



GLASGOW NOTES.

[By FRONN.]

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THE JUBILEE.

We wonder if this is the last reference we shall have to make to the Jubilee, which has absorbed so much attention of late. The rejoicings connected therewith began here on Saturday last, when the children attending the Board Schools to the number of 2,000 were entertained in the various public parks by the authorities. They were regaled with sweets, fruit, and confections. They sang a few patriotic airs, but the rain came on the musical part of the programme was reached, and it had to be considerably curtailed. St. Columba Roman Catholic School brought with it to Ruchill Park a choir of boys and girls; and it would have done the heart of Professor Blackie good to have heard the youngsters give "Mo nighcan donn bhoidheach"—"The Nut Brown Maid"—in the Gaelic to the accompaniment of pipes. The youngsters sang with spirit—which is more than the singing of the attempts to tackle the official song programme. On Sunday special services were held in the Cathedral, attended by the civic fathers; while many of the other churches made special reference to the recent reign. On Tuesday the city was in holiday attire, and there was a considerable profusion of bunting. The morning was wet and the day throughout dull. There was a military display in the Queen's Park, and a large assembly of Volunteers in George's Square. Dinners were given to the poor in several of our halls, and a banquet to leading citizens was given in the Municipal Buildings. The best of order prevailed in the city during the entire day, and no accident of a serious nature occurred. "All's well that ends well."

A CLAN ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

Acting on the suggestion of their venerable Chief Sir Robert Menzies, Baronet of Menzies, the Clan Menzies have presented Her Majesty the Queen with a congratulatory address. The address is got up quite characteristic of such a clan. The subject matter is on vellum, written in Celtic characters, the letters of important words being coloured red and white—the colours of the clan. It is surrounded by the arms of the Menzies of Menzies executed in gold and colours, the escutcheon being red and white; the large initial letter having a twig of Menzies heath with red and white petals on it entwined round it. In a line with the signature of the Chief is the seal of Sir Robert, suspended by a silk ribbon of Hunting Menzies tartan (red and green). The address is backed with full dress Menzies tartan (red and white), woven in silk, and is signed by the Hon. Robert Menzies, Baronet of Menzies; Hon. President W. D. Graham Menzies, J.P., D.L., of Hallyburton; President Colonel James Menzies, V.D., Glasgow Highlanders; Convenor Walter Menzies, J.P., of Phoenix Tubo Works, Rutherglen; Vice-President Colonel Duncan Menzies, Sutherland Highlanders, Blairich, Rogart; Treasurer Rector Thomas Menzies, J.P., F.E.I.S., Hutcheson Schools, Glasgow; Hon. Co-Secretary Lieut. D. P. Menzies, 1st Highland Light Infantry, V.B., 4 Holyrood Quadrant, Glasgow. The address was enclosed in a cylindrical box covered with silk Menzies Hunting tartan, having large silk rosettes at the ends of red and white and red and green Menzies tartan. All through the emblem of the clan have been harmonised to produce a truly artistic Highland and clan address.

MR DUNCAN REID'S TESTIMONIAL.

This testimonial, which has been subscribed to very widely by members of the Highland School Gaelic class, and to which as well as by many outside Celtic friends, is to be presented to Mr Reid in the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, on the evening of Friday, 2nd July, at eight o'clock. All subscribers and friends are invited to attend. The programme, in which some of the finest exponents of Gaelic song are expected to take part, is being arranged for the evening.

CLAN MACLEAN.

We understand that Mr J. B. Maclean, 6th Fusiliers, Canada, is now in London attending the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The gallant Major, who is president of Clan Maclean Society, Canada, is head of a large publishing firm there. He expects to be at the Clan gathering in October. We believe the Major is of the Dochgarroch branch of the Clan.

THE CLAN MACKAY BURSARIES.

The Clan Mackay Society continues to make good progress, the funds and membership increasing satisfactorily. Two life members have just been added to the roll—Messrs Campbell T. Mackay and Archibald Forbes Mackay, of Liverpool. The income for the present session, which ends in October, is £215, while the Bursary Fund amounts to £906. The following will be of great interest to members of the Clan:—

Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W., 11th June, 1897.

