

Edward William Way

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WELL KNOWN ISLAND AUCTIONEER'S DEATH

MR. EDWARD W. WAY, OF NEWPORT

It is with a deep sense of regret, which we are sure will be shared by his many former business associates and other friends throughout the Island, that we record the death, at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Tuesday, of Mr. Edward William Way, of Cleveden, Staplers Road, Newport, at the age of 74.

By his passing the Island loses one of its most esteemed and successful business men, and his death follows the recent ending of a family association with the well known firm of Henry J. Way and Son (incorporated with Messrs. Wallis, Riddett, and Co.), auctioneers, valuers, and estate agents, which lasted over seven decades. Mr. Way retired from a partnership in that firm three years ago, and for the last year or so had suffered indifferent health. The death of his wife in May, after a long and happy marriage, was a severe blow from which he never recovered, and he had been lying seriously ill for some months before his removal to hospital a fortnight ago.

Mr. Way leaves one son, Mr. Ronald Way, who is in New Zealand, and one daughter (Mrs. Sumner Wilson), with whom sincere sympathy is felt.

Mr. Way's father, the late Major Henry J. Way, V.D., the first secretary of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society, founded the firm of Henry J. Way and Son at Newport in 1877, and shortly afterwards started the Island Wool Fair, which brought great benefit to Island flockmasters in the palmier days of sheep breeding. Mr. Edward Way partnered his father in the business until the latter's retirement and the incorporation of the firm in 1930 with Messrs. Wallis, Riddett, and Co., of Ryde and Sandown, and he continued as a partner in the joint concern until December, 1945. In all its extensive branches — market, general agricultural, property, and furniture—Mr. Way took a leading part, and his business acumen and integrity won him an enviable reputation and a very wide circle of friends. Although a keen business man, Mr. Way had a very kind heart. There are many who could testify to his accommodating friendship and wise counsel. Chiefly under his direction, the firm extended its business interests to Freshwater, and another enterprising development in more recent years was the establishment of the auction mart in South Street, Newport, aptly known as "Covent Garden", where a flourishing business in the disposal of horticultural produce has been built up. In the many phases of his calling Mr. Way proved his persuasive ability as an auctioneer, and won the respect and esteem of all his clients.

Mr. Way had many other business interests. He had been a director of the Newport Gas Co. for many years until its recent nationalization; he was chairman of the directors of the I.W. County Press Co., Ltd., since the death of Sir Henry Sweetman in 1944 until a few months ago, when he retired for health reasons; and he was also a director of Messrs. W. J. Rugg and Co., Ltd.

Like his father, who was a skilful violinist and a former leader of the Newport Orchestral Society, Mr. Way was a keen musician. For the greater part of his life he was a member of the choir of St. Paul's Church, Barton, often taking the bass solos in anthems, and he was also a lover of the organ, and frequently accompanied the services in the absence of the regular organist. He and the members of his

family have always taken a generous interest in St. Paul's Church, and Mr. Way was for many years a member of the Church Council. He was one of the oldest members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, Newport, and for a long period was the local hon. secretary of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, a charitable work in which he took a devoted interest.

THE FUNERAL

The service at St. Paul's Church, Barton, Newport, yesterday was largely attended. The Rev L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar) officiated and paid eloquent tribute to Mr. Way's life of faithful stewardship, his integrity of character, and his wholehearted interest in the affairs of the church, notably in the musical side of the services. Mr. Way's cassock and surplice were in his place in the choir stalls with his psalter. The hymns were "Abide with me" and "On the Resurrection morning", and the 23rd Psalm and Nunc Dimittis were chanted. The choir led the singing and Mr. L. E. Dore, at the organ, played Chopin's March Funebre at the close. The interment was in his wife's grave at the Fairlee Cemetery.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sumner Wilson (son-in-law and daughter, also representing Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Way, son and daughter-in-law, who are in New Zealand), the Misses E. M., D., and F. Way (sisters, the last-named representing Mrs. M. Way), Mr. and Mrs. Herman Way (representing Mr. and Mrs. H. Tarr, Channel Islands), and Mr. L. H. Way, O.B.E, and Mrs. Way (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. H. Golden (brother-in-law, representing Mrs. Golden, sister), Mrs. Denyer (sister-in-law), representing Mr. S. Denyer), Mr. J. King (brother-in-law, representing Mrs. King and Miss H. King), and Mr. L. Way (nephew, also representing Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Way).

Messrs. Henry J. Way and Son, incorporated with Wallis, Riddett and Co., were represented by Messrs. S. A. Watson (also representing Mr. L. H. Ovens), E. P. Marvin and M. C. Riddett (partners), and the following members of the staff: Mesdames P. Drudge and N. Cooke, Miss G. I. Leigh, and Messrs. A. E. Chard, G. H. Lambert, I. O. Hawkins, W. H. Sheath (Freshwater branch), and R. R. John.

