

Sad Limerick Fatality

Young Motor Cyclist Killed

Inquest Verdict

A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest held at Barrington's Hospital on Monday by Mr J S McNeice, city coroner, and a jury, touching the death of Wm. McInerney (21), shipwright, Thomondgate, who died from injuries received when a motor cycle he was riding crashed into a lorry in Mallow street on Saturday.

James Herbert, driver of the lorry, stated he was driving up Mallow street at a speed of four miles per hour, and in third gear. When half way over the crossing a motor cyclist approached from Henry street at a fast pace. In order to avoid an impact witness accelerated to let deceased pass the rear of the lorry. Deceased threw himself off the machine and then witness heard a bump. He alighted from the lorry and saw McInerney lying some distance away badly injured.

In cross-examination, witness said the deceased had no chance of passing in front of the lorry as a lamp standard was in his way. The top speed of the lorry was twelve miles an hour.

Corroborative evidence was given by David Costelloe. He was a passenger in the lorry, who also stated that the motor cycle was travelling between fifty and sixty miles an hour at the time deceased threw himself off his machine.

Dr S McDonagh, Barrington's Hospital, stated that death was due to shock and haemorrhage caused by severe body injuries.

Prior to Herbert giving evidence, Inspector Brazil, C.G., who conducted the inquiry, said the authorities had no evidence of negligence on the part of the lorry driver and it was most unlikely there would be a criminal proceeding.