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INVERNESS BURGH TRIBUNAL

A MOTHER AND HER THREE SOLDIER SONS.

A sitting of the Inverness Burgh Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday—Rev. John D. MacGill presiding in the absence of the Provost. The members present were—Councillor George Gallon, Mr J. J. Ross, Mr Thomas Stewart, and Colonel James Forsyth, the military representative.

THE V.T.C.

The Chairman at the outset called for a report from the Clerk as to how many men who had come before the Tribunal, and upon whom the condition of joining the Volunteer Training Corps was imposed, were attending drill.

The Clerk—A good many have fulfilled the condition, and a good many have not. The Chairman thought the Clerk ought to furnish a report to the next meeting of the Tribunal giving the names of those who failed to fulfil the condition imposed by the Tribunal. Unless the condition was fulfilled the delinquents would be reported to the Military Authorities and called up.

REPORT FROM AREA TRUSTEES. The Clerk submitted a report with reference to recent decisions by the Tribunal, and which were appealed to the Area Tribunal. He stated that in the case of James Glennie the Area Tribunal had granted a short exemption, but at the last sitting of the Tribunal any further extension was refused. In the case of Andrew Mcowan, manager of the Thistle Bar, the appeal was dismissed; the appeal of David Irvine, barman, etc., refused; George Eric Elder, wholesale beer bottler, appeal dismissed.

APPLICATIONS FOR RE-HEARING. The Clerk stated that he had received applications from Messrs Young, Chapman, Bookless Bros., and Macleannan's Trustees for the permission of the Tribunal for a re-hearing of their respective applications.

Mr John Young (of Young and Chapman) made a statement on behalf of two of the firm's employees—Andrew Paterson and Peter Swanney. He stated that before the war there were fourteen employees, twelve of whom had joined the colours. The only two men left are Paterson and Swanney. Both are married and have children. They are in charge of the two most important departments in the establishment, and their services are indispensable. To add to the troubles of the firm, one of their most competent ladies had to leave owing to her parents leaving for York. Other three employees had left. One had got an appointment as a clerk at the Barracks, while the other two had gone to work on munitions. He had inserted comments in the leading papers in the South and locally, but without the necessary effect. In ordinary times the firm would have received at least a hundred replies, but in this case he had only received two replies. The applicants, however, were only a few. They had an infinitesimally larger establishment. With his own assistance and that of Swanney and Paterson they were trying to do the work of nine men. He was as patriotic as any man, and he was prepared to take his share of the burdens of the country, but he honestly thought that the men for whom he was now appealing would be as loyal and patriotically serving their country as if they were on military duty.

The Chairman said they were not going into the merits of the case that day, but simply considering whether any fresh evidence had emerged to justify a re-hearing. The Tribunal then intimated that they would hear the case on its merits at their next sitting.

BOOKLESS BROS. Also asked for permission for a re-hearing in the case of Angus Macleannan, fishmonger and ice-man. This is the only man in this department. Owing to the manager being called up the firm had to close the Elgin branch. Mrs Bookless, who appeared in support of the claim, said Macleannan is 39 years of age, and has been sixteen years in the employ of the firm.

It was decided to hear the case on its merits at its next sitting.

MACLEANNAN'S TRUSTEES. Macleannan's Trustees asked for a re-hearing in the case of Alex. Young, head cellarman, who has three brothers in the Army, and is the only support of his widowed mother.

Mr Chisholm, the manager, who appeared in support of the appeal, said he was unable to do any heavy work, as he had not yet sufficiently recovered from an operation for appendicitis. The cellars were underground. The trustees had secured from the Control Board the supplying of cement, Invergordon and Cronarty, and consequently they were very busy.

The Chairman—You have had larger supplies to undertake since the Control Board took over these plants.

The Manager—Yes.

The Chairman—That is an extraordinary state of matters.

It was decided to go into the merits of the case at the next sitting of the Tribunal. Leave to re-hear a further application was also granted to Fraser Bros., coachbuilders. OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. It was claimed on behalf of Henry Jamieson (33), a china merchant, etc., that he is engaged in work of national importance. He is gathering up the scrap of copper, brass, etc., which, after being carefully sorted out, is sent to Government controlled establishments and munition works.

