

DEATH OF MR E. W. ARCHER

FINE RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

BY the death yesterday, at a private hospital in Rockhampton, of Mr E. W. Archer, there has been lost to the grazing industry of Central Queensland one of its most forceful and able advocates, and to the public life of Rockhampton and the Central District, a citizen with a distinguished record of service.

The late Mr Archer was born at Croydon, Surrey, England, in December 1871, and educated at the Whitgift Grammar School, Croydon, and at King's College School, London. His early business experience was gained in the London office of the Australian Steam Navigation Company, where he was engaged for four years. In 1895 he migrated to Canada, where, in the North-west territory, he had two years' experience in wheat farming. He then turned his attention to Australia. Arriving in the Central District he became interested in the cattle industry and, with his brothers, founded the firm of Archer Brothers Pty Ltd, which acquired cattle properties at Gracemere, Toradale and Laleham. It was an obvious move, as the brothers were members of one of Central Queensland's pioneering families. Except for two periods as a member of Parliament and for four years in business in Brisbane, Mr



THE LATE MR E. W. ARCHER.

Archer had been connected with the cattle industry, either actively or as an executive of the United Graziers' Association.

For a number of years Mr Archer managed various properties of the firm in the Central District. These included Targinnie Station, near Gladstone, Toolibah Station, on the Dawson River, and the 15-mile Station, Archer, where he stayed about 15 years.

From 1906 until 1910 Mr Archer represented Capricornia in the House of Representatives, and for the period 1914-15 was member for Normanby in the State Parliament.

Mr Archer's wide knowledge of the district, general capabilities and genial disposition ably qualified him as a public man. He was chairman of directors of the Port Curtis Cooperative Dairy Company from 1904 to 1907, chairman of the Calliope Shire Council for four years, and chairman of the Fitzroy Shire Council for several terms.

Members of the Archer family have been prominently identified with the progress and development of the Rockhampton Agricultural Society. Mr Archer was elected president of the society in succession to his brother, the late Mr R. S. Archer, who had been associated with the society since its inception, but prior to this appointment he had been connected with the society first as a member, and later as chairman of committee, in which capacity he acted for a long, continuous period probably unique in Australia in the history of agricultural organisations.

For many years Mr Archer was a member of the Rockhampton Harbour Board, representing Western interests, and was chairman for several terms. In his term several important river and port works were undertaken. He also represented the board on the Chamber of Commerce.

He always took a great interest in the affairs of the United Graziers' Association and for some years was a mem-

ciation and for some years was a member of the executive. He was well known to graziers in Central Queensland and was very friendly with a large number of western people. For the last few years Mr Archer lived in retirement in Rockhampton.

He is survived by a widow, one son (Mr Robert Archer, Coomoooolaroo Station, Duaringa) and two daughters (Mrs Ernest Murray, Killeen Station, Richmond, North Queensland, and Mrs Eric Boden, Bundaberg). His surviving brothers are Mr John Archer, Gracemere, and Mr Colin Archer, Brisbane.

The funeral of the late Mr Archer will move from Elgin Road this afternoon. He will be buried at Archers' Private Cemetery, Gracemere.