

CHILD'S DEATH

Resumed Inquest

DRIVER OF VAN
EXONERATED

Further evidence was given at the resumed inquest held by Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., Deputy City Coroner, sitting with a jury, in Barrington's Hospital on Friday evening last, concerning the death of Michael J. Donoghue (9½), Rhebogue, Limerick, who was knocked down by a motor van on Friday, 30th January, and later succumbed to his injuries.

Daniel Gorey, Shrahane, Caherconlish, lorry driver, gave evidence to the effect that on the night in question he left the city to go to the Castleconnell direction in his V8 lorry. When he came to Park Hill he saw a motor van stopped on the left hand side of the road. It was facing the Castleconnell direction and witness then slowed down, and as he was passing the van he saw a child lying on the road near the front wheel at the driver's side. Witness stopped after passing and came out. The child was alive. Later witness saw his nephew, Michael Gorey, coming along from the Castleconnell direction with a lorry-load of sand. His nephew passed and then stopped further up the road. When witness was going out he passed a lorry travelling towards the city, at the city side of the railway bridge, and it appeared to be a red lorry. This was before witness reached the scene of the accident.

Answering Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., who appeared for the driver of the van involved in the accident, witness said the only lorry he remembered passing was the one already referred to that passed about 30 yards before he reached the scene of the accident.

Michael Gorey, 7, Taylor Street, Limerick, nephew of the previous witness, also gave evidence.

The Coroner advised the jury to ignore the evidence of the last mentioned, as it was most conflicting and of no assistance or help to either the jury or himself (Coroner).

Subsequently the jury brought in a verdict that death was due to shock and haemorrhage following fracture of the skull, and they exonerated the driver of the van, Mr. Denis Giblin, 3, Denmark St., from all blame.

The proceedings were conducted by Supt. P. Colleran.

MURDER CHARGE

PROCEEDINGS HELD IN
CAMERA

Press reporters and members of the public were to-day excluded from the Dublin District Court by District Justice Farrell, when he began the taking of depositions in the case in which Lieutenant Henry

WHY DEMAND IS HIGHER

Manager Explains Bigger Bill

MENTAL HOSPITAL ESTIMATE UP

Report To Board Meeting

The demand of the Limerick District Mental Hospital on the county and city rates for the coming financial year will be £6,030 more than that of the current year. This was revealed by the annual estimate of the Board, which was submitted at a meeting on Saturday last by the City Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.).

Mr. R. M. Clery, Co.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting.

In a report to the meeting, the Manager pointed out that the total proposed expenditure for next year would be £85,500, as compared with a total of £79,470 for the current year. This increase was occasioned particularly by rises in salaries and wages (£500); food, drink and tobacco (£600); farm expenses (£3,500), and heating and lighting (£1,000).

MANAGER'S STATEMENT.

The Manager's statement to the Board was as follows:—

"It will be noted that the total proposed expenditure for the coming year amounts to £85,500 as against £79,470 for the year ended 31st March, 1948, an increase of £6,030. It will also be noted that the total estimated receipts are £5,900, as against last year's estimate of £5,040, giving a net increase in receipts of £850, and making a net increase of £5,170 in the demand.

The principal increases are as follows:—

"Salaries and Wages:—This heading shows an increase of £500 as compared with the previous year, and is explained by way of increments that will accrue to the staff under the new salary scales.

"Food, Drink, Tobacco:—During the year there has been a progressive increase in the cost of food, including eggs and oatmeal. There have also been two successive increases in tobacco and stimulants.

PRICES OF MEAT AND MILK.

In connection with this item, I might mention that this does not reflect the total increases in food, as the meat is produced through the farm and is included under Farm Expenses. As the Board are aware, there was an increase in the price of milk recently and there has been a progressive increase in the price of livestock since this time last year. Even though the price of meat has been controlled, this does not affect the position as regards the Mental Hospital, as we purchased our livestock direct and consequently every increase in the price of livestock means an increase in the cost of meat for the Mental Hospital. In addition, the production of milk in the Mental Hospital farm has been increased

"Clothing and Bedding: £400—During the war years the purchase of clothing and bedding was at a minimum owing to the scarcity of materials and consequently it is now necessary to replace worn-out bedding, etc., with the result that an increased expenditure of £400 is necessitated. Substantial increases have, of course, taken place in the cost of material.

"Furniture, Crockery and Hardware: £150—The same is true of this item as clothing and bedding.

"Alterations, Repairs, Etc.: £200—There are portions of the Mental Hospital in urgent need of painting and it is proposed to do a considerable amount of extra painting during the coming year. Recent increases in wages have also affected the cost of these repairs.

"Rent, Rates and Taxes, £20—This is due to the increase in rates.

"Other Establishment Expenses, £600—This is due to general increases in expenses, particularly the giving of an excursion to the patients, which was done this year for the first time since before the war, and also increased cost of travelling expenses, carriage, and various other items.

REDUCTIONS.

The main reductions are:—

"Superannuation, £800—A number of members of the staff were superannuated this year, and consequently, the estimated expenditure for next year is not expected to be as heavy as was estimated for last year.

"Washing and Cleansing, £20; Stationery and Printing, £20—These reductions are due to slight over-estimations last year.

"Loan Charges, £200—This represents a saving in the interest on loans repaid since last year."

The Manager added:—

"In addition to the above increase of £5,170, there is an estimated debit balance of £3,500. This is due mainly to the fact that the Board last year decided that the estimated balance of £5,650 would be spread over two years. There has been, of course, excess expenditure this year as had previously been explained to the Board. This means an over-all increase of £5,845, as I do not anticipate any increase in the paying patients' receipts.

"I wish to refer the Board, however, to the provisions of the Health Services (Finance Provisions) Act, 1947, which states that any excess expenditure for the year 1948/49, excluding expenditure on loans, taxes, etc., over expenditure incurred in 1947/48 would be met by an increased grant to the County Borough or County Council as the

CONCERT

A FINE

FATHER OF
GOD

An interesting and attractive concert of the Limerick Musical Society was given on Friday, 30th January, at the George Hotel. The programme amply demonstrated the aims and objects of the Society, and the standard in which it is conducted is highly attractive; the listener some- times of class of the Club members by their own efforts and makes effort in the way, hoping to be of some use to the Society. Mr. C. Sciascia, "Sonata Pathétique" by Chopin, known for his accuracy and calm and tur- bulent characteristics of work.

NO SHORT TALK, in the aims of the Society, barriers that good music need not exist with the ordinary and under- stand to enjoy music exclusive of such music that they have which is easily interpreted him such a picture showed a delusion in which his was very well tion was "Q. Silent Work" "Afton Water" An unusual item was next Galligan — flute-playing dying out. gave three b on the flute "Concerto," ance," by Sch "Serenade." smooth and tone and ver He was ably Maureen Ma fact sympathi- ments.

Miss Lilia proved herself an artiste in her operatic performance. The Young