

A PIG DEALER'S DEATH.

John Baker, aged 60, a pig dealer, who lived in Mullen-street, Braybrook, absented himself from home on Wednesday last, and no more was seen of him till his dead body was found floating in the Saltwater River, near Essendon, yesterday. It was expected that he had drowned himself, as a hat and coat found by the side of the river had been identified as Baker's property. It is not known how he got into the river, but as there were no marks of violence on the body death was evidently caused by drowning. Baker, who was a married man, with a family, is stated to have been over-indulging in liquor. The body was taken to the Footscray morgue by Constable Burns, and a magisterial inquiry will be held to-day.