

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS.

At South Beach, Stornoway, on the 20th inst., to Mr and Mrs F. Whitaker, a son.

DEATHS.

At 12 Keith Street, Stornoway, on 19th April, Alexander Macdonald, civil engineer, dearly loved husband of Jessie M. Macdonald, aged 53 years.

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UP AND AT 'EM

INVERNESS CITIZEN ARMY
DISORGANISE YANKEE PATROL.
THREE OF OUR POLICE INJURED.
GUARDSMAN WHO KNOCKED OUT THREE "GOBS."

Scenes of an extraordinary character were witnessed in Inverness on Friday night, and as a result 3 members of the Burgh Police—Sergt. John Macrae, P.C. D. Macrae, MM; and P.C. McAiskill received injuries which necessitated medical attention.

The trouble originated thus:—Shortly before 8 o'clock Constables Macrae and McAiskill had reason to arrest one of the Americans, who resisted vigorously.

Here an American picket incensed at the spectacle of one of their kith being conveyed to the police office, proceeded to rescue him. In order to do so they made free use of the truncheons which, it should be immediately added, they never at any time concealed.

By a ukase issued by the Chief Constable's department special constables were called out on Saturday to assist the Civilian Police. During the evening several notorious women were mobbed by angry crowds on High Street and Church Street.

The candid truth is that Saturday evening would have passed off quite uneventfully had it not been for the foolish conduct of the women who paraded the streets, sporting Yankee colours, and making no mistake of hitting out right and left at British soldiers and sailors—that is to say, using their tongues to some purpose.

The demonstration in front of the Caledonian Hotel, to which the Police were called, had its origin in the bravado of one of the chocolate-hunters. So serious had the situation become that the Police had to drive the crowd from the front of the hotel.

Earlier in the evening, one of the same kind was ducked in the river. This is a warning to all Chocolate-Hunters who wear Yankee colours. In opposition to the above class, large numbers of girls came out with rosettes of red, white, and blue. The Yankee colours were once again waved from houses and cars.

Several girls, linked with kilted and blue-clad warriors, marched through the mob in front of the Caledonian Hotel, amid ringing cheers. "That's what we want to see," shouted more than one discharged man.

A British Naval picket patrolled the streets, unarmed, unmolested, unostentatious to a degree. Immediate steps ought to be taken by the Police to break up gangs of Chocolate-Hunters who go about the streets directly inviting trouble.

AFTER THE BATTLE

MORE STREET SCENES.
CHOCOLATE-HUNTERS PROLONG THE AGONY.
ONE OF THEM DUCKED IN THE RIVER.
ALL THE NICE GIRLS WEAR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE.

There is no disposition on the part of any of the citizens to wreak vengeance on the American colony in this district because of the disgraceful conduct of their patrol on Friday evening. If there is anything that will lead to a revival of street scraps, it is the exceedingly indiscreet conduct now being persisted in by a certain notorious set of females, who are provoking great annoyance in the eyes of discharged soldiers and sailors by the boastful swagger which accompanies their display of the Yankee colours.

It is common knowledge that many of these women visited the Americans in captivity, both on Saturday and Sunday. There is nothing very serious in this, but there is a charge from the Chief Constable's statement at Tuesday's meeting of the Magistrates a piece of information respecting the devices resorted to by these women, which, if it became public property, would cause a sensation. The reporters were kindly asked to make no mention of the details, and this they have accordingly done.

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Baillie Macallan (interrupting)—I'm asking you whether it is right or wrong—that interpretation? Provost Macdonald—I do not think the Chief Constable should answer that. Baillie Macallan—He can answer it, or not answer it. I am dealing with the report he has submitted to this meeting, and I put the question whether or not I was interpreting correctly a certain statement in it. The Chief Constable—The report, so far as I could make out, is a correct statement of what took place. Baillie Macallan—Is my interpretation correct? Provost Macdonald—It is not a fair question to put.

Baillie Macallan—This attack on the Police was led by the Chief of the American patrol? Provost Macdonald—That is admitted. I object to you saying that the Chief Constable got no assistance or advice from the Superior Officer. Baillie Macallan—Is that not in the report? Provost Macdonald—No. Baillie Mackay—That was after the incident. Baillie Macallan—He says he saw some officers. Baillie Petrie—Yes, afterwards. Baillie Macallan—But there were skirmishes more or less during the whole evening.

Dean of Guild Fraser—I witnessed the beginning of the incident on the Exchange. I put the question to one of the American pickets whether it was not his duty to come to the help of the Civil Police. He said it was not his business, and marched past. I should like to ask the Chief Constable if he can tell us what the duties of the pickets are to our own police? The Chief Constable—I have never been consulted on the point, and I know nothing about the instructions issued to pickets; but the general idea of the duty of pickets is to assist the Police in every way. Our Police have had to assist British Naval and Military pickets, and we never had any trouble.

Baillie Macallan—Fancy the attack on our Police being led by the chief of the picket! Baillie Petrie—I don't know whether any of you have met some of the American sailors who have been here. I have done so. I have had them in my house, and they were perfect gentlemen. You must distinguish between the rowdy few and the crowd, as to what happened on Friday evening, it was a cowardly and brutal attack on one unable to defend himself. We should do everything we can to smooth over the feeling that exists.

Baillie Mackay—Was any civilian arrested on Friday night? The Chief Constable—No. Baillie Mackay—From what I saw of the occurrence, the Chief Constable's report is a very accurate account of what happened. PROTEST AGAINST WHITE WASHING. Baillie Macallan—I don't see the good in white-washing anyone. This has got into all the South papers.

Baillie Petrie—There is no attempt to white-wash anyone. Baillie Macallan—Our primary duty is to safeguard the citizens from first to last. Provost Macdonald—I trust no one will keep up spite over this. The Chief Constable—I have a request from Captain Corbett, the Competent Naval Authority, R.N., for a copy of my report, and I should like the Magistrates' permission. Provost Macdonald—I do not think this report should be published. Baillie Mackay—The local Press has already dealt with the matter. Baillie Macallan—Captain Corbett is entitled to the report. Provost Macdonald—Certainly! We have nothing to hide. Baillie Macallan—I quite agree. The Chief Constable—The Procurator Fiscal has already got statements, including the prearrangements of 20 civilian witnesses. Baillie Macallan—The action of the picket was disgusting in the extreme.

RELEASE OF ONDRICK. Chief Petty Officer Ondrick, of the U.S. Navy Patrol, who was arrested on Friday evening, on a charge of assaulting the police with a lethal weapon, was, on Tuesday, released by order of the Crown, and has now been handed over to the American Naval Authorities.

MEETING AT INVERNESS. A public meeting, promoted by the Scottish Temperance League, was held on Monday evening in the East Church Hall, Inverness. Mr Murdoch Mackenzie, J.P., occupied the chair, and the platform party included Rev. W. D. Miller, M.A., Ruchill United Free Church, Glasgow; Rev. Horace E. Govan, M.A., Congregational Church, Ardrossan; Miss Edwards, League agent; Rev. A. A. Cooper, Inverness, etc. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen interested in this campaign, which has for its object the education of the people in relation to the Local Veto proposals of the Temperance Act, which come into operation next year.

The Chairman said they were preparing for a great war—a war which was doing infinitely more harm than the war out of which the nation had emerged. He did hope that the local branch of the B.W.T.A. would give a splendid account of themselves when Local Option came their way. The Temperance Party had no end of bluff from the Government during the past four and a-half years—to make any Government ashamed of themselves—(applause). They had deceived the people about sugar—about food; the distiller and the brewer seemed to be the only people worth while. When 1920 came, the Temperance Party would show the Government how determined they were in this crusade for a sober Scotland—(applause).

Rev. Mr Miller said what they were trying to do was to help to stimulate and organise the Temperance forces all over Scotland to provide for next year's event. He had hoped that some of their friends from the Trade were present, but he was assured the members of that body had made themselves scarce that evening. No earnest, spiritually-minded man or woman in Scotland was any longer in doubt in regard to taking up this position, that the liquor traffic must go—(applause). The existence of Scotland demanded it. Other speakers followed.

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THE ROWDYISM OF THE WEST. (To the Editor). Sir,—In view of the disgraceful scenes on the streets of Inverness during the week, and particularly on Friday, will you permit me, through the medium of your fair and outspoken columns, to suggest that the authorities, in the exercise of their duty, see to it that the town is "put out of bounds" to all Americans until the rowdy element among them know how to behave themselves. I use the word rowdy advisedly, because I witnessed the conduct of many of them, and I actually saw and handled a weapon wrested from one of them which is never used on the other side by any but the toughest of the "toughs." The sooner "Bowery" tactics are stopped in our fair town—with a strong hand, if necessary—the better for all concerned.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., RATEPATER. Inverness, 25th April, 1919.

THE SMILE OF NATURE.

