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Well known Resident's Sudden Death. –With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. John Francis Napier BARTLETT, of Connemara, Melville-street, which took place while spending Christmas with his brother, Col. Alfred BARTLETT of Beechwood, Iffley, near Oxford. Mr. BARTLETT, who was 64 years of age, was found dead in bed on the morning of Boxing-day, with gas escaping from an unlighted fire. It is presumed that the tap had been accidentally turned on.

Mr. BARTLETT, who left Ryde a few days previously in his usual cheery spirits, was an extremely well known resident of many years' standing. He had been a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club since 1919, and was a very popular playing member of the Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. A Conservative in politics, he was greatly interested in horticulture. His London clubs were the Badminton and Thatched House. Of a somewhat retiring nature, Mr. BARTLETT yet had many endearing qualities, including generous unostentatious charity. By many he will be remembered for certain Victorian characteristics notably in the matter of dress. His loss will be keenly felt by a large number of friends. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. J.E. BARTLETT, a banker, of Peverel Court, Aylesbury.

At the funeral at Stone, near Aylesbury, yesterday (Friday) the Royal Victoria Yacht Club were represented by Mr. G.A.H. CANTOPHER, and wreaths were sent from the members of the staff of the club.
