



White, Joseph Eli , Builder and Contractor, 225 Castle Street, Dunedin. Mr. White was born in 1853 at Southampton, England, and learned his trade with Messrs Bull and Son, builders of the Law Courts, London. He came to New Zealand in 1875, by the ship “Crusader,” and has since then been engaged in the building trade.

As a master builder and sub-contractor, Mr. White has helped to erect many large and important buildings in Dunedin; such as the new centre portion of the D.I.C.; large additions to Donaghys Rope Works at South Dunedin and Auckland; the hospital ward of the Benevolent Institution; the contract for the brick work in Mr John Roberts' new mansion at Littlebourne; the contract for the brick work in Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co.'s new wool and grain stores in Cumberland Street, Dunedin; the whole contract for Messrs Stronach and Morris' wool and grain stores in Crawford street, Dunedin; the contract for the St. Kilda Hotel, St. Kilda, Dunedin; Mr. Galt's new residence and stables at “Mararoa,” Matura; the reinstatement of the Bruce Woollen Mills after their destruction by fire; the Nurse's Home at the Dunedin Hospital; the Wesleyan Church, South Dunedin; Moritzson's large grain and wool stores in Crawford Street; Cossens and Black's factory; Dr. McKellar's residence in Pitt Street; the latest additions to the Telegraph Office; Jamieson's large building in Moray Place; extensive additions to Messrs A. and T. Burt's engine house, and to Messrs Reid and Gray's premises; the Presbyterian manse at Mornington; Mr. Eastabrook's residence, Stuart Street, Dunedin; the Denton Hat Factory, King Street, Dunedin; Mr. Bagley's new shops in George Street, Dunedin; several factory brick chimney stacks in Dunedin and suburbs; the Leviathan Hotel, Cumberland Street; North East Valley tram sheds and stables; North East Valley school gymnasium building; the brick work of Ross and Glendining's new warehouse, High Street; the Roman Catholic presbytery. Milton; the large mansion, manager's house and stables for Mr. John McLean Buckley, of Redcastle, Oamaru, with a power house for

electrical lighting. This is considered one of the finest residences in New Zealand, and on its completion, Mr. White was presented by Mr. Buckley with a magnificent gold watch and chain in appreciation of the satisfactory way in which he had completed his contract. Mr. White was sub-contractor of the Grand Hotel, Butterworth Brothers' warehouse, the New Zealand Insurance Company's building, and the large new wing to Seacliff Asylum.

Although a very busy man Mr. White has found time to devote to local affairs. He was a member of the North East Valley Borough Council for years, Mayor for one year, and also a member of the North East Valley school committee, and has occupied the position of Chief Ranger of Court Pride of Dunedin, No. 3780, and District Chief Ranger for the United District of Otago, Ancient Order of Foresters. Mr. White took a trip Home in 1900, and was absent from New Zealand about five months. He is a Justice of the Peace for New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs White have a family of three sons and four daughters.

Joseph Elis White died on 2 December 1917 aged 64 years and is buried in Dunedin's Northern Cemetery in the family grave.

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