

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD THURLOW

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. **Edward THURLOW**, of Union-street, which occurred on Wednesday afternoon, after a long and painful illness. There are few who have taken such a leading part in the public affairs of the borough or who were better known than our departed townsman. He came into Ryde some 40 years ago, and took a public office which he held for some years. His abilities and his keen interest in local affairs soon brought him to the front, and he became one of the prominent members of the old Board of Commissioners, being one of the stamp of men who hold to their opinions firmly and express them in terse and vigorous language. When the town was made a borough it was felt that the claims of Mr. THURLOW could not be passed over, and he was elected an alderman and subsequently mayor in succession to Alderman HARRINGTON. He was, however, unfortunate in being called to preside over the Council at a period when party feeling ran very high in the town, and the discord then existing culminated, a years or so afterwards in the formation of an entirely new Corporation, and, with others, Mr. THURLOW retired from office. He has not taken much part in public affairs since then, and a painful internal complaint, from which he long suffered, seemed to increase with advancing years, and no doubt contributed to hasten his retirement. Mr. THURLOW held other public offices and was a valued director of the Pier Company and the Gas Company. A Liberal in politics he was one of the leaders of the party here, his powers of organisation and work being exceptional. He will certainly be greatly missed by the Liberals. In private life Mr. THURLOW was an amiable and kindly man, ready to do a service whenever it lay in his power, and there are very many who will hear of his death with regretful feelings.