My Lord—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the application of the Clan Mackay Society soliciting permission to associate Her Majesty's name with a bursary subscribed by members of the Clan Mackay, to commemorate the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign, and I have the satisfaction of informing your lordship that the Queen has been graciously pleased to accede to this request, and to command that the bursary be entitled "The Clan Mackay Victoria Bursary." I have the honour to be, my lord, your lordship's obedient servant.

BALFOUR OF BURELIGH.

The Right Hon. Lord Raye, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., 6 Great Stanhope Street, Mayfair.

POLICE SPORTS.

We would remind our readers of these sports which take place to-day (Saturday) on the ground of the 3rd L.L.V. Football Club, Cathcart Road, commencing at noon. The entries are numerous and the various events are to be keenly contested. Provided the weather is propitious a splendid afternoon may be anticipated.

COLONIALS.

A good deal of disappointment has been felt in circles here on account of the Colonial troops now in London not being able to visit this city. The Lord Provost went to London to try and induce them to visit this city before they return to the colonies, but it seems their arrangements will not permit of their visiting Scotland. I am sure they would have received a right hearty welcome in St. Mungo.

DEATH OF A ROSS-SHIRE MINISTER IN AUSTRALIA.

Information has been received by Mr John Macrae, solicitor, Dingwall, of the death of his brother, the Rev. William Macrae, at Sydney, on the 19th ult. The deceased was a native of Strathpeffer, where he was born in 1848. After studying at Glasgow University Mr Macrae went to New Zealand, where he was appointed pastor of a Presbyterian congregation at Waipo. Some years ago he returned to Scotland, and on application he was admitted to the Established Church, and elected minister of the charge of Kinlochspelve, Mull. He again returned to New Zealand about two years ago, where he ministered for some time to his old congregation at Waipo. He removed to Sydney only a few months ago, and was engaged in ministerial work there. The deceased was a gentleman of considerable talent. He took much interest in social, religious, and political questions, and during his stay in his native country he wrote a series of articles for "The Scotsman" which attracted considerable attention at the time. Deceased was twice married—first in New Zealand and again in Mull. He is survived by a daughter of his first wife. It was under the late Dr Kennedy that Mr Macrae received his first religious impressions, and during his visits to his native country he preached in both churches in Dingwall.

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EDINBURGH NOTES. THE JUBILEE HONOURS. From the Capital this week the general feeling seems to be one of deep disappointment at the Jubilee Honours List of Lord Salisbury. Scotland seems to have been ignored in the general distribution of honours, and the only consolation seems to be found in the fact that her worthy sons do not share the plums with the favoured mediocrities, for, with one or two exceptions, the recipients of favours are commonplace mortals; literature, science, the world of art and letters, seem to have been ignored in compiling the list.

GREENOCK NOTES. BANQUET BY PROVOST ERSKINE. On Friday last Provost Erskine entertained a large company of gentlemen to a cake and wine banquet in the saloon of the Town Hall in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The room was most beautifully decorated with flags and banners. On the table was a profusion of plants and flowers, and in the most prominent aspect of the hall, there was a large attendance of leading citizens, who were received by the Provost arrayed in his robes of office. The Provost, who was greeted with great applause, in proposing the toast of the Queen, said his thoughts were that day concentrated on one theme, and the toast that he had to propose was—"The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen"—(applause). In the course of a splendid speech the Provost made reference to the advancement of science, literature, and education generally during Her Majesty's beneficent reign. He asked them to cordially pledge the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and to express their admiration for the great honours which have been conferred on her Majesty's Dominion.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. It may be truly stated that Greenock did not fall short of any part of Her Majesty's dominion in evincing loyalty to the throne and affection for the person of its venerable occupant. The first part of Jubilee Day was unfortunately very disagreeable; towards noon, however, the weather greatly improved. The long and beneficent reign of Queen Victoria was celebrated here by a series of events. Greenock, in common with other towns, is lending support to the Queen's Jubilee Institute for nurses, and also raising a fund for the support of a nurse to work in the event of "The Victoria Bowling Green." A number of bonfires blazed on the surrounding hills, the flames of which might be seen over a wide area. The bands of the Volunteer corps were in attendance on the Lytle Road striking up the National Anthem in honour of the event. The Volunteers were afterwards entertained to dinner in the Town Hall. About 750 boys and girls were entertained to a free breakfast in the Temperance Institute. The new East End Bowling Green was formally opened, named in honour of the event "The Victoria Bowling Green." A number of bonfires blazed on the surrounding hills, the flames of which might be seen over a wide area. The bands of the Volunteer corps were in attendance on the Lytle Road striking up the National Anthem in honour of the event. The Volunteers were afterwards entertained to dinner in the Town Hall. About 750 boys and girls were entertained to a free breakfast in the Temperance Institute. The new East End Bowling Green was formally opened, named in honour of the event "The Victoria Bowling Green." A number of bonfires blazed on the surrounding hills, the flames of which might be seen over a wide area. The bands of the Volunteer corps were in attendance on the Lytle Road striking up the National Anthem in honour of the event. The Volunteers were afterwards entertained to dinner in the Town Hall. About 750 boys and girls were entertained to a free breakfast in the Temperance Institute. The new East End Bowling Green was formally opened, named in honour of the event "The Victoria Bowling Green."

