

Our obituary records the death on Wednesday of **MR EDWARD THURLOW**, one of our most active and influential townsmen. There is no one now resident in the town, with the single exception perhaps of Mr Ald Barrow, who has taken such a prominent part its public affairs as Mr Thurlow. For forty years he has been associated more or less with public matters here, and he was a prominent member of the old Board of Commissioners. When the charter of incorporation was obtained for the town it was felt that Mr Thurlow's claims could not be passed over, and he was made an Alderman and subsequently Mayor of the borough.

He was, however, somewhat unfortunate as party feelings ran very high at the time, and afterwards culminated in the formation of the Ratepayers' Association, which so summarily rearranged matters in the Town Council. Mr Thurlow, with others of his party, left the Council at that time, and has taken little part in public affairs since. There is no doubt, however, that this was partly owing to the painful disorder from which he suffered, and which increased his weakness every year.

Mr Thurlow has also been for many years a valued director of the Pier Company. He was likewise connected with the Gas Company, Building Societies, &c. In fact his services were everywhere valued, and he will be greatly missed. In politics Mr Thurlow was a staunch Liberal, and his death is a severe blow to the party here. He was a capital organiser, and at election times he was ubiquitous. It is not too much to say that the Liberal successes in the Island have been greatly due to his efforts, and the efforts of men like him. In private life Mr Thurlow was a kindly, amiable man, and universal regret is felt, not merely at his death, but that it should have been preceded by such a long illness and so much suffering.