

# Manx Notes 686 (2024)

“THE LAST PERSON SPEAKING MANX SOLELY WAS ...”

(1904)

It was due to the Speaker of the House of Keys that provision was made at the Manx census three years ago to count the number of persons speaking the native tongue. But it must be mortifying to him to find that 57 males and 2 females have filled up the returns to the effect that they speak Manx only. It is well known the last person speaking Manx solely was Miss Mary Quayle, of the Creg Moar, Lezayre, who died some years ago, so that 59 persons in the Island have stated what is not true.

The Government ought to have some means of punishing people who deal with a matter of importance like the counting of the people in such a manner.

“It was due ....” *Peel City Guardian* 20 February 1904: [4]e.

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