

DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD COLONIST.

THE LATE MRS. WILLIAM FORREST, SENR.

Yet another death has occurred in the ranks of the colony's pioneers, this time that of Mrs. William Forrest, senr., who peacefully passed away at her home at Picton last evening at dusk. The illness to which she succumbed only lasted a week, and in spite of the care and skill of Dr. Lovegrove and the tender nursing of relatives the dreaded crisis came. All the sons who were within telegraphic call were summoned to the bedside and amongst them was Mr. Alex. Forrest, M.L.A., (Mayor of Perth.) Mrs. Forrest was born in Scotland in 1823, and was therefore 73 years of age. Her husband, to whom she was married before she left her native land, was also born in Scotland and was three years her senior. The young couple landed in Western Australia in 1843, having sailed to the colony in the ship *Trusty*. Full of hope for the future the young pioneers started their uphill fight. After undergoing many hardships they managed to secure a piece of land at Picton, where they established a farm home. Here with undaunted courage Mr. Forrest, assisted by his devoted wife, entered into the work of cultivation and was rewarded with success until about 30 years ago, when a serious accident befel him. This entailed further heavy responsibilities upon Mrs. Forrest, who was then rearing her large family of boys. She proved equal to the task, and both as a wife and mother she proved that she was a genuine woman. Sir John Forrest, the Premier of colony, is a son of the deceased lady, and unfortunately is absent from the colony on State business, but the funeral to-morrow will be attended by Mr. Alex. Forrest and Messrs. William, James, David, Robert and George Forrest, sons of the deceased. In addition to these many of the residents of Picton and the district, will it is expected pay their respects to the lady who has been identified with the rise and progress of not only the Picton district, but the colony since its foundation. No name is better

only the Picton district, but the colony since its foundation. No name is better known or more widely respected than that of Forrest in the colony, for it has been associated with every progressive step Western Australia has made.

The flag at the Perth Town Hall was half-masted this morning.