

Inquest Story

City Man's Death.

Doctor's Evidence of Heart Disease

Alexander Beville, aged 55 years, died suddenly at his home, the Cross Road, Thomondgate, on Tuesday morning, and an inquest touching the circumstances of his death was subsequently held at Barrington's Hospital, presided over by Mr J S McNeice, solr, Deputy Coroner.

Messrs P S Connolly and Co. represented the next of kin, and Mr J J Sexton, solr, for the South of Ireland Transport Co.

Sergt. Hanrahan conducted the inquiry.

Edward Long, 42 Windmill street, an employe of the South of Ireland Transport Company, stated he was mate on the grain elevator, Garryowen, on which deceased was also employed. On 18th September witness was supervising the working of an elevator, assisted by deceased. A wooden plank was laid across the top of the elevator, and this slipped and knocked deceased of the bearing of the elevator. Deceased continued working after the fall, but did not come to work on the next day, Saturday. He returned to work on Monday, and deceased said nothing to witness about an injury.

Thomas Beville, 30 Quarry Road, Thomondgate, deceased's brother, gave evidence of identification, and stated that deceased was 55 years of age. He was aware that his brother met with an accident some five or six weeks ago while working on the Garryowen. He saw deceased a short time after the accident sitting on a form outside the ship's galley. He was very pale, and appeared to be shaken. He had a cut over his right eye, and complained that his leg and right arm were injured. Deceased went to work again the next day. He could not say if he was attended by a doctor. Witness was ill about a month ago, and the deceased came to see him, and showed him where he was injured on the side which was black.

Witness then detailed how he visited his brother's house on Tuesday morning about 7 a.m. Deceased was then sitting at the fire and complained of pains in the chest. The doctor was sent for and deceased went to bed. Witness got some brandy for him, but the moment he put it to his lips he collapsed. He was dead when the doctor came. Up to the time of the accident the deceased had never been a day sick.

Dr M Folsy gave evidence of holding a post mortem on the body, on which he found no marks of violence or injury. Death was due to heart disease, a complaint from which he appeared to be suffering for some two years. A severe blow on the chest would not hasten his death in any way.

After a short absence the jury returned a verdict that deceased died from natural causes.

Sympathy was tendered by the Coroner, jury, gardai and solicitors present to the deceased's family.