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Extraordinary County Limerick Affair

Young Man Disinterred

Coffin Found on Roadside

A coffin containing the remains of a young man named John McGivern, of Ballymahon, Co. Limerick, who had been interred at Beigh churchyard on Friday, was found on Friday lying on a ditch, near the public road at Ballysten, on Saturday morning by a man named John Sheehy.

The extraordinary affair has created some thing of a sensation in the district, and Civic Guards at Pallaskenry are pursuing active enquiries into the matter.

It is understood that while Sheehy was driving along the road on Saturday morning he saw the casket lying along a ditch. It was obviously new and fresh clay adhered to it. He communicated with the Civic Guards, and investigation showed that the coffin contained the remains of John McGivern, son of a substantial farmer living at Ballymahon, who had been interred the previous day. The coffin was about 100 yards from the graveyard when discovered.

No definite motive has been assigned for the outrage, but it is believed that religious susceptibilities prompted the disinterment. Beigh Churchyard is the burial place of Catholics. McGivern, it is understood, was a Palatine, and although permission was secured for his interment there, local feeling was aroused.

The coffin was removed, and, it is stated, re-interred at Dunmanway, Co. Cork, from where his family came to live in County Limerick some ten years ago.

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