

OUR NEWCASTLE LETTER

(From our Correspondent).

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Frederick Preston, a leading porter in the railway service, dropped dead while at work on Lee Wharf, on Wednesday afternoon. He was lashing a truck of timber, when he fell. Dr. Ferguson, who was sent for, pronounced life extinct. The deceased lived in Nobbys-road, Newcastle.

Mr. T. D. Bertinshaw, a former well-known resident of Newcastle, where he carried on the business of a hatter and mercer in Hunter-street for many years, died at Chatswood, North Sydney, on Tuesday. The deceased, who was in his 69th year, and had been ill for some time, is survived by his widow and a family.

The appointment of a chairman for the Newcastle Miners' Board has not yet been made, but inquiries made elicited the information that Judge Edmunds will be selected for the position. The desire of the Government is to appoint a gentleman who will have the confidence of both employers and employees, and as Judge Edmunds has had previous experience in mining disputes, it is felt that his appointment will be generally acceptable.

A miner named James Morrow was killed by a fall of coal at the Wallsend Colliery at about half past nine o'clock last night. He was a comparatively new arrival in the district, although he had formerly been employed at the Lymington Colliery.