

Killed While Cycling

Kildimo Man's Fate

While cycling near Kildimo on Sunday afternoon Patrick McMahon, aged 65 years, a married man, came into contact with a motor car and sustained injuries that proved fatal.

The injured man was removed to the Co Infirmiry, Limerick, where he died.

The deceased lived at Ballyculhane, Kildimo.

Mr J F McNeice, coroner, sitting with a jury, held an inquest touching the death of the deceased in the County Infirmiry on Monday.

Supt J J Cooney conducted the proceedings.

Mr R G O'Sullivan, solr., appeared for Thomas O'Shea, Kildimo, owner of the car.

Thomas McMahon, brother of deceased, said that on Sunday morning Patrick went to Mass at 8 o'clock and returned home to breakfast. Witness went to second Mass and he saw his brother passing Kildimo Cross cycling and apparently going to Ballinacarriga, where he had some load, at about 11.30. He was then in his usual health. He had good sight and was not deficient in hearing.

Dr B Crawford, House Surgeon, County Infirmiry, said deceased was unconscious when admitted at 4 p.m. on Sunday and was suffering from shock. He was bleeding profusely from the left ear; he had an external wound on the lobe of the right ear, and scratches on the right side of his face. He died at 8 p.m. Death was due to shock and haemorrhage following fracture of the base of the skull.

Supt Cooney applied to have the inquest adjourned pending any further proceedings.

The coroner, in adjourning the inquest, expressed sympathy with the relatives on his own behalf and on behalf of the jury. It was a most unfortunate accident and the third tragedy which had been investigated locally in the course of a few days.

Mr O'Sullivan, on behalf of the driver of the car, also joined in the sympathetic references, with which Supt Cooney associated himself.