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## OBITUARY

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### THOMAS KINGWELL SKINNER.

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We regret to have to record the death, which occurred this morning, of Mr. Thomas Kingwell Skinner, at the age of 76 years. Mr. Skinner was born in New Plymouth, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. T. K. Skinner, who came out from Modbury, Devonshire, by the ship *Oriental*, arriving here on November 18, 1841, with his wife, who was a Miss Veale, daughter of Mr. John Veale, of Clawton, Devonshire. Educated in New Plymouth, Mr. Skinner, like his brothers, the late Mr. John Skinner and Mr. W. H. Skinner, who is now visiting England, took up the profession of surveying and civil engineering. Entering the service of the Provincial Government, he was employed in connection with the purchase from the Maoris of the Moa, Huirua, and other blocks of land, and while engaged in their survey he had often to endure considerable hardship. Later he entered into partnership with Mr. Thomas Gore Sole, the firm becoming and remaining for many years borough engineers of New Plymouth, and having much to do with the original municipal water supply and other important municipal works. Subsequently he was in private practice on his own account.

Some years ago Mr. Skinner sustained a severe stroke, which incapacitated him for a long time, but he made a good recovery and latterly has been able to get about, though he led a rather retired life. He took a keen interest in public matters, and was among those who spent money and time in efforts to develop an oil industry. He never married. The funeral will take place at Te Henui Cemetery on Monday afternoon.

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