

Edward Isaac Caws

born 30 Aug 1855

died 16 Feb 1938

Architect

Death of Mr. E. I. Caws; An Island Architect and Sportsman.—Mr. Edward Isaac Caws, a much esteemed resident of Seaview and member of an old and respected Island family, passed away in his sleep in the early hours of Wednesday at Coronation Cottage, Seaview Esplanade. He was 82 years of age and had not enjoyed robust health for some months, although he was still able to practise as architect until almost the end. In younger days he was prominent as a runner, and remained remarkably active up till a few months ago. He was articled to the late Mr. Hellyer, architect, of Ryde, and worked as an assistant in the erection of Holy Trinity Church, Ryde, St. Saviour's and St. Paul's Churches at Shanklin, and the Royal Naval Club, Portsmouth. He subsequently practised at Seaview for over 50 years, and was responsible as architect for the erection or alterations of several local public buildings, including the Vicarage, Parish-hall, Post Office, and Starboard Club, and the majority of the private residences, which brought him into touch with many distinguished people. He often worked in conjunction with his brother, the late Mr.

Frank Caws, F.R.I.B.A., of Sunderland, who was a celebrated engineer and architect in the North of England, and was consulted as to the probable speed of the Mauretania before she was built, and from experiments and calculations with the model he was able to inform them that she would be the fastest ship afloat, which proved correct. Mr. Edward Caws also worked with his brother on the designs for the construction of Seaview pier in 1877-79, and he was a clerk of the works on the building of Swan and Hunter's shipyard at Sunderland. A very enthusiastic and keen sportsman in his youth and early twenties, he was a champion runner, and on one occasion covered the mile on the grass court in 4 minutes 28 seconds. He beat the North Country champion in an unofficial mile race, and also the Army champion at Stepphill, Ventnor, after running from the station to the course, where he immediately entered into the contest. It was known that he could do half a mile in the time taken by the champion runners of the world in that day, and it was only mishaps at Rugby football that prevented him entering more noted contests. In later years he took up golf and motor-cycling, was a member of the Sandown and Shanklin Golf Club up to the age of 75, and continued motor-cycling until he was 80. He resided at Coronation House practically all his life with his sister, the late Miss Emily Caws, who predeceased him by some 10 years. A man of the highest integrity and of a kindly nature, he will be greatly missed. The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday) at noon, at St. Helens Parish Church.

The Funeral of Mr. E. I. Caws—of Coronation Cottage, The Esplanade, took place at St. Helens Church on Saturday. The Rev. Evan C. Morgan officiated and Miss Jacobs accompanied the singing of "Rock of Ages." The grave was lined with evergreen and flowers. The mourners were: Mr. Bernard and Mr. Bruce Caws (nephews), Mr. Christopher Caws (also representing Mr. Howard Caws, of Portsmouth, Miss Dora Caws, and Miss M. Greenham (nieces), Mrs. Arthur Caws (sister-in-law), Mr. D. West, Miss M. Thurlow, and Mr. S. L. Matthews (also representing Lord and Lady Ebbisham). Among others present were Messrs. W. W. Sirkett, W. B. Nash, V. Warren, J. Finch, F. Cook, C. Langdon, H. Cummins, E. Smallcorn, W. Matthews, R. Newell, M. de Berniere Smith, E. J. Caws, E. Dollimore, A. W. Chivers (Watson Bros. Estate Agency), P. Nash (Watson Bros. Ltd.), Dr. R. N. Aston, Mr. and Mrs. C. Whelan, Miss Evangeline Matthews, Mr. E. J. Savage, Miss H. Garnett, Mr. H. K. Hele (representing Major R. Bullin, T.D., J.P., Portsmouth), the Misses Handley, Mrs. H. Piggot, Miss R. Caws, Miss Ryder (representing Ald. J. J. L. Ryder). The Misses F. and E. Caws and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lund were unavoidably prevented from attending. Beautiful flowers were placed on the grave. Messrs. Bull and Sons were the undertakers.

The Late Mrs. Godfrey. — The funeral