

Mr. G. L. Butlin

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A painful sensation was caused in Rushworth on Friday last when the news was circulated that Mr. G. L. Butlin, a respected resident of the town had suddenly expired.

The deceased left home on Friday after having partaken of a hearty meal at midday and went to Mr. J. W. Poulson's office, Murchison road, where he was employed as clerk. On arrival at the office he seen in his usual good health, and shortly after, he was leaving the office to go to the railway station. Mr. Poulson preceded him along the passage to the front door.

When Mr Poulson got to the door he looked around and saw Mr Butlin stagger. He rushed to him and caught him as he was falling and found that he was dead. Dr. Graham was summoned and he found that the cause of death was heart failure.

Mr Butlin had complained of feeling pain now and again in his chest, but attributed it to indigestion.

The deceased was engaged in farming at Girgarre some three or four years ago, but as the farm was not a very payable proposition Mr Butlin went to Melbourne, leaving his wife and son-in-law to carry on the work. He went into the motoring business in Melbourne was practically "taken down" by his partners, who cleared out.

He then returned to Rushworth and was employed by Messrs Berry and Poulson. Some time ago Mr Butlin was employed as a draughtsman in large manufactory in New Zealand, and was also employed in a like capacity at Messrs H. V. McKay's Sunshine Harvesting Works at Sunshine, near Melbourne. He was very clever at inventing improvements in connection with machinery and only lately invented a contrivance to operate the changing of gears of motorcars without operating the clutch, the change of gears being operated with the break [brake].

During his residence in Rushworth Mr Butlin won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was a popular and very capable member of the Rushworth Bowling Club, and also of the Golf Club. He was also a good billiard list and was engaged in a tournament game at the Mechanics' Institute time of his death of which he had a very good chance of winning.

He was 64 years of age on the day of the funeral and leaves a widow and two married daughters, Mrs Bolton (Rushworth) and Mrs Robinson (Girgarre).

His sudden demise is deeply regretted by his numerous friends. The funeral took place on Saturday last, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery, the Rev. F. Grist (Anglican) officiating at the graveside.