Samuel George Newton

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Death of Mr. S. G. Newton.- Many who have been connected with the open-air functions in the Island, particularly horticultural shows, will regret to hear of the death at his residence, 19 Prospect-road, on Saturday of Mr. Samuel George Newton, aged 51. From the age of 15 Mr. Newton had been employed by the late Mr. R. C. Gray, and the firm which bears his name, as tent-maker and erector. In this capacity he had had charge of the erection of the tents and marquees for nearly all Island outdoor functions for many years past, and he was affectionately known as "old Sam" to all connected with such functions. A conscientious workman, highly respected by his employer and fellow employees, his death at a comparatively early age is much regretted, and much sympathy is expressed with the widow and family. The funeral was at St. John's Church on Wednesday, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Newton (widow), Mr. G. and Master K. Newton (sons), Miss V. Newton (daughter), Mrs. D. Horton (sister), Mrs. Adams (mother-inlaw), Mrs. G. Newton (daughter-in-law) and Miss Dawkins (aunt). Among those present at the church were Mrs. R. C. Gray and Mesdames E. Wood and H. J. Davies (formerly the Misses Gray). There were a large number of floral tributes, including those from the firm of R. C. Gray and Company, and the staff, and from Mrs. R. C. Gray.

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