The Advisory Committee recommended one month. Mr Pat. D. Macatavish, solicitor, who appeared for the applicant, said this was a very peculiar case. It was the case of a business which has practically no rival to it in the North of Scotland. The applicant employed a number of men and women who went about the country collecting the material referred to, as well as other stuff, which was converted into Army clothing. As had already been mentioned, the old material such as wire, copper, etc., was sent to controlled establishments, the Rose Street Foundry being one of these. The business required practical knowledge. It had been in existence for sixty years. Upon the death of the applicant's father, the mother took it on, but unfortunately she died recently, with the result that Henry was the only person left who had an expert knowledge of the business.

Two months' exemption. Donald Mackenzie, an apprentice plumber, whose uncle is in France, was given a month's exemption without the right of appeal.

A PATRIOTIC MOTHER. Tom Stewart (18), fish dealer, asked for exemption on the ground of domestic hardship. He told the Tribunal that he has passed for home defence.

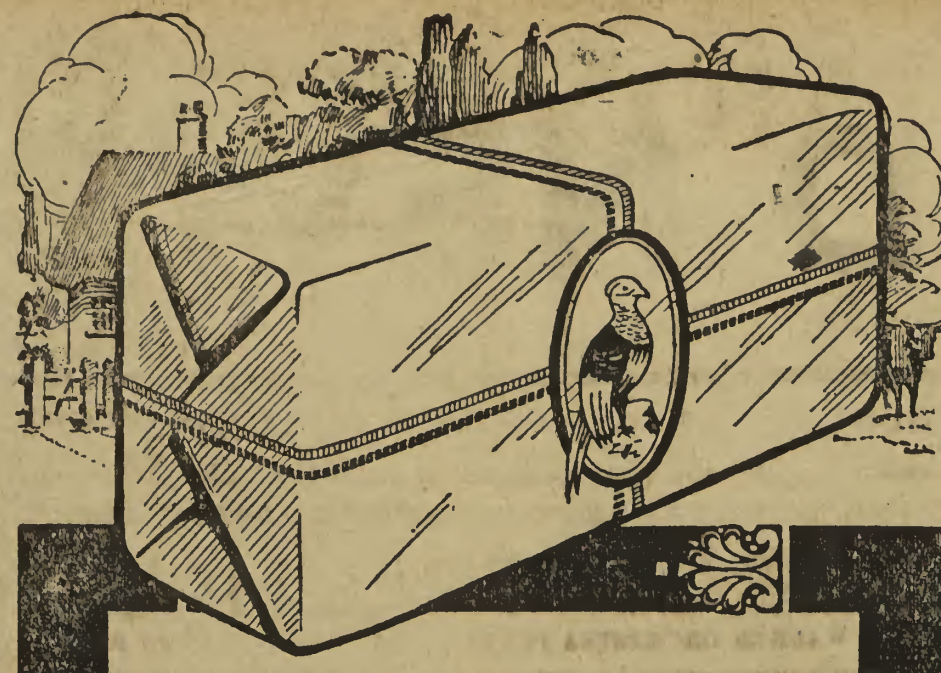
The mother appeared, and made a strong appeal for the retention of the last remaining son. She said there are three young children in school, while three sons were fighting for King and Country. One was in the Navy, and two in the Army. One had been wounded at the battle of the Somme. By the Clerk—Her husband was alive, but he was not able to work very hard. She had to depend on Tom.

The Tribunal refused to give exemption. The mother said it would be a good thing if other families had done as well.

The Chairman—We sympathize with you, but there have been much harder cases than this. You can appeal to the Area Tribunal and get your case re-heard if you think there is any injustice in our decision.

The mother indicated that she would. A large number of uncontested cases were disposed of.

DUNAIN MISSION.—The Convener begs to acknowledge, with thanks, a donation of £3 from Mrs Kennedy, Dunain Park, per Miss Hilda Chisholm.

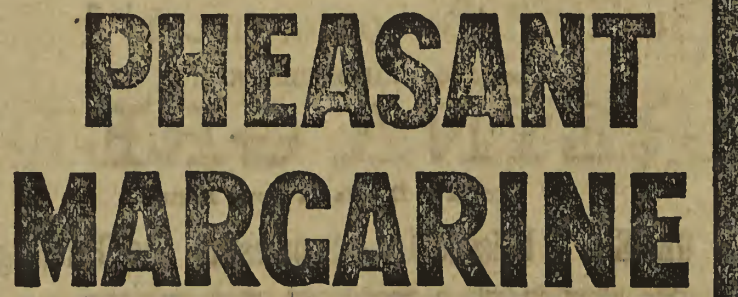


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A NEW AMBULANCE AND ITS FUNCTIONS.

