

## Death of a Pioneer

Another of the pioneers of the district, in the person of Mr. James Peter Western, passed away at his residence, Venn-street, East Northam, on Wednesday night, after a lengthy illness, aged 83 years. The deceased gentleman was a native of Somerset, England, and came to this State some 56 years ago. Soon after his arrival he entered into the service of the late Captain Dempster, of Biddland, and remained in his employ for over 20 years. The late Mr. Western then selected land in the Wongamine district and engaged in farming pursuits for 30 years and eventually retired some six years ago, when he took up his residence in Northam. He leaves a widow and a family of six sons and four daughters. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the cortege proceeding to St. John's Church, where portion of the funeral service was read, and thence to the Anglican portion of the Northam Cemetery, where the interment took place, the Rev. A. L. Marshall officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs. Eli, William, Edward, George, Rueben and Alfred Western (sons), Mesdames Haddrill, Tink and Powell (daughters), Messrs. Wm. Haddrill and L. Powell (sons-in-law). The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. Bartlett, P. Ryan, M. Woods, and J. Beard. There were no flowers by request. Mr. J. W. Purslove conducted the funeral arrangements.