

Missing Woman

Found In The Shannon

Evidence At Inquest

Mr J S McNeice, City Coroner, held an inquest in Barrington's Hospital on Monday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mary Anne Mulcaby, 57, spinster, Ballykeeffe, Mungret, whose dead body was found in the Shannon near the "Snuff Box" on Sunday morning.

Deceased had been missing from her home for the past nine days. Shortly after her disappearance her description was broadcast from Radio Eireann without success.

Inspector W Brazil conducted the investigation on behalf of the State.

Guard Thomas Gardiner, O'Leary street, in evidence, stated that at 12 noon on Sunday he found the deceased lying in the rushes on the river bank about 50 yards on the city side of the "Snuff Box." She was fully dressed and was lying face downwards. The body was badly decomposed. Depoent 'phoned for the ambulance and had the body conveyed to Barrington's Hospital. Witness searched the body and found two single pound notes on her outer coat, in addition to two half-crowns, two single shillings and fourpence. He also found two pairs of glasses and a Rosary beads.

Dr J G Tynan, Barrington's Hospital, said the appearance of the body was consistent with it being immersed in water for a number of days. Death, in his opinion, was due to asphyxia following immersion in the water. There were no signs of violence on the body.

Inspector Walter Brazil gave evidence of identification and said there was nothing to show how the deceased got into the water.

The Coroner brought in an open verdict of found drowned.

The Coroner and Inspector Brazil extended sympathy to the bereaved relatives.