

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 24th March 1900

PAINFULLY SUDDEN DEATH - We regret to record the death of **Mr George Robert MUNDELL**, the well-known picture frame maker, of Green Street, Ryde. It seems that deceased left his home about half-past 12 on Sunday morning, to catch the 1 o'clock boat to Portsmouth. He was then apparently in his usual health, and seemed chatty and cheerful to the friends he met going down the Pier. Shortly after he had crossed the gangway and got on board the steam-boat *Duchess of Connaught*, one of the seamen named Edwin HUNT saw him fall on his knees. HUNT at once went to his assistance, and tried to seat him in a chair, but was unable to do so, and a medical gentleman who happened to be on board the boat pronounced life to be extinct. Dr. BUCK was sent for and confirmed this opinion, and the body was then conveyed to the Mortuary. The deceased was 67 years of age, and as it was discovered that he had suffered from heart disease the coroner did not consider an inquest necessary.

Mr MUNDELL was one of the oldest members of the Ryde Volunteer Detachment. He took the greatest interest in the movement, and was made sergeant in 1873, and although the age limit rendered his retirement necessary, he never lost his interest in his old regiment, which he was always ready to assist whenever opportunity offered. He was also a member of the Buffaloes, at whose meetings he often presided.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, when the Vicar officiated. Major C SWEETMAN, Bandmaster ALEXANDER, Sergt-Bugler HOLLAND, Sig-Sergt NEWMAN, Sergts HILLS and BULSTRODE, Cook-Sergt. VANASSCHE, Corporals A. JOLLIFFE and GALLEY, and other Volunteers paid a last tribute of respect to their old comrade. A number of the members of the Buffaloes also attended.

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