

Limerick Tragedy

Picked Up On The Road

Labourer's Death

While Mr James Lonergan, Emly, was motoring home from Limerick he saw a man lying against the fence. A bicycle was near him. Mr Lonergan got out and found the man was in a dying condition. He placed him in his car and rushed him to Limerick County Infirmary, where it was found the man was dead.

He was identified as John Long (40), labourer, Scart, Ballyneety, single.

It was found his neck was broken. How he came by the injury is not known, but it is surmised he fell from the bicycle. He did not appear to have been in collision with a vehicle and bore no signs of having been knocked down.

Inquest

At the Limerick County Infirmary on Monday, Mr J S McNeice, solicitor, deputy coroner, held an inquest touching the death.

At the outset the coroner said that Dr J Byrne, County Infirmary, had carried out a post mortem examination, but he was not prepared to state the actual cause of death and thought it advisable to have the opinion of a second doctor. There were certain circumstances touching the death of the deceased that might or might not result in criminal proceedings and might depend on the medical evidences. Having regard to these facts he thought it would be advisable if the jury agreed to have the inquest adjourned until the opinion of a second doctor was procured.

The jury agreed to this course.

The coroner said he would only take evidence of identification and then adjourn.

Martin Long, Scart, brother, said the deceased was 36 years of age, was an attendant at the Limerick Mental Hospital, and was unmarried. He last saw his brother alive on Saturday morning when he was in his usual good health; as far as he knew his brother never complained of any illness. He had seen the body, which he identified as that of his brother.