

## MR. HARRY CAPLEN.

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A well-known Hawera solicitor, Mr. Harry Caplen, died on March 3, aged 83 years. He was born in Midhurst, England, and arrived in New Zealand in 1867. He was farming in Motueka, Nelson, and later went to Wangapeka during the gold rush in 1869. Later he went to Reefton, where he remained for eight years. He then turned his energies in the direction of law, and after signing articles with a Greymouth solicitor, he passed his examination and was admitted to the Bar at Wellington in 1882. He then went to Hawera to practise his profession until ill health compelled his retirement just before the war. Mr. Caplen was a member of the Borough Council for seven years, one of the founders of the Hawera Gas Company, belonged to the Caledonian Society, was a past master of Lodge Hawera, Freemasons, honorary member of the Manchester Unity Oddfellows, and a lay reader in the Anglican Church. In his earlier years Mr. Caplen played cricket, tennis and bowls, and with Mr. W. H. Hutson gave the land for the green. After the war Mr. Caplen lived for a time in Auckland, returning to Hawera a few years ago. He leaves the following children: Messrs. H. D. Caplen, Hawera, and N. Caplen, Auckland, Miss Caplen and Mrs. W. D. Hamilton, Hawera, and Mrs. G. Hall, Stratford.

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