

Tragic Accident

Two Men Killed in the County.

Sequel to Lorry Collision

Richard Roche (67), married, a farmer of Mahoonagh, Castlemahon, and Patrick Cussen (54), single, farmer, of Castlemahon, were killed instantly on Sunday night in a lorry accident near the Deel Bridge, a couple of miles from Newcastle West. Both men were very popular in the district. They were returning from a football match at Newcastle West in a donkey and trap.

At an inquest held on Monday by Coroner M Cussen, solr,

John Cussen identified the remains of his brother, Patrick, who he last saw alive and in good health at about 6 o'clock at a football match.

David Cremin identified the remains of Richard Roche, his brother-in-law, and said he last saw him alive about 5 o'clock in the in the Sports Field at Newcastle West. He was in the best of health. He was married and left a wife and four children.

Dr Seamus O'Brien stated he was called to the scene of the accident the previous night; he found both men were dead; the bodies were removed to the County Home; he carried out a post-mortem with Dr Nora O'Connor; in the case of Patrick Cussen death was due to fracture and dislocation of the neck; death was instantaneous; the injuries were consistent with having been struck by a lorry.

In the case of Richard Roche death in their opinion was instantaneous, and was due to fracture, dislocation of the neck, rupture of the spinal cord, and rupture of the liver; all the injuries were consistent with being struck by a lorry.

On the application of Superintendent McKenna the inquest was adjourned pending instructions from the Attorney-General.

The Coroner, and Mr J Condon, foreman of the jury, and Supt. McKenna expressed their deep sympathy with the relatives of deceased.