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Auckland, October 4.

Mr F. M. Brookfield, late Crown prosecutor, died to-day, aged 82. He arrived in New Zealand in the early fifties, and was at one time Judge of the Native Land Court.

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**MR JAMES PAUL.**

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By the death of Mr James Paul, which occurred about eleven o'clock on Thursday night, New Plymouth loses one who has been among its most public-spirited and prominent citizens. A native of Scotland, he came out to Victoria when a very young man, and when the Otago gold rush occurred he was one of those attracted. He came over to New Zealand in the Jura in 1862, and went to the goldfields. Dissatisfied with the prospects there he soon made up his mind to return to Victoria, and intended to take ship at Invercargill for Melbourne. By a happy chance—had

py, that is, for Taranaki, for it secured the district a settler of a high stamp—he missed the Melbourne vessel, and found one leaving for New Plymouth with military settlers. He joined these, among whom were Mr W. Cottier, Mr Leedom, and others. Thus Mr Paul became a Taranaki man. Here he took an active part in suppressing the native disturbances, and eventually he established the Egmont Brewery, which he owned and conducted up to the present time. A man of unusually fine address and personal appearance, he was well fitted for the prominent part he took for many years in public and social matters. For two years—1884 and 1885—he was Mayor of the town, which benefitted considerably from his administrative ability and generosity during that period, and he always identified himself closely with public and semi-public movements. The Taranaki Jockey Club, of which he was practically the promoter, and which he nursed through many early vicissitudes, being honorary secretary for twenty-seven years, and the New Plymouth Bowling Club, of which he was the founder, and which owes very much to him, are two local institutions which he always took an especial interest in. The Town Band, now the Military Band, he also took under his special protection, and when Mr Garry took charge some eighteen or twenty years

ago, Mr Paul, who was a keen musician, attended practices and parades as a playing member, to give it a start. The old Amateur Opera Club claimed him, too, as an active and valuable member. In other directions he has rendered valuable service as a member of the Harbour Board, in which capacity, with the late Mr Thomas King, he stumped the country in advocacy of the harbour. He has been a director of the Taranaki Land, Building and Investment Society for many years, and also of the Sash and Door Factory and Timber Company. He formerly took a keen interest in Masonic matters, holding office on several occasions.

A man, as we have said before, of a fine personality, he was popular with all classes. A keen sportsman, a good whip, most excellent company, he had qualities which endeared him to all who had the privilege of his friendship, while his upright dealings, his manly bearing, and his unvarying courtesy earned him the respect and esteem of everyone who came in contact with him, and New Plymouth—indeed the whole province, for he was essentially a Taranaki man—is the poorer to-day by his death. He leaves a widow and five children, four sons and a daughter, who will have the heartfelt sympathy of everyone in their bereavement.

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