

Children On Roads

Reference at Clare Inquest

The death of Patrick Burns (4½) son of Martin Burns, a motor driver, residing at 39 St Flannan's Terrace, Ennis, was investigated by the coroner (Dr J Connihan), at a jury in Ennis.

The jury found that the child died as a result of shock and inflammation of the lungs caused by having been struck by a motor car driven by M T Carmody, Town Clerk. They added that, in their opinion, the occurrence was purely accidental, and that no blame attached to Mr Carmody.

Mr E Monahan, solr, who appeared for the next of kin, said there was no suggestion that Mr Carmody had been guilty of any criminal act; but this was the second accident in the same family, and it was deplorable in this state of our civilisation that children could not get the immunity they were entitled to on the Clare roads. Nobody regretted the accident more than Mr Carmody, who was the father of a young family himself.
