

Isabella Maclaren Frampton

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FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS.--On Wednesday the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at 15 Portland street on the body of Isabella M. Frampton, 77, widow, living with her son, Sidney James Frampton, at the above-named address. The son stated that deceased had been in feeble health. She was in the habit of wandering about the house at night, and at about 3.20 a.m. on the 1st inst. she came into his bed-room as usual and looked out of the window. On returning she had to pass the top of the staircase, where she apparently accidentally stumbled and fell headlong down the stairs, turning a somersault and badly injuring her head. Witness called his brother, Charles Henry Frampton, living next door, and he and his wife came in and they at once went for the doctor. Dr. E. F. Westmore Buckell said that his examination of the deceased revealed a serious fracture of the skull, which was the cause of death. He had been attending deceased who suffered from giddiness and neuritis. The injuries were quite consistent with the fall of a heavy woman like deceased downstairs. The Coroner said it was a dangerous staircase without any rail. In that case a rail might not have obviated the fall, but it would be better if there were some means of support for people going up and down the stairs. He was quite satisfied that it was a pure accident, and he returned a verdict that death was due to injuries sustained in an accidental fall, and expressed sympathy with the relatives.

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