

Found Gassed

Sad Fate of Limerick Businessman

Inquest Evidence

A painful sensation was caused in Limerick on Friday, when Mr James Mills, Southern District Manager of the Pearl Insurance Company, was found dead in his office. A gas pipe connected with a meter in the outer hall of the office was near the body, which was lying full length on the floor near the desk of his private office. The late Mr Mills resided with his wife and two children at Dunlin, South Circular Road, Limerick. He was aged about 43 years, was a native of Donegal, and had been with the company for about 27 years. He served in Nenagh about five years ago, prior to taking up duty in Limerick. He was very popular with all his colleagues, who deeply regret his death.

The sad discovery was made by Mr D Nolan Divisional Manager, when he arrived at the office at ten o'clock this morning and found all the doors of the office unlocked.

It is understood that a note was found on the body.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was opened at Barrington's Hospital that evening by Mr J S McNeice, City Coroner.

Dr C J Clohesy, M.O Barrington's Hospital, stated deceased was dead when admitted; death was due cardiac failure and asphyxia due to gas poisoning.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr David Nolan, Divisional Manager; he last saw him alive at 5.30 p.m. on the 6th; at 5.50 the following morning on arrival at the office he found deceased lying on the floor with his head resting on his overcoat, which partly covered his head; his mouth was near a gas pipe; the body was then quite warm; on the previous day he handed deceased a suspension notice for investigation; as far as he knew his accounts were in order.

After other witnesses were examined, the Coroner returned a verdict; that deceased took his life while temporary insane.