

Alfred Southern

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General regret was expressed in Rushworth on Wednesday last when it became known that Mr Alfred Southern, one of the Government inspectors at the Waranga Basin embankment, had succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

Deceased, who resided in Esmonde Street, had only been ill some eight or ten days and the news of his death caused quite a shock throughout the town. Although a comparative stranger in the town Mr Southern, who was of a most agreeable and cheerful disposition, had made many friends.

As showing the esteem in which he was held at the Basin, no less than thirty of the leading men from there attended the funeral. Mr Flight, the contractor, was unable to be present, but was represented by Mr Thomas, his manager.

Deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was accorded a Masonic funeral by the local lodge, about twenty members being present, Dr Heily reading the lodge's impressive service at the grave.

He was also a member of the Natives' lodge, and a number of members followed his remains to their last resting-place, the Rushworth cemetery. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Southern in her sad bereavement.

The Rev. Joseph Ross conducted the funeral service, Mr Anderson being the undertaker.