

LOCHIEL AND AN COMMUN GAIHHEALACH.

[To the Editor.] Sir.—Fully a fortnight ago one of your correspondents, signing himself "Abrach," charged me with being "singularly wanting in courtesy to individuals and in gratitude to the Communn Gaihhealach for the efforts that are being put forth for the cultivation and encouragement of the Gaelic language."

Mr Mackintosh was not lounded out of the treasury of An Communn. He resigns of his own accord for these reasons. I believe. He knows the Communn is a bad way. He, of all men, knows that. It is a good road to make it appear as if Mr Mackintosh was being lounded out of office. Mr Malcolm Macleod's motion for enquiry was not directed against the treasurer, but against the secretary. This was pointed out in your own paper some time ago; and it was then said that the secretary's seat was perfectly safe, as there was not sufficient moral courage among the members to bell the cat. This prophecy has been verified at the Perth meeting.

Here is the state of things regarding the secretaryship, and which accounts for Mr Macleod's motion:—The President's party want the Secretary removed, alleging that they are not getting efficiency with economy under the present appointment. The "Spoilers of the Egyptians" party want, for various reasons, to retain the office on its present footing. The latter are supported by others who have got out of sympathy with the President, and who regard the treatment of the Secretary as savouring too much of the style which caused the plebeian Argyleshire stallholders at the Feil to rebel against their aristocratic associates.

THE HOUSE OF SUTHERLAND. HOW IT ROSE FROM STRANGE BEGINNINGS.

THE TWO BETSAYS. [By RADICAL MAC.] "A robber hand has seized the land, And we are exiles here."

To-morrow (Sunday), 29th, the Marquis of Stafford will attain his majority. He is the heir to the largest landed estates in Great Britain. The Duke of Sutherland owns over one million acres, and his income from it is now perhaps difficult to estimate, but the first Duke published that his revenue from the land alone was 1000 guineas per day, or about £400,000 per annum. Since that time some of the estates, especially in the Potteries, have increased enormously in value, and to-day his Grace's income from land must exceed half-a-million pounds.

What a tremendous toll industry has to pay this one man, and yet the Duke complains of the Budget because he shall have to pay by the land taxes £2000 per annum, and there only remains for him to live on £498,000. His Grace does not think that property has its obligations as well as its privileges. With the history of the House of Sutherland is closely interwoven not only the history of the Highlands but the history of the whole of Scotland. The founder of the House of Dunrobin was the land pirate Hugo Freskyn. He was supposed to be a Fleming. He was a noted freebooter—murdering and manseing wherever he went. He routed the "Morriays," and gave Sutherlandshire to one of his sons. This was confirmed by Royal Charter granted by William the Lion in 1190. Very little is known about the first Earl of Sutherland, but in 1292 the second earl gave his oath to King Robert the Bruce. Shortly afterwards he turned traitor, and did homage to Edward I. at Berwick-on-Tweed. He deserted Edward afterwards and fought on the side of Bruce at Bannockburn.

William, the fourth earl, married Margaret, younger daughter of Robert Bruce, by his second wife, and on 10th November, 1345, David II. granted a charter of the earldom to his sister and brother-in-law, and their son was named by David, heir to the Throne of Scotland. John, the eighth earl, was noted for his cruelties. The ninth earl is described by Sir Robert Gordon as "weak of judgement, deprived of natural wit and understanding, being able to govern neither himself or others." He was slain by his brother-in-law, and his head was buried on Dunrobin Castle. An Earl of Sutherland played a discreditable part in the fo-tunes and misfortunes of Mary, Queen of Scots, and it is very probable that this Earl had a hand in the murder of Rizzio. He was in Edinburgh at the time and left immediately afterwards.

The fourteenth earl (1609-1663) was termed the "good earl." Wodrow says he was a regular attendant at Church, and when the precursor was absent he was "went from his own left to raise the tune and read the line to the congregation." He had a new charter granted him in 1632 by Charles I. He fought against Cromwell in the Civil Wars. The next earl (1663-1733) was John Gordon. Besides taking part in the rebel lion of 1715 he was the only other nobleman thing we know about him was that he was "a great lover of his bottle." The Earl of Sutherland sided with the House of Hanover and defeated Prince Charles's army at the Little Ferry in 1745.

The overthrow of the House of Stewart was the preliminary event to the era of spoliation and devastation that overtook the Highlands. Previous to this time the land belonged to the clan. After 1746 the chiefs assumed ownership, and they began to conduct their estates on the most rigid commercial principles, irrespective of the interests of the clans. The sequel is well-known. The evictions and the clearances was the sad ending of the new order of things, and the blackest spot of all is on the escutcheon of Dunrobin for the part it played in the calamitous events of a century ago.

It was with the sad and tragic death of the Earl and Countess of Sutherland at Bath that the turning point for the worse came for the county. They left one baby girl who succeeded them. She was put under the guardianship of her grandmother—a bold, scheming, ambitious, unprincipled woman. It is around this baby-girl, who was named Betsy Sutherland, that the tragic and romantic history of the county begins. Betsy Wymys took ill and died, but tradition has it that it was really the young Countess that died, and that she was replaced with the other Betsy by her unscrupulous grandmother. Great credence was given to this story as it was verified by John Harrell, the old retainer, who made annual journeys to Leven Mansions, Edinburgh, to see the young Countess on behalf of the people of Sutherlandshire. He knew the child very well, and he suggested that she died, and that Betsy Wymys was put in her place. Again, on the very first day the Countess set foot in Sutherland, and it was in the month of June, a hoar frost came, which destroyed all the crops in the county, although the frost made no damage whatever to the crops in the neighbouring counties of Ross and Caithness. The superstitions said it was the work of the Divine Power, so that the people would know that a fiendish Countess was foisted on them. At this time the next heir to the estates was a delicate young boy, and no time was lost in purchasing for him a commission, and he was sent to an unhealthy part of India, where he soon died. Then there were only two left to claim the estates—the unfortunate boy's two orphan sisters, and consequently the investigation of the alleged fraud in reference to Betsy Wymys was soon squashed. The Countess, with the usual generosity of the House of Sutherland, settled £15 per annum on these two ladies presumptive to the estate, but when they became old, the magnificent allowance was reduced to £2 each per annum. They lived in the Candle-moak Row, Edinburgh. Ultimately they received poor relief from the Kirk parish. They died in the poor-house.

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house. Oh! the great, mighty and noble House of Dunrobin! Betsy, whether she was the real or the sham, married Lord Leveson-Gower. He was created the first Duke of Sutherland. His estates in England were secured mainly by robbing the Church. He was descended from a foreign family. The first reliable record there is of the family relates to the part Laurence Gower took in the execution of Piers Gaveston in 1312.

The present holder of the title is the fourth Duke. He is noted mainly for his changing attitude on the political chess-board. At present he is chairman of the agricultural section of the Tariff "Reform" party. His Grace owns two yachts, the "Catania" and the "Lizette." In 1885 he used the now-famous phrase—"I hate the policy that dispossessed the people." The Duchess of Sutherland is a daughter of the late Lord Roslyn. She is an accomplished woman. She is a novelist, playwright and social worker. She is said to be a great believer in Radical Democracy, although at times it was thought Her Grace, like her sister, the Countess of Warwick, had a great leniency towards Social Democracy. She was instrumental in getting the Government to go into the question of lead poisoning in the Potteries.

The Duke and Duchess's eldest child is George Granville Sutherland Leveson-Gower, who was born on 29th August, 1888, and therefore comes of age to-morrow. Everyone will wish that he will have a long, happy, enjoyable and prosperous life and career. There is no reason why anyone should have any ill-will against this young man, or against his father or his mother; it is against the system, against landlordism as such, war is declared. Landlordism is an evil. Landlordism made Sutherlandshire a wilderness—a heathery Sphinx. I never think of landlords like the Dukes of Sutherland and Portland without wondering if they ever think of the thousands to which a decent food and a regular meal is the wildest of dreams, and which their ancestors have so freely shed; and if they think about them, how is it that they can refrain from stripping and going out of the world as naked as they came into it?

GUTHANAN BEAG O CHUIIL A' CHUIIL.

To the following melody the bands of old composed a number of songs. Among the compositions of Iain Lom are to be found more than one to sing to it, and we have heard it mentioned as the air to which Dugald Buchanan composed his beautiful poem on "The Skull" ("An Claignann.") The notes are:—

Musical notation for Guthan an Beag o' Chuil a' Chuil. Key E. Slow.

Some years ago we felt some interest in it, and strung a few verses together to sing to it. They are as follows:—

"Fuachd a' Gheamhraidh." "Och! a' Iusardain thruagh." "S' bochd do chollas 's do thuar; 'S beag a' th' eadar thu 's fuachd nan speur." Gun stocan, gun bhàg, Gun churachd, gun chleis, Ach na h-uidheagan broite, reub't."

"Na do lomachan fann, Gun do chomhfhurt ach gann, Ri gailloinn a' gheamhruidh ghéur; Tha mo chridhe fo phian. Ga do choimhead gun dìon. Bho fuachd agus shion nan speur." "Ged tha d' fhàil mar an t-òr, Tha do shùil mar fo chéib; 'S cha'n eil aiteas an ghlair do lbeul; Cha'n eil eòl na do chuir; Cha'n eil beò na do làmh; 'S cha'n eil oige na slàint na d' chéam."

"Ged a rinn thu, rud thruagh, Thoil an peanas cho luath? Nach do-thuigseach do dhuais 's an t-saogh?" Am bell gòraiche chàich Air a' bhòidh air pàig; De na sìthne droch-ghnàths 'calann-dàn."

"Seall seachd ri d' thaoibh, Ann an beartean an t-saogh'il, Do phuithair nach fhad do luaidh; Ach mar oisair air ghéur, 'Sealltuinn sìs ann an fheùr, Air comhagheach bhòidh, bhreun 's i truaigh."

