

County Limerick Fatality

An accident in which the deceased received a slight wound with a hay knife, had a sequel when at the Co Hospital, Croom, Dr M W O'Connor, Kilmallock, Deputy Coroner for East Limerick, held an inquest on Thomas Ryan, Coolalough, Hospital.

Daniel Jones, a fellow employee of the deceased, stated that on the 17th December last deceased and himself were engaged in taking hay from the top of a rick to the cart, when Ryan shouted "I am out with the hay knife." Witness went to him and saw that he was bleeding on the inside of his right knee.

Dr Jas McCarthy, house surgeon, Croom Hospital, stated that Ryan was admitted on the 22nd December suffering from a slight septic wound on the inside of his right knee. About a week later he developed a septic arthritis at the joint, and later a large abscess of the right buttock. His condition steadily disimproved and he died on the 12th March. He was of opinion that death was due to toxæmia following a wound in his right knee.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.
