

Evon Highway

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NEWPORT

RETIRED ARMY CAPTAIN'S SUDDEN DEATH.---On Wednesday the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.), held an inquest at Red-marley, Fairlee-road, on the body of Capt. Evon Highway, aged 74, who had been residing there since September with Mr. W. A. Rolfe, having come to the Island from Woking nearly a year ago. According to the evidence of Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe deceased, the greater part of whose service had been in India, had been ailing, but apparently not seriously, and he had not had medical advice. He was in his usual health on Tuesday, and was out walking in the morning. After dinner he went to lie down, and had an attack of vomiting, as he had had once before during the year. Between 7.30 and 8 o'clock he said he was all right, wanted nothing, and thought he could go to sleep. An hour later, when Mrs. Rolfe went to see what he would have for supper she found that he was dead, having apparently passed peacefully away in his sleep. Dr. Dowdall, who was called in, expressed the view that the vomiting through a bilious attack caused syncope, and the coroner recorded a verdict accordingly. Deceased's adopted son, an Army officer, stated to be his only relation, had arranged to spend Easter with him.

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