[By WILLIAM ROSS, Castle Dobbie, Newmore, Invergnore.]

Each season of the year affords pleasure to the mind, however varying in kind and degree, and thus benevolence and wisdom are eminently conspicuous to the thoughtful mind. While every season has certain appropriate charms, which makes its return welcome, perhaps none is so universally the theme of delight as the Spring, which is a season of universal joy. It promises to compensate for all the severities of its predecessor; it presents to the sense of vision a train of beauties which, though annually viewed with the same attention and feelings, possess a novelty that is highly attractive and a variety that is inexhaustible. April showers may be somewhat severe, but the genial sun smilingly radiates or vibrates golden light and pleasing heat, it may be in cloud openings, and inspires expectation of pleasure, so one breathes freely when the sharp shower is over and Nature is contemplated in her youthful forms with satisfaction and joy, as it is realised that she presents a smiling aspect in her annual re-creation. The creation is a perpetual feast to the mind of a good man; everything he sees, excepting "the clouds of sin," cheers and delights him. In the opening of Spring, when all Nature recuperates herself, the same instinctive pleasure which makes the birds sing and the whole animated creation rejoice rises very sensibly in the human mind. John Milton has nicely observed those secret overflows of gladness which diffuse themselves through the mind of the observer upon surveying the gay scenes of Nature. He has touched upon it in a few passages of his "Paradise Lost," and describes it very beautifully in the place where he appropriately names it vernal delight, and represents the devil as almost sensible of it:—

"As circling row
Of goodliest trees laden with fairest fruit
Blossoms and fruits of golden hue
Appear'd, with gay enamell'd colours mild;
On which the sun more glad impressed his beams,
Than in fair evening cloud, or humid bough,
When God had shower'd the earth, so lovely seem'd"

That landscape; and of pure nor purer air
Meets his approach, and to the heart inspires
Vernal delight and joy, able to drive
All sadness but despair; now gentle gales
Fanning their odoriferous wings, dispense
Native perfumes, and whisper whence they stole
Those balmy spoils. As when to them who sail
Beyond the Cape of Hope, and now are past
Mozambique, off at sea north-east winds
blow,
Soban odours from the spicy shore
Of Araby the Blest, with such delay
Well pleased they slack their course, and many a league
Cherish'd with the grateful smell old Ocean
smiles;
So entertain'd those odorous sweets the fiend
Who came their bane."

Other hopes may be disappointed or may be improper, but the rational hope which Spring inspires is as satisfactory, as it is innocent. Without that hope the mildest winter would prove a scene of misery. Of the expectations we indulge, these are of the kind which are not deceptive, as they are founded on the invariable laws of Nature. The beauties of Spring have an advantage, and in succeeding so closely to a season not without its own beauty, but in which so much has been cold, comfortless, and, to some extent, inauspicious. In Spring all is animation, but serene as the days in Spring may be, very suddenly the solar refugence becomes obscured by sombre clouds, rains, and tempest. Sometimes the morning appears in all the lustre of its charms. Before midday its splendour, which had flattered the hope of fine weather, disappears. Naturally, the mind reflects upon these circumstances, and now it would be easy to dwell upon the theme of the vicissitudes in human life and the uncertainty which attends it throughout what may be its very brief duration; but while the truth of this is realised, again there is sunshine after rain and vernal delight is resurrected. The glowing thoughts of James Thomson, the graceful Poet of the Seasons, rise in memory:—

"But, though conceal'd, to every purer eye
The informing Author in His work appears;
Chief lovely spring in thee, and thy soft scenes,
The smiling God is seen, while water, earth
And air attest His bounty; which exalts
The re-creation to this finer thought,
And annual melts their undesigned hearts,
Profusely thus in tenderness and joy.
Still let my song a nobler note assume,
And sing the infusive force of Spring on man;

When heaven and earth, as if contending,
vie
To raise his being, and serene his soul.
Can he forbear to join the general smile
Of Nature? Can fierce passions vex his breast,
While every gale is peace, and every grove
Is melody? Hence! from the bounteous walks

Of flowing Spring, ye sordid sons of earth,
Hard and unfeeling of another's woe;
Or only lavish to yourselves; away!
But come, ye generous minds, in whose wide
thought
Of all His works creative Bounty burns
With warmest beam, and on your open
front
And liberal eye sits from his dark retreat,
Inviting modest want. Nor, till invoked,
Can restless goodness wait; your active
search
Leaves no wintry corner unexplored:
Like silent-working Heaven, surprising oft
The lonely heart with unexpected good.
For you the roving spirit of the wind
Blows Spring abroad; for you the teeming
clouds
Descend in gladness plenty o'er the world;
And the sun sheds his kindest rays for you.
Ye flowers of human race! in these green
days,
Reviving Sickness lifts her languid head;
Life flows afresh; and young-eyed Health
exalts
The whole creation round. Contentment
walks
The sunny glade, and feels an inward bliss
Sprize o'er his mind, beyond the power of
Kings
To purchase. Pure serenity apace
Induces thought and contemplation still.
By swift degrees the love of Nature works.
And warms the bosom; till at last sublim'd
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We feel the present Deity, and taste
The joy of God to see a happy world."

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I like the very noble phrase, "restless goodness," which occurs in one of the above lines, for it speaks volumes. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to put any other

pair of words together from any language which would be expressive of so much. The forces of evil may be numerous, potent, and very busy, but occasionally they become languid, and eventually their progress becomes interrupted by the opposing forces of righteousness. But "restless goodness" will not have its action impeded. Should its motions be comparatively slow, its restlessness becomes more forcible for accelerating its speed through interminable ramifications. Goodness would no longer be goodness if it would come to the inertia state. Restless goodness, in its ceaseless activity, aims at the production of more and greater good, for the evolution of a relatively "happy world," not a mythical El Dorado or a merely sentimental Utopia. The virile pen of Hugh Miller has written that—"Man's average capacity of happiness seems to be as limited and as incapable of increase as his average reach of intellect; it is a mediocre capacity at best; nor is it greater by a shade now in these days of power looms and portable manures than in the days of the old patriarchs. So long, too, as the law of increase continues, man must be subject to the law of death, with its stern attendants, suffering and sorrow; for the two laws go necessarily together; and so long as death reigns human creatures, in even the best of times, will continue to quit this scene of being without professing much satisfaction at what they have found either in it or themselves. It will no doubt be a less miserable world than it is now, when the good come, as there is reason to hope they one day shall, to be a majority; but it will be felt to be an inferior sort of world even then, and be even fuller than now of wishes and longings for a better. Let it improve as it may, it will be a state of probation and trial till the end. And so faith, undecieved by the mirage of the midway desert, whatever form or name, political or religious, the phantasmagoria may bear, must continue to look beyond its unsolid and tremulous glitter, its bare rocks exaggerated by the vapour into air-drawn castles, and its stunted bushes magnified into goodly trees; and fixing her gaze upon the re-creation yet future—the terminal dynasty yet unborn, she must be content to enter upon her final rest." It is evident that "busy goodness" must be busy now, and as the world becomes better it will be all the more busy. So—

"Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies.
Work, till the last beam fade—
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work while the night is darkening,
When man's work is o'er."



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PARISH COUNCIL OF KIRKILL.—On Friday evening Kirkhill Parish Council met to consider the housing question in relation to the parish, there being a dearth in the number of houses. It was agreed to call the attention of the County Council to the matter. The Council also decided to request the postal authorities to restore, if possible, the number of pre-war deliveries of letters.

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SIDEGLIMPS ON THE PEW.

[By PULPIT RAIL.]

"THE PEW DOUBTING."

"There is more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds," is a challenging assertion, but which, after all, is really commonplace.

The doubter may be an unbeliever—the honest doubter never is—he simply wants to know, beyond a peradventure, what and why he believes.

Doubtars are much more numerous than the average Pulpit suspects, for some are constitutionally "built that way," and are restless under the handiwork, while many seem to make a hobby of doubts, go out in search of them, and take a sort of morbid pleasure in their discoveries.

The Pew Doubting is not easily located, for it is rather ashamed of its particular infirmity; but a forcible, straight talk by the Pulpit on this topic would inevitably "hit the mark" in nearly every pew.

The Pew Doubting is sometimes a by-product of the "Pew Doubting," the pulpit that exalts human reason, and makes a playmate of rationalism, the pulpit that boasts only a diluted conviction, and in the "certainties" is conspicuously lacking. Too apt to take truth at second-hand, and follow human guides, the Pew Doubting is frequently led into a maze of misunderstanding, and unless its steps are carefully retraced, is in imminent danger of landing in the morass of unbelief.

In Bunyan's "Holy War," the Pulpit may find a directory of doubters—quite a formidable list—which would serve to throw light upon the innumerable aspects of doubt, and furnish some information as to its source.

