



The flags at Port Chalmers and some of the shipping offices in Dunedin were half-masted on Wednesday afternoon as a token of respect to the late Captain James Malcolm, the one time commodore of the Union Steam Ship Company's fleet. Captain Malcolm in the early days of the settlement was in the employ of the late Mr John Jones, and afterwards commanded the s.s Stormbird. He next took charge of the pioneer vessel of the USS Company's fleet, the smart little steamer Maori. Subsequently Captain Malcolm took command of the Wanaka, Ladybird, Penguin, and Tairaroa as these vessels were added to the company's fleet. He retired from the company's service in 1881. He knew the West Coast as very few skippers did in the early days, and he became associated with several mining ventures in that district, which unfortunately did not come up to expectations.

Two years ago he was the victim of paralytic strokes, from which he never properly recovered. In his day he was one of the most popular skippers on the coast. He was a keen and active member of the Masonic body and an original member of the Otago Kilwinning Lodge, S.C. He held several important offices in the Priory of Otago, Knight's Templar. Captain Malcolm's death will be widely felt by a wide circle of friends.

He is buried with his wife Olivia and daughter Alice and son Henry, in Dunedin's Northern Cemetery in the family grave, surmounted by a beautifully carved memorial.

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