  
VERDICT OF SYNCOPE**

The painfully sudden death of a well known Ryde street musician and vocalist, David PEGG, lodging at 47 Albert street, was reported on Sunday. He was 58 years of age and had made no complaint of feeling unwell. He had lodged for the past nine months with William ALLEN at the above address and at 9.30 on Sunday morning he came downstairs and prepared his breakfast, and half an hour afterwards was about to pour out his tea when he fell out of his chair and expired.

An inquest was held on the body at the Primitive Methodist schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon by the Acting Coroner (F. A. JOYCE, Esq).

Ada FARRELL, wife of Frederick FARRELL, 55 Green street, a relative by marriage identified the body and stated that deceased belonged to Portsmouth, but had been in the Island a good number of years. His eldest brother was in Portsmouth, but too ill to attend.

William ALLEN, labourer, 47 Albert street, said deceased had been staying with him since September. Witness related how PEGG came down on Sunday morning about 9.30 and placed his jacket and waistcoat on the sofa, then cleaned his boots and came to his breakfast. He had just put the tea in the teapot when he fell forward. Dr. KENNEDY was called in and pronounced him dead. Deceased usually enjoyed good health and he had not heard him make any complaint.

Dr. R. C. H. KENNEDY deposed to being called to deceased at 47 Albert street on Sunday and finding him dead. He had not been attending him at any time, so was unable to state the cause of death and made a post mortem examination. The lungs were rather congested and the heart dilated, the wall very thin causing all valves to be affected and incompetent by the dilation. Death was due to syncope. There was no sign of apoplexy.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical evidence.

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