

Child's Death

Fatal Fall From Window

Inquest Evidence

A little boy named Patrick Coll, 12 Taylor street, Limerick, is in a critical condition in Barrington's Hospital, having fallen from a window in his home. The child was rushed to hospital after the accident and is suffering from very severe injuries. He fell from the top window to a two-storeyed house.

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It appears that about three o'clock on Saturday the deceased's mother was after removing the boy from the pram in order to allow a younger child of hers to sleep. Subsequently the boy strayed away and went into a house, which was formerly occupied by his aunt, in Benson's Lane, and which is now only partially occupied in the top storey by a family.

The youngster crept up the stairs, went to a frameless window three inches from the room floor, over-balanced and toppled to the footpath. He sustained severe head injuries and was profusely bleeding from the temple when removed to Barrington's Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital on Monday evening by Mr J S McNeice, solr, Deputy Coroner.

Evidence was given by the mother of the child to the effect that she took deceased and another child down to 1 Benson's Lane in a pram to visit their grandmother; she took deceased out of the pram to allow the other child to sleep; the house from which the child fell was a condemned one, and the upper window from which deceased fell had neither glass or a frame, and was only 3½ inches from the level of the landing.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned, that deceased had died from shock and haemorrhage, caused by extensive fracture of the skull.