

**Death of Mr James Findlater.** Last evening, at twenty minutes past six o'clock, this gentleman breathed his last. For several weeks past he who is now no more has been confined to his room, suffering from a severe and prolonged attack of gout, to which terrible complaint he had been a martyr at intermittent periods for many years; his late father also having succumbed to the same malady about eighteen months ago. Mr **Findlater** was also suffering from the effects of a severe cold, which he caught when attending the funeral of the late Captain Low, and to the exhaustion induced thereby, combined with the rapid progress of his disease, may be attributed his scarcely unexpected death. Mr **Findlater** came out to Otago some eighteen years ago, and after visiting various parts of the colony, finally settled down in Wanganui in the year 1858. For several years he occupied a responsible position in Messrs Taylor and Watt's counting house, afterwards successively engaging in mercantile and pastoral pursuits. He was at one time manager of the Wanganui Steam Navigation Company, and was also, if we remember aright, secretary and manager of the first Building Society started in Wanganui. Lately, as partner of Mr Allan Lees, he has had a joint interest with him in the Fordell Estate, though he resided principally in town. As a liberal-hearted, generous citizen, Mr Findlater had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who will hear with regret of his death, which has taken place when he was but in the prime of manhood. Few in distress ever appealed to him in vain, and he has left behind him a name for unassuming liberality, which will not soon be forgotten. As his sufferings lately were very acute, his death must be considered as a happy release.

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