

FIVE VITAL MINUTES IN TRAGEDY

THE charred bodies of the two itinerant boys who were burned to death in their parent's caravan at Briarfield, Barnaderg, Co. Galway, were removed last night to the morgue at the Bon Secours Hospital, Tuam, where an inquest was being held to-day.

The children, Myles, 5 years, and James, one year and eight months, were sons of Edward Connors, a 28-year-old horse dealer from the Gorey district of Co. Wexford, and his wife, Elizabeth, who had gone to Co. Galway only a few days ago.

Went for water

Mr. Connors, whose hands and face were badly burned in a rescue attempt, said he was only about five minutes away from the caravan when the tragedy occurred.

"I went for a pottle of water," he said, "and when I was coming back I saw the blaze at the caravan. I ran and rushed in to get the children out. I got out my three-year-old daughter Johanna, whose hair was burning, but when I tried to go back a second time I couldn't get through the flames."

Mrs. Connors, who had gone to the shop for food at the time of the fire, was in a very distressed

state and was being comforted by Thomas Connors, her husband's cousin, and his family in another caravan nearby.