

OBITUARY.

It is with regret we have to announce to-day the death of Mr T. O. Kelsey, which occurred at his residence yesterday afternoon after a short illness. Mr Kelsey was the son of a London merchant. He was educated in Germany, and entered his father's business at an early age. While quite a youth he paid frequent visits to all parts of the Continent in connection with the business. He came to New Zealand about thirty years ago, and took service with Messrs Guthrie and Larnach, Dunedin, subsequently going into business on his own account at Christchurch. He was well known in business circles in Christchurch, and whilst he resided there took an active interest in local affairs. Falling on disastrous times, Mr Kelsey some years later came to New Plymouth as secretary and confidential clerk to Mr Newton King. Later he again commenced in business himself as an accountant. The late Mr Kelsey was an enthusiastic supporter of the Free Library, and had for many years rendered valuable services to the committee, particularly in the selection of books. At the time of his death he was auditor to many institutions in the town. He was for some years secretary of the Taranaki Agricultural Society. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and three children, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt.

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