Frank Croucher

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Death of Mr. F. Croucher.- The death occurred suddenly on Sunday at his residence, 8 Fairlee-road, of Mr. Frank Croucher, aged 84. Mr. Croucher was the fourth son of Mr. Robert Croucher, of Crouchers, Ltd. He commenced work at Crouchers and, after his father's death, carried on the business with his brothers, Messrs. Percy and Ernest Croucher, until his retirement in 1941. He was a familiar and popular figure on the Quay and one of the oldest members of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. The funeral service was on Thursday in the Quay-street Methodist Church, the Rev. G. J. Chamberlain officiating. Mr. W. G. Bartlett accompanied the hymns "In heavenly love abiding" and "abide with me." The family mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. C. Forest (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs. P. and E. Croucher (brothers), W. H., P. G., and H. Croucher, F. Bennett, and S. V. Croucher (nephews), Mrs. B. Croucher, Mrs. W. H. Sheath, Mrs. L. Newnham, and Miss A. Croucher (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Whiston, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiston, and Mesdames S. A. Bunday, K. Whiston, and A. Whiston (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Messrs. G. Forest (grandson), and D. Main (cousin). L.A.C.W. E. C. Forest (grand-daughter) was unable to be present, owing to military duties. Others present were Messrs. F. Heal, C. J. Sheath, J. J. Drudge (also representing Mrs. Drudge), G. H. Arthur, and G. Norman, C.C., Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor, Mrs. F. Heal, and Miss A. Cull. Messrs. Pickfords were represented by Messrs. J. F. Launder, T.C., F. Attrill, W. Reynolds, P. Ray, J. A. Gray and G. A. Philpott. The Newport Marine Motor Company was represented by Mr. J. A. Mabb, and W. H. Bishop and son, by Mr. A. W. Bishop. The interment was in Newport Cemetery. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton made the arrangements.

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