

He was sent to gaol for two months and removed in custody.

Co. Limerick Farmer's Suicide

Found Shot Dead Beside Bed

Coroner Dr Hannigan, and a jury, held an inquest on Saturday evening, on the death of John McCann, 40 years, a farmer, found dead in his room that morning by his widowed mother.

Mrs McCann stated that on Saturday morning at seven o'clock she called her son in his bedroom, and told him he might stop in bed for another hour as the morning was misty. He replied then he would not get up for another hour.

The servant then left to milk the cows, and had breakfast at eight on coming back. She went again to call her son, and was horrified to find him dead, his body partly lying on his bed, with his legs resting on the floor. A single barrel gun was beside him, and the bed was full of blood. The servant boy ran for the priest and doctor.

Dr O'Brien and Dr Lane, as a result of a post mortem, said death was instantaneous the shot having entered the heart.

The Guards deposed they presumed the deceased placed the muzzle of the gun to his heart and pulled the trigger by means of his toes. It was not known how deceased came by the gun, as the family had not a firearm of any description.

A verdict of death from gun-shot wound, self-inflicted while temporarily insane was returned.

Sergeant Cooney, Adare, conducted the inquiry. Chief Supt. Murphy visited the scene of the tragedy during the day.

Twenty years ago another grim tragedy took place in the family when the father met with a violent death.

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