

## BANK OFFICIAL SHOT.

### CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Acting City Coroner (Mr. Stephen Murphy, P.M.), held an inquest on Saturday touching the death of Thomas Leslie Jones, ledger-keeper at the City Bank, who died at the Sydney Hospital on Wednesday last from a bullet wound in the head.

Mr. Drew appeared on behalf of the family of the deceased.

Edward Baker, brother-in-law of the deceased, said deceased was 29 years of age. As a matter of fact, deceased, who was a married man, had never lived with his wife so far as witness was aware. Mrs. Jones instituted proceedings against him for maintenance, and he understood that Jones had threatened proceedings in divorce against her soon after they were married. When witness last saw him, deceased was worried about his married life.

Mr. Drew said he understood that Jones never lived with his wife after marriage. It was one of those unfortunate marriages which occasionally took place.

F. Zimmerman, chemist, gave evidence of meeting deceased on Tuesday evening, and to his being in his company until next morning. After making deceased a shake-down in witness's office, he went out to get a newspaper, and soon after his return found deceased with a wound in his head and a revolver lying alongside him. He was then removed to the hospital where he died.

Joseph William Crawley, night watchman at the City Bank, gave evidence of deceased having visited the bank early on Wednesday morning, as already reported. He told the watchman that that would be the last he would see of him. Deceased was much under the influence of drink. Deceased frequently spoke to him about his trouble with his wife.

The Acting-coroner returned a verdict of suicide.