

OF ABERDEEN, AT THE ANTIPODES.—

Correspondent of the *Dundee Courier*, writing from Woodend, Canterbury, New Zealand, on the 11th May 1862, says:—"It was only the other day I came across Mr Blaikie, formerly of Aberdeen, and who figured in the Court of Bankruptcy there a year or two ago in connection with some extraordinary transactions. In the old country he was factor, commission agent, &c., and held a very high position; but he is now following the humble occupation of guiding a plough behind six bullocks."

PRESS FICTIONS—THE MESSRS BLAIKIE.—A Correspondent of a Dundee contemporary, writing from Canterbury, New Zealand, states that he had seen Mr Blaikie, formerly of Aberdeen, "following the humble occupation of guiding a plough behind six bullocks." In order to tone down this somewhat imaginative statement, we may add that neither of the Messrs Blaikie to whom he refers are within a good many thousand miles of New Zealand,—one of them being in Europe, the other in Africa.—Aberdeen Free Press.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF SIR THOMAS BLAIKIE.—On Wednesday morning, about ten o'clock, as Sir Thomas Blaikie was engaged in ordinary conversation in the shop of Mr William Fraser, Union Street, Aberdeen, he was noticed suddenly to stoop forward as if examining some articles on the counter. This at first attracted little attention, till, in a minute or two, he fell down without speaking again. Dr Kilgour and other medical gentlemen were speedily on the spot, but it was found that life was quite extinct. Sir Thomas was a highly respected citizen of Aberdeen, and a most successful man of business. He was Provost of Aberdeen from 1839 to 1847, and again from 1853 to 1856, in the latter year receiving the honour of knighthood. It was remarked that the deceased gentleman appeared to be rather better than usual on Wednesday morning. The cause of his sudden death is supposed to be heart disease, from which he has been suffering for some time. It is worthy of remark that a brother of Sir Thomas died also suddenly in 1836. Deceased was aged about sixty.