Lorry Driver Of Negligence, Says Coroner

DONALD RICHARD NICHOLLS (19) of High St., New Norfolk, driver of a lorry involved in a fatal accident at Austins Ferry on May 28, was guilty of negligence, the Coroner (Mr. H. M. Brett-tingham-Moore) found at an inquiry in Hobart yesterday.

However, the negligence of the driver of a lorry travelling from Launceston to Hobart was also recorded, in spite of the fact that both drivers were producing invoices to prove that they were carrying goods to Hobart.

When the lorry was stopped by police at Austins Ferry, Mr. N. Nicholls, of the Decimus Lorry Company, New Norfolk, was found to be travelling at a speed of 15 miles per hour on a flat road.

Mr. Nicholls, who was travelling at a speed of 20 miles per hour on the same road, was also found to be travelling at a speed of 15 miles per hour on a flat road.

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There was evidence that the lorry was being driven on the wrong side of the road, and that Mr. Nicholls had failed to see the lorry which was in front of him.

The lorry which was in front of Mr. Nicholls was being driven by Mr. T. W. Moore, who was travelling at a speed of 15 miles per hour on a flat road.

The lorry which was being driven by Mr. Moore was being driven on the wrong side of the road, and was being driven at a speed of 20 miles per hour on a flat road.

Guilty

The coroner found that, as a result of the accident, Mr. Nicholls had died of injuries sustained in the collision.

Mr. Nicholls was working as a lorry driver for the Decimus Lorry Company, New Norfolk.

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