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday evening Alexander Henderson, farm servant, Balmagran, while walking along the railway towards Nairn, was overtaken and run over near the Lochdubh gate by the train due in Nairn at 6.12 p.m. The accident was at once made known by Mr Fraser, mason, Mossie, and a party, accompanied by Mr Simpson, station agent, at once proceeded to the scene of the accident and brought in the injured man. He was taken to the Hospital, where it was found that one of his legs had been severely injured that it had to be amputated below the knee.

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GROMARTY & DINGWALL RAILWAY. DINGWALL GIVES ITS SUPPORT. A public meeting of the ratepayers of Dingwall was held on Thursday evening in the Masonic Hall "to consider the Council's resolution to advance £5000 at 3 1/2 per cent. to the Cromarty and Dingwall Light Railway, subject to the approval of the ratepayers." The chair was occupied by Bailie John Macrae, and with him on the platform were Councillors Macleay, Nicol, Chisholm, A. Ross, and Grigor. There was a full attendance of the ratepayers. The Chairman at some length reviewed the history of the scheme in so far as it had received the attention of the Town Council, culminating in a resolution to come to a body to borrow £5000, subject to the approval of the ratepayers being obtained by plebiscite or otherwise. The Town Council had also passed resolutions attaching conditions to the granting of the loan, which were, he said, clear and definite, and would safeguard the interests of the ratepayers if the railway were remunerative, and there were good grounds for believing that it would be remunerative. The Town Council had, by a majority, agreed that the Railway Company should pay to the Town Council annually a sum sufficient to meet the interest and liquidate the capital in a period of forty or sixty years, as might be arranged, and also that the Company which constructed and worked the line should have a substantial stake in the concern. There was no doubt, he held, that Cromarty and the districts to be traversed by the line would be benefited. The annual premium required to meet the interest and the yearly instalment of the capital of £5000 would be £234 or hereby. This would necessitate an assessment of 53d per £1 on the present valuation of Dingwall, which was £10,900. This amount, divided between landlord and tenant, gave 2 1/2d per £1. That was on the assumption that the railway would not be remunerative. However, instead of having to pay that sum, they might not only not have to pay, but in the case of the railway being remunerative they might make a profit—(applause). The Chairman concluded by reading a letter from Mr W. Paterson, Gowandfield, Dingwall, whom the Chairman described as one of the largest traders in Dingwall, in favour of the scheme. Mr Paterson said that the prospect of Dingwall ever being called upon to meet liability under the guarantee was extremely remote and very highly improbable—(applause). Mr Middleton, solicitor, moved—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is essential to the continued prosperity of the town of Dingwall that it continue to be the centre of railway communication for the county of Ross and the northern districts generally. That the meeting approve of the proposed Dingwall and Cromarty Light Railway, and that it is the duty of the citizens of Dingwall and of the Provost and Magistrates and Town Council to give the project their strenuous support. Approves of the steps already taken by the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council in connection with the proposed loan to the railway company, and recommends the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council to take such further steps as may be necessary for the further carrying out of the proposed line, and generally for supporting the project to the utmost of their ability." Mr Middleton said that when the scheme was first mooted he had been met with enthusiasm in Dingwall and elsewhere, and although there had been since then one or two dissentient voices, he did not think that that opposition amounted to very much.

