



*Joseph Ives. Photo neg. 17917 1/2*

Ashburton around the turn of the century, and from 1903 based himself in the central North Island. He died on 5 September 1919 in Christchurch.<sup>13</sup> A description of Ives in late 1875 portrayed him as

a fine plump man with a well-groomed appearance. He wore a moustache and a little bunch of hair on his under lip, as was customary in some professional men of those days. . . . Always an optimist, it was hard for others to compete with him, and he was certainly a tireless worker, obtaining considerable influence where he worked.<sup>14</sup>

It is hardly surprising that an Irishman emigrating from Melbourne to New Zealand would land at Hokitika. The West Coast goldfields