"Gair'mon that n' d'ùbhas cho searbh Bho na h-ùbhaidh air pàig; 'S gur e'n saoghal tha 'dealbh na cùr? Nach e 's oibhaidh 's coir Do gach neach a' bhì beò, 'S a' bhì 'n d'ichion air a' chùis?" GLEANNACH.

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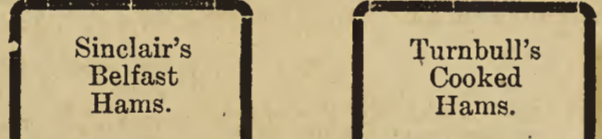
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Still, all must pay a tribute to the straightforward way the Commissioners place the results of their observations before the country. There is no attempt to throw dust in people's eyes. They do not pander to the popular passion for gloving optimism unsupported by fact. Unpleasant though it may be, they blurt out the naked truth. There is no prospect that wheat can be grown in the peat bogs of the Atholl Deer Forest; the economic culture of barley on the bald summit of Ben Dearg is out of the question. It shows how the truth is instantly revealed when the approach is made with due preparation. In the present case the Commissioners steered themselves to stand firm against all temptations. They made up their minds to be turned neither to the right hand nor to the left by any views they might previously have held. They accepted their appointment on the invitation of the Marquis of Tullibardine, and by his lordship they were thoroughly drilled prior to their ascent of the deer forest. His lordship simply wanted the world to know the truth. Did wheat grow on the thunder-splintered summit of Ben Dearg or did it not? He wished them to forget for the moment their Liberalism or their Toryism. He hoped their answer to the question would not be warped by their politics. And how nobly these men—sons of Scotland, chosen irrespective of party from among the artisans of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee—how nobly they have fulfilled the task to which they have addressed themselves. Worthy of our sincerest respect are those men—indeed, everyone of them. We must protest, therefore, against the ridicule that has been heaped upon them in the columns of the Radical press. There is always a strong temptation to cook and garnish unpalatable truths so as to make them appear less disagreeable. The Commissioners, for example, might have said that if good soil were carted from the Lothians and the barley reared under glass, like tomatoes, there was a possibility of successful culture above the clouds. But they have raised no false hopes. The Atholl Deer Forest is for deer; to the small holder it must ever remain a wilderness. If the Commissioners simply reported what they saw, and went no further, we should have no cause for criticism. But when they argue from the particular to the general, from Ben Dearg to the whole of Scotland, when the London Tory Press writes as if some hitherto unknown fact had been discovered which completely alters the aspect of the land question, then, indeed, it is time to reduce the magnified importance of this ridiculous Commission to its true proportions. Despite its failure to find in the deer forest of Atholl land suitable for small holdings, and that after a hard day's work on Ben Dearg we cannot forget another Deer Forests Commission which, after three years' effort, scheduled in the crofting counties alone 1,782,785 acres of land used for sporting and grazing purposes as suitable for new holdings, extension of holdings, and small farms. That was seventeen years ago. Since that time large tracts have been cleared and added to the sporting acreage. With that report before the public all these years there is something childish and contemptible in the glee with which the Tory Press fling up their caps on reading the reports of the Atholl Commissioners. They can hardly think it proved there is no land suitable for small holdings in Scotland, but they make it painfully evident that the wish is father to such a thought. Nor can it be said that whatever is true as regards the crofting counties, Perthshire is suitable for sport alone. The Deer Forests Commission did not survey Perthshire, but had it done so we doubt not the same sad tale would be told of clearances and evictions in that part of the Highlands as elsewhere. In the south of Perthshire, from Loch Katrine to Glen Arney, tenants have been removed within living memory, in many instances within the past few years, to make way for a bowling green. Shall we not have the first hard-up proprietor quickly threatening a similar unrightly building and levying blackmail on the simple-minded community? Again, there is the far-fetched excuse of the proximity to the Infirmary. This can be dismissed without ceremony. If a case is to be made out by those opposed to the skating rink, some better reasons must be advanced. They must be prepared to plead very special circumstances. There is the question of the amenity of the river banks. Few citizens would care to see this needlessly interfered with, and that point is therefore worth considering. Who, then, are to act as the judges in this matter? Clearly not the Magistrates. It is a question of spending public money, and must come before the Town Council. Nor should the Council take the matter up unless public opinion proves to be stronger than is yet apparent. Let the residents in the vicinity of the proposed rink start a fund to buy out the ground, and let us see what general support they can get. If there is a generous response, the

Strathgarry (the Atholl district), again, a very large extent has been cleared comparatively recently on both sides of the river, and in winter large herds of deer can be seen quite close to the railway, where not many years ago not one was to be seen.

And what, after all, would the Tory journalist have us believe the Atholl Commission has proved. That because Ben Dearg is a wilderness, the landlords of this county should not be called upon to contribute their share of the cost of the Dreadnoughts? That the Budget is oppressive? That there should not be £d in the £1 placed on undeveloped land? That the Smallholders Bill is a mistaken and injurious measure? Surely not. If there is no land in Scotland suitable for small holdings, the landlords have nothing to fear from that measure, for in that case no one will interfere with them. Nor is anyone going to assess Ben Dearg on a building value. If it is worth no more than the 1s per acre entered in the Valuation Roll, it will not contribute much for the upkeep of the Navy. The Commissioners, however, surveyed a good deal of peat, which makes one regret the dropping of the undeveloped minerals duty, for there was just a chance that this decayed vegetable matter, like coal, might be classed in the other kingdom.

(TELEPHONE No. 269)

NORTH KESSOCK AGENCY.—The Football Times will be on sale at Mrs Elder's establishment, North Kessock, between 6 and 7 o'clock this evening.

EDINBURGH AGENCY.—The "Highland News" may be had at Mr Fairgrieve's shop in Cockburn Street, Edinburgh, every Saturday evening.

HIGHLAND SONG WANTED.—A correspondent wishes our readers to supply the words of a song, at one time well-known in Inverness, entitled "Cullochan's Honest Game-keeper."

GROUND FOR SKATING RINK.—Mr Oberbeck of the Alexandra Hotel has leased the ground at the east end of the Haugh Bridge, to Mr H. Macmahon, at a rent of £40 per annum, for seven years. It is expected that the contracts for the new roller skating rink will be let in a few days. The plans are being prepared by Messrs Alex. Ross & Son, and the work will be undertaken by local contractors.

COMING MARRIAGE.—A marriage has been arranged to take place at Pershore, Worcestershire, in the middle of next month between Montague Henry M. White, eldest son of Mr W. Montague White, Drumduan, Wimbome, Dorset, and a grandson of the late Henry W. White, J.P. and D.L., for Inverness-shire and Ross-shire, of Monar and Lentrar, to Francis Mary, only daughter of Canon and Mrs Gauntlett, of Pershore, Worcestershire.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE PICNIC.—The pupils attending the Educational Institute held a picnic on Saturday. They journeyed by special boat to Fortrose, and spent a very enjoyable time in games and other amusements. An excellent lunch and tea were purveyed by Mr Maclean, Balmoral Restaurant. Great credit is due the Committee for the excellent arrangements made. The company returned home in the evening after having spent a most enjoyable day.

NORTH KESSOCK'S COAL SUPPLY.—The latter end of the present week sees North Kessock in somewhat unusual stir, due to the arrival of the first of the winter coals for Mrs M. Elder & Son. The latter supply a very large district, and every four months, on the arrival of the coal-boat, carts come in from places as far distant as Milmoch Bay on the one hand, and Culmore and Allan on the other. The present cargo consists of about 90 tons of Tunstall Wallsend from Sunderland.

HIGHLAND RAILWAY—CHEAP DAY EXCURSIONS.—The Highland Railway Company's cheap day excursions to Loch-Maree, Kyle of Lochalsh and Skye continue to be highly popular. Many tourists and others turned out to have a good day on Monday, and the day being an ideal one the time was indeed pleasantly spent. A large number of excursionists joined at Muir of Ord, Dingwall and Strathpeffer. The fare was almost nominal—3s 6d for a journey of upwards of 160 miles. Many of the excursionists crossed over to Skye, where they spent several hours. The village of Kyle had an animated appearance on Monday, and both hotels appeared to make a good stroke of business. Much credit is due the Highland Railway Company for placing before the travelling public facilities for the romantic trip.

RAIGMORE AND INSHES RIFLE CLUB.—On Saturday the Raigmore and Inshes Rifle Club held their annual competition, when the handsome cup presented by Mr C. E. Brinckman, of Nairnside, and other prizes were shot for. The shooting was, considering the weather conditions, of a very high order. The conditions were fourteen rounds, without a sighter, at each range. The cup was won by John Davidson, with an average of 65, followed by John Murray with 63, Hamish Macneil 62, Andrew Mackintosh 61.25, Nicol Macneil 60.5, James Mann 60, Peter Mackay 59.75, Simon Mann 59.25, and A. Cameron 57.5. Thanks are due to Messrs Brinckman, Gray, Macneil, Plough Inn, Maclean, Inghis Street, W. J. Maclean, Academy Street, and Fraser & McColl for their handsome prizes.

BRITISH TEMPERANCE WOMEN AT MOY. The British Temperance Women's Association, of which Mrs W. Mackintosh, Ardchattan, is the president, is rendering most excellent services to the public, not only in the town of Inverness, but outside, where facilities are offered them. It is sometimes to be regretted that the good work done by Mrs Mackintosh and her able and willing staff does not receive the well-merited recognition due to their self-sacrifice. The refreshment stall at the Moy Annual Show was largely countenanced, and the results which followed were of a high character, as not one could be seen under the influence of liquor. This was largely due, no doubt, to the fact that the people had the advantage, through those ladies' efforts, of being able to partake of tea and substantial food. The results which we saw at Moyhall ought to encourage other places to make calls upon the willing services of the British Women workers.

