

Frederick George Ray

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YESTERDAY.

Engine Driver Dies on Footplate.

A Southern Railway engine driver, Mr. George Frederick Ray, aged 56, a married man, of 6 Nelson-street, Newport, died very suddenly yesterday (Friday) morning. He was driving the 7 a.m. train from Cowes to Sandown, and on reaching Merston stopped his train in the usual way, but collapsed and died in the arms of his fireman. The train was not delayed as a relief driver was available. The facts have been reported to the Coroner for the Island.

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NEWPORT

Southern Railway Engine Driver's Funeral – The funeral of Mr. George Frederick Ray, of 6 Nelson-road, the Southern Railway engine driver who collapsed and died at Merston Station on Friday morning of last week, when in charge of the 7 a.m. train from Cowes to Sandown, took place on Wednesday. No inquest was held as a post mortem examination disclosed that death was due to heart disease. The esteem in which deceased was held was shown by the large attendance of his fellow employees representing all departments of the Southern Railway. The Vicar (Canon W. B. Hogg) officiated, The mourners were the widow, Mr. J. Ray (brother), Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, Mesdames N. Ellis and J. Casey (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. and Mrs. S. Trivett and Mesdames E. Millbrook and M. Hall (brother-in-law and sisters-in-law), Miss G. Hall (cousin), and Mr. and Mrs. R. Southwell and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blake. The Southern Railway was represented by Messrs. W. Bale (locomotive foreman, also representing Mr. A. L. Wallace, acting assistant for the Island), A. Wheway (Newport stationmaster), E. W. Landon, J.P. (area traffic inspector), and F. Sheath and H. Hooper (representing the Newport branch of the N.U.R.). Other railway colleagues of the deceased present were Messrs. W. Matthews, F. Young, W. Coleman, F. Rodaway, H. Hayward, H. Buckett, W. H. Lacey, F. Richardson, A. Woodford, B. Foster, A. Ainsworth, F. Radford, J. W. Jolliffe, G. Taster, A. L. Pullinger, and J. A. Orchard. The Newport Labour Party was represented by Mr. A. E. Scovell. Others present included Miss K. Jeans (representing Mr. and Mrs. E. Marsh) and Mesdames W. H. Lacey, E. Dale, and E. M. Sheaf, and Mr. P. Lake. The interment was at the Carisbrooke Cemetery, and the arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton & Son.

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