

## **Mr W. H. Hawking**

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Death has again been busy in our midst, Mr W. H. Hawking, a resident of the past twenty years, dying on Friday morning last.

Mr Hawking, who was quite a young man, being only 40 years of age, suffered very severely during the past two years from asthma, and to this complaint, together with heart failure, was his death attributed.

Deceased was well known in the Redcastle and Costerfield districts, where he followed mining pursuits prior to coming to this district. Of later years he has followed carting and also entered the woodmilling trade, becoming part proprietor of one of the mills in the Rushworth station yard.

His nature was such that he could not allow himself that rest from work which was absolutely necessary under the circumstances, and no doubt this fact hastened his death.

The esteem in which he was held was apparent from the large number of persons who followed his remains to the grave on Sunday afternoon.

Deceased was a member of the local Foresters' Lodge (A.O.F.) and he was accorded a lodge funeral. There were between forty and fifty members present, and the funeral ceremony was read by Bro. H. Pocknee.

Deceased was a married man and leaves a widow and three young children, the eldest but five years, to mourn their loss.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. Cannam, Mr G. Anderson having charge of the mortuary arrangements.