

MURDER CHARGE.

Accused Acquitted.

Central Criminal Court, Dublin,

Francis Hassett (40) was charged with the murder of James Clune (72) on March 7,

who was from near Ennis. The deceased was ambushed on his way to the market and was riddled with shot-gun

shots before his death, deceased James Clune was one of the am-

ongest lived in the town. Hassett said he knew nothing of the matter until he returned

from the prosecution concluded, the hearing was adjourned till

the hearing resumed yesterday. For the defence, Francis Hassett, a brother of the

deceased, gave evidence that on the morning of the murder he and his brother left

the town at about 7.15 for the purpose of catching the 8.10 train, arriving there at 7.50. He

had with him some money at about 8 o'clock, then went on to Dublin. His brother

and his brother went near the market that morning. Francis Hassett, was next

called for O'Connor, K.C. At the hearing he denied knowing anything, or being in any way connected with the murder of

BALLINACURRA MOTOR FATALITY.

Death of Mr McNamara.

Deep regret was occasioned in the city yesterday when it was learned that Mr John McNamara, Lifford Terrace, Ballinacurra, had succumbed in St John's Hospital that morning as the result of injuries received in an accident near his residence on Wednesday night. As already stated, he proceeded home by a bus, and after leaving the vehicle, and while crossing the road, he was knocked down and seriously injured by a passing motor car, which so far has not been identified, but the Civic Guards are instituting close inquiries with that object. Mr McNamara who was a native of Dublin was for a long period of years resident in Limerick, being manager of Messrs J Wallis and Sons, Carriers, Cecil Street, which position he resigned some time ago on pension. He had since then been Secretary of the Irish Club and the Citizens and Ratepayers Society. Of a very retiring and invariably courteous disposition, Mr McNamara was highly esteemed by the business community, and in private life as well, and there is wide-spread sympathy with his widow and family in their poignant grief caused by his tragic death. It is announced that the funeral will take place to-morrow at 3 p.m. from St Michael's Catholic Church.

KNOCKACLUGGA MURDER CHARGE.

Further Arrests.

There was a sensational development yesterday at the resumed hearing of the murder charge at Newcastle West when Patrick Sullivan.

Sullivan is charged with the murder of his sister Hanora Kiely, on May 1 last at Knockaclugga, Athea. At the hearing yesterday Mr O'Donoghue ordered the arrest of accused's wife, Patrick Sullivan, and his son, Eugene Sullivan, who were present in court.

Sergeant Sheehy stated that on the night after the murder deceased's husband was taken to the barracks at Athea and said that the door was broken into and his wife was taken away by Patrick Sullivan, the latter's wife and his son. He noticed blood on the accused's shirt and trousers when he returned to him that morning.

A little girl of 13, Maggie Reilly, who was on the night of the tragedy, at 11 o'clock near Kiely's, she heard a voice calling "Come out you beggar," and she looked out of the window being broken. She also heard a woman screeching, but she could not identify whose voice it was.

At this stage the Justice ordered further arrests, and all three were taken into custody till Tuesday.