

CITY DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Quarry Tragedy.

At noon yesterday, in the Boardroom of Barrington's Hospital, Mr J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Michael Flanagan, aged nineteen years, of Fitzgerald's Cottages, who was drowned whilst bathing in a quarry hole at Rosbrien the previous evening.

Sergeant Ruane conducted the enquiry, and evidence of identification was given by the boy's father, Michael Flanagan.

Anthony Houlihan, deposed that he went to bathe in the quarry with deceased, whom he asked before they went into the water if he were able to swim and received an affirmative reply. The quarry was about 30 yards wide and about 30 feet in depth. Both struck out to swim across, the deceased leading a little. They were only a short distance from the opposite side when Flanagan showed signs of distress, and shouted to witness, who told him he had not far to go, being only a few yards of the bank. When witness got alongside deceased sank, and witness caught him by the hair of the head. He was unable to retain his hold, and when deceased came to the surface witness again endeavoured to bring him ashore, using all his energies to do so, but without success. Deceased then disappeared and never rose to the surface again. Witness was by this time quite exhausted, and having made the bank he again dived, but failed to get the body. There was no assistance forthcoming, and he subsequently apprised the Civic Guard at Edward street.

Sergeant Ruane stated that the body was recovered a couple of hours after the accident.

Dr. W. P. Dundon, house surgeon, attributed death to asphyxia due to drowning, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly, commending the heroic conduct of Houlihan, and expressing the view that the quarry hole should be protected with the object of preventing bathing in it.

The caretaker replied that he had done everything possible in this respect.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL SWORN INQUIRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Very recently my attention has been brought to a report communicated to the Press of a meeting of the Limerick County Council in committee, which was

SEVEN THOUSAND MILES FLIGHT.

England to Capetown.

Lieut. R. R. Bentley, an instructor of the South African Air Force, started from Stag Lane Aerodrome, Hendon, this morning in a De Haviland Moth aeroplane on a seven thousand miles trip to Cape Town. He landed at Lymphe at 11.30, and resumed his flight half an hour later.

The flight is being financed by the "Johannesburg Star." The machine carries celluloid as a mascot.

CO. LIMERICK MOTOR CYCLE TRAGEDY.

The Inquest.

The enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Eric Sparling, draper's assistant, aged 17 years, who succumbed in Barrington's Hospital on the 27th ultimo to injuries received in a motor cycle collision at Croagh, Rathkeale, on the 22nd of that month, was resumed last evening by the City Coroner, Mr J. S. McNeice, and a jury.

At the previous sitting of the jury, evidence of identification was given, and a month's adjournment was necessitated owing to the principal witness being in the County Hospital, Croom.

Denis O'Connor, farmer, Croagh, Rathkeale, stated on the 22nd July William Fitzgibbon came to his house and stated that he had, while motor cycling that morning, being in collision with the deceased. Fitzgibbon was bleeding from the head, and having attended to him, and sent for Dr. Magner, witness went to Croagh Cross, where he saw deceased on the roadside. He was then told that Eric Sparling had been injured, and saw him standing against a wall, the two motor bicycles being on the road. Later Fitzgibbon was attended by the doctor, and removed to Rathkeale, where he lived.

William Sheedy, also a farmer, of Croagh, deposed to arriving on the scene after the accident and seeing the deceased standing against a wall. Both bicycles were on the road, and deceased was bleeding, but did not reply when questioned about the occurrence. His mother was sent for and

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