

# Child's Sad Death

## Evidence At Clare Inquest

Mr J S McNeice, solicitor, Deputy City Coroner, with a jury, held an inquest at Barrington's Hospital on Tuesday afternoon touching the circumstances of the death of Anne O'Flynn (8) who died following injuries received in an accident at the mill a Sixmilebridge on Friday.

Supt Murray, Killaloe, conducted the State inquiry.

Mr James O'Flynn, managing director of the mills and father of the deceased, gave evidence of identification.

Wm Frawley said he was employed at the woollen mills. On October 24th he was working in the teasing department at about 4 40. He heard the cries of a child coming from the dyeing room which was the next department. He rushed in and saw Anne O'Flynn spinning round on a shaft. The shaft was about 2ft 8in above the heap of wool. He stopped the machinery and found that the child's body and clothing were twisted around the shaft. There was blood on the child's mouth. He was present when Patrick Considine cut the child's clothing to remove her from the shaft. The child was then unconscious, but when he took her down she began to call "Mammy." The child was then removed to Barrington's Hospital. It was a younger sister of the deceased who raised the alarm. Witness knew it was usual for the children to go into the dyeing department looking for eggs.

John Healy, another employee of the firm, gave evidence of working in the dyeing room up to about 4 40. He then left and went into the drying room. About ten minutes later he heard a child crying and he entered the dyeing room and saw the child being taken from the shaft.

Sergt Daly, Sixmilebridge, gave evidence that the shaft in the dyeing room was 7ft 6ins from the ground.

Dr J S Ryan, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence that death was due to shock and haemorrhage following multiple injuries received.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and attached no blame to anybody.

The coroner, the foreman of the jury and Supt Murray extended sympathy to the bereaved family.