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MR. MICHAEL BURKE. -- On Friday morning, the 24th October, there passed away an old and highly respected resident of Wagragobilly, in the person of Michael Burke, aged 72 years. He was a native of Miltown-Malbay, County Clare, Ireland, and left there for Australia in 1860 in the ship Hotspur, with the Sullivan family of Coolac, also his wife and her brother. After spending a few years in Tumut, he selected a comfortable home in the valley of the Tumut River, at Wagragobilly. He, was married on June 20, 1803, and by that union there were born five daughters and two sons, all of whom survive him. excepting one, the late Mrs. F. Malone, of Tumut Plains. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow, four daughters, and two sons, viz., Mrs. Garrihy, Sydney; Mrs. Thompson, Coolac; Mrs. H. Last, Fern Hill: Miss Burke, and Messrs. Michael and Patrick Burke, Wagragobilly. He was buried in tho Wagragobilly Cemetery, the pall-beavers being his four sons-in-law. The funeral was one of the largest held in the district for many years past, which was a high proof of the sterling qualities of the deceased. Many people from Gundagai and Tumut were present, including the member for the district. He died in the presence of his sorrowing wife and family, and was fortified with the rites of Holy Church, his spiritual 'adviser being the Very Rev. Father Donovan, who also officiated at the interment, and spoke in very eulogistic terms of the good and sterling qualities of the deceased to whom they had all come from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect.