

Clutha Leader. 19 January 1917 [20/07/2023]

OBITUARY.

MR ALEXANDER McDONALD.

The death occurred suddenly at his residence, Balclutha, early on Wednesday morning of Mr Alexander McDonald, an old and respected resident of this town, the cause of death being heart failure. The deceased gentleman had always enjoyed excellent health, and appeared to be in his normal state upon retiring to bed on Tuesday night, but took ill suddenly in the early morning, and passed away after about an hour's illness.

The late Mr McDonald was born in Stateford, Scotland, 76 years ago, and came out to New Zealand in the ship Nelson in 1863, being then 22 years of age. After landing in the colony he joined in the rush to the diggings in the Nelson province, where he remained for some time. He relinquished his work in that part to come south, taking up farm work in the Taieri. Afterwards he shifted to Oamaru, and was employed as shepherd on Ardgowan station. He was very successful at his work and rose to the position of overseer on the station. While at Oamaru he took a keen interest in prize stock, he himself being a successful exhibitor and prizetaker in Leicester sheep. About this time he was married to Miss Georgina Pringle. The late Mr McDonald, accompanied by his wife, left Ardgowan to manage Berkley Estate at Henley, a position he held for some three or four years. From there he journeyed to Inchclutha, holding a similar position on one of the large estates there. He finally settled at Balclutha 20 years ago. After coming to Balclutha he acted as a shepherd until his retirement. He was very well known on the road, and was a most popular drover, his services being in high demand by sheep-raisers. The deceased gentleman took a keen interest in bowling, and had been a member of the Balclutha Bowling Club for a number of years. He leaves a wife and a family of 10 (five boys and five girls) to mourn their loss. The names of the surviving members of his family are: William (manager dairy factory, North Island), Colin (manager dairy factory, Owaka), Charles (manager dairy factory, Banks Peninsula), George and Norman (on active service in France), Mrs Fraser (North Island), Mrs Clark (Maheno), Mrs Turner (Anderson Bay), and Misses Catherine (Dunedin) and Florence (Balclutha). A son, James, who left with the main body of the Expeditionary Forces, was killed at Gallipoli.

The funeral will leave deceased's late residence at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

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WEDDING.

McDONALD — McDONALD.

A popular local wedding was celebrated on Wednesday at Balclutha, when Miss Florence McDonald, youngest daughter of Mrs Alex. McDonald, Balclutha, was married to Mr Charles R. McDonald, elder son of Mr and Mrs Angus McDonald, also of Balclutha. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. W. Currie in the Presbyterian Church, which was crowded with well-wishers. The bride was attired in a beautiful dress of charmeuse satin of a dove grey colour, with an overbodice of Georgette relieved with pink. This was a present from Sapper George McDonald (a brother), sent from Paris. The bride also wore the orthodox veil of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet relieved with pink. She was attended by her cousin, Miss M. Lockhart, as bridesmaid, who wore a pretty dress of saxe silk crepe with a hat to match, and also carried a bouquet. The bridegroom was attended by Mr W. Gibson as best man. Miss McDonald was given away by her brother, Mr Colin McDonald, in the absence of her eldest brother. Mrs McDonald, the bride's mother, was attired in a dress of black satin mervellieux. During the ceremony in the church the organist, Mr R. P. de Bidder, played Wagner's "Bridal Chorus" and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," while Professor Barnby's "O Perfect Love"

was rendered by the choir and friends. After the marriage had been performed an adjournment was made to the house of the bride's mother, where relatives and personal friends partook of the wedding breakfast, at which the usual toasts were honoured. Numerous and costly presents were received by the happy couple, including some handsome cheques. The gift of the bridegroom to the bridesmaid was a beautiful cameo ring, and that of the bride to the bridegroom a set of military hair brushes. Later in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for the north, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling costume was of navy blue, with a pretty set of furs, the bridegroom's present to the bride.
(Charles Redpath McDonald died later in 1918.)