In the "Doubting-Castle" episode of the "Pilgrim's Progress," the Pew Doubting would find an admirable study in "cause and effect," which provides a unique diagnosis of the pernicious malady which detracts from men's peace, and withal, robs them of power.

The Pew Doubting is a case for the specialist, the specialist who has been through the mill, who knows, by experience, the depressing effects of the disease, and who has learned the healing virtues of unadulterated truth, which is the standard remedy, the unfailing antidote, and the perfect curative factor.

To eradicate the Pew Doubting will be a lengthy process, and possibly a considerable residue will ever remain, but the attempt is well worth while, for with an "open forum" of revealed truth as the remedy, and an unchanging and incorruptible Person, in whom Truth is personified, to consult, there is no reason why the Pew Doubting should not be transformed into the Pew Declarator, whose watchwords will ever be:—"I know," and "I am persuaded."

Next week—"The Pew Sanguine."

INVERNESS DRIFTER STRANDED OFF FRASERBURGH.

During a raging storm, the drifter, "Eminent," of Inverness, while trying to make Fraserburgh Harbour, on Monday morning, got into such difficulties that the motor lifeboat, "Lady Rothes," set out to try and effect the rescue of the crew. Unfortunately, the lifeboat had no sooner left the shelter of the breakwater than she was struck by the full force of the storm, and a huge wave engulfing and submerging her, the crew of twelve, with the exception of about three men, were washed out of her. Both lifeboat and crew were rapidly swept back towards the beach. Several of the men who had got hold of ropes, succeeded in clambering on board the "Lady Rothes" again; the others were thrown on the beach, and rescuers rushed out and pulled them ashore. Unfortunately, the coxswain and his assistant were past all medical aid, and another is still in a serious condition. Meanwhile, the "Eminent" was drifting rapidly shorewards, and she struck the sands about a quarter of a mile from the town. The crew attached a line to the buoy, and floated it ashore. Members of H.M. ships and others made gallant efforts to secure the buoys, but it was only after a great many attempts that they succeeded in getting the line. Then they were disappointed; a lurch of the vessel snapped the line like a piece of thread.

Leading Stoker G. Stock, of H.M.S. "Swinkirk" seized the line, and began to swim out to the "Eminent." Time and again he was beaten back, but eventually succeeded in reaching the bow of the vessel, and got hold of the line and the boat-hook, which one of the crew held down to him. The brave lad then turned and headed for the shore, but would have fallen from exhaustion had not his hands recovered aid in bringing him ashore, the spectators cheering lustily.

A member of the crew of the "Eminent" stated that they had left a Northern port for Fraserburgh, to be paid off. It was when attempting to get the "wind aft" to enter the harbour that the trouble arose, something going wrong with the engine.

The disaster to the "Lady Rothes" has caused a painful feeling of regret in Fraserburgh.

LAND VALUATION ASSESSORS.—Mr D. W. Call, Inverness, was appointed vice-president of the Association of Land Valuation Assessors for Scotland at a meeting of the Association held in Edinburgh.

CYCLING AND MOTORING NOTES.

(By THE WANDERER.)

CYCLING.

"LIQUID-BRAZING." Although "liquid-brazing" is associated in the minds of most cyclists with the Raleigh, not every cyclist knows what it means. The old-fashioned method of brazing, still in force in other bicycles, is by means of a man pouring molten brass into the tube-joints. Unless the operation is performed with extreme care, the brass does not reach every part of the joint. In the case of the Raleigh, the joint is completely immersed in molten brass, so that every part of the joint is thoroughly and completely brazed. This is one of the secrets of the immense strength of the famous all-steel bicycle.

"THE RED LIGHT."

Looking for causes of public dissatisfaction with a Government, one has often to look at matters which affect the lives of the population more than to any great and resounding elements. And wherever one goes to-day, one finds an attitude of disgust with the Government, and especially with its Home Secretary, in its determination to keep the red rear light in force for cyclists. This rear light was instituted as a war measure. The idea was that, in case of invasion, or during air raids, it might be necessary for cars to travel fast without lights; therefore, other traffic must give warning. The need for that has now passed. The only excuse for the rear light now is to enable a few mad motorists to travel at a snail's pace after dark. That the public will not endure. But Mr Shortt, who has a reputation for stiff-neckedness to maintain, will listen to no argument, consider no plaint. The Order must and shall remain. If it does, Mr Shortt won't, and he may bring down the Government with him. For there are some millions of cyclist voters in the country now, and every one is seething with anger against the Home Secretary in particular, and the Government in general on this subject.

DANGEROUS TRAM LINES.

Two fatal accidents within the last few days from the same cause have proved the need to reiterate the warning to cyclists against the dangers which lurk between the tram lines. In both cases the cyclists skidded on the rails, fell under approaching vehicles, and were killed. If you must cross tram lines, cross them at the widest possible angle. The smooth metal surface and the channel of the rail, together provide a perfect temptation for a wheel to twist and turn and skid, and if does that in the middle of traffic, the driver has little chance to get out of the way. Be wary of tram lines at all times.

MOTOR CYCLING.

A careful examination of all the working parts of a motor cycle should be made periodically, and among the points to which I would direct special attention, because they are so often neglected, are the following:—The steering head should be examined for play. The best test is to grip the handle-bars firmly, pulling upwards several times. If any play be felt it is a simple matter to tighten the belt. The exhaust valve lifter has a tremendous amount of work to do nowadays, and will appear as a drop of oil on all the working parts now and again. A smear of vasoline on the exposed ends of the cable is useful. The wheel bearings ought to be examined, not merely the lock nut, but the bearings themselves, any wear at once being taken up. The pulley nut ought to be tested for tightness before every run. A loose nut throws the whole strain on the key, which usually gives way, and allows the pulley to fly away at a tangent.

ON LUBRICATION.

Captain G. W. A. Brown, in a paper read before the Institute of Automobile Engineers, on "The Lubrication of Motor Cars," gave the following interesting particulars:—It is usual practice in engine lubrication to fill the sump with a given quantity of oil, which remains in use up to two or three thousand miles' running. The longer the oil is used the thicker and darker it becomes, and, in order to ascertain the degree of deterioration caused by long periods of running, analyses were taken from (a) a standard proprietary brand of lubricating oil; (b) the same oil after 100 hours' running in an aviation engine under full load.

CHANGE IN OIL IN SUMP.

As a slight reduction is shown in the coefficient of friction, it is reasonable to suppose that this will continue to increase with the age of the oil. The original lubricating oil was of a yellow-green colour, and free from sediment, whilst, after 100 hours' running, it became deep black. On examination, this oil was found to contain a considerable quantity of carbon specks, or particles in suspension. These particles, magnified fifty diameters, give a dimension of 0.001 m.m., and were so fine as to pass all the usual methods of filtering. He was able, however, to separate the carbon specks by filtering through three per cent. Fuller's earth, or with animal charcoal. The solid carbon particles so extracted amounted to 0.1 per cent., carrying also some traces of finely divided iron and copper.

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New Motor Works.—Messrs V. and J. Mackenzie, the former of whom has managed the motor department of the Rose Street Foundry Company for a number of years, and who was for eight years with the Daimler Motor Company, and the latter of whom was works' manager with the Canute Airplane Coy., Ltd., Southampton, have taken over Mackintosh's bonded store in Albert Place, where they are installing the latest engineering machinery. Later, they intend running an up-to-date motor garage, with lock-ups for private cars. Messrs Mackenzie are both A.M.I.A.E.

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NICOLSON INSTITUTE.

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INVERNESS, Saturday, 3rd May, 1919

HEAVY NATIONAL BURDENS.

The outstanding feature of the resumed proceedings of Parliament is naturally, and necessarily, the Budget, since it affects directly or indirectly every one of us. In his first Budget, Mr Chamberlain had to provide against an estimated expenditure of £150,000,000. Now, as the result of the war, the sum required is no less than £1,500,000,000. The methods adopted towards obtaining this colossal amount reveal sound financial ability and statesmanlike foresight on the part of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and will not have greatly surprised any earnest student of our financial position and requirements. The nation has long known what it had to face, and though, as usual, the actual Budget proposals were well preserved from premature publication, the keeping of the secret did not prevent many a shrewd guess being made at its nature. The process of eliminating Budget prospects, and hazarding a forecast of probabilities, was not unduly difficult. No Chancellor of the Exchequer has had to face a task more formidable than that with which Mr Chamberlain has grappled, and, generally, the nation is inclined to view his proposals as representing the soundest and least burdensome way in which the liabilities that we have got to meet. There are few who would have cared to undertake his task, and fewer still who could have accomplished it in anything approaching the manner in which he has done his work.

