

Tintenbar.

ONE of the largest funerals yet seen at Tintenbar escorted the mortal remains of John Frederick Skennar to the local cemetery, where he was interred on the 3rd instant, the Rev. J. R. Barnes, C.E., officiating at the grave. Mr. Skennar may well be considered one of the earliest pioneer settlers on the Lower Richmond, having started with Mr. C. Jarrett, J.P., in the timber trade and settled at Tintenbar 15 years ago. Skennar's Creek took its name from him. He joined Joe White in settling at White's Head and North Creek 28 years ago. He erected a sugar mill there 26 years ago, and was the first to make sugar on North Creek. He also had a saw mill there and cut the timber for the first church in Ballina. He also grew and manufactured arrowroot in considerable quantities, but that did not prove lucrative. Though a man of great energy and enterprise; sober and hardworking, and intelligence enough to conduct farming and mechanical works well, yet, unfortunately he fell into the hands of financiers, so that he lost what he had long looked on as his home, North Creek, and about 3 years ago he came to live beside his sons on Newrybar Ridge, but though surrounded by all the care and comfort his family could provide, the loss of his old home seemed to have deprived him of hope or love of life, and he pined away during the last year or two, so that his death, without apparent pain or struggle on the morning of 2nd July, at the age of 76 years, was a happy release from a world of toil and trouble. He was remarkably a strictly sober, honest, and straightforward man, and the number of old neighbours who followed him to the grave was evidence of esteem. He has left the partner of all his joys and troubles to mourn after him, also three sons, married and living near Tintenbar and one living at Coolgardie; five daughters married and two unmarried, all in the district. He left 54 grandchildren and two g.g. children. The oldest son (Mr. G. Skennar) through having recently split a big toe with an axe so badly as to cause him to be taken to Ballina Hospital, was unable to be at his father's funeral, for though the wound is said to be doing well, yet great care is needed to escape tetanus.