DEATH OF MR LEWIS MUNRO, PUBLISHER.—Mr Lewis Munro, late printer and publisher, died at his residence, Mayfield, on Wednesday morning from an affection of the lungs. The deceased was a native of Invergordon, and learned the printing business in the office of the "Invergordon Times." After spending some time in the South he returned to Dingwall about twenty years ago and started the "Ross-shire Journal," a paper which he conducted very ably for several years in the liberal interest. The proprietary right in the newspaper was bought by the Unionist party about six years ago, although Mr Munro continued to have the printing contract. He purchased the old Free Church buildings about five years ago, and had them fitted up at considerable cost as a large and extensive printing establishment. He obtained the printing and publishing of Lady Aberdeen's magazines—"Onward and Upward" and "Wee Willie Winkie"—for some years, but these were latterly transferred to London, as being a more suitable centre. A few months ago he sold his establishment and plant to a company, by whom the business is now being carried on. In religious and temperance matters the deceased was known as an earnest and energetic worker. He is survived by his widow and an only son towards whom the heartfelt sympathy of many friends at home and abroad will be extended in their sad bereavement.

DINGWALL NEWS. PRIZE DAY AT THE ACADEMY.—The Annual exhibition and distribution of prizes in connection with the Academy took place in the Masonic Hall on Monday in presence of the School Board and a large number of parents and friends. A number of pianoforte pieces were ably executed by the pupils under the tuition of Miss Symington, music mistress; while exhibitions of musical drill and Indian club exercise were efficiently gone through by a number of the scholars. Dr Bruce, who presided, and other gentlemen who were present, spoke approvingly of the efficient state of the school under the able conduct of Mr Macdonald, rector, and his staff of assistants. The prizes were thereafter distributed to the successful scholars by Mrs Macalister, The Manse.

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CELEBRATIONS IN THE HIGHLANDS.

ARDNAMURCHAN.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The triennial election of a School Board... of Ardnamurchan took place at Kiltchoan on Tuesday of last week.

INVERNESS-SHIRE.

BEAULY.

The Jubilee was celebrated in Beaully in a most loyal and enthusiastic manner. The day was observed as a general holiday. Bunting was displayed on all the principal buildings.

COLL.

THE FISHING.—The great line fishing for cod and ling by the East Coast crews in this island has been concluded, and the boats have now returned home.

THE TOURIST SEASON.—Some tourists are making their appearance again, but in this wet and cold weather continues it will impede our visitors as well as other things.

ISLAY.

NOTES.—On the 22nd bonfires blazed from every high hill, and picnics and merry-making were the order of the day. All the children on Mr Morrison's estate, with the teachers, were entertained at Islay House, and great preparations were made for their reception.

PETTY.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by a treat to the children attending West Wemyss School. At 10.30 the children, who numbered over 100, were marshalled two deep in the playground, where "God save the Queen" was sung.

ARDEERSIER.

The beginning of the celebrations here was a joint service held in the Free Church on Sabbath evening. The Rev. J. Patton, E.C., Rev. J. Robertson, J.P., and Rev. D. M. McLeod, F.C., were all on the platform.

SKYE.

PORTRÉE.—At Portree Lady Macdonald, of Rannach Castle, presented a treat for all the children on the Macdonald estates with the exception of the children of Portree, and presented mugs and medals commemorating the occasion of the Jubilee.

LOCHFYNESIDE.

HERRING FISHING.—Fishing is diligently prosecuted. The result hitherto has been disappointing. The quality is very poor, so much so that had there been any better quality within reach of dealers there would be no market for what is being caught up to date.

TATVALICH.

WELFARE OF YOUTH SCHEME.—In the recent examination of the candidates—sixty in number—obtained first-class certificates which is very creditable to their teacher and the scholars.

FORT-WILLIAM NEWS.

RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.—The first of three competitions took place on Saturday last on the Company's range for a handsome silver cup, a clock and aneroid and barometer combined, and an aneroid. The ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven rounds at each.

