

## Obituary.

After an illness of only nine days the death took place of Mr P. R. J. Culph at the King Island Cottage Hospital on Tuesday, January 6th, 1920. Deceased who had only been back from the war about four months, and had been on King Island about two months, was a brother-in-law of Mr L. Birch, the proprietor of the "King Island News," and just previous to taking ill was so strong and healthy looking that the announcement of his death caused much surprise amongst those with whom he came in contact during his short residence here. It was on Saturday, Dec. 27th, that the deceased first showed any signs of being ill and on the Monday following Dr. Lamb was called in and after examination diagnosed the case as a mild attack of influenza. Two days later Dr Lamb left for Melbourne on business and the patient gradually became worse until Saturday January 3rd when, in the absence of Dr. Lamb, Sister Cadwallader was called in and on examination found that the deceased was seriously ill and advised his removal to the Cottage Hospital. This was done on the day following, and although the Matron did all in her power to preserve life it was of no avail and the deceased gradually and peacefully sank lower until the end came at 5.45 on Tuesday, Jany. 6th. During the last two days of deceased's life Mr Basil Colahan, a medical student who happened to be on King Island at the time, was in attendance at the hospital and gave the Matron every assistance possible, even going so far as wiring to his brother, who is a doctor in Melbourne, giving full particulars of the case and asking for information regarding treatment, etc. The funeral took place on the day following death, the remains being interred in the Currie cemetery.

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By advt. in this issue the Committee of the K.I. Race Club ask for all members subs to be paid at once in order to close up the books,