

Unsolved Mystery

Newcastle West Farmer's

Coroner's Remarks At Inquest

At the resumed inquest on Monday touching the death of Daniel O'Donnell, single, farmer (65), of Abawilk, who was found dead under his overturned horse and cart on the evening of the 22nd November, while on his way home from Newcastle West.

Patrick Harnett, Shayath, stated he got a drive home from deceased; his cap having fallen off at Mocrone, he got off, and as it was dark he went into a cottage for a light; when he and the owner of the cottage came out again on the road they found the horse and cart overturned and deceased lying underneath the horse; when they released deceased he was dead; there was no drain or any obstruction on the road where the accident took place, and the horse and cart were turned completely round on the road from the direction they were travelling; while witness went off the cart no motor or other vehicle passed; the horse was an aged, quiet horse.

James King, owner of the cottage, said he examined the road carefully in the morning and there was no mark of any kind that would show what upset the car.

The Coroner said he was afraid it was a mystery that would never be solved.

Sergt Spillane, Kilmeady, said he examined the cart very carefully and there was no mark of any description which would show that anything came into violent contact with it; the surface of the road was macadam and smooth.

The jury found death was due to shock and hæmorrhage following injuries as described by Dr O'Donnell Dromcollogher.