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LOCAL BOARD NOMINATIONS.

LOCAL NOTES BY "PHIZ."

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Nicholson, George, Leadgate, slater; Thomas Harrison
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Rowe, Thomas, Leadgate, baker; Charles Teaney
Leadgate.
Wilson, John, Leadgate, gentleman; Thos. Lammonby
Leadgate.

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contractor, of this town, met his death in a very shocking manner. Between five and six o'clock deceased got out of bed and was proceeding to the bedroom of his son when he fell downstairs. He was once picked up by his son, but death ensued.

most immediately, the unfortunate man having located his neck. Deceased was very much respected in the neighbourhood, and his sudden and lamentable death has caused a feeling of gloom among his circle of acquaintances.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest on the body at the Fountain Hotel. The body having been viewed, William Wilkinson, of the deceased, was called. He said his father was sixty-four years of age. Witness slept in a bedroom at the Fountain Hotel, and the room at the front of the hotel.

room, and his father in a room in the back of the house. It was usual for deceased to call witnesses to bed, and on Monday morning, about ten minutes after five, he heard his father come to the landing and immediately after there was a rumbling noise. On getting out of bed and going to the landing, he saw his father tumbled down stairs.

found that his father was picked up and placed on a desk-bed in the kitchen, but he only breathed once or twice. Deceased was at the time dressed in his usual night clothes. In answer to the Coroner, the witness said the stairs were very steep, and there was no handrail. The landing was also a narrow one.

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—Dr. Morris said he attended Wilkinson at a dea-
past five o'clock. He was then lying on a dea-
white dead. There was a

the her in the kitchen and quite tused wound on the crown of the head, and had resulted from dislocation of the neck. Morris added that he noticed a small spot of at the bottom of the stairs, and he was of o that deceased had fallen down head foremost

that his head had come out at the bottom.—The Coroner said it seemed un-
sary to call further evidence. There could
doubt that death had been caused by the fall.
Morris said the deceased was a man of im-
weight.—The Foreman (Mr. Davison) observed
weight. The body was exceedingly steep.—Mr. McN

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juror) said the people themselves could be
blamed, but he thought the Local Board
especially the Building Committee, ought
to be censured for allowing Wilkinson to build a
staircase with such a dangerous staircase.—The Foreman
said that was a matter the Local Board

marked that that was the only way to get no control over.—Mr. McNally: I beg to say they have. The committee have no right to do that. The coroner has no right to do that. The coroner: That is a matter the Local Board can control after the next time they have a plan before them. In this particular case, I presume the house was not fit to live in.—Mr. McNally: Yes, Mr. Williamson himself.—Mr. McNally: Yes.

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Mr. McNally: You have one of my plans to-day. I hope you will look after it. I want no further delay. The Foreman: Does your plan show a hammer? Mr. McNally: Yes, everything that is required. The Coroner said the people of Consett could not get Mr. McNally on to the Local Board.

He would, he felt sure, see that the Building Committee did their duty.—The jury then rendered verdict of accidental death.

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