

## **Ernest Whittington Landon**

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### **DEATH OF MR. E.W. LANDON, J.P.**

Mr. Ernest Whittington Landon, aged 88, who served as a Justice of the Peace for 35 years before his retirement to the supplemental list, died at his home, 53, Clarence Road, Newport, on New Year's day.

Born in Kingston-on-Thames, Mr. Landon came to the Island in 1905 as railway signalman at Newport. He began his career on the railway in December, 1897, when he worked as a signal lad learner with the South Western railway, stationed at Clapham Junction. He was appointed area inspector in 1942, attached to the assistant division superintendent's office at Newport. His duties included the supervision of all traffic working and signal boxes.

Mr. Landon was branch secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen for 25 years, and he also held the union's 30 year service medallion and the Southern Railway gold medal for 50 years' service. His association with the Island railways lasted for 45 years, during which he saw many major changes, including the unification of the Island railway systems under the Southern Railway in 1923, and the transfer to state ownership. He took a keen interest in promoting better conditions for railwaymen.

In addition to his railway work, Mr. Landon also became prominent in public affairs. He was a member of Newport Town Council from 1919 to 1925, and was appointed a magistrate in 1923. He retired to the supplemental listing December, 1958, after having been chairman of the Newport Division for nine years.

The funeral service took place on Thursday at St. John's Church, Newport.

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