

# Sad Discovery

## Limerick Parish Clerk Found Dead

### Inquest Evidence

James Dillon, Parish Clerk of the combined parishes of Knockaderry and Clonsilla (West Limerick) was found dead in a pool of water at Abalin, about half way between the two churches in the joint parishes. The deceased, who had held the position of Parish Clerk for more than forty years, leaves a widow and a large young family to mourn his loss.

Mr M E Curran, solicitor, Coroner for West Limerick, held an inquest at Knockaderry into the circumstances connected with the death of deceased.

Sergeant M'Mahony, Newcastle West, and Sergeant O'Donoghue, Kilmiddy, represented the authorities.

Evidence of identification was given by Mrs McMahony, sister of deceased.

Mrs. McMahony gave evidence of having found the deceased partly submerged in the pool. The lower part of the body was in the water.

In reply to a member of the jury, witness said that the pool was situated in close proximity to a public path leading from Clonsilla to Knockaderry between the two churches. It was possible for a person to fall into the pool.

Guard Gagner, Kilmiddy, said the position of the body would be consistent with the deceased falling into the pool.

Dr S O'Brien, Newcastle West, said that the deceased died from septæmia following immersion, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

The coroner, Sergeant M'Mahony and Mr M Bourke, S. P., members of the jury, expressed sympathy with the widow and family of deceased.