

**Death of Major B. F. Caws. —**  
The death occurred in Jamaica on April 19th of Major Byron Frank Caws, formerly of Seaview, in his 71st year. He was a man of unusual ability. His training was in civil engineering, but he was also an artist and architect. He had lived in Jamaica for more than 21 years and wrote a regular weekly column in the "Jamaica Times." Perhaps the greatest achievement was his remarkable series of suggestions for and corrections in the Concise Oxford Dictionary. Born in 1862 at Seaview, he was the younger son of Alfred Richard Caws and was educated at Ryde College, and was articled to Messrs. Caws and Steele, architects, of Sunderland, in which firm his cousin, the late Mr. Frank Caws, who designed Seaview Pier, was the senior partner. His first official appointment was as Inspector of Works at the War Office, in which capacity he went to Bermuda from 1894 to 1897. He was appointed to the staff for Royal Engineer Services in 1907 and had the rank of Major when he retired in 1921. He went to Jamaica on Government service in 1910. He did many illuminated addresses, notably a Diamond Jubilee address to Queen Victoria from Bermuda in 1897 and a Coronation address to King George V from Jamaica in 1911. When the King and Queen, as Duke and Duchess of York, visited Jamaica in 1927 he prepared a similar address and received congratulations from the Royal visitors, who expressed interest in his work. He was the architect of Miramar, Seaview. In Jamaica, among other works, he designed and built a reinforced concrete viaduct known as the Caws Bridge over a river valley. Mr. H. W. Fowler in the 1929 edition of the Oxford Dictionary gave handsome acknowledgment of his assistance in the following terms: "Castigavit et emendavit Byron F. Caws might have stood with justice at the foot of our title page." Mr. Fowler stated that Major Caws sent him at least three times as much material as all his other correspondents combined. He married Miss Elisabeth Tulloh, who died in 1923, and is survived by four sons and two daughters. His three sisters are the Misses F. and E. Caws, of Douglas House, Seaview, and Mrs. John Bartlett, of Nettlestone. His elder brother was the late Capt. Swart Caws, of St. Helens.