

and Christchurch. Later he was engaged for two years on the building of the old Ashley railway and foot-bridge. About 1878 he joined the railway branch of the Government service, and continued in that employment until 11 years ago, when he retired. During the past 16 years he has resided in Christchurch. He was one of the first directors of the North Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association, Rangiora, and during the time that he lived in that town was ever to the fore in actively supporting any movement which had for its object the furthering of the interests of the community. A keen sportsman, he was for many years an active member of the Rangiora Athletic Association. During his stay on the Coast he collected £15 towards the building of the first Catholic Church erected in Rangiora. The late Mr. Anderson held a certificate from the St. Patrick's branch, No. 194, Rangiora, of the Hibernian Society, stating that "Richard Anderson, P.P., proposed the greatest number of candidates from December, 1886, to December, 1887." During the early days in Canterbury, when there were no resident clergy further north than Christchurch, the priests on their periodical visits to Rangiora and surrounding districts always made their home with him. He was a staunch supporter of the Hibernian Society and the M.B.O.B. Association, being amongst the first to rally to the latter body at its formation, and although advanced in years his manner

was always youthful and his delight was ever to be among the boys. His was always a prominent figure at the annual Communion Breakfasts of both organisations. The deceased was attended during his last illness by Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., and his death was a most edifying one. The interment took place at Rangiora.—R.I.P.

AN OLD EXPRESSION EXPLAINED.

When we wish to announce that anyone has had unexpected good fortune we say that he has had a "windfall." This expression is as old as the days of William the Conqueror. At that time all the forests belonged to the king, and no one was permitted to cut any timber from them. What limbs were cast upon the ground by storms were, however, the property of him who chose to gather them. So the peasants watched the sky for omens of a storm, and when it was over hurried to pick up a store of fuel. They called the branches windfalls: hence the modern application of the term.—*Dee Mara.*

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