

The death is announced in Christchurch the other day of Mr. William B. Armson, the well-known architect, and the designer of the building now being erected in New Plymouth for the Bank of New South Wales. A Southern contemporary says:— Mr. Armson arrived in New Zealand about the year 1852. A year or two afterwards he left for Victoria, when he became the pupil of Messrs. Purchen and Twyer, a firm of well-known Melbourne architects. He spent many years in acquiring a knowledge of his profession, and in 1862 returned to the Colony to fill the position of Provincial Architect for the Province of Otago, a post which he held until the office was abolished. Journalism next claimed his attention, but only for a short time, as he speedily returned to the practice of his profession, and settled at Oamaru. In 1866 he went to the West Coast, and in 1872 he came to Christchurch, where he resided up to the time of his death.