

MR. F. C. J. BELLRINGER.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death at his residence, New Plymouth, this morning of Mr. F. C. J. Bellringer, one of the principals of Bellringer Bros., Ltd. Although the late Mr. Bellringer had been in indifferent health for some time past he had been able to attend his business and carry out the duties associated with different public positions he held up to within the last few days. In fact it was only on Tuesday that he took to his bed and at that time there was little thought among members of his family and a wide circle of friends that the end was so near. His condition became gradually worse however, and he passed peacefully away about eight o'clock this morning. The late Mr. Bellringer was in his 55th year and was the second son of the late Mr. James Bellringer and Mrs. Bellringer of Fitzroy. He had resided in New Plymouth all his life and had taken a prominent and active part in connection with many public institutions. For nearly 40 years he had been a member of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade and for the greater part of that time had occupied the responsible position of superintendent. He was keenly interested in the work and was one of the best known and most popular fire brigadesmen in the Dominion. For some years Mr. Bellringer occupied a seat on the New Plymouth Borough Council and rendered valuable service to the town as chairman of the works committee. He also occupied with marked success the position of chairman of the Hospital Board for some years. He was a director of the New Plymouth Gas Company, and of the New Plymouth Investment Society and a trustee of the New Plymouth Savings Bank. He was a prominent Mason and at the time of his death was secretary of the Egmont Lodge. He was also prominently associated with the Oddfellows Society and was a past provincial grand master of the order. Mr. Bellringer was a keen bowler and only on Saturday last skipped a New Plymouth club rink in a match against the West End. The late Mr. Bellringer leaves a widow and a family of three sons and two daughters who will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement. The funeral will take place at Te Henui Cemetery on Sunday at two o'clock.