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CRICKET AND LAWN TENNIS

It was decided that meetings could not be held
this week owing to the Munster Fair inter-
vening.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT AT THOMONDGATE.

On Sunday night, about nine o'clock, John
Cunningham, aged six years, was drowned in the
river at Thomondgate. The deceased, who had
been playing in the vicinity of the slip above the
police barrack, accidentally fell into the water.
Unfortunately the occurrence was not witnessed
by anyone capable of rendering effective assist-
ance, but a man named Hartigan, who was ap-
proaching at some distance, was apprised by a
little girl, and with promptitude he hurried
to the spot and jumped into the water. He suc-
ceeded in recovering the body, but life was found
to be extinct. Dr Humphreys was immediately
in attendance, and tried to restore animation,
but without success, the boy being dead before
brought to the surface.

Yesterday, Mr Coroner DeCourcy and a jury
of which Mr John Goggin was foreman, held an
inquest on the body.

Hanora Connell, a little girl of five, stated that
she and Johnny Cunningham were playing at the
slip, and he fell into the water.

Michael Hartigan stated he knew the deceased
and on Sunday evening about 9 o'clock he was
attracted to the slip, where he saw the little
fellow in the water on his back. He jumped in
and caught him, and Pat Bailles also jumped in,
and, taking the child, brought him to the top of
the slip. Witness could not say how long the
child was in the water. He thought there was
some life in him when he caught him. He died
immediately afterwards.

To Mr Joyce—The child was in the back tide,
and not in the still water or the current.

To Mr Caffrey—He could not say how long the
child was in the water. Dr Humphreys was in
immediate attendance.

Constable M'Cormack deposed that about ten
minutes past eight on Sunday evening he was
informed that the child had been drowned. He
immediately went to the house where the child
was lying dead. Dr Humphreys arrived shortly
after, and tried every effort to restore animation,
and finally gave it as his opinion that the child
had died before it left the water.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental
drowning, and considered that Michael Hartigan
deserved credit for his promptitude.

The Duke and Duchess of York on Saturday
afternoon visited Haslar Hospital, inspecting a
number of the wards, after which their Royal
Highness took tea with Inspector-General Mac-
donnell. On Sunday morning they attended service
at the Dockyard Church. After lunch, the Duke
and Duchess journeyed to Spithead in the Post

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