

Labourer's Death

Sequel to Motor Accident

Inquest Evidence

Dr M J O'Connor, Kilmallock, [Deputy Coroner for East Limerick, held an inquest on Patrick Moore, 60, married labourer, of The Grove, Churchtown, Newcastle West, who died in Croom Hospital following injuries received when, while carrying corn in his cart with his brother on the 24th September, he was struck by a motor car on the Newcastle West-Ardagh road.

Michael Moore, brother of the deceased stated that he was helping his brother, who was putting his corn into witness's barn on the 24th Sep; they had a donkey and cart, in which witness and his brother were sitting, as they went from the yard out on to the road; "We were almost on our proper side when I saw a motor car coming from Newcastle West, travelling at a moderate rate," said witness; "it struck my brother where he was sitting in the cart; the motor stopped and reversed; deceased was caught between the motor car and the cart; he was groaning, and he fell off the cart on to the road; I knew Mr McGrath, the driver of the motor car, and he took my brother to the County Hospital; the cart was not damaged, and the donkey only skinned his knees where he fell; I do not know whether the barn was sounded or not, but it might have been."

Garda Parceli, Newcastle West, stated that there was a bad bend near the scene, and a person coming from Newcastle West would not have a good view of the gate where the donkey and cart came out.

Sergt W Hurley, Croom, said the car was found to be in perfect order.

The Deputy Coroner suggested that a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence be returned, namely, that death was due to cardiac failure and shock, following fracture of humerus and femur, aggravated by the general condition of the deceased, which appears to have been poor for some time previous to his death.

The jury (foreman, Mr L Jones) agreed and brought in a verdict in accordance therewith.