A discussion took place on Monday at meeting of the Lighting and Watching Committee of Inverness Town Council with regard to the functions of a recently procured ambulance wagon.

Dr John Macdonald, the Medical Officer of Health, explained that the First District Committee have a van for the removal of infectious cases, and, when necessary, the Second District Committee hired it. With regard to the ambulance purchased on behalf of the burgh, he suggested that maximum charge should be made for its use, and in the case of poor people—certified by those who send them in—there should be a reduction.

Baillie Murray—The county are quite able to look after themselves, and we should have the exclusive use of this one.

Councillor W. G. Mackay—I understand that it is purely a police ambulance.

Mr John Macnaughton, Chief Constable—The ambulance is not an asset in connection with the Police Force, but for the good of the town.

Dr Macdonald—I think it would be a mistake to bar the county from using it, and making them pay therefor.

Baillie Murray moved that the ambulance be retained for the exclusive use of the burgh.

Ex-Baillie Rod Fraser seconded.

Ex-Baillie Donald Macdonald, the convener, moved, and Councillor D. Matheson seconded, that the ambulance be used alike by the burgh and county.

The latter motion became the finding of the meeting.

A PUBLIC OBSTRUCTION. POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A hurley belonging to Macdonald and Mackintosh, grocers, etc., High Street, Inverness, formed the subject of a prosecution in the Police Court on Monday—Police Judge Macdonald on the bench. The charge was brought against A. F. Petrie, the manager, and he was charged with wilfully causing an obstruction to be placed, or causing to be placed, for the period of three-quarters of an hour, a two-wheeled hurley.

Respondent—I plead guilty to the contravention, but it was not a wilful contravention. We are doing our very best, but the premises are very awkwardly situated. I should also like to point out that the store is in Dempster Gardens, and there are many occasions in the day in which the hurley has to go back and fore.

Mr John Macnaughton, the Burgh Prosecutor, said he had spoken to the manager the day before the contravention, and on that occasion he told Mr Petrie that if the barrow was not removed a prosecution would follow. He did not blame the manager so much as his men. The barrow was out for the period of forty-five minutes, and that, too, after the warning had been given. He had no desire to press for a penalty here, but some steps would require to be taken so that the offence would not be repeated. The junction of Inglis Street and High Street was a very busy one.

The respondent combated the statement that the hurley was out for three-quarters of an hour, and said that the act was that of a boy, who left the barrow in front of the window. The only thing which he could do on behalf of the firm was to put up a notice making the employees personally responsible for any such contravention in future.

The Chief Constable—If you do that I will be quite prepared to prosecute any of your men.

The Magistrate—A very serious accident might occur through this hurley.

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It is gratifying that every student who sat the examination has been successful.

DESERT FOOTBALL. SOLDIERS' LEAGUE MATCHES ON EGYPTIAN OASIS.

Soldiers' league matches on the Egyptian oasis are described in a letter to Mr M. Cartney, the Hearts' manager, from Rev. Alistair Stewart (of Inverness), whose gentlemanly and brilliant play for the local Caledonian Club used to be greatly admired, and who also some years ago figured prominently as a half-back for the Heart of Midlothian, and is now a chaplain with the forces in Egypt, who ever is often used to pity the teams who had to take the field on the 15th of August, when frequently the hottest spell of the year was on. But such a demand would have no terrors in it now for us out here in the desert, for, despite the heat—greater than August ever knew at home—football flourishes in our brigade. I think I have played more football since coming to Egypt than I did in all the four or five years since I left Tyneside. You can partly imagine the difficulties that the soft, yielding sand presents as an arena, and yet we have had many fast games even with so unsatisfactory a footing. But at our present camp we are favoured indeed.

Here and there in the desert you come across an oasis, where the presence of water some few feet down reveals itself above in palm trees—and in a stretch of firm ground covered with thick dingy-looking shrubs. Two such pieces of ground lie near our camp, and, acting on directions from our Brigadier, I staked off areas for the best of games. Then hundreds of men were turned on to pull up the scrub, level down the mounds, mark off the lines, and very soon we had two grounds with goals and every thing firm level, absolutely first-class. Imagine such a thing away in the midst of the desert!

