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Poor old "Camperdown George", whose sable visage was so familiar to us all, is dead. Till within a day or two of his death he was to be seen accompanied by his two dogs on his usual round, and at his old haunts in the street, but on Saturday he was unable to leave his mia-mia in consequence of an attack of bronchitis. Constable Sinnott attended to him, and on Sunday procured medical assistance. Dr. Pettigrew, on visiting George, found that the days of his dusky patient were numbered, and accordingly prescribed some medicine to make his last moments as easy as possible. On Monday morning about one o'clock he expired and was interred in the Camperdown Cemetery in the portion set apart for the burial of aborigines.

George was the last of his race, and we are informed was the lineal descendant of the chief of his tribe, which we believe was the old and once numerous Jancourt tribe. Mr. R. D. Scott, who is at present acting in Mr. Dawson's place as Protector of the Aborigines, and who formerly filled that capacity, informs us that he has known George for the last thirty years, and that he must have been about 65 or 70 years of age at the time of his death. George was a universal favourite. He had a kindly nature, and was possessed of none of the worse qualities of his race. During the latter years of his life, he has lived in Camperdown. On several occasions it was proposed to him that he should be removed to the Framlingham station, but he always objected to leave his native haunt, and it is probable that if he had been taken away his days would have been shortened. Previous to the last winter Mr. R. D. Scott procured a kind of shelter for him, built as nearly as possible on the model of a mia-mia, and in this he lived since in comparative comfort.

As the last remnant of his race in this locality has passed away in "Camperdown George", it has been suggested to commemorate the circumstance by raising a tablet to his memory in the cemetery. The suggestion has met with the approval of all who have taken an interest in the welfare of the blacks, and we commend it to the notice of the public.