

Thomas Powell Leach

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Death of Mr. T. P. Leach.- The death on Sunday at his residence, Little Gables, Cypress-road, of Mr. Thomas Powell Leach has removed a figure who was familiar on Market days and among Island agriculturalists generally for more than half a century. Mr. Leach, who was 76, was a London man, and came to the Island some 58 years ago to join the firm of Ash and Thomas, millers and corn merchants, as a traveller. He eventually became secretary of Messrs. James Thomas and Co. Ltd., as the firm was known after its formation into a company. Just over 20 years ago he severed his connection with Messrs. Thomas and joined Messrs. J. W. Wooldridge, Ltd., for whom he acted as traveller until the outbreak of the war. Since then he had represented that firm at the weekly markets, which he attended regularly until a week or two before his death. A man of few outside interests, Mr. Leach was devoted to his garden, being particularly fond of roses, which he cultivated with considerable success. The death of his wife a little over three weeks previously was a great shock to him, and probably hastened his death, which followed a short illness. He was the last surviving member of his family and leaves two daughters. His only son gave his life in the last war. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday, Canon W. B. Hogg (Vicar of Newport) officiating. The mourners were Miss Leach and Mrs. Moore (daughters) and Mr. H. A. Allen (nephew). Messrs. J. W. Wooldridge, Ltd., were represented by Mr. W. C. A. Eyles and Mr. C. W. Launder (cashier), and there were also present Mr. A. Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. G. Mills. The wreaths included those from Mr. Eyles and the employees of J. W. Wooldridge, Ltd. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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