Now we have got a regular league going, the running of which is part of my work as chaplain. It is strongly appreciated by those in authority; indeed, it was the General who requested me to organise it, and he has generously offered two sets of badges for the winners and runners-up. The reason behind all this is that nothing interests the men so much as football, and having four league matches to play or watch in the week greatly brightens up the time. "So I am once again at my old job as a sort of football impresario or purveyor. There is no 'gate,' we have no pavilion unless it be a long gallery of sand, but the scene is more picturesque than any game at home—a fine, firm arena set amidst the undulating sand, fringed here and there by palm trees, a crowd of khaki-clad scrubbed fellows all around, and trains of camels passing by with that scornful look of theirs. From your point of view, too, the play would be full of interest. There are some men in the different teams of first League class; indeed I am selecting a few names with the intention of recommending them to you for a trial. For you see my affections still rather run towards, and after the war I want to see the best men the good old colours."

NORTHERN COUNTRIES INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.—The hon. treasurer, Mr J. Stuart Watson, V.S., begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following subscriptions:—A. W. Merry, Esq., of Belladrum, £5; J. W. Gordon Oswald, Esq., of Aigas, £5; Sir R. W. Buchanan-Jardine, Benlader Lodge, £2 2s; the Right Hon. Viscount Porter, Sherramore, £2; Mrs Hadwen, of Balblair, Inver-shin, £1 1s; Castlehill U.F. Church Sabbath School, Forbes, per Mr Taylor, £1; Beaulieu U.F. Church Sabbath School, per Miss Maclellan, 5s.

SCOTTISH LAND COURT.

FINDING IN APPEAL.

AN ARDERSIER CASE.

A full sitting of the Land Court has heard and rejected an appeal by Simon Macbean, Milton of Balnagown, Ardresier, tenant on the Cawdor estate. We give the full text of the decision, as the points discussed are of public interest. In the text Macbean is the appellant and the estate the respondent. Edinburgh, 24th July, 1916.—The Land Court having heard parties on the appeal, refuse the appeal: affirm the Order of 31st December, 1914, appealed against; find the appellant liable in expenses; modify those in the circumstances to the sum of two guineas sterling; and discern against the appellant for payment thereof to the respondent.

(Signed) N. J. D. KENNEDY, ALEX. DWAR, NORMAN REID.

NOTE.—Appellant appealed against the Order of 31st December, 1914, for which he was declared to be a tenant of a small tenant of his holding, and the existing rent was fixed at the equitable rent for a period of renewal of seven years.

Appeal was taken on the following grounds—(1) That he ought to have been declared a landlord; (2) that the rent fixed was excessive.

The respondents maintained (1) that the Order was right in finding that the appellant was a statutory small tenant, (2) that the rent fixed by the Order should be increased.

Additional evidence was led for the appellant as to reclamation of land. The question whether under the Act of 1911, the appellant became a landlord or became a statutory small tenant turns on the question of fact, whether the greater part in value of the buildings and other permanent improvements on his holding has been provided or paid by the tenant or his predecessors in the same family, without receiving from the landlord or any predecessor in title payment or fair consideration therefor. If so, the tenant is a landlord; if not, the tenant is a statutory small tenant.

The extent of the holding, the condition of each building and other permanent improvement of the holding are, for this purpose, taken as at the date when the tenant's holding comes within the operation of the Act of 1911, according to section 2—namely, the date of the coming into force of the stipulated term of endurances, or through either party taking advantage of a stipulated break, or through any agreement being made, or other circumstances arising whereby the lease is terminated. (Section 31).

For example, the original dwelling-house of a holding may have been pulled down or may have been converted into a byre and stable or outhouse, or the holding may have come within the operation of the Act. In the first case it has ceased to have any value as a separate improvement; in the second case its value for this purpose is its value to the holding as a byre, stable, or outhouse. Similarly, improvements which had not been begun before the holding came within the operation of the Act cannot be reckoned as improvements for this purpose, though they are usually reckoned in fixing a fair rent or an equitable rent from time to time and/or subsequent purposes.

