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The late Mr **Alexander McDonald** died at Bute suddenly on Monday was a much respected resident of the north. He was born on the Island of Tyree, Argyleshire on 8.6.1836. He and his brother and sisters were left orphans early and in 1860 they decided to emigrate to South Australia. They made the voyage on the ship *Shah Jehan*. Mr McDonald started farming at Reynella. From there he settled on the Alma Plains. When the northern areas opened he selected land at Collinsfield, near Redhill and arrived there in 1871. In 1873 he took up land in the Hundred of Crystal Brook and had been connected with farming there ever since, although he relinquished active work 15 years ago. The deceased was superintendent of the Narridy Methodist Sunday School for 18 years and filled all the lay positions in the church having been a local preacher for many years. Mr McDonald was a bachelor. He left on Easter Saturday to visit his sister (Mrs Donald McPherson) at Bute and caught a cold on the journey. Pneumonia supervened.

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