

POLICE PENSIONER'S SUDDEN DEATH. - The death took place very suddenly on Monday of Mr. **Alfred Frederick WEBB**, a police pensioner for 24 years, who had resided with his wife at 27 Preston-place. Shortly after 11 o'clock on Monday morning deceased left home to go shopping and was in a hairdresser's establishment when he complained of sickness. Recovering, he left, saying he would go for a walk and return later. From there he went to his son's house in Swanmore-road, where it was noticed he did not look so well as usual, but he declared it was only a bilious attack, and he left the house shortly afterwards. A few minutes later he was found by Charles HERBERT, of 104 Arthur-street, lying near the pavement in Weeks-road. Two nurses attached to the District Nursing Association headquarters conveyed him on a chair to the County Hospital, where he died shortly after admission. The facts were reported to the Deputy Coroner, who ordered a post mortem examination, but the doctor's report revealed that death was due to natural causes and an inquest was, therefore, unnecessary.

The late Mr. WEBB came from Andover as a young man and joined the police force in which he served 31 years, the whole period of which was spent in the borough. During that time and throughout his retirement he was regarded by those who knew him well as a conscientious officer and a good citizen. Until a few years ago his hobby was rabbits, and he was known as a fancier of high repute, many of his pets scoring successes in open shows all over the country. He leaves a widow, one son, and five daughters.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon, the first part of the service being held at the Parish Church and the interment taking place at the Cemetery. P.Cs. HODGES, PULLINGER, DEBENHAM, SWANN, DREW, and BAKER acted as bearers, and P.S. MERRITT was also present, representing the Ryde section of the Island Constabulary, which sent a wreath.

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