

TRAGIC DEATH OF SCHOOL TEACHER

Miss Cora Dunstan, a teacher attached to the local State school staff, was stricken down whilst on duty at the school on Tuesday morning. Medical assistance was at once summoned by Miss Dalton, the head mistress, and on Dr. Fisher's instructions, Miss Dunstan was conveyed to St. Margaret's Private Hospital, where during the afternoon she seemed to revive. After 8 o'clock there was, however, a rapid sinking, and shortly after midnight Drs Adamson and Fisher, in consultation, informed Miss Dunstan's mother and brother, who had arrived from Eaglehawk, that the case was beyond all medical skill, and at 12.40 the patient passed away. General regret was expressed amongst the teaching staff at the sad intelligence on Wednesday morning, and the school flag was flown half-mast as a tribute of respect. Dr. Adamson stated that death was probably caused by the presence of a clot of blood on the brain. The remains were conveyed on Wednesday to Eaglehawk, Miss Dunstan's home town, for interment. A sad feature of the case is that the Education Department, despite its knowledge of Miss Dunstan's ill health, persistently refused to accede to her petition for a transfer to a country district.

Wreaths were forwarded to Eaglehawk on Wednesday by the teaching staff, and the Sunshine Mothers' Club.