PORTRÉE — VOLUNTEERS.—The Volunteer Company held here on Wednesday morning for the Highland Brigade Camp at Fochabers. About thirty-four men left on that day, but almost a dozen more leave to-day.

the proceedings terminated with the customary votes of thanks. The next part in the day's programme was a concert, which was held in the new goods store at the Kyle terminus. The building was beautifully decorated for the occasion, but large though the building is it was inadequate for the accommodation of all those who came there.

SOUTH UIST.

A gallant attempt was made to show loyalty to the Queen and commemorate her record reign in a fitting manner. Bunting was displayed all over the island, and in Leobhaisdale, the hotel, the pier, and the Commercial Bank, as well as all the principal buildings of the town.

ROSS-SHIRE.

CROMARTY.

At Cromarty the morning opened very fine, and during the day the weather was mild but cloudy. The town displayed a profusion of bunting, and early in the morning the country people began flocking in, and by 11 a.m. the town presented a holiday appearance.

INVERGORDON.

In Invergordon bunting was liberally displayed. The town bell was rung at 11 a.m., after which a large crowd assembled at the Town Hall, where the school children were present in full array.

STROMEFERRY.

The steamers at Stromeferry and Wallace at the Station Hotel hoisted splendid displays of bunting. At 10.30 p.m. a magnificent bonfire on a hill overlooking Stromeferry, in the blaze of which a large population and officials of the railway company gathered around and partook of refreshments.

TORRIDDON.

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FYRISH.

FYRISH.—The bonfire at Fyrisch was lighted by Novar, M.P., amidst a large concourse of people who had assembled on the hill. The pile was of immense size, and the blazes were of such a height that the reflection was very effective, and both it and the fire were seen a long way off when the fog lifted as it for the occasion.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE.

DORNOCH.

Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in Dornoch with great enthusiasm. The weather conditions were not ideal, but the enthusiasm of the people was such that the day was not less successful than that which preceded it.

LAIRG.

The proceedings at Lairg in connection with the celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee were begun by a thanksgiving in the Parish Church at 11 a.m. The service, which lasted about an hour, was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem. The amount of money raised was £21, and the reading was opened by the Rev. D. Macrae, who referred to the excellent work done by the Committee, and to the kindly help and encouragement given by many parishioners and members of the congregation.

Church. I am sure the feeling of all here is one of profound thankfulness to almighty God that this venerable and revered servant of the Lord Jesus Christ is still in our midst, firmly established in the affections of the people by his pure and blameless life and high ideal of the minister. On this day like this it is meet that we should offer our congratulations on attaining the diamond jubilee year of his ordination, and pray that he may yet enjoy many years of health and increasing usefulness.

The parish of Brora held a general holiday, and the principal houses, places of business, and railway station were decorated. The new hotel in course of erection, and the Railway Terrace were beautifully decorated with long lines of flags, tall masts being arranged along the terrace. The festivities commenced at 11 a.m. with a bicycle race from Brora to Kintrach and back, a distance of about five miles.

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KINCARDINE AND CREICH.

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GOLSPIE.

In Golspie the day was observed as a general holiday. The children attending the public schools, to the number of over 300, were marched to the golf course, where a treat was in store for them. They were then addressed by the Rev. G. Mackenzie, F.C. There was also a series of sports for adults. In the evening there was a cyclists' masquerade in character, which was very amusing, and a cake and wine banquet afterwards took place in the Sutherland Arms Hotel, where the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were pledged. A huge bonfire was erected on a prominence on the farm of Drummie. It should be mentioned also that the necessitous poor were not forgotten during the day.

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HARRIN E.G. VACANCY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] SIR.—Now that a Congregational Committee has been appointed in connection with a vacancy in the Nairn Parish Church the parishioners are within a measurable distance of entering upon the preliminaries to call a pastor. The occasion is therefore I think opportune for setting forth certain matters which have been the subject of much gossip and by no means favourable comment, and regarding which it would be well to have at this stage an understanding. With your kind permission, Mr. Editor, I propose to address my fellow-parishioners through your popular and impartial columns.