BARGAINS FOR GENTLEMEN.—Not the ladies alone love a bargain when they go shopping. The gentlemen are quite as keen and are ready to take full advantage of everything that is offered in the way of cut prices. There is a rare opportunity just now at No. 1 Drummond Street, where Mr Allan Fraser, hatter and hatter, and specialist in men's wear is conducting a monster summer sale. This is the establishment where, as is well known, you get fresh in this season, but, priced at less than half the usual charge, they are rapidly disappearing to make room for next season's supply. The sale is a genuine one, and will be continued for a fortnight or so. Those who have not yet bestowed their patronage will, therefore, ample opportunity of paying a visit to No. 1. There is a choice selection of Lincoln & Bennett's renowned silken-felt hats, which may be fitted exactly to the shape of the head by the conformateur. Of ties, linen and underwear in great variety, there are umbrellas, too, and walking-sticks in a hundred styles, and all these articles are now offered at sale prices. You may step inside as a spectator, but you can come out, if you wish, to spend a few shillings, a howling lot.

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Golf.—On Saturday, in the monthly competition for the "Ladies' Medal," Miss D. Macgill was the winner, and Miss C. Ross, as a previous winner, though first, counted only towards a second prize.

History Repeats Itself.—While a modern Napoleon visited Tain this week (i.e., Mr. Robb in Durward Lely's company), at modern H.M.S. Delforophon swung at anchor in the bay a large distance away.

Funeral of a Well-known Citizen.—On Tuesday a large concourse of people followed the earthly remains of Mr. A. Thomson, late of the Railway Hotel, to their last resting-place. Great sympathy is extended to the sorrowing widow and young family in their sad bereavement.

Anniversary Services.—The anniversary services in Tain United Free Church were held on Sunday last. In the morning Rev. A. Frazer, pastor, officiated, and there was a very large congregation. In the evening the service was taken by the Rev. P. D. Thomson, Kelvinside U.F.C., Glasgow, and there was a large attendance.

Sale of Work.—The annual Sale of Work in connection with the United Free Church Missionary Society was held yesterday (Friday), in the U.F.C. Hall. The sale was opened at 2.30 p.m., by Rev. A. Frazer, and there was a large attendance. Selling proceeded briskly all day and a goodly sum was realised. Tea and refreshments were served, and there was a large display of useful and ornamental articles.

Boy Scouts.—On the very kind invitation of Mr. Littlejohn of Invercharron, the 1st Ross (Tain) Troop of Boy Scouts are paying a visit to the hospitable domain of Invercharron. The boys, under the Scoutmaster and officers, left town yesterday (Friday), and marched to Invercharron, where great preparations are being made for their over-night stay. To-day they are to be inspected by Mr. Littlejohn, and commence their return march this afternoon.

Donations to the Nursing Association.—On behalf of the Tain Nursing Association and himself, Mr. J. Macgregor, Alpin House, begs to express very grateful thanks to the undersigned ladies who generously and promptly responded to an appeal to supply the Association with a water bed, the want of which was greatly felt during a recent case of serious illness.—Mrs. Carnegie, Skibo, £5; Lady Ross of Balmacnab, £3; Countess of Sutherland, £2; Mrs. Brook, of Pearn, Ardgay, £1—total, £10.

Tennis Tournament.—The annual open tournament of the Tain Club was concluded on Monday. The following are the principal scores:—Mixed doubles—Semi-final—Miss K. Young and Mr. Fraser Scott beat Miss A. Mackay and Mr. A. W. Hazel, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1. Miss Young and Mr. Fraser Scott beat Miss Smith and Mr. A. Paterson, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6. In the final, Miss K. Young and Mr. Scott beat Miss Smith and Mr. A. Paterson, 9-7, 6-3. In the men's doubles (semi-final), Messrs Paterson and Henley beat Messrs Grieve and Spence, 7-5, 6-4, 6-0. Messrs Smith and Glenning beat Messrs Scott and Middleton, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. In the final Messrs Smith and Glenning beat Messrs Paterson and Henley 6-4, 6-8, 6-2. In the ladies' singles semi-final, Miss M. Fraser beat Miss C. Fraser 7-5, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3. In the final, Miss M. Fraser beat Miss M. Fraser 6-1, 6-1. In the ladies' doubles, semi-final, Misses Young and Scott beat Misses J. Fraser and M. Fraser 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. Miss M. Mackay and Miss C. Fraser had a walk-over against Misses Smith and Middleton. In the final, Misses L. Scott and Young beat Misses M. Mackay and Middleton 3-6, 3-6. At the close, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Spence, Gargston, as follows:—Ladies' singles—1, Miss L. Scott, silver-mounted pin-cushion; 2, Miss M. Fraser, silver-mounted calendar. Men's doubles—1, Mr. Smith, Thomas flask; 2, Messrs Glenning and Spence, glasses; 3, Messrs Paterson and Henley, each cigarette case. Mixed doubles—1, Miss K. Young, clock; Mr. F. Scott, case of tools; 2, Miss Young, bag; Mr. Smith, barometer. Ladies' doubles 1, Miss L. Scott, two silver conical pins; 2, Misses Young and Scott, silver conical pins; 3, Miss Young, old Miss M. Mackay, enamelled brooch; 4, Miss C. Fraser, brooch with hairpin.

OPENING OF TAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

CEREMONY BY CONTESSA DE SERRA LARGO.

Tain Public School Buildings, which have been recently enlarged, were opened on Tuesday in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Rev. C. Macnaughton presided, and introduced Countess de Serra Largo to the audience. Mr. Macnaughton said the Countess was a lady whose amiable disposition and high character had made her already most favourably known throughout the district. The Countess also had long known to them for his interest in the cause of education, and for his liberal encouragement and treatment of scholars and teachers which had distinguished him among landed proprietors of the district. This the School Board had asked the Countess to perform the ceremony of that day.

Ballie Maitland congratulated the Count and Countess on the success of their son, Cecil Mackenzie (who is present), in passing a brilliant examination and gaining his commission in the Navy. Ballie Maitland then presented the Countess with a handsome silver key, inscribed, "Presented to the Countess de Serra Largo by the architects on the completion of the Public School after its reconstruction, August, 1909."

In opening the building, the Countess said—Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure I come here to-day to open these handsome buildings, and sincerely hope they will do much to advance the cause of education in the district. She then turned the key and opened the building, and with the Count and the members of the Board the whole company made a tour of the interior, which was presided over by all. Returning again to the main entrance, speeches were delivered by ex-Bailie Ross and Mr. John Mackenzie, and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks.

QUERRIES FOR TAINITES.

(ANSWERS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.) Why is the Cadboll place, "Oasis," during this the visitor season not open to the public? Why is the Castle Brae plot ditto? Why are there no seats provided in either of these places? Why are the Castle Brae steps never used? Why is the "Murray Monument resolution" so long in being carried out? Why does not the Golf Course receive more backing from the Tain general public? Why does the Golf Course not advertise? Why is the proposed alteration to the Cemetery wall, bringing the course nearer the town, not yet under way? Why is the Kirkcaldy approach in the same awful condition? Why were the last citizens allowed to abuse the Links? Why don't the Council take over the Football Club Pavilion?

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Why is the Morrish disappearing? Why did the march staves disappear? Why has the Bog ceased to disappear? Why is there yet no proper bathing place in our vicinity? Why is the river? Mouth in such a mess? Why do the Council not consider the weir proposal? Why don't they realise that proper bathing facilities would be the greatest attraction of the town as a health resort? Why is the harbour presently building at the Black Shed not used by the racing yachts? Why is the fragrant smoke—not from steamers, or Dornoch Firth liners—from that quarter allowed to blow over the Links? Why is that another abuse of the Links? Why don't they water the smoke with Eau de Cologne? Why is there only one public seat outside the Links? Why is it that the Moss Road is better patronised since it was put there? Why is the Moss Road still very soft? Why is the clay hole still getting larger? Why is the tar macadam (?) path at the beginning of the road so narrow? Why does it look very like the phrase—"To be continued in our next?" Why is there no roller skating rink in Tain? Why is the final day of the tennis tournament always so wet, like the Tain weather half-holiday?

Why does the Tain Fire Brigade never give an exhibition? Why is the Tain water so mossy in rainy weather? Why is the ten miles per hour speed limit religiously exceeded? Why are we "traps" set? Why is the visit of the water-cart like the firing of the big guns in the Moray Firth? Why are there no more contested Town Council elections? Why are the Town Hall charges for local elections so high? Why is the Town Hall stair so dangerous? Why is the Town Hall like Noah's Ark? SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

BONAR-BRIDGER.—Dr. Albert Carless, M.S. F.R.C.S., of King's College, Edinburgh, delivered an able and interesting address in the United Free Church on Sabbath last. Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather there was a very large audience.

Getting Polished Up.—Lady Rosemary Leveson-Gower, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, goes north month to Dresden, where she is to finish her education, and will be accompanied by her cousin, Lady Enid Fane, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Westmoreland.

COIGACH.—Death of "Granny Rae."—There passed away at the home of her son-in-law, at Inverpolly, Coigach, Mrs. Hughina Rae, or, as she was more familiarly known, "Granny Rae." Mrs. Rae, who was greatly loved in the district, was in her 89th year, and left about 106 descendants. She was predeceased by her husband, who died 27 years ago at the age of 68.

BROBA.—Highland Gathering.—In reply to a request from Mr. Morton, M.P., that a party might be sent to Broba on the occasion of this gathering, the following letter has been received from Mr. McKenna, the First Lord of the Admiralty:—"I am not sure whether service requirements will permit of any of H.M. ships being present at Broba next month on the occasion of the Highland gathering at that place, but I shall be very glad to bring the matter to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, in case he may find it possible to comply with the request."

SCOURIE.—Children Entertained on H.M.S. Research.—The children attending Fannagore Public School were entertained by Capt. Simpson on board the H.M.S. Research, Friday last. The children, accompanied by parents and friends, assembled at the school at 3 p.m. Tea was served at 3.30. Subsequently the children were conveyed to the Research in boats, and were very kindly shown everything of interest by Captain Simpson and his officers. Gramophone and violin selections were submitted, and contributed not a little to the enjoyment of the juvenile audience. The party thereafter returned on shore, where a varied programme of games, including races and tug-of-war, were carried out with enthusiasm by the children.

