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ALD. E.C. LOADER, OF RYDE.**

Well known and highly respected in business circles and in the public life of Ryde, for many years, Ald. Edwin Charles LOADER, of Holmbush, Upton-road, Haylands, passed away on Sunday. Ald. LOADER, who was 73, had not enjoyed good health for some years, but up to Thursday week had continued both his business interests and public duties. Towards the week end his condition became worse, and he died shortly after being taken to a local nursing home.

He came of a well known local family, and devoted the bulk of his leisure time during the last 36 years to the service of the community. He first became a member of the Town Council in 1913, and gave valued service, particularly as chairman of the Water Committee, but ill-health overtook him and he resigned. He added to his business interests by the purchase of Gatehouse Farm, Ashey, which he subsequently let. In 1929 he was elected a member of the Ashey Parish Council, and during his first year was honoured with the chairmanship, a position he held until the Council was disbanded on the amalgamation of the districts in 1933. He contested the Binstead and Ashey Ward at the subsequent election, and just failed to be returned, but the same year he succeeded at the by-election. He had retained his own interest in the promotion of a good water supply for the town, and his almost unrivalled knowledge of the waterworks and the sources of supply soon led to him again becoming chairman of the Water Committee. In November, 1938, he was elected an alderman, a just reward for his devoted services. Ald. LOADER was one of a first declining type of public man, whom it will be difficult to replace. He had a deep-rooted affection for Ryde, which he strove to serve with honest and sincere motives and in its councils(*sic*) his point of view and conclusions were stated with lucid and thoughtful utterance. His business acumen and sound common sense were often of great value when debates became animated and ambiguous. At such times members were always ready to listen to him and accept guidance, and it was a tribute to his clear and fair thinking that his remarks were very seldom criticised. He was an overseer of Ashey parish until those positions were made redundant, and during the first world war he was the local distributor for the area of the Food Control Committee. For many years he had been the head of the well known butcher's business conducted under the name of LOADER Bros. On several occasions he had been a member of the All Saints' Parochial Council, a sidesman, and for many years a manager of the C.E. Schools. Among other parochial activities, he assisted the late Rev. Cyril BLAKE to found the All Saints' Thrift Club. At one time he was a local representative on the old Board of Guardians. He was a past master of the East Medina Lodge of Freemasons, and a former trustee of Ryde Conservative Club. A man of high principles and strong convictions, voiced with tolerance, he was respected in all walks of life, and his familiar figure and pleasant personality will be much missed. He was twice married. To his widow and the daughter by his first marriage deep sympathy has been extended.

At the Ryde Town Council meeting on Tuesday the mayor referred to the passing of one of their esteemed and highly respected members. Ald. LOADER had done great service for the town in many ways, and would be greatly missed. It seemed strange that they should have met him only a few days before in committee, when he seemed full of enthusiasm for the work which he was desirous of carrying out at Knighton. Undoubtedly some of it would mature. He moved that they place on record their deep regret at the sudden passing of an esteemed and worthy colleague, and that their sincere sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. LOADER and his daughter in their sad

bereavement. - The members signified their approval by standing in silence.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being conducted by the Rev. H.A. RAYMOND at St. Michael's Church. Psalm xxiii was chanted, and the hymns "The King of Love" and "Jesus lives" were sung. As the coffin was borne from the church the Nunc Dimittis was chanted, and the organist (Mr. W.L. REED) played "O rest in the Lord." The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur COLE (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs. Alfred and Fredrick LOADER (brothers), Miss LOADER (sister), Miss Gwen LOADER (niece), Mr. Fred HARVEY, and Messrs. F. LESTER, H. FURMIDGE, and R. MUNDELL (employees). Others present included the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. H.W.O. WEEKS), Alderman E.C. GOBLE, Major A. DENNIS, C.C., A.F. WRIGHT, J.P., and Captain W.S. RUSSELL, Councillors Lt.-Col. C.L. ELLERY, H.P. CHIVERTON, H.V. TAYLOR, C.C., L. WHEELER, A.J. FEAKES, J.E. JACKSON, B. HOLBROOK, G.J. EVANS, A.E. AYMES, S.L. MATTHEWS, E.N. NEWMAN, W.A. CHRISTY, C.C., and A.H. WOOD, Mrs. C.E. LANDER, and Messrs. A.T. HODGES and A.J. POWELL (co-opted committee members), Messrs. T.J. FAWDRY (town clerk), B.F. HOLNESS (borough surveyor), J. AITCHISON (borough treasurer), A. AINLEY (sanitary inspector), J.H. COOMBES (elective auditor), W.A. WILLIAMS (water inspector), J. WALTON (mace bearer), G.F. BUCKETT (waterworks foreman), Bros. S.W. BUTT, W.M., H.G. JOLLIFFE, and P.J. MILSOM (East Medina Lodge of Freemasons), A. L. BROWNE (Ryde Lodge), F. TARRANT (East Cowes Lodge), Messrs. J.B. RAYMENT (also representing Mr. G.H. WYATT, Cowes, president of the I.W. Meat Traders Association and Mr. A.K. SAUNDERS, chairman of the Ryde Area of Meat Traders' Retail Association), and Mr. A.J. TANNOCK (hon. secretary), Messrs. W. DEWDNEY (Conservative Club), A. PRIOR, J.G. FARDELL, A.E. WEEKS, J.P., W.E. SOUTER, G.H. RICHARDS, E.W.H. THIRKELL (also representing Mr. T.A. CLEAVER, churchwarden), W.R. PINCHARD, R.W.G. RUSSELL, F.G. CHOATE, of Freshwater, (also representing Messrs. C.F. CHOATE and S. BROWN, Newport), H.J. WARNE (East Ashey), H. PLUMBLEY (Kemp Hill), S. DRAPER (Gatehouse), A.F. BRADING (late chief water inspector), H.R. TURNER, W. WARREN, F.J. GAPE, A.C. LOCKE, F. KEMP, C. WRIGHT, H. GRINHAM, A. J. BALLARD, and H. BALLARD, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. ARCHER, Mrs. MINTER, Mr. and Mrs. F. RUBIE, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. LOCKE, Mrs. H.A. RAYMOND, Mrs. L.H. MEW (former cashier), Mr. W.J. JENNINGS (also representing Mrs. JENNINGS), Miss MOSS and Nurse BODY (Ryde District Nursing Association), Dr. G.A. UPCOTT-GILL, Mrs. COOPER (representing Mr. F. COOPER), Mrs. B. HOLBROOK, Mrs. WHITEWOOD, Mrs. RUSSELL (representing Mr. Walter RUSSELL), Mrs. TIMMS (representing Mr. D.G. TIMMS), and Mrs. FURMIDGE. The interment was at the cemetery, where a mass of flowers covered the grave.

Messrs. LANGDON were the undertakers.

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