

William Thomas Owens

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NEWPORT RAILWAYMAN'S DEATH.

INVESTIGATION BY CORONER

Yesterday the Deputy Coroner for the Isle Wight (Mr. F. A. Joyce) held an inquest at the Gospel Hall, Newport, on the body of William Thomas Owens, 62, railway porter, New-street, Newport, a former well-known local rosarian, who died suddenly on Sunday evening.

The evidence showed that after dinner on Sunday, deceased, who had been in indifferent health for some time, retired to rest, and just before 6p.m. he called to his wife to come up to the bedroom quickly, as it might be the last time she would speak to him. He was found to be very ill, and asking for brandy, which his son said he could not get till 6 o'clock, when the public houses opened.

Dr. Castle, who arrived quickly, found that deceased was dying, and he expired five minutes after his arrival. Witness made a post-mortem examination, and found he was suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart and pericarditis, and witness attributed death to cardiac failure due to the condition described. With reference to a statement that deceased met with slight accident several weeks ago whilst work, the doctor said that he found no trace of injury, and the Coroner said he attached no importance to the statement as to the accident.

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