

MURDER AT KEILOR.

A murder of a most cruel and barbarous character has been discovered within the last few days at Keilor. From the scanty particulars at present in possession of the police, it appears that a man, named John Fairweather, who was in the employ of Mr Joseph Ball, of Keilor, was seen on the evening of the 23rd inst. in company with a man named Bernard Cunningham. Since that day nothing has been heard of Fairweather and his friends, becoming alarmed at his absence, communicated with the district police. A detective officer was employed and on Christmas Day the body of Fairweather was found in a water-hole a short distance from Keilor. On an examination of the body, the skull was found completely fractured, and the face and forehead covered with about a dozen severe cuts as though inflicted by a common knife. From information subsequently obtained, constable Flower, Thursday, arrested Cunningham on suspicion of having murdered the deceased. It is stated that a strong case of circumstantial evidence will be forthcoming against the accused at the inquest.