But the Budget—paramount in importance as it may be—is only one item in the long list of beneficial measures of reconstruction and reform with which the Government have made, and are making, progress. Housing, Transport, Land Acquisition and Settlement, the Restriction on Aliens—these are a few among the multiplicity of affairs with which it is hoped, and intended, to make the maximum amount of progress in the minimum possible space of time. The vote for the salary of the Ministry of Labour afforded an opportunity for a debate, in which extreme views clashed, as they always must, but national opinion is sufficiently informed on the matter of out-of-work donations. It is realised that the Government had momentarily to make what may perhaps be described as a choice between two evils, and that they chose the lesser. Something had to be done, and done at once. If the temporary remedy has been abused, the blame lies with human nature, and not with those who devised it in order to avoid the worse evil of general unemployment and distress at a most critical period of national life. Immediate help has been given, and every effort is being made to follow that transitory assistance by the provision of appropriate, well-regulated, and sufficiently well-paid work.

THE CLAIMS OF THE DOWNTRODDEN.

Irish agitators have, for a long time, been exerting their utmost efforts to get the Irish question introduced into the United States' Congress, in the hope that influence might be brought to bear upon our country to lead us to yield to their demands. The men who organised rebellion against the British Empire, and played into the hands of the Germans at a critical stage of the war, now want a hearing at the Peace Conference, to present their claim for an independent Ireland, and through their representatives in the United States, they are soliciting the sympathy and aid of Congress. American newspapers report that "Congress was urged to express itself on the question of the self-determination of Ireland before its adjournment, by a delegation, appointed at the recent Irish race convention in Philadelphia. After hearing the delegation, the House Rules' Committee agreed to report a special rule giving right of way for consideration of a resolution instructing American Peace delegates to urge Ireland's cause before the Peace Conference." The same American newspapers point out that for the United States to interfere in a question involving the integrity of the United Kingdom would not only be highly impolitic, it would be perilously near an unfriendly act, and Congress ought not to allow itself to be stamped into any such unwarranted action by a few American citizens of Irish descent.

"Suppose," says the New York Outlook, "the Irish people of the State of New York should take it into their heads to set up a little Irish republic on American soil, and should persist in coercing the loyal population to join them in their rebellion, what would the United States say to any encouragement given in the British Parliament to such a movement?" The cases are not exactly parallel, but they have a great principle in common. Ireland is as much a part of the British Empire as the State of New York is of the American Republic, and what right has any other nation to aid a movement designed to break off relations which have existed for centuries. The Sinn Feiners are not content with demanding independence for the South and less prosperous part of Ireland; they want to bring the loyal and prosperous North under their rule. If Irishmen would agree among themselves upon any scheme of Home Rule, Great Britain would only too gladly accede to their request. Aren't we all, Radical and Tory alike, heartily sick of the seemingly everlasting Irish question, and would we not welcome almost any solution if it would only leave us in peace? The British Parliament, a congress of Irish parties, and ardent Home Rulers of all types, have struggled in vain with the problem. It is not a question of majority and minority, but of section against section. And if North and South Ireland cannot agree upon unity with local autonomy, how much less could they live in political harmony as one independent nation? Anyhow, it is very unlikely that any political party in this country will waste the time of Parliament hammering out a new Home Rule Bill that is sure to be rejected by Irishmen. There will always be an Irish question so long as Irishmen demand what no British Parliament can grant. Mr Macpherson can no more satisfy Irishmen than Mr Balfour could, and no one can accuse Mr Macpherson of not being sympathetic towards all downtrodden peoples, whether they be Irishmen or Highlandmen. In fact, the British electors are beginning to suspect that the "downtrodden" Irishman is a bit of a fraud. With his whining, he has got more money out of the British exchequer in a year than we poor Highlanders have got in a century. Our enemies, if we have any, will admit that we can fight, but our best friends must confess that we cannot beg like Irishmen.

OUR NEW EDUCATIONISTS.

A LIVELY BAPTISM.

DR MACKAY AND MR JOSEPH MACLEOD.

FREE CHURCHMEN'S PROTEST.

When the members of the new Education Authority for Inverness-shire met within the County Council Hall, Inverness, at 4.30 on Thursday afternoon there was little evidence that the baptism of the Munro infant prodigy would be accompanied by a display of fireworks. And yet so it was. Perhaps the presence of so many black-coated gentlemen belonging to the various religious persuasions dispelled the notion that the inauguration of the new Highland Parliament would be associated with a little heat. In these as in other matters there is stern battle behind the smiling countenance, and the voice charming.

Mr Duncan Shaw, W.S., inaugurated the day's proceedings by calling the roll. It was observed that there was not a full auditorium—to be precise the number present was 34—and the clerical element was considerable.

Some interesting information followed. "Very bad weather prevailed on the West Coast on the day of the election," explained Mr Shaw. "It prevented several voters from going to the poll. The islands of Rum and Canna were cut away and the electors in these islands were consequently unable to vote. There were one or two difficulties in connection with the voters' roll, but that arose through the hasty manner in which the roll was prepared. I purpose seeing the Registration Officer so that the roll for autumn may have the necessary corrections."

LETTER FROM DEFEATED CANDIDATE.

A surprise was thereafter in store for the members. Mr Shaw lost no time in acquainting the new Education Authority with the complaint of Mr E. G. Critchley, solicitor, Inverness, one of the defeated candidates in the Inverness Burgh Division. Mr Critchley stated that he had written the Secretary of the Education Department pointing out that in the Burgh election there were 19 spoilt papers returned by the presiding Officer and which had been omitted to be stamped. Mr Critchley therefore challenged the validity of the election and asked that these papers be counted. In support of this plea he cited the case of Sir John A. Devar (the now Lord Forteviot) the alleged irregularity having taken place in the Burgh of Inverness. The Returning Officer refused to let these spoilt papers be counted, but on the intervention of Mr Joseph Macleod (Sir John's political agent) they were eventually counted.

In his reply Mr Shaw said that the number of spoilt papers were 12 and not 19 as stated by Mr Critchley. No objection was taken by Mr Critchley at the time, and he (Mr Shaw) could not therefore accede to the request that these 12 papers be counted. Curiously enough the incident closed without comment on the part of any of the members.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

Then came the battle for the Pontificate of the new educational hierarchy. For this high post only two candidates were nominated, viz. Dr Wm. Mackay, solicitor, Inverness, and Professor John Macleod, Free North Church, Inverness.

Ex-Provost Birnie moved the former and a seconder was found in the person of Mr Lachlan Mackintosh, Kingussie, a veteran educationist, perhaps the "father" of the recently defunct County Education Committee since the death of Dr Mackenzie, Kingussie.

The motion for the appointment of Professor John Macleod was moved by a Free Church cleric—Rev. Roderick MacCowan, Kiltarity, who was heard but imperfectly. His seconder was also a member of the same religious denomination, Rev. Mr MacDuggall, Fort-Augustus.

The voting was as follows:—Macleod—8. Mackay—26. Dr Mackay therefore stepped up to the throne which has been so long used by the seat of authority by the Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire. A short speech, thanking the Education Authority for the honour conferred upon him followed, after which the Chairman proceeded to call for nominations in connection with the Vice Chairmanship, to which Mr Macniven, Fort-William, was elected.

TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY.

There followed one of the most unusual incidents of recent times. It all arose on a suggestion by Mr Joseph Macleod, Inverness. "I think, Mr Chairman," he said, "that it would be fitting at this stage if we were to open the proceedings with prayer. Especially is this so considering that we are taking upon ourselves most responsible duties. We have always done this in Inverness Burgh School Board, and I hope it may become one of the Standing Orders of this new Education Authority."

The Chairman—You apparently forget that we are pretty well advanced in the proceedings, Mr Macleod.

Mr Macleod—The meeting was not constituted until a Chairman was elected.

Rev. Fr. Mackintosh, S. Oist—I move that there be no public prayer.

The Chairman—Each man should pray for himself.

should have no public prayer. Each man should pray in his own heart.

Rev. Mr McCowan—Did I understand Mr Joseph Macleod to mean that at all meetings of the Authority in future we should have prayers or does his remarks only apply to this meeting?

Mr Macleod—I was referring to this meeting, but I hope it may become one of the Standing Orders.

Ex-Provost Birnie—It is unfortunate that at this stage of the proceedings the matter should be raised at all. I have no doubt that it will come up when the Standing Orders are to be framed. It is quite out of order to raise the question at this stage. I move that we proceed with the business of the meeting.

Mr A. A. Chisholm—On a point of order, Mr Chairman, I consider this a frivolous interference and an attempt at self-advertisement in the midst of a public meeting.

The Chairman—You all know my views on prayer, gentlemen, from an hour and a half to an hour and a half. We are already well on with the business before us, and it quite open for Mr Macleod or anybody else to raise this question when we are dealing with the constitution of the Standing Orders.

Mr Macleod—Vote! Vote!

Mr Macleod—I rule your motion out of order—(applause).

Mr Macleod—I move that you take the feeling of the meeting.

