DEATH OF MR. A. RIDD

MILKING MACHINE FAME

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The death occurred on Monday after a long illness, of Mr. Ambrose Ridd, at the age of 75 years, at his residence, Powderham Street, New Plymouth.

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He was born at Pollock, Somerset, England, and came to New Zealand about 53 years ago. He first settled in Otago, and after a trip to England he engaged in farming at Waipuku until 1909. Since then he has devoted himself to the development of the Ridd milking machine, of which he was the originator.

Mr. Ridd was widely known throughout the Dominion of New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia through his connection with the dairying industry and the milking machine which bears his name. He has for many years been the head of the Ridd Company of New Zealand, whose head office is at New Plymouth, and the company has wide business interests in Australia which took Mr. Ridd to the Commonwealth on many occasions and sometimes for long periods.

He married Miss Lucy Ethel Gaine, Normanby, by whom he is survived, and he leaves one daughter, Mrs. W. Penman, Hastings.

The funeral took place at Te Henui cemetery yesterday, being conducted by Archdeacon G. H. Gavin. There were many beautiful tributes of affection from friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ridd. The bearers were Messrs. W. Penman, W. Gaine, E. Gaine, F. Gaine, E. S. Shaw and R. R. Hunter.

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