Dornoch Golf Tournament.—The Dornoch Golf Tournament, which concluded on Thursday in excellent weather, Rev. Thos. Mackay, 5, beat Mr. Bertram, 6, by 3 and 2, and Mr. J. Sutherland, plus 1, beat Mr. C. D. Seligman, 7, by 4 and 2. In the final, Mr. Mackay beat Mr. Sutherland, who conceded five strokes, by 3 and 2, and thus became winner of the Carnegie shield and Fraser gold medal. In the section of competitors with odds of 10 and upwards, Mr. Halford, 10, and Mr. Crole, 14, had easy wins over Mr. Giles, 10, and Mr. Cowan, 12. In the final Mr. Crole triumphed by 3 and 2. Playing in a four-ball foursome, Mr. H. H. Hilton had 17 holes in 66, and if he had not bunkered his tee shot at the 18th, he would have had an excellent chance of lowering Taylor's record of 70 by a stroke. John Ball had the last two holes in 2 each.

The Marquis of Stafford's Majority.—To-morrow (Sunday) the Marquis of Stafford attains his 21st birthday, having been born on the 29th of August, 1888. It is understood that the coming of age celebrations in Sutherlandshire will not take place until the end of September, and the presentations will probably be made in the first week of October. The Duchess of Sutherland and the Marquis of Stafford will attend a fete at Trentham, Staffordshire, on Friday, in honour of the event. An entertainment will be given to about 700 colleagues, as well as the old people and about 1000 school children. The tenants and leaseholders of Longton are arranging to make a presentation to the Marquis, but this will not likely take place till the end of October. The Duke of Sutherland's engagements will prevent him accompanying the military duties of the Marquis himself will make it necessary for him to return south on the Sunday evening.

ROGART SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

A DENIAL. [TO THE EDITOR.] Sir.—This open letter to "Rogartian" by "ex-Rogartian" in your current issue, coming in the dark, and is characteristic of the writer. I would not take any notice of it but for the fact that there is an allusion to the Kildonnan goldfields. I repudiate and absolutely deny any knowledge or connection with the writer, and writers of the letters referred to signed "Rogartian" in your contemporary. I am, Sir, yours, etc., A. S. INNES, Rogart, 23rd August, 1908.

DORNOCH U.F. CHURCH.

SUCCESSFUL SALE OF WORK.

On Saturday the ladies' work party of the United Free Church, Dornoch, held a sale of work in the Drill Hall for the purpose of wiping off the remaining debt on the church and manse. The weather was not of the best, but the Drill Hall notwithstanding was thronged. On the platform, Lady Shaw, of Dunfermline, Mrs. Carnegie of Skibo, accompanied by a distinguished party of Americans; Mrs. Lauder, of Pittsburg; Lord Brassey, Lady De La Warr, and Provost MacLachlan. Rev. A. G. Macalpine, minister of the congregation on behalf of the Building Committee, offered a warm welcome to all, and hoped that the tables, daintily arranged with goods and fabrics, would be speedily cleared. Within the year they had received gifts of money from friends near and far, known and unknown—with letters couched in the most heartening and helpful spirit. Such cordiality and goodwill filled their hearts with emotion and gratitude. He requested Lady Shaw to convey the warmest congratulations to the congregation and this large assemblage to Lord Shaw on his attainment to a position of high, honourable and legal eminence within the realm, and expressed a hope that her ladyship might be long spared to share the honours of a husband so gifted and talented (applause).

Mrs. Carnegie, who was received with applause, said it was a delight to meet the congregation with their smiling faces on their way to worship. There was a beautiful building, which now helped to adorn their town. She wished the United Free Church every success in their enterprise (applause). Lady Shaw said she rejoiced to be present on the eve of their success. Love and sympathy were two factors that wrought many changes and conquered many difficulties. It always came in a mass of small words which would carry them on to a happy issue. She had much pleasure in declaring the sale open and in wishing their efforts every success.

On behalf of the office-bearers and congregation, Provost MacLachlan, thanked the ladies for their presence and valuable assistance on that occasion. Business was thereafter briskly proceeded with, and at the close Rev. Mr. Macalpine announced that the drawings had reached the sum of £128, which sum exceeded their highest expectations.

The Prince, who had a most cordial reception, returned thanks for having been present, and expressed the great pleasure it afforded him in occupying such a position. The Prince alluded to the object of the bazaar, and expressed the hope that success would crown the efforts of the promoters (applause).

BLACK ISLE NEWS.

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GOLSPIE RIFLE MEETING.

PRIZE-WINNERS AND SCORES. The annual rifle meeting opened at Golspie on Thursday in ideal weather. The number of competitors was larger than of former years. The following were the prize-winners:—His Majesty the King's and the Duke of Sutherland prize (open to members of the Territorial Force in Sutherland and Caithness). Seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Prizes—1st, £4; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1; 4th, £1; 5th to 8th, £1 each; 9th to 10th, 10s.

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BAZAAR AT DINGWALL.

OPENED BY ROYALTY. The admirable work performed by the Dingwall Nursing Association was enlivened at the bazaar held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday in aid of the funds of this very useful institution. The committee were fortunate in securing the services of His Royal Highness the Prince of Braganza, who performed the opening ceremony in presence of a large and fashionable gathering, which included representatives from some of the best known Ross-shire families. The prince is shortly to enter the bonds of matrimony, and this fact naturally aroused considerable interest in the distinguished visitor's first public appearance as a speaker in these northern parts. The hall presented quite a pretty scene, the stalls were laden with a variety of useful and ornamental articles. The six parishes embraced by the Association were represented, and all worked with characteristic zest to make the bazaar a success.

WESTER ROSS NEWS.

LOCH-MADRE.—Fishing on Loch-Madre from Kinlochewe Hotel on Thursday, Major Carter had three sea trout, 3 lbs.; Major Hopwood, 3 sea trout, 2 lbs. On Friday Major Carter had 2 sea trout, 2 lbs. 12oz.; Messrs Tucker, 3 sea trout, 3 lbs.; Mr. Lumley, 2 lbs.; Mr. Stewart, 2 sea trout, 2 lbs.; Mr. Elmhurst, 2 sea trout, 2 lbs. 4oz.

ULLAPPOOL.—The Tourist Season.—The present season has been so far, a very busy one as far as tourist traffic is concerned. The hotels have been much busier than last year, and nearly all available quarters have been let since July. Loch fishing is one of the most popular recreations with the visitors, and good catches of lythe and caddies are recorded. Cyclists are also



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FORTY YEARS OF ECZEMA.

"I have suffered off and on with eczema for forty years on my hands, feet, legs and head. It always came in a mass of small spots and a considerable quantity of watery matter used to come from them. I have been under many different doctors and in different hospitals for the treatment of the skin (in one for sixteen weeks and it only got worse) but derived little or no benefit. Last year I commenced using the Cuticura Remedies. The first tin of Cuticura Ointment began to heal the sores and gave me great relief from the fearful irritation. Since then I have used two more tins of Cuticura with Cuticura Soap and Pills and am quite well which, considering the years I have suffered with eczema, I consider wonderful. I can candidly say the Cuticura Remedies alone were the only things that cured me. I have already persuaded one of my friends to give them a trial. Mrs. Marie Spencer, 9 New Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., Eng. July 10 and Sept. 29, 1908."

EASTER ROSS NEWS.

INVERGORDON.—Educational Appointment.—Mr. Joseph Scott, M.A., B.Sc., a former mathematical and science master in the Inver Gordon Academy, has been appointed to fill a similar position in Kingussie Higher Grade School. Mr. Scott left Inver Gordon three years ago when he received an appointment as assistant to Professor Niven in Aberdeen University.

INVERGORDON.—Regatta.—By mistake the first prize in the championship swimming race, 200 yards, was stated as having been won by D. Sinclair, Inverness. It should have been T. V. Thomas, Port-Geddie. The second place was taken by D. Sinclair, Inverness; while the third prize-winner was Raepart, Inver Gordon.

INVERGORDON.—Drowning.—On Saturday the unknown body of a young man, who was seen by Hebrum, Beaulieu and Mr. Nicol, Inver Gordon, was recovered, and was kept in a cold storage until the body was identified. The young man was seen by Hebrum, Beaulieu and Mr. Nicol, Inver Gordon, was recovered, and was kept in a cold storage until the body was identified. The young man was seen by Hebrum, Beaulieu and Mr. Nicol, Inver Gordon, was recovered, and was kept in a cold storage until the body was identified.

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CONSUMPTION.

All sufferers from Consumption and every form of Lung and Chest Disease should send for a Trial Course of the new and successful Systemic Triple (three course) Treatment. Mailed free to any address on receipt of 4s. 6d. by the Universal Trading Co. (H.N.), 282 Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

What Mr. Seymour Key Left.—Mr. J. Seymour Key, who represented Elgin and Nairn as a Liberal M.P. in 1889-95, left £55,000 gross and £52,000 nett.

GREAT GLEN NEWS.

GLEN-URQUHART.—The Games and Bazaar To-day.—The picturesque games in Glen Urquhart will be held to-day. Special steamer facilities will be given from Inverness. The bazaar in aid of the United Free Church will be opened at 11.30 a.m. by Mrs. Bradley Martin, Balmacrae.

FARR.—Cottage Garden Society Exhibition.—On Wednesday the annual exhibition of the Farr and Banchoer Estates Garden Society was held at Farr. The opening ceremony was performed by the Countess of Cromartie, in presence of a large gathering. Those present included—Major Blunt, Lady Eleanor Brodie of Brodie and Miss Brodie, Captain and Mrs. Mackenzie Gillanders of Highfield; Miss Burton Mackenzie of Killyon, and Misses Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Grant of Glenmoriston; Princess Poniatowski, Countess de Solignac, Baroness de Tuyl, Lady Lucas Toth and Miss Toth, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser-Tyler of Albourne; Mr. and Mrs. Fraser-Tyler of Invercharron; Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson-Grant, Mrs. and Miss Stewart of Brin; Mrs. and Miss Smith of Inververie; and many local people. The Countess of Cromartie was introduced by Mr. W. D. Mackenzie of Farr, and in the show of flowers, fruit and vegetables was a highly creditable one. There was an interesting collection of industrial exhibits. In the cookery section the competition was keen. At the close, Mrs. Mackenzie of Farr presented the prizes in her usual cheerful manner.

