

Youth's Death

Sad Drowning Fatality

For the second time within a few months the River Shannon between Thomond Bridge and Sarsfield Bridge, was the scene of a drowning fatality on Sunday night. The victim on this occasion was a youth named Charles Malone, 83 St Munchin's street, Island Field, who fell into the river at the rear of the County Courthouse while boating, and was drowned. It is not clear how the accident occurred.

Richard Benn, 4 Little John street, who was fishing from the quayside, saw the deceased standing in a boat and using a paddle. He apparently unbalanced, and being a non swimmer was unable to help himself when he fell into the water. A peculiar feature of the occurrence was that the youth disappeared at once and did not rise to the surface. The alarm was raised by Mr Benn, and in a short time boats were procured and dragging operations carried out with grappling apparatus, procured from the Shannon Rowing Club. After about an hour the body was recovered at the spot where the deceased disappeared, by James Kavanagh, John McNerney and James Power.

The deceased was a boy messenger at the General Post Office, and resided with his parents, who keep a small shop at the Island Field.

Some time ago, a fisherman named Michael King was drowned in the same vicinity when his boat overturned at Carraghgower Falls.
