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Brother and Sister Die. – Sympathy has been extended to the relatives of Mr. **Joseph Albert WARD**, of 10 Monkton Street, and his sister, Mrs. Eleanor Jane WELCH, of 43 Melville Street, who died within three days of each other. Mr. WARD, who was 78 died on Friday week after a long illness. A native of London, he had spent most of his life on the Island, and, with his brother, Mr. S. WARD, formerly owned a garage business in Monkton Street. After giving up the business he became a taxi proprietor, retiring several years ago. He served with the R.A.S.C. in France during the first world war and was a member of the British Legion and the Town Club. His wife died about six years ago and he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Joan WHITTINGTON, who is living at Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

The Rev. H. E. GIBSON officiated at the funeral at Ryde Cemetery on Tuesday. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. S. WARD (brother and sister-in-law), Miss M. WARD (sister), and Mrs. Webster BRUNT (sister-in-law). Coach and taxi proprietors and drivers were present, and the British Legion was represented. Mrs. WELCH, who was 82, collapsed at her home on Sunday and died on Monday. The widow of Mr. Robert J. WELCH, a well-known schoolmaster, she leaves no family.

The funeral took place at Ryde Cemetery on Thursday.

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