PORTFLOO.—Successful Concert.—On Wednesday a very enjoyable concert was held in the Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie, in aid of the funds of the hall. There was a full house presided over by Provost Stuart. The concert was arranged by Miss Logan, Inverness, and Miss Mackay, London, and the programme being varied and amusing proved highly popular. A goodly sum of money was realised.

PORTFLOO.—Consecration Service.—On Wednesday the consecration service by the Lord Bishop of Murray and Ross and Caithness took place in St. Andrew's Church, Portfloo, Rev. Walter Jenks, sub-warden of Aberdeen Orphanage, preached an eloquent sermon. A collection was taken for the proposed vestry and organ chamber. After the consecration service interesting addresses were given at the luncheon held in St. Andrew's Hall.

KNOCKBAIN.—Death of Mrs. Campbell.—Many will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Colin Campbell, Knockbain, Mulochy, which took place on the 20th. For many years the deceased was in indifferent health, but it was about seven weeks ago that the illness, which proved fatal, set in. The large number of mourners who followed the remains on Monday, the 23rd, to Kilmearn Churchyard, testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Campbell was held in the district. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, her love and sympathy were felt by all who knew her. She was in her 75th year, and survived by her husband, four sons and a daughter, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt in their sorrow.

PORTFLOO.—Golf.—The annual tournament of the Portfloo and Rosemarkie Golf Club was held on Wednesday in good weather, although a somewhat strong breeze spoiled the play to some extent. At the close Mrs. Mackenzie of Flowerburn gracefully presented the prizes. The Macintyre Challenge Cup, open to all members of the club (scratch) was won by Mr. Duncan Macleay with a score of 82. In the ladies' competition Miss S. Gillanders, Rosemarkie, won the first prize with a scratch score of 63. The other competitions resulted:—Open competition for visiting members under handicap conditions—Rev. G. L. Symington, 89 (11); 78; 2 E. J. Taylor, 86 (7); 78; 3 R. D. Mackay, 94 (10); 84. Club handicap up to and including 12 handicap—1 Rev. J. Dow, 83 (7); 76; 2 W. S. Grant, 86 (7); 79; 3 Dr. Grant, 93 (19); 81. Club handicap, 13 and over—1 Rodrick Anderson, 97 (20); 77; 2 Rod Macrae, 98 (16); 82; 3 John Geddie, 100 (17); 83. Special prize—Consolation case given by Mrs. A. Frazer for best 9 holes, not in prize-list—H. Taylor and G. V. B. Thomson (equal). Ladies' competitions—Best scratch score—Miss S. Gillanders, 63. Handicap up to and including 12 handicap—Miss Macleannan, 66 (9); 57; 2 Miss Thomson, 71 (10); 61. Handicap, 13 and over—1 Miss Geddie, 70 (15); 55; 2 Miss M. Thomson, 74 (18); 56; 3 Miss Robertson, 72 (14); 58. Boys' competition—1 Thomas Gibson, 59 (9); 50; 2 W. Ferguson, 67 (12); 55.

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A WARNING. The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries desire to remind all growers of potatoes that it is their duty, under the Destructive Insects and Pests Order of 1908, to report all outbreaks of warty disease or black scab (chrysothrips) on their premises, to the Board. The penalty for failing to report the disease is ten pounds. Certain British colonies now require a certificate from the Board with every consignment of potatoes exported to them from this country to the effect that the potatoes have been grown in a district not infected with this disease. Exporters who require further information can obtain it on application at the Offices of the Board.

STORNOWAY.

TIDE TABLE—HIGHER WATER.

Table with columns for Date, Morning, Evening, and High Water. Includes dates from Sunday to Saturday.

Article on Stornoway Territorials in camp will be found on page 8.

LEWIS HOSPITAL.—The Hon. Secretary has pleasure in acknowledging receipt of 45 19s 3d, proceeds of concerts on board the Claymore, per Mr Wallace.

LEWIS FISHERMAN DROWNED AT LERWICK.—A Lewis fisherman was lost off the boat Trident, of Portklochie, on Tuesday morning. The boat was returning from the fishing, when inside the harbour entrance, off the point of Twagvis, Hector Macleod, a young hired fisherman, was knocked overboard by the sail. The boat was out for some time, but the crew never saw Macleod again. He was 24 years old, and unmarried.

FISHERMAN DROWNED.—On Thursday, when the sail boat Morven of Stornoway arrived at Peterhead, the skipper reported the loss of one of the crew at sea on Wednesday evening about seven o'clock. The name of the lost man is William Cowie, belonging to Portgordon, and a brother-in-law of the skipper, John Maclean. The unfortunate man had been loosening the chain, and in jumping clear had stepped too far, with the result that he went overboard. The boat was going astern quickly with the letting out of the chain, and every effort was made to render the unfortunate man assistance. He was fully clad, however, and not being a good swimmer, he was soon lost to view. The fellow members of the crew had reluctantly to give up the attempt at rescue. Much sympathy was expressed for the skipper and his crew (deceased's) sister, and for other relatives. Cowie was about 27 years of age.

LEWIS CATTLE SHOW—LORD AND LADY PENTLAND TO BE PRESENT.—As has been intimated in our advertising columns for some weeks back, a cattle show for the Lewis is to be held at the Manor Farm, Stornoway, on Tuesday first. A large number of entries has been made in all the classes. This will be the first show of the kind held in Lewis for nearly fifty years. All the arrangements for judges, etc., are now completed. By the courtesy of Major Pentland, the officers of the Lewis Territorial Company of the Brass Band will attend and play during the afternoon, and the Lewis Pipe Band have also kindly agreed to give their services on the afternoon. Lord and Lady Pentland have intimated to Provost Anderson, chairman of the Executive Committee, that they expect to be present. They will be accompanied by Sir John Dewar, M.P. for Inverness-shire, and others.

CONTINUATION CLASSES.—On Saturday the School Board of Stornoway conferred with the head teachers of the landward schools in regard to the institution of Continuation Classes during the winter months. The members of School Board present were Dr Murray (chairman), Provost Anderson, Rev. J. S. Macculloch, Rev. Walter Calder, Rev. George Mackay, and Mr Alex. Fraser. The teachers present were Messrs Donald Morrison, Bayble, Don Morrison, Knock, William Fraser, Sandwick, and John Maciver, Town. Letters giving their views were read from Messrs Angus Macdonald, Aird; James Gowans, Tolsta; W. G. Morrison, Back; and D. Clark, Laxdale, several of whom are at present attending Continuation Classes in the south. A general discussion took place, and the views of the teachers were elicited. It was agreed to consider the matter in all its bearings at the first meeting of the School Board.

BAZAAR IN CONNECTION WITH PARISH CHURCH AND MANSE.—The Stornoway Parish congregation is at present executing urgent and extensive repairs on the Church and manse, besides introducing a system of gravitation water into the latter, as the present supply is inadequate and usually fails for a few months in the summer. It is about a quarter of a century since repairs on a large scale were executed on either of the buildings. Owing to the burdens of local taxation, the partial failure of the fishing industry for a series of years, and the consequent depression in trade, the Committee of the congregation have adopted the Ecclesiastical Assessments Act in order to relieve the small heritors, and will approach the larger heritors only when they fail by voluntary effort to raise the necessary sum. The estimate cost of the repairs is about 4470. To raise this amount it has been resolved to hold a bazaar on Thursday and Friday, 16th and 17th December, 1909. Circulars for the bazaar have been printed and circulated, and an earnest appeal is made to the public for support to enable the congregation to accomplish the object they have in view. Donations and gifts for the bazaar will be gratefully received by the Committee, the Receivers of Work, or by Mr W. A. Rose, solicitor, Stornoway, and by the Rev. John S. Macculloch, the minister.

CALEVIN MORISSEAN—AN APPRECIATION.—A correspondent writes:—One of the land marks of the west side of Lewis has "crossed the bourne" in the person of Mr Colin Morrison, who died at his house in South Bragar on Wednesday 11th August, and was laid to rest in Bragar Bunting-ground on Saturday 14th August, in presence of one of the largest gatherings of mourning friends ever seen at a funeral here. That Calvin, none were better known; few better liked. He was such a many-sided man—compulsory officer, parish councillor, P.O. deacon, contractor. What a lesson our deceased's friends life has been! Originally, only a humble cottar, he died one of the most respected craftsmen on the west side, filling each of the above-mentioned positions, and each in a creditable way. In neither the Land League agitation nor the recent Church crisis did our friend take a very prominent part, although adhering to each of these occasions to the popular side. Notwithstanding, Calvin was a broad-minded man, and although possessing a bit of a temper and something of a "dour" nature, he had a truly warm and affectionate heart. Hasty he might be on occasion, but a "grudge" could not be kept even for an hour. So much were our friends' merits appreciated that some twenty-four years ago he was elected a School Board member, which position he had to resign when appointed compulsory officer for the large and important district of Bragar and Aird some twenty-one years ago. "The good die young" is an old and true saying. Calvin was 75. Does it follow that he was not good? By no means. By his deeds you shall know them. If Calvin is to be judged by his deeds, he was truly good, for he never was known to do a bad or a cruel thing willingly. Calvin had a family of eight sons and two daughters, all save the eldest son surviving their father, and the seven surviving sons were present at their dear old father's funeral, one having to come from Liverpool. Mrs Morrison also survives. In passing, let us mention that few cottars have reared up for a family as late Mr Colin Morrison did. Each son has struck out a different line for himself, and all are diligent, persevering and promising lads. Mr Alex. Morrison, merchant, Barvas, being county councillor for South Barvas, and Mr Murdoch Morrison, merchant, Bragar, a member of Barvas School Board. "Oh! weep not for the dead! Rather, Oh! rather give the tear To those that darkly linger When all besides are dead! But never be a tear shed For them, the pure enfranchised dead."

