

City Fatal Accident

At about 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday last Patrick Coughlan, 4 Barrack Place, Limerick, received injuries at the Irish Estates Building site at Lanabarone, Corbally, where he was employed and was taken to Barrington's Hospital, but never recovered consciousness and died there one hour later.

The accident occurred when a tip up truck, the property of Denis Sweeney, St. Anne's, Dublin Road, Limerick, a sand and gravel merchant, who had the contract, was driven up to the site by his son, Thomas Sweeney. The truck was unable to tip because one of the wheels sunk in the mud. Thomas then pulled the pile out of the left side of the truck, and it was then held by an iron bar diagonally crossing the truck of the lorry. Thomas Sweeney then pulled up this bar from the far side, and it immediately flew up and fell over the far side of the vehicle, striking Coughlan on the head. He was taken to Barrington's Hospital and never recovered consciousness and died there one hour later at 4.30 p.m.

Inquest Verdict.

At an inquest at Barrington's Hospital on Friday evening, held by Mr John B MacNeice, Deputy City Coroner, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony of Dr Crowe, House Surgeon, that deceased died from fracture of the skull, and added that they were satisfied that it was a pure accident, with no blame attaching to anyone.