

The Late Mr John Chambers.

The death is announced of Mr John Chambers, at his residence, St. Stephen's Road, Parnell, on Monday. About three years ago Mr Chambers' health began to fail, when he was at Dunedin. He returned to Auckland, and recovered sufficiently to again attend to business for a short while. Falling health, however, forced him to practically retire from active business altogether, and yesterday morning the end came, as is often the case under such circumstances, somewhat suddenly. Mr Chambers had

retained the age of 66 years, and during his long residence in Auckland enjoyed the well-deserved reputation of being a man of his word, and a thoroughly upright gentleman. Deceased leaves a widow, one son (Mr John Chambers, jun.), and one daughter (Mrs Keep).

Mr Chambers came to this colony over 40 years ago. In 1871 he joined Mr E. Porter and Mr Hardie in taking over the business of Mr Porter's father, under the style of E. Porter and Co. In 1882 Mr Chambers joined T. and S. Morrin and Co., Ltd. He was at one time greatly interested in the iron-sand industry, and had a good deal to do with the

establishment of the works at Onehunga, which unfortunately did not prove a success, and resulted in heavy loss to the shareholders. Later on Mr Chambers founded the firm of John Chambers and Son, and during the mining boom about eight years ago built up a good business, which has latterly been mainly carried on by his son.

The Late Mr J. W. Hewson.

The many friends of Mr J. W. Hewson will learn with regret of his death at the age of fifty-six years on Sunday. Deceased came to this colony with his father Mr Charles Hewson, of Mongonui, in the ship Motoka forty-four years ago. The father was a native of Lincolnshire and settled at Mongonui. Mr J. W. Hewson, like many other settlers' sons, saw service during the Maori war. Later on, when the Thames goldfield was discovered, he tried his luck with the pick and shovel, and was well known in the early days of the Thames. Subsequently Mr Hewson held a position under the contractor for the Auckland railway tunnel, after which he settled in Auckland and carried on business as a builder, residing for many years at Seefeld View. About 15 years ago he was returned to represent the Grafton Ward in the City Council and his attention to his duties was so marked that he was returned continuously until a few months ago, when, in the triangular fight for the Mayoral chair, he was defeated. As a member of the Domain Board, Mr Hewson did excellent service, as he was ever looking after the interests of cricketers. The fact that such a handsome pavilion now adorns the ground is greatly due to Mr Hewson's efforts. He was also an enthusiast in the matter of securing an ample water supply for the city. He was also for many years a member of the Grafton School Committee. The deceased leaves a widow, two brothers, and a sister.



HIS EXCELLENCY AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE VETERANS' HOME. Specially taken for the "Graphic."



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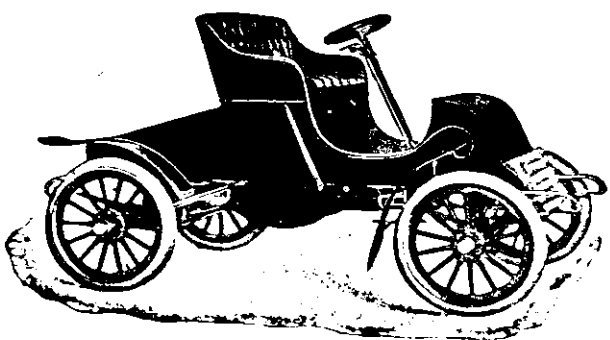
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