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DEPUTY KEYES. Mr. Keyes said that the Council il meeting would have to make up its own mind on this question. At the time the Managerial Act was going through the Dail the then Minister for Local Government was asked to make provision for an extension of the boundary. The Minister deed that an clined to do so on the ground that he did not want to meet the hostility of the County Council. Corporation had no choice in this matter, because an extension was an absolute necessity if they were to build houses for their citizens. Hundreds of city workers had been cut off from certain State benefits because they were now regarded as agricultural workers. Another hardship suffered by workers living outside the Borough was that they had to go to Croom for hospital treatment. But the governing and binding factor so far as the Council was concerned was that they had to build houses. He would like in the meantime to have the city services extended, especially the water service, in the Caherdavin area. He had noticed that the Co. Council had appointed a committee to discuss the boundary question with the Corporation. That was a proper spirit, for both the Co. Council and Corporation were vitally interested in this question.

Mr. O'Connell said that he was in favour of an extension. He thought that some of the views expressed were calculated to stultify the Corporation's case before in-

quiry. Mr. Donnellan said that the Corporation was paying 1/8 in the f towards the Unemployment Fund. If the boundary was extended that rate would be further increased. In his opinion the Corporation would be better advised to seek a revision of the Union Amalgamation Scheme, a scheme which had deprived the city of contributions from three contributory bodies for poor law purposes.

Proceeding, Mr. Donnellan said that in 1932 the Corporation had spent £28,000 on a new water service. That service, good as it was, was not able to supply the suburbs, though the residents were paying 3/6 in the f for water. In addition, consumers outside the boundary had to pay extra for the gas service. He would urge the Manager to get more details before proceeding with the boundary motion.

Ald, Hartney said that while nothing had been said to change his views he would be agreeable to have the question adjourned until the Manager was in a position to submit more details to the Cor-

poration. Ald. Bourke agreed with Ald Hartney and said that it would be very unwise to rush a decision.

Evidence At Inquest

RAZOR BLADE MYSTERY

Mr. M. E. Cussen, solr., Coroher for West Limerick, sitting with a jury at Newcastle West Courthouse, held an inquest into the circumstances connected with the death of Thomas Costelloe, an inmate of the Co. Home, who died from the effects of a wound in the

Patrick Roche, an attendant at the Home, said that at about 10 a.m. on 26th June, deceased, who complained of being very sick, went to the lavatory with another inmate named Curtin, After about minute Curtin rushed out and said something had happened immediately Witness deceased. rushed to the lavatory, where he found deceased bleeding from a Deceased, wound in the throat. who had a safety razor blade in his hand, was attempting to make a second stroke at his throat when witness seized his hand and took the blade from him. Deceased was then removed to bed and the priest and doctor were called.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said deceased was not supposed to have the blade and he could not

say how he came by it.

Guard Rowsome said the records of the Home showed that deceased was a native of Kilfinane; that he was a married man, aged 44 years, and that his wife was living in England.

Dr. T. Roche, M.O., Co. Home, said when he arrived at the ward deceased was in bed with his throat bandaged. He was perfectly normal and sane and said to witness that he was sorry for causing this trouble. Witness found deceased had a nasty gash in the throat from ear to ear, but, fortunately, the windpipe and jugular vein were uninjured. Having re-dressed the wound, witness left deceased in a comfortable position, but on the following morning he was informed that deceased had died. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock and haemorrhage, due to a wound in the throat. There were no other marks or bruises on the body. The regulations of the Home prohibited patients from having sharp instruments such as razor blades. When they arrived at the Home they were searched, as were also any parcels that might come for them. On the morning of Costelloe's death a parcel came for him and was opened and did not contain any

The jury found that deceased died from a threat wound, selfinflicted while temporarily insans. On the suggestion of the Coroner they added a rider expressing the opinion that no blame could be attached to any of the officials or staff of the County Home.

The Coroner said that how deceased came to have the razor blade must remain a mystery. The occurrence was not due to any lack of diligence on the part of the -tail or officials of the Co. Home,

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