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Our obituary column on Oct. 15 (says Saturday's Southland Daily News) contained the announcement of the death of a gentleman who was for a long time resident in this part of the colony—Mr Robert Cameron. For the following biographical facts we are indebted to one of his friends, who says:—Robert was the third son of the late George Cameron, of Killichonan, Ranock, Perthshire, Scotland. He emigrated to America in 1856, at the age of 20, and on the breaking out of the rebellion joined the Northern States army, in which he rapidly rose to the rank of lieutenant. He continued in 'active' service until the fall of Vicksburg, at the siege of which he took part. Though present in numerous engagements of less importance, he escaped without a scratch. After the fall of Vicksburg, he resigned his commission to join his friends in Southland, whither they had some years previously emigrated. After his arrival he spent some years at Switzers in gold mining pursuits. Subsequently he removed to Winton, where he carried on the business of general storekeeper. Thence he went to Invercargill, where he remained in business for sometime as a draper. As this was unsuited to a person of his active habits, he sought and obtained the appointment of station-master at Waipahi shortly after the opening of the through line to Dunedin, and efficiently

fulfilled its duties until lately, when his health beginning to fail through repeated attacks of rheumatism, he was compelled to obtain leave of absence to visit the hot springs of the North Island, in accordance with medical advice. Before leaving he was so weak as to be unable to move without assistance, but after reaching the hot springs appeared at first to be in a fair way of recovery. Having occasion, however, to remove some ten miles—to Ohinemutu—he suffered a relapse, and within twenty four hours breathed his last on the 10th inst." Our own acquaintance with Mr Cameron dated from the time of his residence at Winton, where he took an active part in local affairs, and displayed a keen interest in general politics. About the year 1875 he contested the district of Wallace, but his own private affairs subsequently demanding his whole attention, debarred him from occupying a prominent place among public men. During his residence later on in Invercargill he still managed, however, to give attention to matters affecting the public welfare, and through the press gave the community the benefit of his extended experience. In private life he was one of the most amiable and estimable of men—kindly, sincere, and ever ready to extend a helping hand to others. Had circumstances permitted he would undoubtedly have occupied a high place among his fellow-citizens, by whom his good qualities were fully recognised. His untimely death at the comparatively early age of 45 is rendered all the more regrettable from the fact that he leaves a widow and young family of seven to mourn their loss.

We learn from Mr James Mills that Messrs Grice, Sumner, and Co., of Melbourne, have joined the Union Steam Ship Company, and the latter take over the s.s. Hero. The travelling public will be pleased to welcome Capt. Logan back in Southern waters under the Company's flag.

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