

Clare Fatality

A Farmer's Death

Young Man Remanded

At an inquest held at Glandree, near Tulla, on James Cooney (74), farmer, Glandree, was adjourned, and later, John Moloney (27), Agoon, Tulla, son of a farmer, was remanded charged with having caused his death by striking him with a stick.

Dr McGrath, State pathologist, told the Deputy Coroner, Dr T P Flynn, and the jury at the inquest that he had found no marks of violence on the body except a horizontal wound about five inches long under the right eye. Around it were five fractures and the tissues were bruised. Both tissues and fractures were much infected. The brain, lungs and spleen were congested, but the other organs were normal.

Death had been due to toxæmia following on the wound and fractures. Toxæmia had existed for about a week prior to death. The wound had been caused by a blow with an instrument or an impact of considerable violence.

Witness told a juror he would be very doubtful if the life of deceased could have been saved even if a doctor had been called in in time.

Dr S Scanlon, Tulla, gave evidence that he had examined the deceased on Nov. 6 and found him suffering from toxæmia. He died on Nov. 9.

Catherine Cooney, sister-in-law of the deceased, said deceased was unmarried.

When John Moloney was remanded by Mr Holland, P.C., Supt Casey said that the accused, after being charged and cautioned, made a statement which he did not purpose to put in evidence at present.

Asked if he desired to put any questions to the witness, accused said he did not until he saw his attorney. He added that he did not strike deceased with a stick.

The death of Cooney recalls that he was one of five men convicted as Sligo assize, in 1890 on a charge of firing at a man on the eve of Galway races. He was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, nine and a half years of which he served. He was an industrious farmer and his death is much regretted.