The Chairman—I am not going to take the feeling of the meeting on a motion which is out of order—(applause).

Professor Macleod—I trust that you take the sentiments of the Authority as to whether the motion is out of order or not—"Hear, hear" and "No".

The Chairman—I am sorry, but I am going to adhere to my decision.

The Chairman's firm attitude prevented any further discussion although it was observed that all the Free Church members and two or three laymen rose en masse as a protest.

THE OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTIES.

WHOLE TIMERS—SALARIES—THE GAELIC.

Taking up the remit made to them at the meeting on Thursday of the Education Authority for the County of Inverness, the Chairman's Committee assembled on Friday.

Dr Wm. Mackay in the chair—in order to dispose of important business relating to the appointment, duties and emoluments of officials.

The Chairman—We are met this morning to consider the question as to the appointment of an Executive Officer and the further question as to whether the Executive Officer should be principal clerk to the Authority. Our remit also embraces the appointment of a clerk and treasurer, and generally the duties and emoluments of both officials. The general idea seems to be that the Executive Officer should also be the principal clerk and that he should have the assistance of a deputy clerk—a man of experience who would be able to attend to the clerk's duties during his absence. It would also be necessary to have clerical assistance. It has been suggested that the deputy clerk should also be clerk to the treasurer, so as to make the joint office important enough to ensure the services of a really capable man.

Ex-Provost Birnie—I think what we ought to do at this stage is to decide whether these officials should be whole time men or not. There can be no question as to that.

Mr Colin Young, Fort-William—Especially in the case of the Executive Officer.

Ex-Provost Birnie—In both cases I should say. The Clerk should be a whole time official.

The Chairman—And in the case of the treasurer, also. He will have very onerous duties. Even in connection with the Burgh of Inverness his duties will be very important. For example, there is the Mackintosh Farr Fund and various endowments—the looking after of certain properties and the collection of school fees—are all serious matters.

Mr Lachlan Mackintosh, Kingussie—Do I understand that the Executive Officer should be clerk and treasurer, also?

The Chairman—No! The suggestion is that the Executive Officer should be the principal clerk and that he should have the services of a deputy. The duties of the Executive Officer would naturally take him a good deal away. The Executive Officer should be a whole time man.

Mr Lachlan Mackintosh—I think the treasurer should be a whole time official, also.

The Chairman—Yes.

Ex-Provost Birnie—If you combine the clerk and treasurer it would make a very important office.

Professor Macleod—That means that the clerk and treasurer will subordinate himself to the Executive Officer?

The Chairman—I think it is necessary. We must have a chief officer of some kind. One must be there to guide. The Executive Officer to be a person of wide educational experience with organising capacity, and to be responsible to the Authority for the smooth and efficient working of the whole machinery which the Authority controls, the supplying of expert advice upon all technical questions which may arise, reports as to the state of all buildings taken over by the Authority, and the supervision, as far as his other duties will permit, of the routine work of the ordinary office staff, including finance, as recommended by the Scottish Education Department in their circular No. 1.

It was further resolved to recommend that each officer devote his whole time to the duties of his office, and that it should be a condition of the Executive Officer that he be Gaelic-speaking.

With reference to the staffing of the clerk and treasurer's department, it was resolved to recommend that the selection of the necessary staff should be made by the clerk, subject to the approval of the Authority; that the Executive Officer should have made available to him at any time when required the services of a member of the staff, and that suitable offices be taken to include a separate room for the Executive Officer.

With regard to salaries, it was resolved to recommend for the Executive Officer a salary of £600 per annum, rising to £800 by an increment of £200 for each of the first two years, and an annual increment of £25 thereafter, plus travelling expenses on a scale to be hereafter fixed. Mr Chisholm dissented, his view being that the commencing salary should be £700 per annum. It was further resolved to recommend for the Clerk and Treasurer a salary of £500 per annum for the joint office, rising to £650 by an annual increment of £25.

It was agreed to leave the question of advertising these posts to be dealt with by the Authority.

MOTHERS' WELCOME.—The Hon. Secretary, Mrs S. G. Alexander, acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of £1 from Mrs Gillies, Address Street.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

YANKEE DOODLE!

BLOODY FRIDAY.

Inverness had its bloody Friday, and the female Judases of this community will ask themselves: "What is the measure of our responsibility?"

WHY?

The answer is writ on the faces of the local female Judases who have pandered to the Americans as if they were the gods beloved.

OUR BOYS TOO MANY.

Many of our town lads—men who have been recently demobilised—took part in Friday's "drive."

IN GOOD COMPANY.

I know I shall be accused of prejudice in writing the foregoing, but the people who argue thus are—yes, who are they? A mob of loud-voiced females who have kicked over the household tables in order to sample the joys of paradise for boxes of chocolates—a division of over-dressed street walkers who have made their pile—an army of schoolgirls who are in revolt against respectability.

NOTHING DOING!

Beyond Tomnahurich Bridge the old gentlemen were discussing the battle of the Exchange and subsequent events.

ANGO.

I am looking forward with a child's delight, on the promise of toys, to next Tuesday evening, when our well-known Italian friend and citizen, Mr. Angelo Morganti, is to be publicly entertained, on the occasion of his return to the land of his fathers.

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way in which they have made their premises fit places for ducks and quill-drivers—for all classes in the community.

A MEMORY.

I have spoken of Ango as a host, and in this connection there comes to my vision the Armistice Night which he so very kindly arranged for a few intimate friends.

THE SILVER LINING.

Oh to be in Egypt Now that winter's here. That, I venture to say, sums up the mental attitude of the generality of people towards that most fantastic of all persons—The Scribe Unto Greenwich Observatory—whose most recent gymnastic display confirms all the bad opinions we ever held regarding him.

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ANOTHER SUNDAY CONCERT.

A somewhat vague application by the organiser of the Inverness and District Comrades of the Great War Association for permission to hold a sacred concert in aid of that body came before Inverness Magistrates on Tuesday.

Ladies! WOOD'S CHALLENGE REMEDY is guaranteed under the sum of £100 to cure when others fail.

CAMERON COMFORTS COMMITTEE.

GRATEFUL THANKS FOR GIFTS.

Mr. Andrew Paterson, hon. secretary of the Cameron Comforts Fund, who for almost five years has worked strenuously to supply much-needed comforts and little luxuries for our own boys, has a consignment under way for despatch, and during the last six months has sent the following to various battalions overseas:—10,832 single articles of clothing, such as hosetops, socks, shirts, helmets, singlets, towels, etc.; 4800 sheets writing paper, 1920 envelopes, 96 pencils, 4500 Pinaka blocks, 144 tins Brasso, 834 cakes soap, 22 footballs, 22 spare bladders, 8 sets boxing gloves, 24 tennis balls, 50 packs playing card, 18 sets ludo, 12 games draughts, 4 games chess, 22 sets dominoes, 12 pairs quoits, 9000 cigarettes, 17 1/2 lbs. togie roll, 1 tin Lovat mixture.

The following letters have been received in acknowledgment of comforts sent by Mr. Paterson:— "I have again the pleasant duty of thanking you on behalf of all ranks of the 2nd Battalion for a consignment of comforts.

"I am very diffident in approaching you once more to ask you to be good enough to put this my request, before your Committee for a few comforts to be sent to me which I could give out to Cameron Highlanders who are serving under my command. Ever since the formation of this Corps I have put in frequent applications for comforts and up to the present have never received a single article. This proves what I have already said to you, that local organisations reach the men concerned far better than central organisations can, and I would again congratulate you and your Committee on the success of your endeavours to provide the necessary supply of comforts to the troops."

"On the 14th of this month the following goods arrived in the Battalion from the Cameron Comforts Fund:—60 Balaclava caps, 323 pairs socks, 54 shirts, 311 pairs hosetops, 8 pairs mitts, 10 mufflers, 3 packs cards, 53 cakes of soap, 592 writing pads. I need hardly say how much all of the above are appreciated by all ranks, and how grateful we are for the untiring good work which the Cameron Comforts Fund is doing for the regiment. Our life out here would be a very much more uncomfortable one if it were not for your Committee."

"I have again to convey the thanks of all ranks of this Battalion for the generous gift from the Cameron Comforts Fund of 216 pairs of socks, 20 pairs hosetops, 2 foot balls, 2 spare bladders, and 75 pairs Harris wool socks. Will you please pass on our thanks to all donors? I have noted the request for the men of the Western Isles, and so far as this is possible, will see that it is complied with."

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of comforts—three bales for the 6th Battalion and two bales for the 7th Battalion—and in the name of the men of the Battalion to thank the subscribers for kindness shown. I can assure you the comforts are greatly appreciated."

