

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK WRIGHT.

TRAGIC INTERRUPTION OF A BOARD MEETING.

Mr. Frederick Wright, a well-known land and financial agent, and a respected citizen, died suddenly at twenty minutes past 11 on Wednesday morning. Mr. Wright was present at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Victoria Fire Insurance Company, of which he was Chairman. There were also present Messrs. F. Rymill, Peter Wood, and the Resident Secretary, Mr. Campbell. Mr. Wright had previously climbed the stairs of the Royal Exchange in order to see Mr. C. A. Murphy, Consul of the United States, but his fellow-Directors did not notice that he was suffering at all. Mr. Wright was engaged ticking off various items on the agenda-paper, and he had just made a mark when his hand fell across the paper, smudged the ink, and Mr. Wright fell quietly back in his chair. Dr. Lendon, his medical attendant, was summoned, and immediately attended, but all hope of human aid being of benefit had passed.

Mr. Wright was Consul for Chili and Denmark, Vice-Consul for Spain, and Consular Agent for Italy. He carried on business for many years as land and financial agent in the Old Exchange Buildings in this city, and was one of the best-known and most widely respected of our commercial men. Coming to the colony from England in 1847, he entered the service of the National Bank in Adelaide, and after some years went to Melbourne, and rose to the position of General Manager of the institution. Subsequently he returned to Adelaide, and started business on his own account.

For very many years he contributed financial reports to "The Register." Mr. Wright celebrated the 60th anniversary of his birthday last Monday. He served his adopted colony in many valuable capacities. As a member of the Central Board of Health he rendered very practical service to the community. He was also a Warden of St. Peter's Cathedral, and a very active member of the Anglican Synod. The deceased gentleman has left a widow, four sons, and three daughters. A daughter is Mrs. H. P. Gill, and the eldest, unmarried, is at present in Italy. The youngest son is at present in South Africa as trumpeter with the Second Contingent from this

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