In the first place I think the Kirk Session owe it to themselves if not to their Church and the parishioners, to explain what is freely alleged but is scarcely credible, namely, that the roll of members and adherents who are to be admitted to join in the election of a minister is less by some two hundred, or proportionately by nearly 50 per cent. than the Roll made up only a few months ago for the same purpose. No candidly as has occurred in the interim that I am aware of that the members and adherents of the Church of Scotland in the parish of Nairn should be so suddenly reduced in numbers, and I have been with an opinion of the Session to credit for a moment that such gross carelessness was shown in making up the previous Roll that when subjected to a more rigid scrutiny nearly two hundred claims would seem to have been rejected. What then is the explanation of this extraordinary discrepancy? I confidently look for an authoritative reply. It is hardly necessary to point out that many fewer votes than two hundred have in a ministerial election made or marred a ministerial candidate.

ROGART.

The celebrations here were of a very enthusiastic character, and the children were marshalled at their respective schools, under their teachers, and preceded by a piper, marched to the Drill Hall, which is centrally situated, and the most convenient spot. The Rev. Mr. Macdonald, E.C., and the Rev. Mr. Mackintosh, F.C., conducted a short service. Thereafter, the children were formed into a group, and each presented with a commemorative mug. The lady committee consisted of Miss Macdonald, the Manse, Mrs. Graham, Morvich; Mrs. Alexander, Spockhill; Mrs. Sutherland, Milton; Mrs. Garden, the Schoolhouse; and Miss Mackay, the Park. The children having sung the National Anthem, in which all the children in attendance were united in Meadow Park, where games and sports were engaged in for a considerable time. In the evening a cake and wine banquet was provided at the expense of Mr. John Mackay Mackintosh, and conducted by Mr. John Murray, Davochbeg, who he had commissioned for that purpose. The banquet was held in the Drill Hall; also a monster bonfire was erected on the adjacent hill, usually called "The Balch adjournment," as it burned about 500 feet high. At the banquet the Rev. Mr. Macdonald, E.C. was called to the chair, Mr. Graham, Morvich, acting as

STORNOWAY SHIPPING.

FRIDAY (18).—Arrived—"Peridot," s.s. Oban, light; "Battle Isle," s.s. Stromeferry, do.; "Carlingford Lough," s.s. do. do.; "Skude" s.s. (Norwegian), Locherribol to Loch Clash, herrings, to load up; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general. Sailed—"Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, herrings; "Peridot," s.s. Oban, do.; "Carlingford Lough," s.s. Fleetwood, do.; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general; "Kjøbenhavn," s.s. (Danish), St. Petersburg, herrings.

SATURDAY (19).—Arrived—"Princess Irene," s.s. Leith, general; "Hillevag," s.s. (Norwegian), Stavanger, light, to load; "Talisman," s.s. Oban, light; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, do.; "Bambro Castle," s.s. fishing grounds, for bait; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general; "Claymore," s.s. Glasgow, general; "Pharos," s.s. Butt of Lewis, on lighthouse service. Sailed—"Princess Irene," s.s. Liverpool, general; "Laura" (Danish), Bergen, from Vaak (North Feroe), fish; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, herrings; "Bergen," s.s. (Norwegian), Leith, light.

SUNDAY (20).—Sailed—"Bambro Castle," s.s. fishing grounds, to fish; "Victor," s.s. (Norwegian), St. Petersburg, herrings; "Permie," s.s. (Danish), Balt Sound, light; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general.

MONDAY (21).—Arrived—"Peridot," s.s. Oban, light; "Staghound," s.s. Fleetwood, empties; "Princess Louise," s.s. Liverpool, general; "Ardchnis," s.s. Newcastle, coals; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, light; "Clydesdale," do., mails and general. Sailed—"Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, light; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general; "Claymore," s.s. Glasgow, general; "Staghound," s.s. Fleetwood, herrings; "Princess Louise," s.s. Leith, general; "Peridot," s.s. Oban, herrings; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, do.; "St. Clair," s.s. (Danish), Stettin, do.; "Clydesdale," Stromeferry, mails and general.

TUESDAY (22).—Arrived—"Carlingford Lough," s.s. Fleetwood, empties; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, light; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general; "Invermark," s.s. Peterhead, stock.

WEDNESDAY (23).—Arrived—"Peridot," s.s. Oban, light; "St. Clair," s.s. Leith, general; "Briton," s.s. Archanal to Manchester, deals, to coal; "Clydesdale," s.s. Stromeferry, mails and general. Sailed—"St. Clair," s.s. Leith, general; "Talisman," s.s. Oban, herrings; "Jane," Wick, stock; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, herrings; "Clydesdale," Stromeferry, mails and general; "Briton," s.s. Manchester from Archangel, deals; "Ardchnis," s.s. Portlindorvic, light.