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SEASONABLE GENEROSITY.—Another instance of the kindness of heart of Mrs Stewart-Mackenzie of Seaford, and of the personal interest she takes in her workers in the Lewis, has just been brought to our notice. On being informed that one of her workers at Keose, Lewis, had sustained the loss of a daughter and that she was in poor circumstances, Mrs Stewart-Mackenzie forwarded through her manager a handsome sum to be used on her behalf, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. Such kindness of heart endears Mrs Stewart-Mackenzie to the many workers to whom she is such a beneficent patroness.

THE LATE MISS JANE GRANT.—It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Miss Jane Grant, who, after a persistent and grievous illness, peacefully passed away on Friday, 20th inst., at her home in Laxdale. By the event of her death a cloud of sorrow has been thrown over the community, and her friends, who had so hopefully looked forward to her recovery, have been plunged into the saddest mourning. She was only in her seventeenth year when the bitter end came, and we are sure her early death will be deeply lamented by all who knew her. The interment took place on Monday, when the Rev. Mr Maciver performed the burial service, touchingly praying at the grave-side. There was a large attendance, and our sympathy was expressed for the friends of the deceased.

HEBBING FISHING.—The catch for last week was 586 crans, of which 388 crans were landed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, as well as Tuesday of this week, were blank days. The catch on Wednesday was 80 crans from 6 boats. The quality was mixed, and prices were from 25s to 30s a cran. To-day (Thursday) 17 boats had 72 crans, for which prices were from 20s to 28s a cran. On Wednesday the trawler Clydeale, of Aberdeen, landed 60, and to-day the trawler Desidero, of Aberdeen, landed 12 crans of very fine large herrings, taken with the trawl in 90 fathoms of water 60 miles south-west of Barra Head. The Clydeale was prevented from landing her catch owing to the opposition of the local fishermen, and came on to Stornoway, where they raised 25 crans a cran. A number of Aberdeen steamers are engaged trawling off Barra Head, and are running with their catches to Ardrossan or Liverpool.

TRUST FOR EDUCATION IN THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS. The following are the results of the examinations held on 29th and 30th June, and to be awarded in November, in terms of the regulations laid down in the syllabus:—

SUMMERLAND. Boys.—Don. Munro, Golspie Higher Grade School, 909; Geo. W. Robertson, Clyde Higher Grade School, 819; David Valentine, Leir Higher Grade School, 763. Girls.—Amelia I. Campbell, Golspie Public School, 782; Chris. A. Campbell, Golspie Public School, 782; Annie Mackay, Durine Public School, 606.

ROSS AND GROMARTY. Boys.—Gordon Crawford, Invergordon Academy, 826; Robert Ross, Dingwall Academy, 818; Jas. B. Matheson, Ullapool Public School, 804; Malcolm B. Mackeod, Nicolson Institute, Stornoway, 779; David M. Ross, Invergordon Academy, 759; John R. Mackenzie, do., 723; Daniel M. Gray, Dingwall Academy, 722; Frank Macwilliam, do., 673; Edward Watt, do., 666; Sam. H. Matheson, Ullapool Public School, 630; Rod. Matheson, do., 614.

Girls.—Cath. Macdonald, Dingwall Academy, 918; Eliz. D. Baker, Invergordon Academy, 896; Margaret Ross, Dingwall Academy, 904; Margt. Cameron, do., 797; Cath. M. D. Robertson, Invergordon Academy, 793; Eliz. Campbell, do., 787; Helen L. Macdonald, do., 783; Isabella M. Matheson, 745; Jane I. Macrae, Plockton Public School, 711; Christina Macdonald, Ullapool Higher Grade School, 680; Flora Stewart, Plockton Higher Grade School, 624; Cath. Macrae, Plockton Public School, 620; Jessie M. Fraser, Ullapool Higher Grade School, 541; Margaret Maciver, Plockton Public School, 435; Johan Gray, Invergordon Academy, 358. *This candidate was not present on the second day of the examination.

INVERNESS. Boys.—Lachlan Mackinnon, Kingussie Higher Grade School, 914; Wm. Anderson, do., 901; Dugald C. Macrae, do., 886; Arthur B. Grant, Glen-Urquhart Higher Grade School, 880; John T. Outhbert, Kingussie Higher Grade School, 870; Ronald Maciver, do., 869; George Eraser, Glen-Urquhart Public School, 855; Donald Macdonald, Kingussie Higher Grade School, 854; D. B. Gorrie, do., 846; Rod. D. Cameron, Glen-Urquhart Public School, 829; Murdo Stewart, Portree Higher Grade School, 836; Angus Munro, Kingussie Higher Grade School, 819; Wm. B. Tytler, do., 771; John Macdonald, do., 769; Farquhar Nicolson, do., 761; Robert Macgregor, do., 752; Donald Macleod, do., 745; Duncan Macleachlan, Portree Higher Grade School, 742; Duncan Macmillan, Glen-Urquhart Higher Grade School, 741; Ken. J. A. Gillanders, Portree Higher Grade School, 728; Hugh Mackenzie, Kingussie Higher Grade School, 721; John Smith, do., 697.

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STANDING UP FOR THE HOMELAND.

[TO THE EDITOR.] Sir,—In your issue of the 24th of July there appeared a letter from an Edinburgh tourist entitled "The Deploable Condition of the Island of Lewis." Briefly, he states that in a short stay at the village of Borve he could find no well whereat to quench his thirst. His letter is another example of the wrong impression the ordinary tourist generally gets of a country which he usually has to "do" on schedule time. In case "Tourist" may wish to quench his thirst the next time he pays a flying visit to Borve, I may state that there are at least ten wells in the village altogether. First, there is "Tobair an Doctair" used entirely by Dr Ross for dispensing purposes and for his own family use. Now, Dr Ross's fame is by no means confined to the Island of Lewis, and the mere fact that he uses that water is sufficient proof of its good qualities. The other wells have water equally as good. The well he mentions must have been a cattle trough. "I am rather inclined to think that if "Tourist" had had tact enough to suggest "Coimneach Swanaobost," the postman, that he merely wanted the water for mixing rum, he would have had no difficulty in finding a well to suit him; also, I am inclined to think that the severe bumping he received in a gig while driving between Ness and Borve was likewise owing to a lack of tact or generosity on his part. Coimneach can drive in such a way that his gig simply glides along with the comfort and ease and murmurous hum of the latest French automobile. On the other hand, he can make his gig as uncomfortable as he evidently made it for "Tourist." It depends on whom he is driving. If "Tourist" had described the beauties of the scenery around Ness, the mysterious glamour of a Hebridean twilight, or the terrific grandeur of that sight when the grey Atlantic rollers rear their crests with sulken roar against the Butt of Lewis, or if he had described the simple life and poetry of the people, then his time would have been spent to some purpose, and each time he visited that much-abused island—abused most by those who knew it least, but never by the true patriot or any large-hearted lover of Nature—he would add some new phase of beauty to enrich his mind and inspire his facile pen.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., "TOGAIL NA BO." Montreal, August 10th, 1909.

CELTIC TORQUE FOUND IN SOMERSET.

At Yeovil, the other day, an inquiry was held regarding the finding of a valuable and rare relic, a solid gold torque, supposed to have belonged to a Celtic chieftain who lived 500 years B.C. The relic was found by a labourer while excavating soil, and weighs six ounces, being made of gold wire, beautifully handwrought, and in a perfect state of preservation. The finder sold it for £40, and it was purchased for the Somerset Archaeological Society, on the matter being brought before the Crown authorities the relic was declared to be treasure trove, and an official inquiry was ordered to be made. This was held on Wednesday afternoon before the local coroner and jury, who found a verdict to the effect that as the relic was not concealed, it could not be regarded as treasure trove. It will, therefore, remain in the possession of the Somerset Archaeological Society. It was stated that one gentleman was willing to give £1000 for it.

FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.—THE following is a statement showing the progress of the great summer herring fishing on the East Coast of Scotland, in Orkney and Shetland, and on the Northumberland Coast from its commencement to 21st August, 1909, and for the corresponding period last year.

Table with columns for Locality, 1909, 1908, 1909, 1908. Rows for Crans, Grains, Barrels, East Coast, Orkney, Shetland, Northumberland.

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PARISH OF STORNOWAY.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF THE INSPECTOR OF POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15th MAY, 1909.

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GEORGE MACLEOD, Clerk of the Parish Council. I hereby certify that I have compared the Entries in this Abstract of Accounts with the vouchers and other documents relating thereto, that the payments have been made under proper authority, and that the regulations respecting the accounts have been duly complied with. As witness my hand this sixteenth day of August, 1909. ROBERTER MACLEOD, C.A., Parish Auditor.

BETTER VALUE YOU CANNOT BUY. Look out for Bargains next week. No time to write them out this week.



Bargains in BOYS' SUITS, BOYS' JACKETS, BOYS' KNICKERS, BOYS' SHIRTS. Gentlemen, strong interest should be centred in—Our Bargains in SHIRTS, PANTS, SEMMITS, SUITS, 20s to 35s. Our Bargains in TROUSERS, 2s 6d, 3s, 6s, 8s and 10s. LADIES' BOOTS, SHOES and SLIPPERS. Ladies' Slippers, from One Shilling. MEN'S BOOTS and SHOES. CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES. LOOK OUT for next week's Advertisement and read about the Bargains in HATS and CAPS, LADIES' COATS, LADIES' MOTOR CAPS, LADIES' GLOVES, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &c., AT THE Stornoway Polytechnic.

C. EVERED, D.S., R.C.S.E.D., DENTAL SURGEON, WILL VISIT STORNOWAY PERIODICALLY. Appointments may be made with R. SMITH, CHEMIST, STORNOWAY, Or at MACKENZIE'S TEMPERANCE HOTEL, North Beach Street.

