

WELL-KNOWN BOWLER

DEATH OF MR. P. DOUGLASS

The death occurred at New Plymouth on Saturday of Mr. Percy Douglass at the age of 58 years. He was one of Taranaki's best known bowlers, and a well-known and successful business man in the motoring trade.

Mr. Douglass was born at New Plymouth. He was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Mark Douglass, who arrived in New Zealand from England by the ship *Avalanche* in 1875. Except for about 10 years spent at Hawera and Masterton, and four years in Melbourne in his school days, Mr. Douglass lived at New Plymouth. At Hawera he was manager of James and Gillman Motors Ltd., and on his return to New Plymouth became the proprietor of Douglass Motors Ltd., from which business he retired about 12 years ago.

For about 20 years he was an active member of the West End Bowling Club. He was a past-president and for many years was an efficient committee member. Mr. Douglass was recognised as one of Taranaki's best bowlers, having taken part in all leading North Island tournaments. He was the winner of the Criterion pairs in the Jubilee tournament and of the pairs competition in a Taranaki open tournament, was twice in winning Taranaki rinks, skipped a winning rink in a South Taranaki open tournament, and was runner-up in a Palmerston North Easter tournament. While at Hawera he was a playing member of the Hawera Cricket Club.

Mr. Douglass, who belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Hawera, No. 34, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Douglass, New Plymouth. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Wooger (Epsom, Auckland), Mrs. E. D. Boardman (Ponsonby, Auckland), and Mrs. G. O'Donnell (Marton). Two sisters, Mrs. A. Rusden (Auckland), and Mrs. W. Hughes (Whangarei) predeceased him.