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## OBITUARY

MR TIMOTHY MEEHAN.

(From Our Correspondent.)

One of the old pioneers, in the person of Mr Timothy Meehan, passed away at his son's residence, Drummond, on October 16, after a short illness. The deceased gentleman was born in Banna, County Kerry, Ireland, and was educated in the same county. He arrived in New Zealand in 1874, in the ship Sir James Nichol Fleming. He started work in Ashburton contracting on the plains. In 1880 he married Miss Mary Browne, also of Banna, County Kerry, Ireland. He then came to Southland with his brother-in-law, Mr Edward Browne, bringing their teams by road to Invercargill, which was a long and tedious journey in those days. From there he went to Gladfield and began contract ploughing for the late Mr James MacKintosh. He afterwards went to Wairio, where he built the hotel in 1882. In 1884 he sold out and went to Drummond and built the hotel there, carrying on the business until the death of his wife in 1894. Deceased then sold out and lived in

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Drummond and worked in his section which he purchased when Gladfield estate was cut up. In 1910 he sold the Drummond property and purchased the farm which was part of the Ringway estate, where he lived with his son until the time of his demise. The late Mr Meehan was a typical Irishman, generous and kind-hearted, and was always willing to lend any assistance. He leaves a family of one son and three daughters. He was attended during his illness by the Rev. Fathers Fenelon and Columb.

The funeral took place at the Winton cemetery, the Rev. Father Fenelon conducting the service at the house and the Rev. Father O'Neill officiating at the graveside. The pall-bearers were Messrs Frank O'Connell, Edward Sheehan, Timothy and James Meehan (nephews), and Patrick and Clifford Meehan (grandsons of deceased).