

Tragic Death

Inquest On Limerick Engine Driver

As the result of a tragic accident, an employee of CIE—Mr Patrick O'Neill, aged 60 years—lost his life at Miltown Malbay Railway Station on Sunday night.

The deceased lived in Janesboro', Limerick, with his wife and family up to 1941, when he was transferred to Egnis for operations on the West Clare Railway system. He was employed by *Coras Iompair Éireann* as an engine driver and happened to be in Limerick on Saturday night.

On Sunday afternoon he drove the excursion train from Limerick to Lahinch over the West Clare section from Egnis, where he boarded the locomotive. As there is no turntable at Lahinch he had to reverse the engine at Miltown Malbay in order to turn. While standing on the running board during this operation he caught between the engine and the wall of the station storeroom and was badly crushed. He died some time later. He is survived by his widow and five children.

THE INQUEST.

At an inquest in Miltown Malbay on Monday held by Dr M J Hillery, coroner, and a jury, evidence was given by Dr Eleanor Hillery that the cause of death was shock and haemorrhage. All the ribs on both sides were broken, she said, both lungs being perforated by the ribs.

The jury found a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and expressed the opinion that the CIE should place some mark on the wall to show drivers when they had cleared the points.
