

Alex Mackie

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Quite a gloom was cast over the town and district of Rushworth on Monday morning last when it became known that Mr Alex. G. Mackie, farmer, of the Nine Mile, had passed away rather suddenly and somewhat unexpectedly during the morning.

It appears that Mr Mackie took ill about the middle of last week, and on Thursday he sought the advice of Dr Christie, who found that he was suffering from some gastric trouble. On the

Friday deceased drove into Rushworth, and as his heart was giving trouble Dr Heily was called in in consultation. No serious consequences were anticipated, however, and Mr Mackie returned home, coming in again on the Sunday. It was then that Dr Christie recommended him to take up his abode at the private hospital conducted by Nurses Service.

In the evening he appeared better, and next morning Nurse Service was talking to him, when he expressed himself as feeling very much better. Nurse Service left him for about ten minutes, and when she returned was horrified to find that he was dead. The cause of death is given as valvular disease of the heart. Deceased was only a young man, being but 42 years of age.

His was a very upright, earnest, and kindly nature, and he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was a married man, and leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his death, and for them general sympathy is expressed in their sad misfortune; also for his sister, Miss Bessie Mackie.

Deceased was a prominent member of the Rushworth Caledonian Society, and as the body was borne from deceased's late residence Piper Cyrus Murray played "Lochaber no more." Then, again, as the cemetery was approached Mr Murray headed the procession and played "Flowers of the forest," which was also played at the graveside.

He was also an active worker on behalf of the Moora Presbyterian Church, and was also a Freemason. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a very large following of mourners to the place of interment, the Rushworth cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Mr Raff.

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RUSHWORTH CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at the Criterion hotel on Friday last. Owing to unpropitious weather experienced the attendance was affected. Mr Burt Stewart (vice president) occupied the chair.

DECEASED MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The chairman made feeling reference to the regrettable death of Mr Alex. G. Mackie, who had, from the inception of the society, been a member, and who, by his honest and

straightforward manner, impressed men of his sterling character. Deceased had at all times striven to advance the interests of the society, and he would be much missed. He moved— That the society express its sense of regret at Mr A. G. Mackie's decease, and that the secretary convey a letter of condolence to his widow and sister. Mr Brydon, in seconding the motion, also spoke in feeling terms of the late Mr Mackie. The motion was put and carried by all present rising.