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The late Mr Alexander **Findlater** belonged to a good old Scottish family, and was born in the "White House," Musselburgh, Edinburgh, in the year 1809. His father, James **Findlater**, M.D., served as surgeon in the British army for some years, from October 1799, and afterwards held the rank of Lieutenant in the Forfarshire and Kincardine, or 11th British, Militia from the year 1807. His grandfather, Alexander **Findlater**, was Supervisor of Excise for Dumfriesshire, and was the superior officer as well as one of the patrons of the immortal Robert Burns. The deceased was educated and brought up in Edinburgh to the legal profession, and became connected in an official capacity with the Law Court of Edinburgh and Glasgow—ultimately becoming superior of one of the departments. We are informed that he at one time held the same position, and occupied the same room as the great Wizard of the North," Sir Walter Scott. Mr **Findlater** arrived here in the Lady Nugent," in the year 1850, and was therefore one of the pioneer settlers of the Province. He was one of those who, before they sailed, purchased land from the New Zealand Co. shortly after his arrival, he became a cultivator of the soil in the Halfway Bush District. After labouring in the way in which early settlers set to work, he for some years held situations in which his knowledge and fitness were an acquisition. After some Colonial changes he once more settled into his old vocation, as a pioneer settler at Pelichet Bay, which was quite a different looking locality to what it is now, and the change in which new comers could scarcely conceive. With the large influx of population during this period Mr **Findlater** had quite an active business in supplying the inhabitants of the city with firewood, and fencing materials. He eventually gave up this vocation to fill a place in the office of one of our oldest solicitors, who had then recently settled to commence practice in the city. After a limited time Mr **Findlater** was engaged in the office of Messrs Whitaker and Richmond (the former the present Attorney-General, and the latter the present Mr Justice Richmond). After some months had elapsed Mr **Findlater** became clerk under the Provincial Secretary, the late Mr John M'Glashan, and held this position for a number of years under different Superintendents and Executives of the Province, and also acted as clerk in the Provincial Solicitor's Office during many political changes, until within the last few years. He also was for a time Clerk of the Mayor's Court. He was member of the Caledonian Society from its establishment President from 1863 to 1864, and Secretary for the last few years. The present Grand Stand was built during his Presidentship. His death is deeply regretted by his many friends.

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