

# Old Lady's Death

## Knocked Down By Motor

### Evidence at Inquest

At Barrington's Hospital on Tuesday evening Mr J McNeice, coroner, with a jury, formally opened and adjourned an inquest on Mrs Annie Patterson, 13 Mount Vincent Cottage, Rosbrien, whose death as a result of an accident occurred at the hospital early on Tuesday morning.

Inspector W Brasill appeared for the State at the proceedings, and Mr John B McNeice, solicitor, held a watching brief for the driver of the car which was involved in the accident.

Evidence of identification was given by Richard Patterson, 2 Ryan's Cottages, Rosbrien, who stated his mother, who was a widow, was aged about 80 years; he last saw her alive on 10th September, when he was speaking to her; she was then in very good health; despite her age her sight and hearing were very good.

Medical evidence was tendered by Dr S McDough, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, who stated that when deceased was admitted to the hospital she was in an unconscious condition and was suffering from a wound on the right side of the head; a wound over one of her eyes, in addition to a large contusion on the left side of the neck spreading down over the left shoulder. She died on 4th October. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock and heart failure.

Inspector Brasill—Was death in any way caused by the injuries she received?—It was.

Would you agree that death could be attributed to her injuries?—Yes, I would.

Mr McNeice, solicitor—Would these injuries on a younger person have caused death?—No, they would not.

Inspector Brasill—In this case the facts are being reported to the Attorney General and I am directed to request that this inquest be adjourned until his direction has been received.

Coroner—Could you give any indication of how long we will have to wait for his direction?

Inspector Brasill—About three weeks or a month.

Mr McNeice—On behalf of Mr Doual O'Sullivan, Maryville, Rosbrien, who was responsible for the death of this poor old lady, I would like to convey to the bereaved relatives my sincere sympathy on the tragic occurrence. The young man was a near neighbour of the deceased lady, and knew her all his life, and this tends to make the accident more tragic still.

The Coroner, Inspector Brasill and the foreman of the jury associated themselves with Mr McNeice's remarks.

The inquest was adjourned indefinitely.