

Francesco Porcelli

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Well Known Italian's Death.—The death has taken place under sad circumstances of Mr. Francesco Porcelli, aged 65, who for 20 years has carried on the business of a marine store dealer in South-street and resided at 119 Trafalgar-road. Mr. Porcelli was a native of Congacasale, a tiny mountain village midway between Rome and Naples, and came to this country at the age of 18, and has spent 45 years in Newport. He was the only Island member of the Metal and Waste Traders' Association, and was highly respected throughout the Island. He had been a member of the Newport Liberal Club for many years. He was of a highly generous nature and was a devout Roman Catholic. Passionately fond of the country of his adoption, he was greatly distressed by the course of the war, particularly as under the Defense Regulations he had for a short time to cease to reside in the Island, although he was recently permitted to return. It may be said almost literally that he died of a broken heart, for although he had not previously had a day's illness he never recovered from the shock of having to leave his home. He bore a close personal resemblance to his cousin, Mr. D. Bucci, whose sudden death at a London football match early this year was widely reported. Mr. Bucci's son is captain of the Golders Green Football Club. Mr. Porcelli leaves a widow and family of four sons and one daughter, with whom much sympathy is expressed. Two sons are serving with H.M. Forces. The funeral was yesterday (Friday) at the Roman Catholic Church, Fr. W. Lynch officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Porcelli (widow), Messrs. A., P., and R. Porcelli (sons), Mr. and Mrs. G. Richards (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Grimes (sister-in-law), and Mr. C. Salero. Petty Officer D. Porcelli (son) was unable to attend, being on Naval service. Those also present at the church included Mr. G. H. Woodmore and Mr. P. J. Croucher. The interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery, the many floral tributes including those from the Liberal Club and two London firms with whom the deceased dealt, Messrs. J. and A. Danderidge and E. Austin and Sons. Mr. H. W. Parnell made the arrangements. Many shops in the town displayed black shutters and the flag at the Liberal Club was at half-mast.

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