

DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

THE LATE MR. JAMES J.
BEACHAM.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

PINJARRAH. MAY 18.

Mr. James J. Beacham, aged 74, who arrived in the colony in 1829, and has been a resident of Pinjarrah ever since, died on Thursday, after a short illness in Perth, at the residence of his nephew, Mr. James Green. He was buried at Pinjarrah this morning, the service being conducted by the Rev. James Allen. A large number of settlers from the surrounding districts came to Pinjarrah to attend the funeral. General sorrow and sympathy is felt for Mrs. Beacham and her large family in their bereavement. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Hugh Falconer.

Mr. Alec. McWhinnie, one of the best judges of horseflesh in this colony passed away last Thursday, after a very short illness. He was manager for Mr. Wm. Byers Wood & Co. for the last 3 years, and proved himself not only a valuable assistant, but a most genial and kind friend to his fellow-workers. He was a cousin of Mr. W. McCulloch, M.P. of Melbourne, and was a well-known identity in all the principal horse yards of Victoria. He was considered to be a perfect judge of horses and cattle, and one whose judgment could always be relied upon. He has left many friends, and was well liked by all he came in contact with.

The Public Works Department have taken further action in improving the water supplies on goldfields roads, and have instructed Mr. Reid to make good the supply on the Lake Carey route. Mr. Reid will leave with a party as soon as possible.