"Ever so many thanks for your kind letter of the 30th. We are greatly indebted to you and your Committee for what you are doing for us, and can assure you that your action is greatly appreciated by all ranks of the 7th here. The Caledonian Society held their sports last Saturday, and I'm afraid the weather marred the success of the day's outing. Those who did attend were drenched to the skin. It was a great pity, as everyone looked forward to the Scots' Day. Needless to say, the kilt was very much in evidence. We are all well, and most of us are passing away the time in study. The Red Cross offers very good facilities for study, and am pleased to say these classes are well attended. Your consignment of 150 pairs of hosetops will come in very opportunely. It is good of your Committee to think of us continually."

"I must apologise for not informing you sooner that I duly received the football outfits. The gift is no less appreciated, and I have to thank you on behalf of the troops for same. I can assure you that you will encourage the team to make the game more pleasant. Please convey the thanks of the team to the Cameron Comforts Fund."

"Many thanks for your letter advising us of another consignment of hosetops. The last consignment arrived safely."

"I write to acknowledge receipt of 150 pairs hosetops, 8 pairs socks, 2 complete footballs, and 2 spare bladders. Please convey the sincere thanks of the Battalion to the Committee for their continued generous gifts. You were always so good to the 2nd when I was commanding them as well."

"We received the two parcels safely, and each of the six Cameron's attached to this unit (an English Field Ambulance) had 1 shirt, 2 pairs socks, 1 cake of soap. The cards and dominoes will enjoy. I can assure you we are very thankful to you for your kindness, as these articles are of the utmost value to us. I have already got a pair of the socks on, and feel fit to march anywhere. They are a fine change to some of the socks we get out here. I am a Cameron of 25 years' service, and have done a bit of marching in my time. Convey our thanks to all connected with the Cameron Comforts Fund."

"Please express to your Committee our deep sense of our appreciation for their goodness in deciding to supply us with smokes, respectively, and the quantity you send us will be most grateful, as the smokes here are anything but sweet to the palate, and the price charged is out of all reason."

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EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITY.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Now that the Educational Authority is about to take over the training of the future generations, arranging their lives, and making them capable of dealing with all the phases of their existence, it occurs to me that such a job is too much for them, unless assisted by ideas and suggestions of everyone of us.

We cannot, of course, go to the meeting and take part in the discussions, but it may be that you will open your columns to "man and woman in the street" to ventilate such ideas, on training the boys and girls, as may occur to them. I notice from remarks made now and again that a genuine effort is to be made to educate the girls for their station in life as wives and mothers. We sympathise with the girls, as I contemplate their being taken from their homes and their youthful minds directed to the work awaiting them as wives and mothers, and their heads stuffed with ideas as to how they are to comport themselves in that capacity. But the powers that be have decreed it so, and the busybodies are bestirring themselves in order to see that no part of the infliction is allowed to go by default. I have been thinking the matter over, and now present the Educational Authority with two suggestions on the important subject of housewifery instruction for our schoolgirls. I do so because, it is just possible that the aspects I touch on may be overlooked.

First, then, I would remark that what would be otherwise a happy home has been rendered miserable because the girl-wife cannot bear tobacco smoke. At first, the man does not think much about it, but after a time it annoys him when he has to go outside, perhaps on a cold or rainy night, in order to enjoy a few whiffs of his pipe before he slips off to bed. Now, this is not as it should be, and one of the necessities in a housewife is that she be able to humour her husband in this, that she not only allow but enjoy tobacco smoke in the atmosphere of the home. The Educational Authority cannot overlook this, and my suggestion is that while the girls are at their housewifery lesson, the boys will be in the class-room whiffing away at cigarettes, supplying the tobacco atmosphere necessary for the occasion. I once thought that alppers might be supplied, and the girls shown how to have them heated and ready for their husbands coming home from the daily toil, but this can be considered later, the idea being to get a beginning made, the rest to follow as the teachers gain experience in inculcating sound ideas.

Secondly, I observe also that the girls are to be taught the management of infants; in fact, it has been suggested that babies be taken to the class-room, and the girls shown how to unrobe, bath, and re-robe them. This is all right so far as it goes, but it must be remembered that babies have an awkward habit of growing up, and our girls, in order that they be fully equipped for their work as mothers, must be taught how to deal with their children right through the years. I pass over the period intervening between babyhood and that interesting time when a notion of a home of their own stirs their souls, and direct attention to this latter period. Now, many a mother has made a mistake, when some love-sick swain has been brought to the close room, to dance in a little love-making, and instruct the girls in the diplomacy required of the mother. It is just possible that the teachers themselves may require a little instruction as to how they are to play their part, but I have no doubt that the grave and reverend seigneurs of the Educational Authority will be able to show them how to squeeze with decorum.

These are two suggestions I venture to throw out in the hope that others may take up the men, and give the benefit of their ideas to the Authority and the teachers, the parents, of course, being a back number, and not worth a thought. PIATO.

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PORTREE—SMART SENTENCE.—In the Portree Sheriff Court, on Thursday of last week, before Hon. Sheriff Substitute Gillanders, George Angus Macleod, labourer, Balmeanach, Braes, pled guilty to two charges of theft by house-breaking and one of theft, and was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment without the option of a fine.

PORTREE—ASSAULT.—Before Hon. Sheriff Substitute Gillanders, in the Portree Sheriff Court on Tuesday, two tinnits, giving the names of William Macphoe and John Macneil, were charged with assault and breach of the peace. Both pled guilty, and sentences of 10s and 30s respectively were imposed.

PORTREE—ON LEAVE.—Lance-Corpl. Alex. Mackinnon, Cameron, son of Mrs R. Mackinnon, Somersdale square, arrived home last week on leave.

PORTREE—DEMOBILISED.—We welcome home this week Lance-Corpl. Wm. Stewart, Cameron, who has been demobilised. Prior to joining the Colours, Corpl. Stewart assisted his father, Mr Donald Stewart, merchant, in his business, and friends and acquaintances will meet with pleasure Willie's return to civil duties behind the counter. He looks well after his spell of Army life. Lance-Corpl. Alex. Nicolson, Cameron, and Seaman Norman Macleod, R.N.R., have also arrived home demobilised. The former has been on service since the outbreak of war, and was a member of the original 4th.

PORTREE—OBITUARY.—We regret to record the death of Mr Finlay Fraser, fisherman, which occurred at his residence at Fisherfield, Portree, on Sunday, April 28, after a short illness. Deceased had been in his usual health up to within a few weeks ago, when he contracted pneumonia, to which he succumbed. He was well and favourably known throughout the district. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives. The funeral took place on Thursday to the Portree Cemetery.

PORTREE—FOR THE BOYS.—It is hoped that the postponed concert, to provide funds for an entertainment for the returned sailors and soldiers, will be held in the Sky-Gathering Hall in a week or two. It need only be added that the program, which has already been detailed at some length in these columns, and is of a highly entertaining order, stands as it did when the entertainment had to be postponed owing to an outbreak of influenza in the village in January last. Age will but have added to its flavour, so that readers should make a point of not missing this first-class performance. A better house is expected, and the object is worthy of the whole-hearted support of the public. We hope to give fuller details at an early date.

PORTREE—SHINY.—To one-time wielders of the shinty, it will be of interest to learn that the "click" of the good old caman could be heard coming from the Public Park on Saturday afternoon. With so many of the old players returning to the village, it would be no surprise if a move is now made to re-organise the erstwhile Skye Caman Club. Memory can carry us back to days when the Skye boys gave quite a good account of themselves on the shinty field, and no doubt they can do the same again.

PORTREE—A WINTERY SNAP.—In common with other parts of the country, Skye is experiencing a particularly cold spell of weather, which is proving a serious set back to spring work. During the week end there was a heavy fall of snow, and with the lambing season in full swing, many deaths have occurred among young lambs. It is feared that on the higher grounds and more exposed places, the mortality will be heavy, as owing to the severe winter sheep stock are in poor condition. Fortunately, the snow has disappeared, but the weather still continues cold and wintry like.

PORTREE—FOOTBALL.—In a friendly game of football, played in the Public Park on Thursday of last week, the Schoolboys beat the town team by the odd goal in seven. Playing with a bright sun and a nice breeze in their favour, the school team opened strongly, and were early on the offensive. For the lead, the townies being at a disadvantage with two men short during the first thirty minutes. Of this opportunity the Schoolboys took full advantage, and added another 3. Crossing over with a leeway of four goals to make up, it looked as if the school were to have a walk over, but playing a full team, the local club now showed a better advantage, and were early on the offensive. For fully thirty minutes it looked as if their opponents were determined to hang on to their lead, but with only fifteen minutes to go the Townies at last found the net, and having found it, they kept the mark, netting three times in quick succession. The final blast of the whistle found them going all out for the equaliser. A division of the points would have been a true indication of the run of play. The Schoolboys' "blocking" tactics in the latter stages of the game undoubtedly saved them the day, while on the other hand we have seen both teams play a lot better.

