

MR. J. HARGREAVES

IPSWICH, October 17.

The death occurred very suddenly at his residence, Auchenflower, last night, of one who for very many years was one of Ipswich's most highly respected and prominent citizens in the person of Mr. Joseph Hargreaves, of the age of 69 years. Mr. Hargreaves, who was the senior partner in the well-known firm of solicitors of Messrs. Hargreaves and Hargreaves, of Nicholas Street Ipswich, and of Brisbane, was in Brisbane yesterday attending to business at the Brisbane branch, and he also attended a meeting of directors of the Queensland Deposit Bank, of which body he was chairman of directors, returning to his home about half past four apparently in the best of health. About half past eight he complained of a tightness in the chest. His condition rapidly became worse, and, although medical aid was immediately forthcoming, he passed away within about a quarter of an hour of taking ill.

Mr. Hargreaves was born at Idle, near Bradford, Yorkshire (Eng.), on March 10, 1859, coming to Australia with his parents when about two years of age. For very many years he resided in Ipswich and played a prominent part in its progress. Although some seven years ago he went to reside at Auchenflower, his business brought him to Ipswich frequently, and he continued his active interest in a number of public institutions up till very recently, in fact at the time of his death he was chairman of trustees of the Ipswich Girls' Grammar School, a position he had held for very many years. He was always a great worker for the prohibition movement, and for very many years was president of the recently disbanded Ipswich Total Abstinence Society. He took a life-long interest in church work, being a very old member of the Central Congregational Church, of which church he was a deacon for very many years, and he also for a number of years was the popular superintendent of the Sunday school connected with that church. He was also many years ago, an alderman of the Ipswich City Council. He was also a member of the True Blue Lodge, P.A.F. & O.A. He was a member of the original committee of the Ipswich Technical College, holding the position up to about 18 months ago, and he also was at one time a member of the School of Arts committee.

His wife died on March 27 last. Mrs. Hargreaves, too, was taken suddenly ill whilst returning to her home from Brisbane, and died in a few minutes.

The late Mr. Hargreaves left four sons—Messrs. W. E. and H. J. (of the firm of Messrs. Hargreaves and Hargreaves, Ipswich), G. W., M.Sc. (Sydney), and Eric (Auchenflower).