The extent of this holding has varied from time to time, and the buildings upon it have been replaced, reconstructed, or materially altered from time to time during the tenancy of the holding in the appellant's family. It is certain that a substantial part of the buildings, reclamation, and other permanent improvements on the holding as at the date when it came within the Act of 1911, has been provided for or paid for by the tenant or his predecessors in the same family without payment or fair consideration received. But, after consideration, we are unable to reach the conclusion that this part has been proved to amount to the greater part in value of the whole buildings and other permanent improvements on the holding as at that date. Accordingly, we cannot find that the appellant is a landlord and the Order of the Court is affirmed. The only other question is whether sufficient ground has been shown by either party for altering the amount of the equitable rent fixed by the Order at £48, which was the old rent. The appellant asks us to reduce it, and the respondent asks us to increase it. As a general rule we should not in an appeal alter the amount of the equitable rent, or of the fair rent (as the case may be) determined by the delegated Court after hearing and inspection unless we were satisfied that the circumstances directly and materially affecting the amount of the rent had not been put before or observed by the Court when fixing such rent, or had not been fully considered and weighed, or that the statutory provisions regarding rent had, in some material particular, been imperfectly followed in applying them to the particular holding.

We are satisfied, on the evidence and inspection, that there is no ground for increasing the rent fixed by the Order appealed against. We are also satisfied that sufficient cause has not been shown for reducing that rent. Accordingly the Order is affirmed.

The respondent has not taken advantage of the appeal to maintain an objection, fully that the rent should be increased, we should have allowed a larger amount of expenses. As the case stands both parties have failed on that question of the amount of the rent, and on that question neither party is entitled to expenses. On the other hand, more important question the appellant has failed and the respondent succeeded. The appellant, therefore, is liable in some expenses as regards that question, and we modify the Order at £2 2s.

(Init.) N. J. D. K.; A. D.; N. R.

"RELIEF COMPLETE."

A NORTH UIST OFFICER. The "Times" publishes the following poem:

Not where in grey surge of unnumbered miles Rises the Coronach of the Hebrides; Nor far away where moulten sunlight smiles On Southern Seas; Not from the cloistered strife of Academe, Spent with its subtle warfare, bowed with years Of honoured labour, didst thou pass, supreme Amongst thy peers; But in the blasting hurricanes of the Fray, Deft to its roar, undisturbed of toil, Humbly before the Altar didst thou lay Thy splendid Soul. So thou art gone, but who that lives can mourn The promise of thy manhood, who by fire Tried and accepted, didst endure to earn The warrior's desire? Rather we pray that we who hold the fort May win an equal courage and pace our beat, Till, unshamed, we can at last report "Relief Complete."

P. H. Y. August 3, 1916.

In a note the "Times" says that the poem was written at the front by a brother officer in memory of Captain Allan M'Dougall of the Royal Fusiliers, who was recently killed in action. He had just written the message in his pocket-book:—"O.C.—Royal Fusiliers—'Relief complete,' but could not be before he was able to sign the memorandum. Captain M'Dougall was born in North Uist, in the Hebrides. From there he went to New Zealand, from which he came to New College, Oxford, as a Bachelorship candidate, being a first in History. He was gazetted as a subaltern in the Royal Fusiliers in October, 1914.

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ON CHANGING GEAR.

Very many motor cyclists fail to appreciate the true importance of changing gear at the right moment. As a rule it is delayed too long. This matter is not, perhaps, of such vital importance to riders of powerful engine machines, but it is a point that deserves some consideration from those who are mounted on low-powered motor cycles. I made some notes on this subject from observing riders in the Lake district last week, and I have come to the conclusion that the change should be brought about at least fifty yards before the majority of cyclists think it necessary. The best way of determining the psychological moment is to ride in company with an expert who is mounted on a similar make of machine. This will demonstrate the advisability of changing earlier. If a speedometer be fitted on a cycle, this may be used for guidance. When the speed drops to a given point, change the gear. If the needle remains steady, the right point was selected. If the needle swings upwards the change was made too late.

THE ACCUMULATOR TERMINALS.

In the old days of accumulator ignition a common practice was to smear the accumulator terminals with vasoline in order to prevent corrosion. This answered very well, but I recently heard of a more effective and less messy method which will be useful to those motorists who now use accumulators for lighting purposes. The idea is to buy a few pennyworth of paraffin wax from the oilman, melt it down, and then point it on to the terminals with a small brush. The wax should be smeared all over the terminal right down to and on to the celluloid. It dries hard and is clean to handle and an effective cure against corroding.