STAFFIN SOLDIER HONOURED

It occurred to a number of friends and admirers of Sergt. P. Farquharson, Scottish Horse, attached Black Watch, son of Mr Farquharson, gamekeeper, Staffin, that the signal honour which he brought to the district should not pass unnoticed, and on Monday evening he was treated to a banquet at the Lodge. Dr Mackinnon presided, and in humorous and excellent speech referred to the popularity of Sergt. Farquharson, and how much the coveted distinction which he had won by his conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the battlefield in France, was appreciated. Dr Mackinnon, then called upon Mr Ferguson, schoolmaster, who in handing to Sergeant Farquharson a wallet of Treasury notes, on behalf of the subscribers, congratulated him on the distinction he had won, and also Mr and Mrs Farquharson on the honourable conduct of their son. He then referred to Sergeant Farquharson's military service, in Gallipoli, where he was wounded; in Egypt, in Salonica, and latterly in France, where, in the continuous hard fighting before the Armistice was signed, he also referred to the debt we owe to the returned heroes, and to those who will never return. He pictured the fate of Britain if the decision had been the other way. Sergt. Farquharson, in replying, thanked the subscribers for the kindness shown to him.

After partaking of a sumptuous repast, prepared by the genial hostess, Mrs Farquharson, the rest of the evening was passed very pleasantly with songs and music. Dr Mackinnon, in calling for cheers for Sergt. Farquharson, also proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee—Pte. Ronald Macdonald, Pte. Alex. Macdonald, and Mr Wm. Macdonald. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks being given to the Chairman.

SKYE TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

MEETING AT STAFFIN.

For a considerable time the inhabitants of the east side of Skye have been put to considerable inconvenience on account of the difficulties of transport both by sea and land. The district is largely populated, and lies along a very exposed coast. As a result the steamers have not been calling regularly for the past year or two, and great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining supplies of food for man and beast, as well as supplies of fuel. Although the last time a steamer had been seen in the bay, the boats are still carried south by pig. It is understood that some time ago the Skye representatives on the Highlands Reconstruction Committee have been putting forward a scheme for light railways in Skye, with a view to helping the transport of goods, such as the steam district, and in order to develop trade between the islands and the mainland. The East Side district have also not been behind in their efforts to secure improved facilities. A large and representative meeting of the whole district was held a few weeks ago in the Steam School to consider the position. Mr Roderick Mackenzie, Malgair, was in the chair. The matter was fully discussed in all its aspects, when the meeting unanimously passed the following resolution:

This meeting, representing a district with a population of over a thousand, and having in view the schemes which the Government are preparing for the improvement of transport in the country, resolve to urge before the Ministry of Ways and Communications the urgent need of improving the means of communication to and from this large district in Skye. They point out:—(1) the dependence of this part of the island on the markets of the mainland both for receiving therefrom such necessities as food stuffs, seeds, manures, implements, etc., and for despatching thereto such products as cattle, sheep, wool, eggs, shell and other fish; (2) the delay, inconvenience and expense caused by the present lack of suitable land and sea transport; and (3) the financial loss entailed in being compelled to sell their products to local dealers at greatly reduced prices. They urge upon the Government the necessity of improving this state of matters, and they are unanimously of opinion that the best way of doing so would be to construct a light railway through Skye, and that such railway should approach this district by the route along the east side of the Island.

The meeting instructed that this resolution should be sent to the Secretary for Scotland, T. B. Morison, Esq., K.C., M.P., Solicitor-General for Scotland; the Rural Transport Committee, and to the Highlands Reconstruction Committee through Mr Fraser, solicitor, Portree, who is the representative for Skye on the Transport Sub-committee of this latter body. It is understood that Mr Fraser has, at the request of the meeting, forwarded the resolution to the authorities named, with the strong recommendation for a favourable consideration of the proposals made, and doubtless Skye members of the Reconstruction Committee will press the matter. It is felt that all the difficulties of communication and transport can only be overcome by a system of light railways which would bring the outlying parts of the island into direct touch and communication with the South. Full advantage could then be taken of the fishing banks and the rich harvest they provide, as well as the other products already named, not only to the great advantage of local inhabitants, but to that of the country generally, by increasing fresh fish and other food supplies.

A HIGHLAND WELCOME HOME

TO UIG LADS.

A committee of ladies in the district made arrangements to extend a true Highland welcome to the soldiers and sailors who recently returned home from various theatres of war. The proceedings took the form of a concert and tea. A large gathering assembled in Uig Public School on the 18th ult. to participate in the entertainment.

Mr Grant Macdonald, who presided, delivered a most effective opening address, alluding to the grand traditions of the British Army and Navy, who have added additional lustre to their glorious name in this great war. A large and interesting program was gone through, consisting of songs (English and Gaelic), recitations, dialogues, a sketch, and instrumental music. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the program:—Annie Graham, Idrigill; Peggy Anderson; Glenconor; Grace Ferguson; Uig; Annie Mackenzie; do.; Dugald Maclean, Earlish; Don Buchanan, Idrigill; John A. Graham, do.; William J. Macdonald, do.; John Campbell (our local bard); Alex. Macinnes; Glenconor; Alex. Sybald, do.; Donald Kingdon; Glenconor; do.; and Dr Macdonald, Uig. Messrs John Graham and Murdoch Mackenzie, two local gentlemen, supplied instrumental music.

A very pleasing item was a humorous Gaelic sketch, in which the characters were dressed in funny costumes. The performance was keenly followed by the audience, who repeatedly broke out into roars of laughter. A dialogue and a combat by two school children were greatly appreciated. Tea, with other good things, followed. Mr Macdonald, Schoolhouse, addressed the soldiers and sailors, and congratulated them on the noble part they played in crumbling to the dust the Prussian War god. He moved votes of thanks to the Chairman and to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

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The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to an end. The following helped financially:—Mrs McCreedy, Eyre Lodge, 42; Mrs Ferguson, Cuidrach, 41; Hon. Mr Kitson, Portree, 10s; Mrs Grant Macdonald, Uig, 10s; Mr Ross, Rha, do., 10s; Mrs MacCrum, do., 10s; Nurse O'Brien, do., 10s; Mr Macdonald, Schoolhouse, 7s 6d; Mrs A. Nicolson, Woodside, 2s 6d; Miss A. Ross, Rha, 5s; Miss M. Macleod, E.C., Idrigill, 5s; Miss Urquhart, Uig, 4s; Mrs Macneil Primrose, 5s; Mr D. Macdonald, South Coull, 4s; Miss K. Maclean, Bensonaig, 2s; Miss Peezie Beaton, 5s; Mr Clow, Kingsburgh, 5s; Miss Betty Farquharson, 5s; Mr Mackinnon, Hotel 6s 6d; Mr Ross, Tower, 5s; Mr D. Fletcher, Shadr, 5s 6d; Mr J. Macdonald, S. Coull, 2s; Mrs Milne, Idrigill, 5s; Miss A. Macdonald, Woodbine, 5s; Miss Janet Mackinnon, 2s; Miss P. Mackinnon, 2s; Mr K. El-teher, Shadr, 2s 6d; Mr J. Campbell, Rha, 2s 6d; Mrs Macmillan, Uig, 2s 6d; Mr Ross, mail driver, 4s.

WHY NOT?

(TO THE EDITOR).

Sir,—We in this important little Island of Mist are truly a long-suffering people. During hostilities we made as little complaint as possible regarding the erratic manner in which we were supplied with necessities from the outside world, but now that the incubus of war has been lifted we surely deserve a little more attention in respect of more frequent communication with the mainland than we are getting. The much-abused but invaluable little Sheila is at present under much-needed repair, and the Gael is running the Portree, Stornoway and Kyle of Lochalsh service three days a week, a patrol boat serving Stornoway with mails on alternate days. So far, good. But as the patrol boat lies up at Kyle of Lochalsh on the intervening days, many of us think she might be utilised for Skye accommodation instead of lying idle at Kyle, and so bring us into more frequent touch with our brethren of mankind. In view of what Skye and Skymen—yes, and Skye women, too—have done during the last years, we deserve some consideration from the powers that be.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., SKYE PILOT.

Portree, 29th April, 1919.

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' WAGES.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—As I fail to observe in answer to my query of last week the benefits given by farmers to their workmen, I will be obliged to you if you would state clearly what these said benefits are. You also say in your note that if we will try to get bigger wages from the farmers they will have to give up their farms. Poor, down-trodden farmer. We will be exceedingly sorry for him when he retires. But there is one consolation to him; he will have his pockets well lined with war profits, which he made when his workmen were very much underpaid. Now, when the farm workers want a decent living wage according to the prices they have to pay for the smallest commodities they buy, they growl and grumble and say—"We will have to give up farming." An' now, when they can't get men to work for the wage they offer, they think they will force demobilised soldiers who have been farm workers to work to them whether they want or not, after they went first to fight the battles of their country for a meagre shilling a day, to save the farmers' skins.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., D. MACKAY.

