

Tragic Occurrence

City Master Painter's Death

Mr J S McNoice, solr, City Deputy Coroner, held an inquest on Thursday relative to the death of Joseph Buckner (45), master painter, 21 Cathedral Place, Limerick.

Sergeant Higgins conducted the inquiry. John Madden, Rossa Avenue, said deceased breakfasted at his house that morning. He complained of financial matters, but witness did not see how that was, as Buckner had plenty of work. Witness kept him for a few nights until he seemed over his worries. He had not seen him since the 8th May, and called at Buckner's house. Receiving no answer he told Guard Lavin. They got in the back door, and found deceased dead in a crouched position in the hall. A piece of thin rope was around his neck, another portion of it hanging on to a beam of timber. Deceased never showed inclination to insanity.

Dr D J Corboy gave evidence. Death was due to strangulation, consistent with suicide by hanging.

Guard Lavin corroborated the evidence of Mr Madden. Everything in the house was in order.

The Coroner returned a verdict that deceased died from strangulation self-inflicted while temporarily insane.