HOW TO REPAIR AN ACCUMULATOR.

We all thought a few years ago that the day of the accumulator was over in order to electric lighting—especially since the semi-illumination orders have been in force—have given a lease of life to wet batteries. I raked out an old friend recently that had driven my many thousands of miles in the past, designing that it should still have an honourable place in my new machine to light me on my way, but for some reason or other it has sprung a leak in the celluloid. Now, celluloid punctures were not at all difficult to repair in the old days, the main bother being to mix up the sticking solution. I found that this messy job is not necessary today, the film cement used for repairing cinematograph films answering just as well. Before repairing the accumulator case the acid has to be emptied out and the case thoroughly rinsed with water and given time to dry. Then the leaky spot and the strip of celluloid you wish to patch with must be cleaned with petrol and afterwards it is a simple case of puncture repairing.

GARDEN ALLOTMENT SCHEME. [TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—In response to the many inquiries for an extension of the above to other wards in town, I should like to advise the interested ratepayers in the wards where such is desired to get a list of probable allotment holders, and I am sure the Town Council, as on a former occasion, will give the matter their sympathetic consideration. There is plenty available land in close proximity to the town, and there is no reason why the scheme should not be universally adopted all over the town—I am, Sir, yours, etc., DUNCAN DUFFY, 12 Leonard Street, Inverness.

MRS BINNIE'S RED CROSS FUND.—Mr James Maxwell, Town Chamberlain, acknowledges the following contributions to the above fund:—To amount already acknowledged, £189 5s 5d; The Rose Street Foundry and Engineering Coy., Ltd., £2—total, £191 5s 5d.

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A BROKEN EXHAUST VALVE LIFTER.

I spent three days last week on a motor cycle in the Lake district, and on the last day I had the misfortune to break the exhaust valve lifter. It was "miles from any where" when the mishap occurred, and, moreover, at the bottom of two steep hills, so that it was practically impossible to attempt running the machine for any distance. We first of all removed the belt and ran the machine part of the way up one of the hills. We then put on the belt and pushed downhill as fast as we could, but this failed to pull the engine over compression. We then adopted what is known to motor cyclists as the "pony dodge," and this proved immediately successful. The dodge consists of sticking a penny to a string under the exhaust valve, and to jerk it out when you have got sufficient speed on to start the engine up. One can also very often start up by opening the compression tap and closing it at the right moment, but the closing requires some agility, and I only recommend expert riders to attempt it.

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The Highland News.

INVERNESS, Saturday, August 26, 1916.

THE WAR SECRETARY ON THE MILITARY SITUATION.

It is rational that people should long to have some idea of when the war is to end. The ordinary man is, at any given moment, never at a loss for an answer. It is going to be all over in three months or six, or in as many years according to the mood in which you happen to find him. A few weeks ago the prevailing opinion was that we were nearing the end. That mood is passing, and it is well that it is passing, for search as one may no substantial grounds can be discovered to warrant the belief that the struggle is about over. Rather the other way. We have still a long road to travel.

But one thing we do know. And that is that the war is about to enter, if indeed it has not already entered, on a new phase. From the military point of view it has turned in our favour. In Mr Lloyd George's language "we have crossed the ridge." The Armies of the Allies have a superiority over the enemy in numbers and in equipment, and that superiority is growing and will steadily increase. The numbers of the Alliance against us on the other hand are dwindling. The Germans are still as numerous and as well equipped as ever, as the Secretary for War stated in the House of Commons this week, but the same does not hold of Austria. No longer, it seems, can she maintain her Armies at full strength.

That being so it is only to be expected that the sensational developments which have been in progress ever since the start of the Russian offensive, will continue. But it does not mean that the war will be over in two, or next year. According to Mr Lloyd George, "we think that in the dim distance we can see the end"; but "whether we should see the end of the war in the coming year" depends upon whether we can keep ourselves and our Allies equipped with all the apparatus of modern war—big guns and high explosives and the rest—if we do not strain every nerve 1917 will not see the war out. This is the proper view to take. Long views pay best in the end. If peace comes sooner, good and well, but there is nothing to be gained by hugging empty delusions of a speedy termination of hostilities.

