

...bathes in the quarry with deceased, whom he asked before they went into the water if they were able to swim and received an affirmative reply. The quarry was about 30 yards wide and about 30 feet in depth. Both truck out to swim across, the deceased aiding a little. They were only a short distance from the opposite side when Managan 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 bank, and witness caught him by the hair of his 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 held privately on July 30th last.

As a ratepayer I protest against the action of the Council in not admitting the public and the Press to this important meeting. The cost of the sworn inquiry was very great indeed—it must have far exceeded the costs in the case of *Hewson v. Limerick Co. Council*—and after all this expenditure it is deplorable that the report should be disposed of in such a summary fashion. At least those who tendered evidence entirely in public interest should have been notified of the Council's intention to hold such a meeting.

Concerning my own evidence, I went to that inquiry with certain concrete suggestions on the matter of road repairing operations which, if put into practice, should bring about greater efficiency and smoothness in the working of direct labour system through the adoption of methods which would secure reward for merit and eliminate present obvious faults.

Having given a good deal of time and attention to the preparation of those suggestions (too extensive to include here) it is, I confess, not a little disappointing to find them disposed of as follows—Viz.: 'Communicated' report of meeting referred to. The Committee unanimously disagreed with 'paragraph' dealing with Mr. Boothan's remarks.' The paragraph dealing with my remarks may be found in page 17, Report of Sworn Inquiry, January, 1927, in which the Local Government Inspector expresses his agreement with the suggestions contained in my evidence.

"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 had him taken to his home at Anagan Castle, Croagh.

In his evidence, William Fitzgibbon stated he left home at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 22nd July on a motor bicycle to transact business in Charleville. He was travelling at 15 miles an hour, and approaching the bend near Croagh he saw Eric Sparling coming towards him on the right side of the road. He was then, it seemed to witness, travelling at a little too much speed. Witness, who was up to this keeping to the centre of the road, took his own side, put on the clutch and slowed down. He was then only a few yards from deceased, who banged into him. Both were thrown off, and having got up, witness went to O'Connor's house, where he told of the accident. He was bleeding, and so was deceased.

Dr. W. P. Dundon stated deceased was admitted to Barrington's Hospital on the 25th ultimo suffering from a lacerated wound of the right side of the forehead, contusions of the face and head, and fracture of the base of the skull. He died on the 27th, two days later, death being due to fracture of the base of the skull.

The Coroner said that was the whole evidence in a very sad tragedy.

The jury found that death was due to fracture of the skull accidentally sustained.

## LIMERICK MARKETS.

BUTTER—1s 4d to 1s 6d per lb.

## SPORTING.

### DERBY MEETING.

#### NURSERY H'CAP.

Miss Hardwick (Gordon Richards)	1
Goosie f (Perryman)	2
Miss Bonzo (G Baines)	3

Also ran—Macturk, Tremayne, Sea Clear, Loumay, Cupboard, Shilly Shally, Frankness, Migration, Sweet Thrush, Wallpaper, Marie Damme, Doris O, Blue Wit, Quita Kop, Eryholme, Laikipia, Craigowrie, and Galore. Trained by owner.

Betting—4 to 1 agst Sea Clear, 5 to 1 Loumay, 6 to 1 Sweet Thrush, and Miss Hardwick, 10 to 1 Craigowrie, 100 to 8 Shilly Shally, 20 to 1 others.

Won by half a length.

#### ABBOT'S HILL PLATE.

Euloise (F Fox)	1
King Throstle (F Field)	2
Skater (A Burns)	3

Also ran—Downcast, Amazement, Flash of Gold, Targeteer, Malvolio, Merle, Darboy, Mishap, Lashaway, Atmospheric, Saintly Maid, Purple Heather, Miss Pensive, Glenholt, Hansard, Chimpanzee, Witty Nell, Essander, Cheronala.

Trained by Coldbeck.

Betting—7 to 2 agst Euloise, 11 to 2 Lashaway, 7 to 1 Hansard, 100 to 12 Witty Nell, 10 to 1 King Throstle, 100 to 6 Flash of Gold, 20 to 1 Miss Pensive, 33 to 1 others.

Won by a head.

#### DEVONSHIRE PLATE.

Grand Vixen (G Richards)	1
Orrisima (Sirett)	2
Grand Day (A Burns)	3

Also ran—Frankly, Six Wheeler, Glide, Christening Cup, Royal Return, Lady Stedfast, Oasis, Gratuitous, Orphean, Vespers, Fair Angela, Gnoc Buidhe, Chirpy.

Trained by Archer.

Betting—11 to 4 agst Orrisimo, 7 to 2 Glide, 5 to 1 Frankly, 6 to 1 Grand Vixen, 10 to 1 Lady Stedfast and Oasis, 20 to 1 others.

Won by threequarters of a length.

#### PEVERIL OF THE PEAK PLATE.

Fohanaun (Winter)	1
Orbindos (A Burns)	2
Abbot's Smile (J Childs)	3

Also ran—Delius, Sundry, Fancy Free, Playboy, Melon, Plimsol, Monksford and Promptitude.

Trained by Earl.

Betting—13 to 8 agst Fohanaun, 4 to 1 Delius, 6 to 1 Sundry, 7 to 1 Orbindos, 8 to 1 Playboy, 10 to 1 Melon, and Fancy Free, 100 to 6 Plimsol and Abbot's Smile, 50 to 1 Promptitude, 100 to 1 Monksford.

Won by three-quarters of a length.

#### RANGEMORE PLATE.

Lamplighter [C Brown]	1
John Macnab [P Beasley]	2
Parole [Perryman]	3

Also ran—Lordland, Plumbago, Hectic Polly, Transgressor, Chandos, Maeonides.

Trained by Morris.

Betting—4 to 1 agst Parole and Maeonides, 9 to 2 Plumbago, 5 to 1 Lamp Lighter, 7 to 1 Chandos, 8 to 1 Transgressor, 20 to 1 others.