

PIONEER BUSINESS MAN PASSES

Death of Mr Edmund John Vibert

Early on Friday morning, the death occurred in the Masonic Hospital, Melbourne, of Mr. Edmund John Vibert, who for the past half century had been a prominent figure in the business life of Shepparton.

The late Mr. Vibert was aged 71 years, and leaves a family of three, Doris (Mrs. H. A. Simson, Toolamba West), Mr. Frank Vibert, architect, and Cr. V. E. Vibert; his wife having predeceased him three years ago.

Throughout his long business life in Shepparton, the late Mr Vibert was highly respected and had made a host of friends. He was actively associated with the Presbyterian Church, the Mechanics' Institute, of which he was a past president, and the Masonic order.

Born at St. Peters, Jersey, in the Channel Islands, in 1867, he was afterwards educated in Kent. As a young man he migrated from England to America, but afterwards returned to England.

Arriving in Australia he settled in Shepparton in 1889 and commenced in business as a builder and timber merchant. His business prospered and grew and the present business which bears his name was incorporated in 1929.

The late Mr. Vibert took a keen interest in public affairs and served in many capacities. He was for more than 40 years a member of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian Church and also sang in the choir for many years.

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ed an important part in the first Progress Association. He also took a live interest in the Mechanics' Institute and was president of the committee. He was also actively associated with the Masonic order.

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE.

In Scots' Church yesterday morning Rev. J. G. Scarfe paid an eloquent tribute to the life and work of the late Mr. Vibert and the congregation stood as a mark of respect.

The remains were cremated at Fawkner Cemetery on Friday when Rev. Geo. Paul who was stationed in Shepparton for 26 years, conducted the service.

Today the ashes will be interred in the Shepparton Cemetery, the cortege leaving deceased's late residence in Wyndham Street at 2 p.m.