

# Electrocuted

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## Tragic Death of Clare Farmer's Son.

A young man named James Vaughan was electrocuted at Ross, near Killaloe, on Wednesday. Deceased was engaged in felling trees, and it appears that in the course of its fall one of them came in contact with a Shannon Scheme electric cable.

Vaughan tried to disentangle the tree from the cable, and in doing so, his head came in contact with the wire, and he was electrocuted. He was 33 years of age and the son of an extensive farmer, Mr Patrick Vaughan, Ross, O'Brien's Bridge. The deepest sympathy is extended to him and family in the sad bereavement sustained by them as was evidenced at the funeral, which took place to-day (Friday) to Bridgetown after Requiem Mass.

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## The Inquest

At the inquest on Thursday, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and were of opinion that the E.S.B. were negligent in allowing the branches of trees to grow to such a height in such close proximity to the high tension wires, and considered that the branches still standing where the tragedy occurred are a source of danger.

Dr Joseph Humphreys, in his evidence, stated that he found a wound above the left eye which penetrated to the bone. That wound was post mortem. There were bruises on the palms of both hands, and along the left side of the body. Death was due to paralysis of the respiratory organs caused by an electric shock.

Deceased was cousin of Mr Patrick Burke, F.D., Co. C.