

In the Public Eye.

MR. GEORGE J. SMITH, the newly-elected member for Christchurch City, is not a new figure in Parliament, for he represented Christchurch from 1893 to 1899, when he was defeated. Mr. Smith was

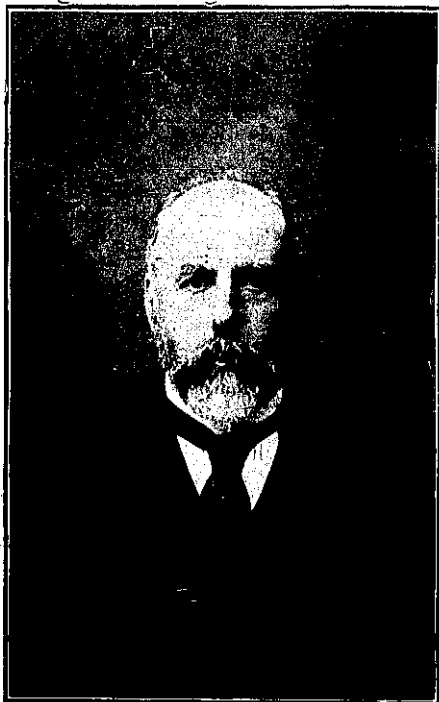


Sorrell, Christchurch.
MR. GEO. J. SMITH.

born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and is forty years of age. After receiving an education at the Wesleyan School at his native place, he entered the service of Messrs. Hamel and Maples, Government solicitors, in the capacity of a clerk, and remained there for five years. He came to the colony in 1880, and accepted an appointment in the firm of Garrick, Cowlishaw, and Fisher, of Christchurch. After eleven years' service with them, he joined Messrs. Bowron Bros., leather merchants, Christ-

church, and afterwards became a partner in the firm. Mr. Smith is an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. He is also an enthusiastic volunteer, his experience commencing in an engineer company in England. He was for three years a lieutenant in the City Rifles, Christchurch, and then became captain of the Sydenham Rifles.

MR. F. H. HASELDEN, the new member for Patea, arrived at Auckland in 1860. After working for three years on his father's farm he went to the Hokitika goldfields, and thence to Opotiki, Bay of Plenty. Joining the colonial forces he went through the Maori war on the East Coast, and during an engagement shot one of the



Kinsey, Wellington.
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