

Child's Sad Death

Limerick Fatality

Inquest Proceedings

Mr J S McNeice, solr., Deputy Coroner, opened an inquest at Barrington's Hospital, on Saturday, into the circumstances of the death of a child named Geraldine Bouchier, who was killed by a motor lorry in Denmark street on Saturday, 2nd August.

Mr D J O'Malley, solr., appeared for the driver of a vehicle, Thomas Scully, Flagmount, Feakle.

Supt Dennehy intimated at the outset that he intended applying for an adjournment after formal evidence was taken.

Dr J G Tynan, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, deposed that he performed a postmortem examination of the body of the deceased and found severe injuries to the head and skull. Death in his opinion was due to shock and hæmorrhage following fracture of the skull.

Timothy Bouchier (father of the child) said he resided at 17 Denmark street. At 2.30 p.m. on August 2nd he left his house. At that time his daughter Geraldine, aged 2 years, was perfectly normal and healthy. At 5 p.m. he returned to Denmark street where he saw a lorry with a number of people around it. He then ascertained that his child had been injured. When he reached the hospital he was told that the child was dead. He saw the body and identified it as that of his daughter.

Supt Dennehy said the facts of the case had been reported to the Attorney-General and he wished to apply for an adjournment.

Mr O'Malley said he wished to express the deep regret of the owner and also the driver of the lorry for the unfortunate accident, and to express their deep sympathy to Mr Bouchier and his family.

The coroner, in adjourning the inquest, expressed sympathy with Mr and Mrs Bouchier, in which Supt. Dennehy and the jury joined.