R. THOMSON, FAMILY BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER AND CONFECTIONER. THE VICTORIA BAKERY, 12 CROMWELL STREET. MARRIAGE, BIRTHDAY and CHRISTENING CAKES MADE UP TASTEFULLY AT MODERATE CHARGES.

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THE Largest Stock of High-Class Jewellery ever displayed in Stornoway can be seen at the shop of J. W. Macgillivray, Cromwell Street; also all kinds of Electro Plate, Silver Plating, Cutlery, Leather Goods, such as Ladies' Hand Bags, Ladies' and Gent's Dressing Cases, all of the Best Quality. Do not forget the Speciality in Lewis Bible Jewellery, &c., which makes the best souvenir of the Island. Originator and Designer, the Subscriber. J. W. MACGILLIVRAY Cromwell Street, Stornoway.

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FRUIT FRUIT. Now that the Fruit Season is here have made arrangements with Glasgow and Liverpool firms to supply me with a Fresh Consignment every week. These will include—TOMATOES, GREENGAGES, VICTORIA PLUMS, GOOSEBERRIES, GRAPES, LEMON, MELLOWS, BANANAS, ETC. DON'T FORGET OUR FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES and PROVISIONS. OUR 2s BLEND OF TEAS IS WELL WORTH A TRIAL.

John Macdonald, Jun., 21-23 POINT STREET, STORNOWAY. NOW READY. HIGHLAND PATRIOTS BY AJAX. ORDER FROM Rev. Mr MACCALLUM, The Manse, Lochs, Lewis; or "HIGHLAND NEWS," INVERNESS.

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FROM A VISITING CARD TO A POSTER. Letter Orders receive prompt attention.

NICOLSON'S, Cromwell St., Stornoway. WANTED, well-educated Girl, to attend shop and keep Books, in Stornoway. Address Box 30, Market Street, Aberdeen.

COOK, or Cook-Housemaid, throughout 31st August. Excellent references. Wages like situation about Strathpeffer, Manier, Park View, Callanish, Strathpeffer, Aberdeen.

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LODGINGS, suitable for Schoolboys or School-girls, in nice locality, facing the Harbour. Charges moderate. Apply No. 5600 Highland News Office, Stornoway.

FOR SALE, HERRING BARRELS—Wholes, Halves, and Quarters; all first class. Apply John Sutherland, Stornoway.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.—NORMAN MACKENZIE, General Merchant, Bayble, Stornoway, hereby gives notice that he intends to apply for a License to Keep and Sell Poisonous Substances used exclusively in connection with Horticulture and Agriculture, to which Section 2 of the above Act applies.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.—DONALD MURRAY, Merchant, Shawbost, Lewis, hereby gives notice that he intends to apply for a License to Keep and Sell Poisonous Substances used exclusively in connection with Horticulture and Agriculture, to which Section 2 of the above Act applies.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.—JOHN MORRISON, General Merchant, Carloway, Lewis, hereby gives notice that he intends to apply for a License to Keep and Sell Poisonous Substances used exclusively in connection with Horticulture and Agriculture, to which Section 2 of the above Act applies.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.—MALCOLM MACAULAY, General Merchant, Carloway, Stornoway, hereby gives notice that he intends to apply for a License to Keep and Sell Poisonous Substances used exclusively in connection with Horticulture and Agriculture, to which Section 2 of the above Act applies.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.—DUNCAN MACRAE, General Merchant, Lewis, hereby gives notice that he intends to apply for a License to Keep and Sell Poisonous Substances used exclusively in connection with Horticulture and Agriculture, to which Section 2 of the above Act applies.

LEWIS CROFTERS' CATTLE SHOW.

The Show, which is to be held in the Park in front of the Manor Farmhouse.

On TUESDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1909.

Will be opened at 3 o'clock p.m.

Lord and Lady Pentland are expected to be present.

Entries should be intimated to the Hon. Secretary by Today (Saturday), 28th inst.

Selections will be given during the Afternoon by the Brass Band and the Lewis Pipe Band.

Admission to Show—Adults, 6d; Children (under 12 years), 3d. Tickets to be had at the Shop of Mr T. Nicolson, Stationer, Cromwell Street.

RUGH MILLER, Hon. Secretary.

A SALE OF WORK.

(In Aid of the Fund for providing a Hall in connection with St Peter's Church)

Will be held in THE DRILL HALL.

On THURSDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1909.

The Brass Band of No. 6 Company, N.S.R.G.A. (by permission of the Commanding Officer) and the Pipe Band have kindly arranged to play a selection of Music at intervals.

A variety of Useful Articles will be sold, including—Jams, Pickles, Fruit, Turnips, Vegetables, Sweets, Cakes, Laces, Patterns and Fancy Goods, etc.

The Sale will be Opened by Major MATHIESON at 2 p.m., and Tea can be obtained during the Afternoon. ADMISSION—3d.

SPECIAL VALUE.

In LADIES' COSTUMES and BOYS' SUITS, AT A. R. MURRAY'S, 57 CROMWELL STREET.

MINERAL WATERS.

Made from Pure Spring Water and the Finest Fruit Essences. GOODS DELIVERED IN TOWN.

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At Lowest Cash Prices. BRUISED OATS, MIXED GRAIN, BARLEY MEAL, THIRDS, BRAN, &c also MIXED FOWL CORN.

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The boots that will keep YOUR feet dry and comfortable in all weathers are Forrest's Scotch Waterproofs. They are the result of 30 years' experience in supplying Farmers, Gamekeepers, Gamekeepers, and all who are exposed to the weather, with a reliable, waterproof, country boot. Built from waterproof grain hides, uppers, soles and insoles all specially treated by a new process of oiling, rendering the whole boot perfectly waterproof, and adding at least a third more to the wear. Broad, roomy soles, sewed to the heels. Sent carriage paid anywhere. Money returned if not satisfactory.

State size usually worn, also whether you prefer them nailed as illustrated or with heelplates, toe-plates, and nails, and by return post you will receive a pair of these Scotch Waterproof Boots. Send direct to the Waterproofer Boot Specialists, FORREST, WEST CALDER. Illustrated Catalogue free on request.

THE GOLD FIELDS OF KILDONAN.

WILL THEY PAY?

INTERVIEWS WITH DIGGERS.

In 1888 an attempt was made to get the mines re-opened. A public petition was presented to the Duke, but without effect. Public meetings were afterwards held in the Schoolhouse at Helmsdale, and finally a list of mining rules was drawn up by a number of diggers established themselves on the banks of the Kildonan Burn. Here they worked successfully for a short time, but on the approach of the "twelfth" of August they were served with a notice to quit. Some refused to leave, but an interdict was speedily procured and they were obliged to remove. Asked by our representative what his earnings would average in a week, a digger, who formed part of the company referred to, was dejected by anything but a notice at the business at that time, but as such his earnings averaged about 27s 6d per week. "There is no 'boss' like the gold; he'll keep you working with a will," declared our informant with enthusiasm. The tools used by the diggers were most primitive, the "dirt" being simply washed in a small basin and separated from the precious metal. Each claim had 12 ft. of frontage to the burn, and during this period there was no Crown official present to collect any tax. The amount of money realised will never be known with anything like certainty, but it was common knowledge at the time that the men did extremely well, and it was with the greatest reluctance that the interdict was obeyed. After another long interval of surreptitious gold-hunting, in the summer of 1895 arrangements were made, with the consent of the Duke, for conducting a test. A number of men were given claims to work, and Mr J. Seaton, stationmaster at Kildonan, was appointed to be superintendent of the test. The men were to submit all their takings to Mr Seaton, who afterwards drew up the following report:—

Kildonan Station, 14th August, 1895. Report on results of gold digging operations on Sulgill farm from 6th May to 6th August, 1895.

To His Grace the Duke of Sutherland and the Sutherland County Council.

My Lord Duke and Gentlemen,—I beg to submit my report on the above. Of the twenty diggers selected only three came forward at the opening, the remainder fighting shy of the conditions under which the work was conducted.

Before proceeding further it might be as well to refer to a difference of opinion that has arisen between Mr Maclean, factor, and the County Council as to the interpretation to be put on one of the clauses of the agreement. Mr Maclean holds that the diggers were to be allowed to abandon the claims marked off for them, whether there was gold in them or not. The County Council, on the other hand, maintain no such hard interpretation can be put upon the clause, but if they were aware that such a condition was to be insisted on they think they did wrong in proceeding with the work, as no wages were paid the diggers; and by another clause in the agreement they were bound to continue at work for three months or forfeit whatever they might have deposited with me.

I do not think that any sane person can seriously blame the diggers for abandoning the claims when they found they did not contain gold in paying quantities and without causing any, or at least very little, damage to the ground worked. If it was intended that they were to be confined to one claim, they ought at least to have been allowed a fair trial of it without being fixed to it, but if the report is to be confined to the gold found in the claims then certainly the result is a failure, for very little was found in those first selected, as only Maclean's stuck to it for any length of time, and he, too, was ultimately compelled to abandon it through gold running out.

But, on the other hand, I may take note of all the gold found by the diggers; a few of them have done fairly well, as will be seen from the statement appended:—

R. Macpherson, 6th Aug. to 6th Aug., 4 cws., 3 dwts., 12 grs.; M. Maclean, 6th May to 6th Aug., 1 oz., 11 dwts.; D. MacKenzie, 7th May to 6th Aug., 15 dwts., 5 grs.; Wm. Little, 3rd June, to 6th Aug., 14 dwts., 9 grs.; James Sutherland, 3rd June to 6th Aug., 14 dwts., 9 grs.; John Sutherland, 15th June to 6th Aug., 2 ozs., 12 dwts., 11 grs.; George Sutherland, 16th July to 6th Aug., 5 dwts., 2 grs.

The difference in results is accounted for by the capabilities of the workers and partly by their previous knowledge of the work. Macpherson and John Sutherland are both old workers on the burn. Maclean's comparative success has been obtained by sheer hard work. MacKenzie was too old and infirm. The others were new to the work.