The I.W. County Press Co., was represented by Messrs. H. R. Palmer and L. P. Mew and Lieut.-Col. C. W. Brannon, M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P. (directors), Capt. H. A. Drudge (director and secretary), Mr. W. G. Sibbeck, J.P., (editor, also representing Mr. R. T. Lawn, Sen.), and Mr. C. Blee (accountant), Brig. S. J. L. Hill (director) was prevented from attending.

Messrs. W. J. Rugg and Co. were represented by Miss Rugg and Messrs. J. C. Millgate, J.P., W. G. Bartlett, and F. W. H. Cool (directors), and Mr. L. S. Long (secretary).

The brethren of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, who lined the church path as the cortege entered, were Messrs. A. H. and W. H. Margham, W. Guy, H. W. Lincoln,, G. Yelf, D. W. Morris, H. Phillips, T. Nobbs, T. Ross Pratt, W. A. Slee (also representing the National Provincial Bank), G. H. Arthur, J. T. W. Fisk, H. Morris, R. H. Taylor, R. White, H. W. Horan, W. D. W. Buckell, W. H. Snelgrove, A. A. Lewis, E. W. Wood (also representing Messrs. Arthur Wood, Ltd.), W. H. Nettleton, A. J. Hitching, F. G. Morris (also representing Lieut-Col. F. Nevill Jennings, M.C., D.L.), D. Biles, R. A. Stark, N. H. Tier, F. H. J. Damp, G. S. Hibberd, A. W. Chiverton, J. A. Morgan, and P. E. Whiston.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris (also representing Mr. W. Hillier), Mr. C. Allan, M.C., J.P., and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rigbey, Mesdames C. O. Sprake, W. D. Roach (also representing Capt. Roach). E. Harvey (also representing Mrs. J. Roach), C. W. Brannon, P. W. F. Erith (representing Major Erith), D. Jolliffe (representing St. Paul's Kindergarten School), F. M. Curtis (also representing Mr. W. J. Whittington, J.P.), E. E. Old, D. Cooley, K. Brading, W. Wood, S. Hebbs (also representing Mr. Hebbs), M. Hope, M. Wearn (representing Mr. J. F. Robertton), Bown, L. E. Dore (also representing Mrs. W. G. James), D. L. Collins, Drudge, G. S.

Trenchard (representing Mr. Trenchard), Chiverton, Seymour Pittis, Wilfrid Pittis, and L. J. D. Wheatley; the Misses H. R. Brannon, M. S. Morris, A. Alexander (representing Mr. T. H. Alexander), C. Atkinson, L. Moody, and Cull; Major J. S. C. Gurney-Champion (also representing Mrs. Gurney-Champion), Dr. G. L. Peskett (also representing Mrs. Peskett), Police Inspector F. G. Rugman (representing Supt. V. E. Stanley); and Messrs. L. F. Freemantle, E. B. Baker, C. G. Moody (hon. secretary, Parochial Church Council), F. D. Heal, E. J. Paul, S. Moul, E. Calloway, I. Hawkins, F. R. Attrill, E. R. Dore, W. Simmonds, H. Arnold (also representing Mrs. Arnold and Miss B. Arnold), E. E. Carver, C. Guy, G. W. Tidy (representing the Westminster Bank), F. Lockyer, G. W. Barnes, S. F. Moody, and C. O. Sprake (churchwardens), Hilton Morris, S. H. Matthews, W. J. Jackman, J. G. Fardell, W. J. Eldridge, O.B.E., P. Mew, F. F. Hollis, C.A., F. W. Munt, J. Dove, W. H. Lock, A. A. and R. J. Westmore (the former also representing Mr. L. Westmore), A. E. King, S. F. Morgan (representing Mr. W. F. Moore), S. Brown, W. S. R. Scott Blake, A. G. Moody, G. H. Albitt (clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes), S. H. Cawley-Way, H. R. Cawley-Way, J. D. Truscott, P. W. Harman, J. Baker, W. Upward, A. W. Morris, A. L. Dore, F. Chiverton, H. Morris (also representing Messrs. Fisk and Fisher and Mr. R. H. George), R. D. Whittington, A. E. Brown, A. Moody, and E. F. Millgate. Mr. R. L. Burton (representing Messrs. R. Silcock and Sons, Ltd.) was unavoidably prevented from attending.

Among the many floral tributes were those from Messrs. S. A. Watson, M. C. Riddett, E. P. Marvin,, and L. H. Ovens (partners in Henry J. Way and Son incorporated with Wallis Riddett and Co.), the staff of that firm, the directors of the I.W. County Press Co., Ltd., the staff of the County Press, the directors and staff of Messrs. W. J. Rugg and Co., Ltd., the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, the St. Paul's Parochial Church Council and congregation, and the organist and past and present members of the St. Paul's choir.

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