

# Manslaughter Case

## Woman Charged

### Proceedings at Limerick Court

Before Mr J M Flood, B L, at the City District Court, on Friday afternoon, Christina Donoghue, no fixed abode, was charged with the manslaughter of Annie Fitzgerald (60), no fixed abode, at Doon, Co Limerick, on 28th March.

Mr J J Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr D G O Donovan, solr., was for defendant.

The Justice at the outset intimated that he would only take medical evidence, and would then adjourn the further hearing until Friday next.

Dr Eugene McEnery, Doon, Co. Limerick, gave evidence of performing a post-mortem examination on the deceased with Dr G Scablan, Cappamore, on 29th March. He found a bruise over the right eye, about the size of a shilling, and there was no other marks of violence. He found the internal organs diseased, and the surface of the base of the brain covered with a blood clot. There was no fracture of the skull. He formed the opinion that death was due to haemorrhage of deceased's blood vessels, accelerated by a fall.

Mr O'Donovan—From your general examination, would you say this woman was likely to drop dead at any time?—I would not go so far as that. The heart, lungs, and liver were diseased.

Replying to Mr Power, the witness said the violence of a blow would not have caused death without disease. He did not think the haemorrhage could have been solely caused by a blow or a fall.

Dr Scablan gave corroborative evidence.

Adjourning the case, the Justice intimated that at the next hearing, if an application was made to him, he would be prepared to grant bail of £50 with two sureties of £25 each.