

Fatal Road Accident

Collision Near Limerick Junction

A fatal accident occurred on Friday evening near Limerick Junction Railway Station at a sharp turning at Monard Cross, where a by-road from Rosslabtown joins the main road from Tipperary to Limerick. While John McHynam, aged 60, farmer, Bellygorman, was driving a donkey cart from the by-road to the Limerick Junction for a load of coal, the cart and a motor lorry with trailer attached, travelling from Tipperary to Limerick, came into collision. The donkey cart was turned over, and McHynam was thrown violently to the road, sustaining serious injury to the chest and face. He was attended by Rev Father Mackey, Adm, and conveyed to the Tipperary District Hospital, where he died on Sunday morning.

The Inquest

An inquest was held at Tipperary on Monday by Dr P. Stokes, Coroner, and a jury.

Supt. Keyes, Bens, represented the local authorities; Mr E. D. Tracy, solr, the Limerick Steamship Co., and Mr H. O'Brien, solr, for deceased's next of kin.

Dr J. Dowling gave evidence that death was due to multiple fracture of the ribs, accompanied by internal injuries.

In answer to Supt. Keyes, Dr Dowling said that in conversation with McHynam after his admission to hospital, he understood him to say that it was not the fault of the motor driver—that it was as much the fault of the donkey that the accident occurred.

On the application of the Superintendent, the inquest was adjourned pending the reporting of the facts to the Attorney-General to ascertain if criminal proceedings would be taken.

Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of deceased.