To take a long view is not to be pessimistic. The war is developing on lines which militarists can only regard as satisfactory, however it may appear from the point of view of morality and humanitarian sentiment. Of recent months, as we have frequently asserted, the military situation has undergone a great change. To quote the Secretary for War:—

"Two months ago the fate of Verdun hung in the balance. The fall of Verdun might not have had very important strategic results, but from the moral point of view it would have been a very serious blow to the cause of the Allies. Two months ago the Austrians appeared to be pressing into the plains of Italy. They were advancing and making great captures of men and guns. The Russians at that time appeared to be held with ease by inferior forces. The Germans were worrying our line along the whole front with incessant attacks, some of them successful, and the new Russian levies, and to a very large extent our own Armies, were untried. No one knew, when put to the test, how well they would do. What was the position now?"

"Along the whole of the battle front, East and West, the initiative had been wrested from the enemy almost for the first time—(cheers). Take the West along our front and the French front. Take the Eastern front, where the Russians had won such conspicuous victories—(cheers)—or notable victories won by the Italians—(cheers)—or the great victories in the Caucasus—(cheers). The whole situation had completely changed. He had heard a good deal of criticism of our offensive, and some of the critics imagined its only justification would be if we were to break through. Not in the least."

Mr Lloyd George proceeded to show that when we started our offensive the enemy had two alternatives.

"She might have said—'All right, march on, capture trench after trench. We will give you one after the other of these trampled villages. We may throw in a few French towns. We will give you not merely kilometres after kilometre, we might even give you Departments; but we will not let go Verdun, and we will throw our forces on to the Eastern front to prevent the break-up of Austria.'"

"She might, on the other hand, have said—'No; rather than let you break through here and drive us back, we will take guns and divisions from Verdun, and we will concentrate our troops in front of you rather than let you have this territory.'"

"She chose the latter. That suited us. It relieved the pressure on Verdun, and prevented the enemy from withdrawing his forces ever to support the Austrians. He (Mr Lloyd George) wanted those who were thinking of this offensive in terms

of yards or kilometres to realise the full extent of this achievement—(hear, hear). One of two things would be a success. Breaking through would be a success, but forcing the enemy to bring his Armies there to prevent our breaking through would be an equally great success. The latter we had accomplished. The enemy was still powerful. The enemy was just as numerous and his equipment just as formidable as ever. That was true of the Germans alone. It was not true of Germany's Allies."

That is exactly the present situation. Germany, if she chooses, can either hold us up on the Somme as the French held up the Germans at Verdun, or make our advance terribly costly for us. But if she elects to do this it can only be at the expense of other parts of her line. She relieves the pressure at Verdun, or she lets in the Italians, or the Russians, or it may be the Salonika Army. The enemy has no longer the men to hold their long lines with a strength necessary to maintain their positions. It is therefore somewhat comforting to know that, if by our tactics, we are massing the Germans in front of our Armies in the West, we are enabling our Allies to break down the enemy's defensive works in some other part of the great arena of war. Hitherto the greatest success has come to the Russians, although they are still handicapped by a deficiency of heavy artillery. The Italians, too, have worthily seized the opportunity. But that is not the end. These successful operations on the part of the Allies will continue, and this year, next year, or the year to follow. We ought to have worked ourselves into such a position as even the most ardent militarist will admit allows the negotiation of an honourable peace.

STORNOWAY.

TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER.

AUGUST.

Date Morning-h.m. Evening-h.m. Sunday..... 27 7-25 7-35 Monday..... 28 7-56 8-5 Wednesday..... 30 8-58 9-7 Thursday..... 31 9-29 9-39

SEPTEMBER.

Friday..... 1 9-58 10-10 Saturday..... 2 10-30 10-45

ALLEGED SHEEP STEALING.—Murdo Macphail, 8 Tunga, appeared before Hon. Sheriff-Substitute E. Ross, at Stornoway, on a charge of alleged sheep stealing. After emitting a declaration he was committed for further examination, bail being fixed at £25.

STORNOWAY OFFICER PROMOTED.—We are pleased to observe that Lieut. Duncan Miller, R.A.M.C., has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Miller is at present serving in Egypt, and was through the recent fighting with the Senusi on the North-West Frontier.