THURSDAY (24).—Arrived—"Rebecca," s.s. Middlesbrough, salt; "Marie," s.s. Stromeferry, light; "Clare," s.s. Glasgow, stock; "Clare," s.s. Glasgow, general.

THE CROFTERS COMMISSION.

THE FARLEY DEER FOREST CASE.

The Commissioners have just issued a final order in an application for enlargement of holdings by taking land from Farley Deer Forest, on the estate of Lord Lovat. The case is one which excited considerable interest in the district, and in the county of Inverness generally. The Commissioners have decided that the granting of any portion of the land applied for would in its nature be in violation of section 13 (3) (4) of the Crofters Act, seriously impair the use of the remainder as a deer forest, and would act injuriously on the prosperity of the inhabitants generally of the district in which the said forest is situated. To this order they have appended a note, from which the following extracts are given:—The area of Farley Forest was stated to be 5800 acres, of which between 1400 and 1500 acres are under planted wood. It is a forest which possesses some unique characteristics. The extent is less than most other deer forests in Scotland; indeed it may be described as a "one rifle forest." Nevertheless, it yields a large number of stags in most seasons than many of much greater area. Accordingly the proprietor is able to draw high sporting rent. The main reason why so small a forest is of such sporting value is that it is adjoined by other larger deer forests, and particularly by Erchless Forest, many deer from which find their way into Farley Forest attracted by the shelter of Farley Wood, to which they are wont to resort, and which may be considered as the "sanctuary" of the deer. The forest, as it is added to the forest, the ground in many parts of the forest conduces to successful deer stalking. The proposal to assign the wood and Farley Hill in enlargement of the applicants' holdings was practically given up at the conclusion of the proceedings and carrying out of the programme. It was proved that the taking of this portion would not only involve the erection and maintenance of a costly fence, but would prevent the free access of deer from the outlying portions of the forest to the said wood, and thereby seriously impair its sporting value. To these grave difficulties there are other factors to be considered. The forest lies between the applicants' crofts and Farley Hill, and separates them. Farley Hill consists of heather and moss land, and includes some very good flows, but there is no or no green land within the portion of the forest to be added to the forest. The forest is essential in order to make the grazing useful for cattle or sheep, and particularly for horses. This portion of Farley Hill is unsuitable for grazing horses and cross cattle, but could be adapted to the grazing of black-faced sheep and the summer grazing of wild Highland cattle. To grant the application, in so far as made for Farley Hill, would have the effect of destroying the forest as a deer forest, and would cut off communication between the neighbouring forest land and Farley wood, so far as the north half is concerned. On the remaining question whether there was other available land which might be assigned, it was contended for the applicants that the portion locally known as "The Green" might be taken from the forest without seriously impairing the use of the remainder, but on this question also the Commissioners were against the application. Their note adds that the Forest, the southern portion of the forest, and lies adjacent to Breakachy Farm, on the Chisholm estate. On Urchay there is some old arable land now under grass, and capable of providing good feeding for sheep or deer. This land is essential to the forest, wintering purposes, as their little or no green wintering ground on any other portion of the forest. To deprive the forest of the most useful portion of its wintering ground, and would also have the effect of preventing sufficient access of deer from the outer or more distant ground on the south side of the forest to the plantation bona fide mentioned. The whole forest, considered as a grazing, is of small value compared with the rent it yields as a sport subject. The rent as a deer forest was proved to be £800, but as a grazing subject the value may be put at about £100 yearly. Having in view these various considerations, which appeared to the Commissioners to possess great combined force, they dismissed the application.

The Rev. D. M. Macintyre has been elected minister of Scourie Free Church, Sutherlandshire, in succession to the Rev. John Mackay, translated to Ballantrae. Mr. Mackay has been invited to preach on the 11th and 18th prox. before the congregation of Creich, vacant by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Aird, ere a decision is come to as to the choice of a pastor. This is the second occasion on which Mr. Macintyre has been asked to preach at Creich.

















