

Berthel Bertelsen

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DEATH.

BERTHELSEN.—On the 16th July, at his parents' residence, Rushworth, Berthel Hugh, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B. A. Berthelsen, of phthisis, after an illness of 19 months. Aged 22 years and 9 months. R.I.P.

Death was busy in Rushworth last week, two having occurred on Saturday, Terrence McArdle succumbing to disease of the heart in the morning and Bert Berthelsen to consumption later in the day.

McArdle, or, as he was generally called, "Teddy," had been a contractor under the shire for over 30 years, undertaking many works and completing them to the entire satisfaction of the engineers under whom he served. He had been a fine specimen of a man, his good nature, honesty of purpose and truthfulness making friends of all who came in contact with him. The remains were conveyed to their last resting place, the Rushworth cemetery, on Monday afternoon, the large concourse of mourners who assembled round the grave testifying to the esteem in which he was held.

Berthelsen had also resided on Rushworth for a number of years. He entered the "Chronicle" office as an apprentice about seven years since and continued in our employ for about five years, during which time he made such good progress that he promised to turn out a first class workman.

Some two years since he was struck down with an attack of haemorrhage of one of his lungs, which turned into consumption from which he at last succumbed.

His obliging manners and general good conduct made him many friends, and great regret is expressed that he should have been carried off at such an early age (22 years).

His remains were also interred in the local cemetery on Monday. The funeral cortege being a very large one.

Much sympathy is felt for the families of both the deceased.

The Rev. Father O'Connell officiated at the graves and Mr Anderson was the undertaker.