

# County Man's Death

## State Pathologist's Report

### Finding of Coroner's Jury

"That the cause of death was heart failure, due to arteroma of the coronary arteries," was the verdict returned at the resumed inquest held by Coroner Cleary at Croom County Hospital, on Saturday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Maurice Leeney, 38, coachbuilder and hackney car driver, of Ballinleena, Brurea, who was found dead at Fanniogstown, near Croom, on the 23rd May last.

Supt J J Cooney, G S, Adare, represented the Gardai authorities, and Mr O Binchy, solr, Charleville, for the next-of-kin.

The Coroner said evidence was given on the previous occasion to the effect that the deceased was found dead inside a fence near the railway bridge at Fanniogstown, and Dr Hedderman, assisted by Dr Cooke, performed a post-mortem examination on the body, and they were not satisfied as to the cause of death, and he took away some of the organs with him to have them analysed. He had since got Dr McGrath's written report, and it agreed with Dr Hedderman's findings. There were no symptoms whatsoever of poisoning, and deceased's death was due to natural causes. He would like that to be known. Deceased had died a natural death, and did not die from any poisoning.

Dr Hedderman stated that on the instructions of the Coroner he had carried out a post-mortem examination of the body of Maurice Leeney on the 23rd May, and found no signs of injury or foul play. There was some arteroma of the coronary arteries, congestion of the lungs, kidneys and spleen and ulcers membrane of the stomach. Dr Eileen Cooke assisted him at the examination. They could not find any evidence of the cause of death and considered it advisable to get the assistance of Dr John McGrath, the State Pathologist. In his opinion the cause of death was heart failure, due to arteroma of the coronary arteries.

The Coroner then reports of Dr McGrath and Mr Kearns, State Analyst.