

Tom Rogers Tilling

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. T. R. Tilling.- We regret to announce the death, at his residence, Maydene, Shide-road, on Thursday, in his 87th year, of Mr. Tom Rogers Tilling, director and secretary of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton, and Co., and a former director of the I.W. County Press Co. For over 60 years Mr. Tilling had been a well known and greatly esteemed figure in the business life of the town. Sincere sympathy is felt with his three daughters and only son in their bereavement. Mr. Tilling's son, Major Roy Tilling, rejoined his regiment, the Worcesters, at the outbreak of the war, and was in charge of Italian prisoners in Malay when the Japanese invasion came. Nothing has been heard from him since, but it is hoped that he may have been evacuated to India. Mr. Tilling's charming manners and business ability won the high regard of all his associates, particularly of those who had been in close touch with him in his work at the Royal Brewery. He had also taken a keen and generous interest in sport, especially in connection with the Newport Rowing Club. In younger days he was the skilful stroke of crews which won many successes at Island regattas, and he had continued his interest in the club ever since as a vice-president who often officiated at races on the Medina and presided at the business meetings of the club. He became a member of the clerical staff of the Royal Brewery as far back as 1875, had been secretary of the company since 1887, and a director of the firm since 1907. The funeral will be this (Saturday) afternoon: service at St. John's Church at 2 p.m. It was his wish that there should be no mourning or floral tributes.

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NEWPORT

The Late Mr. T. R. Tilling.- The funeral of Mr. T. R. Tilling, a director and secretary of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton and Co., of Maydene, Shide-road, was on Saturday. A service at St. John's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon), assisted by the Vicar of Newport (the Rev. W. M. B. Hogg), and the interment was at Carisbrooke in a grave next to that of Mrs. Tilling, who died in 1920. The chief mourners were the Misses E. and D. Tilling and Mrs. H. Douglas (daughters), and Nurse Bankhead. Capt. H. Douglas, R.A.M.C. (son-in-law), was prevented from attending by military duties. The following represented the directorate of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton and Co.: Messrs. L. P. Mew, sen. (chairman), L. P. Mew, jun. (managing director), and J. H. Mew, and the following members of the staff of the firm attended: Messrs. A. H. Tanner (assistant secretary), C. F. Armstrong, J. P. Watts, A. J. Pocock, V. H. Wood, and A. L. Baigent (branch managers), E. H. Abraham, A. A. Lewis, P. Long, C. J. Munday, B. Leigh, R. A. W. Tutte, W. T. C. Agate, A. E. Westcott, F. H. Adams, J. Osborne, H. Brown, J. E. Lockhart, C. Cooke, and J. A. Killeen. The directorate of the "County Press," of which Mr. Tilling was for many years a member, was represented by Sir Henry Sweetman, J.P. (chairman), Mr. Edward W. Way, and Capt. H. A. Drudge. Mr. H. R.

Palmer, another director, was unavoidably prevented from attending. The large gathering of other mourners included Mrs. Templeman Mew, Mrs. Francis Mew, Miss Brooks, Mrs. Glasspool, Mrs. Curtis (representing Mr. W. J. Whittington, J.P.), Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pritchard, Mrs. C. W. Calpine, the Misses Taylor, Pring and Brown, Dr. J. J. Dowdall, Dr. S. Foster, Messrs. A. Chappell and W. E. Wray (Newport Rowing Club), A. H. Spencer and A. C. Early (Newport Golf Club), R. Pollington (I.W. County Club), G. S. Hibberd and P. G. Jenkins (Messrs. Gould, Hibberd and Randall), J. F. Launder (Pickfords Ltd.), W. H. Dacombe and A. D. Callaway (former employees at the Royal Brewery), C. L. Davies, E. S. Welham, W. C. Black, C. Wyatt, A. E. Harvey, J.P., W. Blake, J.P., E. R. Dore, C.C., J. B. Alderslade, W. H. Margham, A. G. Bird, C. Challen, R. H. George, H. W. Lincoln, D. W. Morris, A. H. Hughes, J. D. Truscott, and W. G. Sibbick. At the deceased's request there were no mourning or flowers; the only tribute being a cross of arum lilies, carnations, sweet peas, and daffodils from his children. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements. Mr. W. H. Dann, J.P., and Mr. J. J. Smmonds, T.C., were unavoidably prevented from attending.

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