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## **NORTHAM NEWS.**

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### **DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.**

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**[BY TELEGRAPH.]**

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**(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)**

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**NORTHAM, May 1st.**

The town received a shock to-day by the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Charles Christmas, a settler of fifty years standing. Mr. Christmas rose this morning, as usual, at 7 o'clock, but afterwards returned to his room, and soon after was found dead on his bed. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death. An inquiry is to be held. Mr. Christmas was highly esteemed here as an honourable and upright man, and a good settler. He leaves a wife and a large family, who, it is said, will be well provided for, as the deceased gentleman was the owner of one of the best estates in the district.

Nice rains have fallen here, and farming operations are in full swing.

Notwithstanding the financial crisis forced upon the colony by the state of things in the Eastern colonies, everyone has, and should have, confidence in the future of our district and colony.

The new roller mill starts early to-morrow with a large stock of wheat.

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