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SCUDAMORE'S PUNTING



DEATH OF MR. "JACK" SCUDAMORE

Passing of Well Known Cambridge Figure

By the death on Saturday morning of Mr. M. C. (Jack) Scudamore of Mill-lane and Owlston-road, Newnham, a familiar figure passes from the life of the town.

A native of Cambridge, he spent a large portion of his life in the borough. He served his apprenticeship with the late Mr. J. S. J. Strange, boat builder, of Chesterton-road, being taught his trade by the present Mr. E. H. Mathie, of Old Cherterton. At the outbreak of the South African War he enlisted in the 3rd Dragoon Guards, and saw active service in Natal and the Cape Colony.

Returning home he started business as a boat and launch builder in Mill-lane about 85 years ago, and subsequently acquired additional premises in Mill-lane and Granta-place. In the building of motor-boats he enjoyed considerable success and was one of the first members of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club, and served on the committee for one or two years. Mr. Scudamore was the holder of a number of prizes won by his boats for motor boat racing.

PIONEER PUNT BUILDER?

When the Thames punt became the vogue he turned his attention to the building of this type of boat and may probably be rightly called the pioneer of the use of this type of craft on the "Backs" and Granta. Since the popularity of the punt in Cambridge he has supplied them to users all over Great Britain. Before the Great War he was interested in farming, carrying on a farm at Girton, Cambs. This he relinquished a few years ago. He was also hon. secretary of the old Cambridge Coursing Club

Mr Scudamore was well-known to several generations of undergraduates who used his boats and punts, and his familiar figure in Mill-lane will be much missed. He had many interesting stories to tell of these who have since become famous the world over.

The Cambridge Swimming Club also claimed his attention and he helped them in their various local activities. The deceased took no active part in politics nor the public life of the town; but he was always ready to help any deserving case of want or distress in the district.

He leaves a widow and two sons.



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