

MR. A. J. T. BALSILLIE

The death occurred in the Mitchell Hospital of a well known and highly respected resident in the person of Mr. Andrew John Thomas Balsillie at the age of 62 years. The late Mr. Balsillie was born at Goondiwindi in 1882; and in his younger days lived on Callandoon and Booberi stations which his father was managing. In 1903, at the age of 21, he joined the Queensland Police Force and was stationed at Brisbane, Toowoomba, Dalby, Roma and Mitchell. In 1911 he resigned to take up an hotel at the 40-mile, Mitchell. The following year he selected the property of Balford and later that of Sterling, his father having previously selected Cedar Vale. He lived at Balford until failing health, three years ago, compelled him to live a retired life in Mitchell. Up to the time of his ill-health he always took an active part in social and public affairs being president of the old Dunkeld Race Club and lately president and patron of the Dunkeld Cricket Club. Since the beginning of the war he took a keen interest in all local patriotic bodies, and was a very staunch supporter of the Teeswater sub-branch of the Red Cross Society.

In 1908 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Francis (eldest daughter of the late Mr and the late Mrs. John Francis, of Hillgrove, Warra), who survives him. Also to mourn their loss he leaves a grown-up family of three sons and two daughters.