

## Death of Mr. R. J. McManus.

We regret having to record the death of Mr. Robert J. McManus, who died of pneumonia at the Northam Hospital early on Sunday morning. It will be remembered that when the flood waters came down on Tuesday of last week Mr. McManus endeavoured to rescue some of Mr. E. A. Lockyer's fowls, which were kept on a low-lying block of ground as the corner of Fitzgerald and Gairdner St. When Mr. McManus waded in after the fowls the water was barely knee deep, but it rose very rapidly until there must have been fully seven feet of water over the paddock. He was unable to swim and had gone under three times when he was rescued. Dr. Rockett was on the spot and means were taken to restore animation. Mr. McManus soon recovered, and it was hoped that he would suffer no evil consequences. On Wednesday morning he was about but on Thursday he developed double pneumonia and was removed to the hospital. In spite of the best care and attention he died at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, having been delirious most of the time.

The deceased was 42 years of age, and was a brother of Messrs. James and Bernard McManus, well-known Irishtown farmers. He saw service in the South African war going over with the first West Australian Bushmen's Contingent. He held the five clasps and medals—Transvaal, Orange Free State, Rhodesia, Cape Colony, and South Africa, 1901.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and was very largely attended, about sixty vehicles following the hearse. Services were conducted at St. Joseph's Church and at the graveside by the Rev. Father Walsh, and the body, enclosed in a massive jarrah coffin, was interred in the Catholic portion of the Northam cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. James Foley, P. McMahan, J. Pilkington, senr., and Geo. Allington,

J. Foley, P. McMahan, J. Pilkington, senr., and Geo. Allington, junr. Wreaths were sent by the following:—Widow and Children, Mr. and Mrs. Coyne, Annie and Lucy, Brothers James and Bennie, Sister Norah, Jack and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. H. Way, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, H. and H. Withnell, Mr. and Mrs. P. McMahan and family, Mrs. H. Withnell and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lockyer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Crampton, Mr. and Mrs. P. McManus, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Morrell senr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Jas. and Miss Foley, Mr. J. and Miss French, Mr. and Mrs. Minson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. French, junr., and many others. The