

## Quarry Manager's Tragic Death

### Rubislaw Discovery, Body found Astride a Gate

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An extraordinary discovery was made in Angusfield Road, Rubislaw, Aberdeen, yesterday morning, the dead body of a man being found astride a wooden gate near his residence. The body was that of **Mr. John Meldrum**, quarry manager, Old Angusfield House, Angusfield Road. Death was medically certified as due to natural causes.

The probable explanation of the circumstances is that **Mr. Meldrum** had been in the act of crossing the gate, when the exertion had affected the heart, bringing about collapse. Feeling faintness coming over him, he might have grasped the top bar of the gate, which, on rigidity setting in, would keep the body in position.

**Mr. Meldrum**, who was 55 years of age was well known in the granite trade in the Aberdeen district. He had been in the quarrying industry since a youth, when he began work at Rubislaw, and became a foreman. For a good many years afterwards he was manager of the Admiralty Quarries at Boddam, from where he went to Greece to take charge of marble quarries. His health breaking down, he returned to this country, and took over control of a quarry business in Ireland. Ten years ago he was appointed to the managership of the Rubislaw Quarries.

**Mr. Meldrum** is survived by his wife and a family of two married sons and two married daughters, while two other sons and a daughter are at home.

