## **Nugent Henry Evans**

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## DEATH OF MR. NUGENT EVANS OF NEWPORT

Farmers throughout the Island, and his numerous other business associates and friends, among whom he was exceedingly popular, will learn with profound regret of the death at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Thursday night, after a short illness, of Mr. Nugent Henry Evans, of Clandown, Nodghamlane, Carisbrooke, secretary and manager of the I.W. Farmers' Trading Society. Mr. Evans, who was 56 years of age, had enjoyed good health until a fortnight ago, when he had an attack of influenza. Complications ensued and on Thursday morning he was removed to the County Hospital, but unfortunately it was not possible to save his life. The deepest sympathy is felt with his widow, his only daughter (Mrs. Howard Harvey), and his brother (Mr. R. C. Evans), who had assisted him in business.

A member of a Bristol family who had been engaged in the milling industry, Mr. Evans came to the Island, after service in the Royal Artillery in the last war, to be sales manager for the Farmers' Trading Society. At that time the society was passing through a very difficult period and it was doubtful if it could continue, but quickly recognizing Mr. Evans' ability, the directors appointed him secretary and manager in 1921 and from that time the business had made a complete recovery and is now a flourishing concern, a co-operative enterprise of great benefit to the agricultural community. By his tact, energy, striking ability, and charm of manner Mr. Evans won the confidence and high esteem of all with whom he came into contact. His death is a great loss, not only to the Farmers' Trading Society but to many other organizations in the Island capital with which he was connected, including the County Club, the I.W. Coursing Club, and the Newport Conservative Club. He was for a number of years the popular chairman of the committee of the Conservative Club and here again his business ability was keenly appreciated. His chief relaxations were fishing and gardening. The funeral will be on Monday at Carisbrooke Church, at 2 p.m.

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