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OBITUARY
MR F. C. MAY

Mr Frederick Cecil May, manager of the stock and auction department of the Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association, died at his home yesterday morning, after an illness extending more than three months.

Mr May was born at Orari, where his father was stationmaster for several years. He was educated at the Orari and Rakaia primary schools and later at the Christchurch Boys' High School. In his early days he took a prominent part in many branches of sport, including swimming and athletics, and represented Canterbury at Rugby. After leaving school he entered the service of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Coy., Ltd. He was stationed first at Methven and Rakaia, but subsequently severed his connection with the firm to enter business on his own account at Rakaia. After a few years he disposed of his business to the Loan Coy, and shortly afterwards was appointed manager of the Timaru branch of the firm. He relinquished this position to go sheep farming in Marlborough. After four or five years he was appointed manager of the Canterbury Farmers' Cooperative Association at Temuka.

During his four years' residence there, Mr May took an active part in municipal life and sporting activities of the town. He served for a term on the Borough Council and was the first president of the Progress League, holding this office for two years. He also filled the office of president of the Golf Club, of which he was a very active member, for a term. Mr May was a keen worker in the interests of the church, and while there, was a member of the Vestry of St. Peter's.

Mr May was transferred to the head office of the company in Timaru, where he became head of the stock and auction department some years ago. At the time of his death Mr May was chairman of the South Canterbury Stock Auctioneers' and Woolbrokers' Association.

Mr May is survived by his widow, one son and two daughters.