

# Painful City Tragedy

## Well-Known Business Man Killed.

### Knocked Down by Motor Car at Ballinacorra.

A very painful sensation was caused throughout the city on Sunday night, when it became known that a most highly esteemed and well-known citizen in the person of Mr Patrick O'Connor, 66, of O'Connell's, O'Connell's Avenue, had met his death as the result of being knocked down by a motor car at Ballinacorra on Saturday night shortly after 8 o'clock.

Mr O'Connor, it is stated, left his residence last night from his property and headed a line with the object of meeting friends at Ballinacorra. On alighting from the vehicle he proceeded to cross the road when he was struck by an on-coming motor car resulting fatal injuries.

The late Mr O'Connor, who was a most remarkable personality, was for almost half a century in the employment of Messrs William Todd and Co., the well-known drapery firm, and for the past 20 years he had the responsible position of buyer in the same department of that firm. A broad and successful businessman, his feelings were characterized by the highest purity, and his pleasant and cheerful disposition will be missed by his wide circle of friends, but by none more so than his widow and family to whom, in common with the nation in general, we extend our most sincere sympathy in this very sad and afflictive case.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, and despite the very inclement weather was attended by a large concourse of the citizens. All the houses present in the line of route had their blinds drawn as the sad procession passed, and everywhere there were tokens of respectful sympathy to be observed from all classes of the citizens.

### The Inquest.

Mr J B McEllis, city coroner, and a jury, opened an inquest at the County Infirmary on Monday morning for the death of Mr O'Connor.

Mr J P O'Connell, coroner, presided at the inquest, and Mr J O'Connell, M.P., appeared for the defence. Mr J B McEllis, city coroner, presided at the inquest, and Mr J O'Connell, M.P., appeared for the defence.

Opening the proceedings, Mr O'Connell said: "I am a member of the jury which was holding an inquest. It is a case which requires the fullest investigation, and as far as possible we will see that every detail is given. At this stage I would like to express my sympathy with the relatives who appear in this terrible tragedy."

Patrick O'Connor, one of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. His father was 60 years of age and was a trader at Messrs Todd and Co., Liverpool. Deceased told his name at about 8 o'clock on Saturday morning and was apparently in perfect health.

Dr C McKeown said on Sunday night he was called urgently to No. 3 Lower View Terrace, Ballinacorra, where he saw the deceased lying unconscious on the floor of the driveway. He had a severe wound on the left temple and a fracture of the base of the skull. His feet were being supported by cushions to prevent, and there was due to compression of the brain following fracture of the base of the skull.

Dr Robert Llewellyn, Messrs Hooper, County Infirmary, gave evidence regarding the injuries sustained by the deceased, and said that in his opinion death was due to fracture of the base following fracture of the base of the skull.

There concluded the evidence.

Afterwards Mr O'Connell, presiding, the coroner announced himself with the expression of sympathy tendered by Mr McEllis.

Mr O'Connell, as behalf of the jury, and Mr J O'Connell, coroner of the jury, also joined in the expression of sympathy.

### Public Sympathy

At the meeting of the Liverpool Harbour Harbour Board on Monday.

Mr Longley proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr Patrick O'Connor, who was killed in such a high manner on Sunday night.

The Mayor (Mr Longley) in declaring the resolution passed unanimously, expressed his sympathy with the case, which was passed in respectful silence.

At a special meeting of the Liverpool Harbour Board on Monday a motion of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Mr Patrick O'Connor.