

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 23rd November 1935

Death of Former Mayor of Ryde.

PASSING OF
MR. R. R. I. RUSSELL, J.P.

We regret to announce the death yesterday (Friday) morning at his residence, The Wearde, Barfield, Ryde, of Mr. Richard Rowland Isaac RUSSELL, J.P. Until a few years ago, when he became incapacitated by ill-health, Mr. RUSSELL was a very well known figure in the business and public life of the borough.

Mr. RUSSELL, who was in his 73rd year, was a native of Niton, but early in life went to Shanklin where his father started in business as a butcher. After his father's death Mr. RUSSELL carried on the business with his brother, Mr. Walter RUSSELL. For some years the deceased gentleman was a member of the Shanklin District Council. Coming to Ryde some 33 years ago, Mr. RUSSELL established a successful business in High-street. In 1907 he was elected to the Town Council and served until 1914. In 1923 he was again elected and served until his retirement in March, 1933. From 1924 to 1926, he occupied the position as Mayor with the conspicuous ability and during his Mayoralty had the honour of receiving the PRINCE of WALES on his visit to the Island. In June, 1932, his name was added to the Commission of the Peace, and in July of that year he was elected an alderman, but to his great regret ill-health did not admit of his actively taking office in either capacity. For some years he was chairman of the Ryde branch of the Conservative Association and a vice-president of the Conservative Club. He was chairman of the directorate of the Shanklin Gas Co., and director of the Shanklin Lift Co., the Shanklin Pier Co., and the Ryde Vectis Permanent Building Society, a past Worshipful Master of the Chine Lodge of Freemasons, and a member of the Foresters and Oddfellows. Five years ago he suffered a severe bereavement by the death of his wife. He leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss.

The funeral takes place on Monday, the first part of the service being at the Parish Church.

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