

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 24th November 1888

DEATH OF COLONEL DUNSMURE.---We deeply regret to record the death of Colonel DUNSMURE, of Sussex Lodge, Melville-street, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Tuesday evening. The gallant colonel had attained the great age of 82 years, and, as was natural, had lately become rather feeble. He still, however, paid frequent visits to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, of which he had been a member for a great number of years. He was there as usual on Tuesday evening, and spoke to several in the billiard room, and we understand complained that he did not feel very well. On returning home, while sitting in his chair, he was seized with faintness, and died very soon afterwards, death no doubt being caused by extreme age and failure of the vital powers.

The deceased gentleman deserves more than a passing obituary notice, inasmuch as he took a leading part in the Volunteer movement and in forming the first battalion of the I.W. Volunteers. He was their first colonel, retaining that position for several years, eventually making way, if our memory serves us, to Sir John LEES. He was a very popular commander, and, up to the last, took a keen interest in the national movement. He had, however, seen service in the Army, and was no feather bed soldier.

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