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AMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1931.

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

Everyone knows there has in recent years been a vast improvement in the main roads of the Free State. The Government and County Councils have, by grants and otherwise, heartily co-operated in the improvement of roads. The scientific principles of road construction on the Continent have been applied with full approval of experts, as evidenced by the fact that at the Conference of the Institution of Civil Engineers in Dublin on Thursday, Mr Stephen Gallagher, County Surveyor of Wicklow, declared that the roads in the Saorstát to-day are in a better condition than ever before in the history of the country, and compare very favourably with those in most European countries. This satisfactory state of things, he said, might not have been attained had not the local and county engineers steadily pursued their business, and undoubtedly the officials deserve the tribute paid them for their assiduity and close personal supervision of the success of the road schemes in the country. That the Irish Automobile Club is greatly pleased with the progress evidenced by the observations of the Secretary, Mr Walter Sexton, is a fact which would not be surprising, had it not been that the improvement of roads has been enormous, while, at the same time, he urged the necessity of

City Motor Accident.

LITTLE BOY KILLED.

Driver Arrested.

Shortly before 4.30 o'clock last evening Brendan O'Brien, aged six, was knocked down by a motor car on Sarsfield Bridge, driven by Cyril Cusack, Bedford Row, and killed. It is stated that the deceased, who was son of Mr Patrick O'Brien, porkbutcher, Sarsfield street, was walking on the roadway at the left hand side with another boy, and in crossing he was accidentally struck by the car, which, in addition to the driver, contained three other men. The body was removed to Barrington's Hospital pending an inquest.

Later Cusack was arrested by Sergeant O'Mahony, William street, and charged with manslaughter. He was taken before a Peace Commissioner and remanded on bail to the City Court on Friday.

The Inquest Opened.

Mr J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, and a jury, opened an inquest at Barrington's Hospital to-day on the body of the boy.

Sergeant O'Mahony conducted the inquiry which was of brief duration.

Evidence of identification was given by Patrick O'Brien, father of the deceased, who he said was six years of age, and always enjoyed good health.

Sergeant O'Mahony—I will now call the medical evidence, and then ask for an adjournment of the enquiry.

The Coroner—Very well

Dr T. Morris, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that the boy was admitted to the hospital at 4.35 last evening. He was then alive, and on examination he found him suffering from abrasions of both knees, an abrasion over the ninth rib on the right side, and another over the right eye, and fracture of the skull. The boy died an hour later, death in his opinion being due to fracture of the base of the skull.

Sergeant O'Mahony applied for an adjournment of the enquiry, pending the result of criminal proceedings against the driver of the car.

The Coroner granted the application, and said the jury would be re-summoned to resume the inquest after the hearing of the criminal proceedings

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Mr John McConnochie, Chairman of the County Court Committee, presided at a meeting of the County Court Committee to-day. Present—Messrs D J M Cahill, M J Curtin, Mitchell, G Hewson, Blackwell, W F O'Donoghue, Quinlan, M Quin, M J Quin, with the officials.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government attracted attention to the Budget of 1931. Mr Blythe, Minister of Finance, in his reference was made to the fact that £750,000 for the agricultural relief for the current year's rate.

It was stated that in the very near future it would be possible to notify the exact sum to be paid. When that was ascertained it would be necessary to alter the current year's rate. It was also stated that in the very near future it would be possible to notify the exact sum to be paid. When that was ascertained it would be necessary to alter the current year's rate. It was also stated that in the very near future it would be possible to notify the exact sum to be paid. When that was ascertained it would be necessary to alter the current year's rate.

The Secretary said that the issue to the County Court for 1931 and warrants for 1932 was completed.

Mr Hewson—How much has been incurred? The Secretary—I will pay.

Mr Hewson said that the new rate was being prepared. Mr Mitchell—The rate is being prepared. The Secretary—The rate is being prepared.

The Secretary—I will pay. Mr Mitchell—The rate is being prepared. Mr Hewson referred to the apportionment of the County Court. The Council would like to see the same thing applied to the State.