

# FATAL FALL DOWN HOTEL STAIRCASE

## Death Of Capt. Purvis.

### WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MARINE ARTIST.

The death took place last night of Captain T. G. Purvis, who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at 1.30 p.m. yesterday suffering from head injuries caused by falling down the stairs of the Airlie Hotel early on Sunday morning.

Captain Purvis, who was 72 years of age, resided in the hotel, and was well-known locally as a marine artist, having exhibited at the Royal Society of Artists and the Royal Hibernian Institute.

An old survivor of the wind-jammer days, Captain Purvis has sailed the seven seas under sail and steam. Before the outbreak of the Great War, he forsook the sea to study painting, having obtained his master's ticket. For a time he studied in Paris, his knowledge of sea and sky, which had been his absorbing interest while at sea, standing him in good stead.

On the outbreak of the war he again took to the sea, but since 1918 has devoted his time to painting.

He leaves several sons and a daughter, all of whom are in England, his eldest son, Mr. Tom Purvis, being a prominent poster designer who is responsible for many of the famous Bovril advertisements and who designed the poster for the British Industries Fair last year.