

Edward James Prince,

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SUDDEN DEATH AT NEWPORT.

The Deputy Coroner for the Island (F.A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the Gospel-hall, Union-street, Newport, last (Friday) evening, on the body of Edward James Prince, of 15 Union-street, a labourer, aged 47, who died suddenly whilst at work on a barge at the Quay on Thursday.

Mrs. FRY, daughter of the deceased, living at St. Albans, Newport-road, Cowes, said she last saw her father alive on Wednesday evening, when he seemed perfectly well. About a fortnight ago he complained of being ill, but recovered from that attack.

EDWARD WILLIAM RIDGEWAY, 18 Royal Exchange, Newport, master of the barge Mary Ann, said deceased was engaged in helping to discharge a cargo of shingle from that vessel at Newport Quay. Deceased complained of feeling ill at about 11.30, but after having a drink of water he returned to his work. About a quarter of an hour later he complained of being unable to breathe, and after another rest again resumed work. About 10 minutes later he had to leave his work, and as he got up from the hold to the deck he fainted away. Witness went for the doctor; he was absent about 10 minutes, and on his return deceased was apparently dead. Deceased was used to that kind of work. Deceased was engaged in filling the tubs with a shovel.

Dr. HUTTON CASTLE said a post-mortem revealed the fact that deceased had severe valvular disease of the heart of long standing and also severe congestion of both lungs. He must have been quite ill for at least a week. The drinking of a large draught of cold water would in itself probably cause death to one in deceased's condition.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from heart failure.

A son of the deceased returned thanks on behalf of himself and the other members of the family to those who had kindly rendered assistance.

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