

## **Charles William Henry Cant**

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### **WELL KNOWN NEWPORT MAN'S DEATH.**

#### **POPULAR FIGURE AT THE MARKET.**

The farming, community and his many friends in the Island will regret to learn of the sudden death on Saturday of Mr. Charles William Henry Cant, aged 72, of 54 New Street, Newport. An employee of Messrs. Henry J. Way and Son, auctioneers, for more than 50 years, he was a well known figure in the old market in St. James's Square and at South Street, where he was a porter. A drover of the old school, he thought nothing of driving anything from 10 to 30 head of cattle to Freshwater or any other place in the Island at the close of a market, and he also took herds to places on the mainland. He worked in the flower, fruit, and vegetable market at his former establishment in South Street and later at the egg packing station, where he was in charge until a few days before his death.

Mr. Cant was one of 10 children of the late Mr. J. H. Cant, licensee of the former "Seven Sisters" tavern at the corner of New Street. In his youth he was a keen athlete, winning many cups and trophies as a runner. He was a keen supporter of the Newport Football Club, for which he played nearly 50 years ago. An enthusiastic fancier, many awards included a number for both fur and feather exhibits, and he was a member of former Newport Fanciers' Association. His interests also included rose-growing, and in this field, too, his exhibits brought him many successes. He was a member of the Newport Conservative Club.

Members of the former fanciers association and representatives of Messrs. Henry J. Way and Son attended the funeral service which took place at St. John's Church, Newport, on Wednesday. The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. B. Royds) officiated, Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M., was the organist, and the hymns "Abide with me" and "Rock of ages" were sung.

The family mourners were Mrs. C. Cant (widow), Mr. J. Cant (son), Mr. and Mrs. C. Cant and Mr. and Mrs. D. Cant (sons and daughters-in-law), Mesdames J. Gaff and C. Shepard (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. G. Beaty, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Squibb, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cooke, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Dyer (sons-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. E. Ash (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. R. Cant (sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Reynolds (cousin), Messrs. W. Freeman and F. Cant (nephews), and the Misses L. Gaff, P. Beaty, and June and Joyce Cant, and Mr. J. Cant (grandchildren). Mr. F. Cant (son), Mrs. J. Cant (daughter-in-law), and Mr. J. Gaff (son-in-law) were unable to attend owing to indisposition.

Others present included Miss. N. Vallender and Mr. W. Upton (representing the staff of the egg packing station), Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Mesdames R. Howard, Kinchington, senior, J. Kinchington, P. Oliver (representing Mr. Oliver), J. C. Vallender, W. Bishop (representing the British Legion), A. A. Knight, and G. Perkins (also representing Mr. Perkins), Messrs. S. A. Watson, G. H. Lambert, A. E. Chard, and I. O. Hawkins (representing Messrs. H. J. Way and Son), Messrs. E. Cave (also representing Mr. C. E. Cave, chairman of the Newport Fanciers' Association), H. M. Way (chairman of the Carisbrooke Fanciers' Club), C. A. White, J. Moorman,

O. C. Hamilton, W. J. Grace, W. H. Wheeler, W. J. Fallick, C. W. Blee (representing the Newport Fanciers' Association), and Messrs. W. Spanner and G. E. Linington.

The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery and the many floral tributes included one from Messrs. S. A. Watson, L. H. Ovens, M. C. Riddett, and E. P. Marvin (directors of Messrs. Henry J. Way and Son), and others from the staff of the egg packing Station; the chairman and members of the Newport Fanciers' Association; friends at the Sir John Barleycorn; the Newport Conservative Club; and friends and neighbours in New Street. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son. - Mrs. Cant and family thank Drs. Heathcoat and Fairley for their kind attention; also neighbours and friends for their help.

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