Christmas Tragedies in Limerick

Farmer Killed in Road Accident

Ex-Soldier Burned to Death

Old Age Pensioner Dies Suddenly

There were four fatalities in Limerick during the Christmas Holidays. On Xmas Eve Patrick Hayes, farmer, 42, Lisnalty, Rosbrien, Limerick, was knocked at Punch's Cross, Ballinacurra, by a motor car containing a party of detectives who were on patrol duty. Mr Hayes received severe head injuries and died in Barrington's Hospital on Thursday morning. The detectives summoned spiritual and medical aid for the deceased. An inquest was opened and adjourned, after evidence of identification was given.

Deceased was a very popular figure, and much sympathy has been extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

Ex-Soldier's Death

Patrick Mooney, ex-British soldier, was found burned to death in his home, 26 Garvey's Range, Limerick, on Xmas Eve by his wife. Deceased was subject to fits, and it is presumed that he fell into the fire. When found his head was badly charred. When his wife, who has defective eyesight, had returned from shopping on Xmas Eve, she struck against her husband's prostrate body, but had no idea he was in the fire.

Old Age Pensioner's Collapse

While walking in Cornmarket Row, Limerick, on Christmas Eve, John Clery, an old age pensioner living in Cousins Lodginghouse, collapsed and died. The body was unidentified for some time, but his identity was eventually established by a pension book. He has no relatives.