Leanaig, Conon-Bridge.

[Our correspondent is wasting his sarcasm on the "the poor, down-trodden farmer." Falling prices and increasing wages have already caused land to go out of cultivation, and so long as the same conditions exist they will do so again. The chief amongst the conditions to which we refer is the land's right to withhold land from use if he doesn't get the rent he wants. When our correspondent and his friends commence to demand their just right of access to the land, we shall have some hope for their future. Until then we fear their case is hopeless, and as we have already pointed out, they will suffer. If he will refer to our issue of a few weeks ago he will find his query answered.—Ed.]

TOWN COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

OFFICIALS' SALARIES.

THE TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT. Meetings in connection with Inverness Town Council were held on Monday afternoon.

The Parks and Cemeteries Committee considered three applications for the use of the Bandstand in the Ness Islands for entertainments during the summer. The applicants were Mr Joe Raymond, London; Messrs Miller and MacBryde, Glasgow, and Mr E. Graham Falcon.

Provost Macdonald—I don't think the Town Council should go into this scheme, either by themselves directly, or in co-operation. The officers might be written to inquiring what rent they are prepared to give.

Baillie Mackay—Yes, I think that is all we can do to-day.

OFFICIALS' SALARIES.

At a meeting of the Special Salaries' Committee, Provost Macdonald in the chair—a lengthy discussion took place apropos the salaries at present being paid in the Town Clerk's and Town Chamberlain's Departments.

The Convener—You will remember that a meeting was recently held in Inverness of officials belonging to Local Government departments, and they proposed to form a Trade Union.—(laughter).

Baillie Mackay (ocularly)—Don't call it that, they may object.—(laughter).

The Chairman—You can call it anything you like. At any rate they met together to form an association in their own interests. From that Association there has come a circular with reference to the salaries of two officials already referred to, but I think it is a circular which represents more the point of view of the workers.

Baillie Macallan—Does the Committee of Production come in here?—(laughter). We have no 12½ per cent. allowance here—(renewed laughter).

The Convener—Oh no. Our Town Clerk's salary is £795 per annum; he is a part-time official. Of that sum, he pays £185 to his Depute.

Mr Depute, Fraser—Are the other members of the staff employed by the Town Clerk or by the Town Council?

The Convener—Some of them.

Baillie W. G. Mackay—It seems to me that from the comparative list submitted, taking the ratio of population of this burgh, it stands very high in the payment to its Town Clerk. I am speaking on the basis of population.

The Convener—Stirling is about as near a comparison with Inverness as you can get, and the salary there is £1285; but then, the Town Clerk is a whole-time official.

Baillie Mackay—When our Town Clerk was appointed law agent, he stated that he was to allocate the salary between his staff.

The Convener—That has been done. What we have got to consider is—Is £795 sufficient for a part-time official? You all know that Mr Laing does a great deal of work.

A Member inquired as to who got the fees for being clerk to the Tribunal under the Military Service Act?

Baillie Petrie—Mr Laing did the work.

After further talk, it was moved by Baillie Petrie, and seconded by Mr Rod. Fraser, that an additional sum of £265 be earmarked for the Depute Town Clerk.

Baillie Macallan—I move the previous question.

The Convener—I am sorry we cannot be unanimous.

Baillie Macallan—I cannot see daylight through your proposal at all.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TOWN CLERK'S STAFF?

The Convener—Make the sum to be earmarked £100—£65 for the Depute, and the other £35 to be shared amongst the rest of the staff.

Baillie Macallan—There's charity for you now.

The Convener—We had better let the first decision stand.—(Agreed).

In connection with the salaries of the Town Chamberlain's department, it was resolved to postpone consideration of the question pending the submission of certain information as to the length of service, etc.

BEAULY AND THE AIR NEWS.

STRATHGLASS—PASSED AWAY.—The death of Miss Fraser, Knocknashalvaig, last Wednesday, after a long illness, is much regretted in the locality. Her funeral took place on Saturday to Beaully Priory, Father Geddes conducting the services.

SCARCITY OF HOUSES.—Lord Lovat presided over a public meeting held in the Phipps' Hall in order to consider the question of the unsatisfactory state of housing in Beaully. The Chairman said he would be glad to enter into any scheme agreed upon, and would be willing to help in any way, and grant fees on the most reasonable terms possible. Medical men made alarming statements as to the detrimental effect the scarcity of housing accommodation was having on the health of the villagers. A committee embracing all classes was thereafter appointed as follows:—Owners—Messrs Jas. Maclean and Finlay Urquhart. Tenants—Messrs George Galloway and James A. Campbell. Ladies—Miss Maclean, Heathmount, and Miss McGrath, Post Office. Labour—Messrs J. Sutherland and Alexander Fraser. Public Health—Doctors Macdonald and MacLachlan. Administrative—Dr Leach and Mr J. T. Garrioch. Building—Messrs K. Robertson and M. Macrae. Clergy—Rev. E. A. Rankin and Canon Stuart. Lord Lovat was elected convener, and Mr Garrioch vice-convener.

BINGWALL NEWS.

WHO SAID SPRING?—When Dingwallians opened their eyes to the light of Sabbath morning they were met by a state of weather which, fortunately, is almost unprecedented even in these Northern latitudes for the closing days of April. The earth was wrapped in a beautiful mantle of virgin white snow, five or six inches in depth, which here and there had drifted to the depth of two or three feet, and outlined every object as with fairy fingers. Sunday continued cold and miserably wintry, and one was astonished to find that, with it all, by night the snow had pretty well vanished. In the country districts, and on the high grounds, a much more severe state of matters prevailed, and reports from sheep farms tend to show that sheep and lambing stock have suffered considerably from the inopportune and unlooked-for storm.

BLACK ISLE NEWS.

PORTROSS—ROUGH WEATHER.—Winter lingering, chills the lay of May. The weather experienced in this district over the week-end was more appropriate to the festive season than to the showery month. Following a bitterly cold day on Saturday, a blustering gale of North-Easterly wind set in on Sunday morning, accompanied by blinding showers of snow, which, by noon, lay to a depth of several inches. In the more exposed places, considerable drifting occurred, and several roads were blocked to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. On the whole, ewes and lambs weathered the blizzard extremely well, no serious loss being reported.

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NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION OF SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the Central Executive Committee was held in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh, on Tuesday last—Mr James Gardner in the chair, supported by Mr James Gardiner, M.P., hon. president, Messrs Phipps O. Turnoull, R. Macdiarmid, and D. A. Spence, vice-presidents. PRICES FOR CEREALS, 1919.

Various resolutions from branches were submitted, and discussion followed. Ultimately, on the motion of Mr A. Batchelor, seconded by Mr James Gardiner, M.P., the meeting resolved:—"That in view of the fact that the announcement of the Board of Agriculture issued on 1st April, 1919, does not carry out the terms of the Government guarantee in regard to oats, the Committee call upon the Board of Agriculture to amend their proposals so as to implement the guarantee by providing that it shall apply to the portion of the entire produce of oats 'normally sold.' It was decided to make representations in accordance with the resolution to the Prime Minister, the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary for Scotland, and the Board of Agriculture for Scotland.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE. Mr McGee reported the proceedings of the second National Industrial Conference, and emphasised the importance of agricultural representation at such conferences, in order to prevent the adoption of general findings unsuited to the agricultural industry.

NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

The Chairman reported that an invitation had been received from the National Confederation of Employers' Associations to attend the second meeting in London of those engaged in the formation of this Confederation, and that he had instructed Mr Hunter to attend. Mr Hunter reported the proceedings at the meeting. The Committee endorsed the action taken by the Chairman and the Secretary, and authorised them to continue on the same lines and to take part in any further developments.

MILK CONTROL.

Mr Paterson, Quhytwowellen, reported that, as instructed, he had attended the conference in London and given support to the proposed scheme for the control of the wholesale distribution of milk. Mr John Findlay, the representative from the Union to the Scottish Control Board, reported that so far as he knew no meetings of that Board had been held, and the Secretary was instructed to ask Colonel Rose for an explanation.

GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

A letter from the National Farmers' Union, England, was read, inviting this Union to send one representative to join in a deputation to the Prime Minister. The meeting was of opinion that this was inadequate representation from Scotland, and resolved to submit their views separately. Mr Turnbull reported that the Scottish Coalition members of Parliament were to meet representatives of the Highland Society and the Scottish Chamber of Agriculture in conference on the 8th May, and a letter from Mr Harry Hope, M.P., was read asking the Union to join. The meeting resolved that in view of essential differences in policy between this body and the other two it was not expedient to meet together, but that an opportunity should be taken of holding a separate conference with the members of Parliament.

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