Good prices will be obtained for the gold, as it is being eagerly asked after. Those results would have been better had the month of July not been so extremely wet, flooding the burn and stopping work. The burn sometimes ran as high as to carry off the sluices and other appliances before they could be removed, and on one occasion John Sutherland had the tin box containing part of gold carried away by a sudden spate and lost.

The test, so far as it has gone, may be held to have proved that there is gold in paying quantities in the bed of the burn, but outside of that it will not pay, at least with the primitive appliances used by the diggers. It was found by them that as they worked away from the burn the gold was found in the form of fine dust, which was very difficult to retain in the washing.

That it may exist in paying quantities outside the burn is possible, but the present test has failed to reveal it. J. SEATON.

It was generally admitted that the test was not a fair one, as is evident from what appeared in the report, and still more evident from what did not appear in that historic document. Some of the men who acted in the test afterwards admitted that they did not deliver up all they extracted. One of the number, now deceased, confessed that he took away with him £20 of which the stationmaster knew nothing. The gentleman who seconded the resolution at the County Council—Mr Macpherson, Helmsdale—declared that he knew a man personally who made an average of £8 per week at the last test. It can be no doubt that, under favourable conditions, the Kildonan gold fields could be made to pay. A suggestion was made at the County Council meeting that a lease of the ground be taken. The proposal is a practicable one if the lease can be obtained on favourable terms. The Duke may wish to lease the ground at its prospective mineral value, but it is hoped that, with the shadow of a land bill looming large overhead, he will adopt a more equitable standard. Since the herring fishing became centralised, Helmsdale has been reduced to dire straits, and it is imperative that a new industry be introduced to supplement that which no longer exists. Attempts are being made to under-estimate the value of the Kildonan gold fields, but that is done for obvious reasons and should be ignored. It is obvious suggested that there is gold in fabulous quantities, but there is a conviction that there is sufficient to place within the reach of many the opportunity of earning a comfortable living.

SALE OF WORK. On Wednesday the United Free Church Mission North Kessock held a successful sale of work in the Lower Mission Hall, North Kessock, when the articles left over from the recent sale in the Queensgate Hotel were disposed of. Business commenced at 2 o'clock, and continued briskly during the afternoon.

ROLLER SKATING IN INVERNESS.

CAVEAT LODGED WITH SHERIFF CLERK.

The following caveat has been lodged with the Sheriff Clerk:— Caveat for the Islands Skating Rink Co., Inverness, and John Macrae, Arcade Skating Rink, Aberdeen, and James Macgregor, Glasgow, Crown Dry Cleaners, Inverness. The caveatists crave that intimation be made to them, or any of them, before interdict is granted against them at the instance of Miss Ellen E. A. Keith, 3 Murray Place, Inverness, Christina C. Oberbeck, Alexandra Hotel, Inverness, or any other person or persons in connection with the proposed erection of a roller skating rink in Gordonville Road or Murray Place, Inverness. And J. Macrae, law agent, Inverness, agent for caveatists.

HOW TO ROLLER SKATE.

NEW ONE SHILLING MANUAL.

Full of Illustrations. MELVEN BROS., 29 UNION STREET.

STORNOWAY TERRITORIALS IN CAMP.

The beginning of their second week in camp found the local company of Territorials attending divine service in the Parish Church. The Rev. J. S. McCallum, chaplain to the company, officiated and preached a most appropriate sermon. The whole service was much enjoyed. Up till Thursday the training consisted mainly of instruction in musketry, rifle practice being carried out daily at the Stewartfield Rifle Range. On Tuesday the company was inspected by Colonel Block, C.R.A., 2nd Scottish Sub-District, who expressed himself highly gratified with the physique of the men, their general smartness at drill, and behaviour in camp. Of the camp itself his verdict was that it was a model, a sentiment which was echoed by an Army Service Corps officer who had occasion to visit the camp on the same day. The event to which the officers and men alike looked forward with special interest was one which had something in it of active service conditions. This took place on Thursday, when orders were issued that a detachment proceed to defend the cable landing place at Branahue Bay. The detachment, under Lieut. Macleod, with transport and necessary equipment, set out on camp and took up position at the point to be defended about 3 p.m. The attacking party, with front and rear guards, left camp some hours later under command of Major Bain, V.D., assisted by Lieut. Macleod, and marched to a rendezvous at Shandwick Schoolhouse. Here a halt was ordered and a reconnaissance party was thrown out. This took the direction of Home Farm, and, after taking observations, the party signalled back to the main body the following plan of attack:—Lieut. Nicolson with a party to proceed through Melbost and Branahue to take the defenders in rear, and the remainder, under Lieutenant Ross, to proceed to Home Farm. Here Major Bain took command, and proceeded as far as possible under cover through the village of Helms, and along under cover of the rocks, on the eastern lying shore. Having reached a point where further advance was impossible without being observed by the defenders, the men were divested of their blue overcoats and the which blended so completely with their khaki uniforms that it would be exceedingly difficult for the defenders' sentries to observe them. In this position they waited for Lieut. Nicolson's rear attack, which was timed to commence at 8 o'clock. The officers spent the time in watching through their glasses the movements of the defending party and their sentries. Sharp at 8 o'clock excitement was observed in the camp of the defenders, and it was clearly seen that Lieut. Nicolson had engaged them. Major Bain gave the order immediately to advance. The site of an ambulance dressing station had been arranged by the Medical Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Mackenzie, V.D., to which any casualties could be brought, and he and his bearers advanced with the attacking party. The assault from this point was quick and sharp. The position was rushed from both front and rear simultaneously, and Lieut. Macleod, after a gallant defence, was overwhelmed by superior numbers, and no more than himself enjoyed the strategy adopted by the attacking parties. The whole manoeuvre was conducted under the most favourable conditions, but everyone was in good humour and enjoyed their novel experience. The camp was reached about 10.30, when hot coffee was served, and everybody went to bed war and weather-wise, but happy.

On Friday the competitions usually held on the day of the annual inspection were carried out. The following were the prize-winners:— Rifle Shooting—(1) money prize and silver cup—Corpl. Campbell; (2) money prize, 40s.—2 Gunners J. Macdonald and J. Munro (tie); 3 Trumpeter J. A. Macleod and Bom. A. Macaulay (tie); 4 Gunner D. Macleod.

Best Section for Aggregate Scores—1 (money prize and silver cup) Section 4, Sergt. Afrin; 2 Section 2, Corpl. Campbell; 3 Squad Drill—(1) money prize, Corpl. Campbell; 2 Sergt.-Major Macleod.

A prize given by Lieut.-Colonel Mackenzie for the best-kept tent was awarded to Corpl. A. J. Macaskill.

On Saturday Corpl. Macaskill was presented with the Territorial Force efficiency medal. This is the first Territorial medal presented to any member of the local Company.

The intention was to strike camp and pack up for transmission of the tents and camp equipment, but on account of the wet weather the tents had to be left standing till Monday. On the whole, notwithstanding that the weather was somewhat unfavourable, there was no serious discomfort, and all ranks enjoyed their fortnight under canvas.

BUSINESS AT HARBOUR AND SLIP.

Both pilots and dock labourers have to bemoan the absence of big vessels at the harbour this week. A few men, were however, engaged discharging a quantity of salt from the s.s. Citadel on Tuesday. The consignment was for Messrs Macgruther & Marshall, and Mr D. Petrie. Excellent progress has been made with the construction of the commodious building which is to serve as a blacksmith's and cooper's smith's shop at the Thornhill boat slip. Had it been for this work, it is possible that the quiet season would have been spent in boat building. It is not improbable that this will be begun next year.

ARDGAY—Large Adders Killed.—Two serpents of unusual size were killed by a party of sportsmen while shooting on Kincardine Moor on the 20th inst. One of the reptiles measured 2 ft. 4 in. in length, and was shot by one of the party. The other snake, which measured 2 ft. 2 in. in length, was killed by Mr Alex. Munro, another of the party, with a heavy stick which he carried.

JOHN McMAHON, Broker, 12 Huntly Street—All Classes of Old Gold and Silver bought and sold. Highest prices given for Left-off Jewellery. Prices for 14 days. Watches, Jewellery, and Musical Instruments. Metals and Curio sold cheap. One Minute's Walk from the Harbour.

GROUND TO LET, suitable for Warehouses, Workmen's Houses, and Villa Residences. Apply to James Macgruther, Crown Lairs, Inverness.

TENDERS INVITED.

THE BUILDERS.—Tenders wanted for the erection of a new Slater, Plasterer, Plumber, Painter and Glazier Works of Extension to Academy, Inverness. Plans and Specifications to be seen with Robert J. Macbeth, architect, Inverness, and Schedules of Quantities obtained from him. Tenders to be lodged with him on or before Monday, 30th Sept. The lowest or any tender may not be accepted. Questions, 37th August, 1909.

INVERNESS BURGHS SCHOOL BOARD.

Tenders are required for Supplying Coals to the Public Schools of the Burgh and the Royal Academy for the year from 1st September. Sealed tenders to be lodged with the Subscriber on or before Monday, 30th September. Specifications of Terms of Contract can be had from W. CHARLES MACBEAN, 42 Union Street, Inverness. Clerk of School Board. Inverness, 13th August, 1909.

SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT.

WANTED, well-educated Girl, to attend School Box 30, Market Street, Aberdeen.

WANTED, experienced General Servant for Glasgow. Mrs Alexander's Registry.

ABLEMAID and General Servants wanted; must be well recommended; also Pupils for Dress-making. Apply Mrs Macpherson, 29 Castle Street, Inverness.

WANTED, strong, intelligent Lad for Cabinet-making. Apply R. Hay & Sons, Church Street, Inverness.

WANTED, respectable, active Woman to look after House in Town, very comfortable home for suitable party. Apply No. 3176 Highland News Office.

WANTED, immediately, First-class Nurse for Sick Child, in Town, also, 30, also, several good Cooks, House-Talearns, and Generalists. Mrs Carter, 57 Church Street.

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