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SAD SUICIDE OF A RYDE MAN
Inquest at Wootton

On Monday an inquest was held at Wootton Bridge on the body of **Arthur James COLEMAN** greengrocer, St. John's-road, Ryde, who had been missing from his home since October 17th, and whose body was picked up on the shore at Wootton on Monday.

Deceased's brother, a butcher's assistant, living at 49, Albert-street, Ryde, said he last saw him alive on the Thursday previous to his disappearance. Deceased was then weak and low, and had been for some time past. He had suffered with his head from a boy.

The Coroner: Did you think anything like this would occur?

Witness: Yes, we always expected him to be brought home dead.

William TAYLOR, carter, having proved finding the body at Woodside, the Coroner said he thought the jury would come to no other conclusion than that the deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind.- verdict accordingly.

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