Yesterday afternoon a very sudden death occurred at Fremantle. Mr. Philip Webster, an old and respected resident of Fremantle, was passing through the Park, and was seen to fall. As he did not rise again to his feet some bystanders went to his assistance. It was then found that Mr. Webster was in a fit. He was taken at once to his residence and Dr. Lotz was called in. However, death took place just as deceased was placed in the verandah of his house. About 10 years ago the deceased gentleman was prostrated with a similar attack but recovered, and up till yesterday morning was apparently in his usual health. Mr. Webster, who was 65 years of age, came to the colony some 35 years ago, and was manager of Carter & Co.'s drapery establishment. For some time he was in partnership with Mr. Marmion in the auctioneering business. He then entered into the wine trade and for nearly twenty years carried on the business now conducted by Mr. George A. Davies of High-st., Fremantle. He was interested in town property and station investments, and latterly he had devoted himself to the business of a nurseryman. He also took an active interest in Marmion.
He also took an active interest in Municipal affairs. Mr. Webster erected last year the fine building situated in Henry-street now known as the Federal Coffee Palace. The deceased leaves a widow and one son, Mr. C. Webster. Mr. Webster’s death removes a respected townsman from the Port, and great sympathy is felt for his widow and son in their bereavement. The funeral took place this afternoon and was very largely attended.