



The late Mr. Bryan Cecil Haggitt, whose death occurred on died Feb 1, 1898, yesterday, occupied for many years a prominent position in legal circles in Dunedin. At the time of his death he was about 60 years of age. He was born in Toronto, Canada, on April 28, 1838, and arrived in Dunedin from Tasmania, where he had served his articles, in the gold rush of 1861, and practised in the southern city as a barrister and solicitor, where he was in partnership with his father D'Arcy Haggitt, and also with Mr. Brent. On the death of his father he and his brother, Mr. D'Arcy Haggitt, took on the practice under the name of Haggitt Bros. & Brent, under which title the firm exists at present in Dunedin.

He was elected to the Provincial Council of Otago in 1865, and became Provincial Solicitor. It was noticeable that he continued to hold this position till the abolition of the provinces, no

matter what political Party was in power. On the present Chief Justice vacating the position of Crown Solicitor at Dunedin in order to become Attorney-General, Mr. Haggitt succeeded him, and retained that position till his death. He was widely recognised as a sound, able, and brilliant lawyer, and he was esteemed both for his professional rectitude and his personal qualities.

Mr. Haggitt was a leading Oddfellow and Chancellor of the Diocese of the Anglican Church. For some years he was a member of the Otago Provincial Council, but since the abolition of the provinces he has taken no part in politics. His home was at "Wychwood" Anderson's Bay, next to that of Mr. Justice Williams, and between Mr. Haggitt and his Honour a very close personal friendship existed.

His first marriage was to Catherine Isabella Robertson (born 1841 Tasmania, died 1884 Dec 24, Dunedin NZ); married 2nd, 1883, Jessie Margaret Tolmie (born 1859 Mar 1, died 1931 Mar 7, Dunedin NZ).

Mr. Haggitt was twice married, and has as many as 21 children living. His second wife was Jessie Margaret Tolmie, a daughter of the late Mr. W.A. Tolmie, of Dunedin, who was also once a member of the House.

Bryan Cecil Haggitt died February 1, 1898. Jessie Haggitt died on 7th March 1931 in Dunedin, aged 72. Both are buried in the Northern Cemetery. Catherine who died in 1884 is buried in Dunedin's Southern Cemetery.

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