

### MR. G. M. G. KING.

By the death after a short illness of George McArthur Gidley King, of Peel Cottage, West Tamworth, the late general superintendent of the Peel River Land and Mineral Company, Tamworth, has lost a personality prominent for some years in the pastoral life of New South Wales. The history of the Australian Agricultural Company, and later of the Peel River Company, is inseparably linked with the development of northern New South Wales, and the name of King has been associated with Australian history for more than 130 years.

Admiral Philip Parker King was the son of Governor King, and was appointed in 1839 Commissioner of the Australian Agricultural Company. His son, Phillip Gidley King, M.L.C., was the first general superintendent of the Peel River Company, and he was succeeded by his son, George Bartholomew King, the father of Mr. George McArthur Gidley King, who from 1910 to 1930, held the same position.

Born in 1870 at Danksa, Double Bay, Sydney, the home of his grandparents, the late Mr. King was educated at the King's School. On leaving school he went to Goonoo Goonoo station, commencing duties under his grandfather. His father became superintendent of the company in 1904, and on his death in 1910 the late Mr. King was appointed, acting in that capacity until his retirement two years ago.

He married Miss A. C. Lloyd, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lloyd, and is survived by her, and a family of five sons and three daughters, Messrs. Phillip Gidley (Tamworth), Charles McArthur Gidley (Inverell), Eric Gidley (West Tamworth), John Lloyd (Goondwindi), and William Bartholomew Gidley King (Broadwater, Richmond River), Mrs. D. H. Wiljan (Warral), Miss Dorothy McArthur King, and Mrs. Y. S. Lindeman (West Tamworth).

During his tenure at Goonoo Goonoo the company acquired Mooreland station in the Walgett district; Avon Downs, in the Northern Territory; Mount Margaret and Mount Alfred Stations, in Queensland; and Eagle Grand Estate in the Nundle

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Under his management the company progressed, carrying about 140,000 sheep, 6500 cattle and 400 horses. The quality of the stock was well known throughout the State.