

MOTOR TRAFFIC.

KEILOR FATALITY.

Heavily Laden Motor Cycle.

At the City Morgue yesterday an inquiry was held into the death of Ronald George Kirk, 26 years, laborer, Yarra-street, Abbotsford, who was killed in a road collision at Keilor on 8th January.

William Henry Richards, farm laborer, Diggers' Rest, said at 7.30 p.m. on 8th January he and three others left Collingwood on a motor cycle and side car. Kirk was driving. On reaching Keilor they got a puncture. They repaired it and continued north along Bendigo-road, with the headlights still burning. He remembered nothing of the accident, but found himself sitting on the road dazed. The motor cycle was on fire. Kirk was unconscious, and his clothes were almost burnt off him. A damaged motor car was nearby facing south. While the puncture was being repaired at Keilor they had each had a glass of ale, but all were sober.

Alfred Thomas Smith, farmer, Keilor-road, Sydenham, said he heard a crash outside his house, and after helping the injured telephoned for help. The motor car was on its correct side when the accident happened, and the motor cycle on its wrong side. He thought he could smell drink on all the men who had been in the side car.

Austin Williams, motor driver, 20, Holmes-road, Brunswick, driver of the motor car, said when he first saw the motor cycle, it was twelve yards away, coming towards him on its wrong side at forty miles an hour. The two women who were passengers in his motor car were slightly injured.

The Coroner (Mr. D. Grant) said he disregarded the evidence of those who were in the collision, and was satisfied that the motor cycle was on its wrong side. Death was caused through misadventure.