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Funeral Of Mr F. M. Talbot

There was a large gathering at the funeral of the late Mr Francis Mattinson Talbot, which took place at the Temuka cemetery yesterday afternoon. Before the funeral a service was held at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. W. Wisdom.

After a long illness, which he bore with unflinching fortitude, Mr Talbot died at the Public Hospital in Timaru on Saturday. Mr Talbot was born at Rangitira Valley in 1894. He was educated at the Temuka District High School and was employed by his father, Mr John Talbot, on his farm at Rangitira Valley. Shortly before the death of Mr John Talbot Mr Frank Talbot took over portion of the farm and continued to live with his brother, Mr Rangi Talbot, at "Woodlands." He volunteered for the last war and was wounded at the Somme and again at Messines, after which he was invalided home.

The late Mr Talbot was a member of the Geraldine County Council and the Geraldine County River Board, and was County representative on the Timaru High Schools Board. He took an active interest in anything pertaining to the welfare of his district, and was a member of the Temuka District Primary Production Committee, secretary of the Waitohi Patriotic Committee, president of the Waitohi Sub-branch of the Red Cross Society and chairman of the Waitohi Library Committee. He was a platoon commander in the Temuka Home Guard Company. Although suffering a disability owing to his war injuries, Mr Talbot was always of a cheerful and genial disposition and was well liked by all with whom he came in contact.

Mr Talbot was not married. He was one of a family of 12 brothers, of whom seven survive him. They are Dr. L. S. Talbot (Timaru), Mr W. H. Talbot (Opuha, Pleasant Point), Mr L. V. Talbot (Kakahu Road, Temuka), Mr P. R. Talbot (Claremont), Mr C. M. Talbot (Hadlow), Mr H. Talbot (Rangitira Valley), and Mr R. Talbot (Rangitira Valley).

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