"MISSING" NESS SEAFORTH.—Mr Donald Mackenzie, 3 Eorodale, Ness, whose son, 7361 was a deserter, Mackenzie, Seaforth Highlanders, was officially reported missing, and for whose safety grave fears were entertained, has just received a letter from the soldier himself stating that he is a prisoner in Germany. Although the position of prisoner in the hands of the Hun is not enviable, the letter was a source of gratification to all the neighbours, and Pte. Mackenzie's parents and sisters are naturally rejoicing. Several other Lewis Seaforths were reported missing after the same engagement as Pte. Mackenzie, and the news that has come regarding him may encourage friends of the others to hope for the safety of their boys too.

ON LAND OR SEA.—Donald Murdo Macphail, fisherman, 25 Anol, Barvas, was apprehended on warrant and brought before Hon. Sheriff-Substitute Pte. Mackenzie at Stornoway, charged with failing to report himself at Dingwall when summoned under the Military Service Act. Macphail's wife has a daughter, peculiar one. He has received three notices to appear at Dingwall, and in consequence of his failure to answer, a warrant was granted for his apprehension in July. In the meantime, however, he was in the Royal Naval Reserve, and was actually on duty in the Reserve Barracks at Stornoway, when he was apprehended. When brought before the Sheriff Court, Mr W. A. Ross, solicitor, appeared for Macphail, and directed that the accused be handed over to the Military Authorities.

BATTLE SOLDIER KILLED.—Mr Maclean, 25 Upper Bayble, has been officially notified that his son, Pte. Malcolm Maclean, Seaforth Highlanders, has been killed in action. Pte. Maclean, who was 23 years of age, had served in several battalions of our famous county regiment. At the outbreak of war, while working as a shipwright with Messrs Scott and Co., shipbuilders, Greenock, he was called out as a reservist, and went to France with the 2nd Battalion of the 2nd Battalion. After serving for some time with the 2nd he joined the 1st Battalion when it came to France from India. While with the 1st he took part in some heavy fighting, and sustained a flesh wound which necessitated his going to hospital at Boulogne. On leaving hospital he rejoined the 2nd Battalion, in whose ranks he fell gassed and wounded at St Julien on 5th May, 1915. He was removed to the Hamstead General Hospital, London, and on recovery was attached to the 7th Seaforth, with which battalion he was serving when he was killed in action on 14th July.

A POINT CANADIAN.—A correspondent writes:—The last mail placed me in possession of a copy of the "Highland News," forwarded by a Stornoway friend. I was delighted to get the paper, and to hear something of the part which our Highlanders are playing in the world-war and the ceaseless activities of those at home for the comfort of our brave men. Now that the summer of this letter is a Highlander, it becomes me to give a brief account of myself, and if you find space you are at liberty to give the gist of this letter to your readers. I know that some of them would be pleased to hear about me and to learn that I am serving with the colours. I am the only son of Angus Graham, 5 Portnaguan, Stornoway. I emigrated from Stornoway for Canada on the 19th April, 1911, and during my stay in that country I followed the calling of a student missionary. In the fall of 1912 I entered the halls of Robertson College (Presbyterian) in Edmonton, Alberta. The following session I entered the University of Alberta, in the same city. Since then I continued studies during the winter months, and went out as a student missionary to the mission fields during the summer months. When the war broke out I was on a mission field in British Columbia, and was 200 miles from the nearest railway. My summer contract being over, I came back to the city (but there was no recruiting there), and pursued my studies. In addition to my compulsory subjects, I took an officers' training class in the University, and received a lieutenant's certificate. The session being over, I enlisted in the 63rd Battalion on the 1st July, 1915 (which was then recruiting) as a private, and at the N.C.O.'s examination in the fall I came out on the top, and was declared in regimental orders and was given the rank of sergeant. On the 15th of April our Battalion entrained in Edmonton for overseas, and on the 5th May we disembarked in Liverpool (England). Since then we have been knocking about various camps in Kent preparing for our turn at the front. At present I am with the 9th Reserve Battalion Canadian Training Division, at St Martin's Plain, as an anti-gas instructor.

HEERING FISHING.—There was an excellent fishing on Tuesday, the total being about 850 crans. Prices, 4/6 to 5/3 a cran. The Carnation (SY) and Primrose (SY) had each 90 crans; Black Watch (BB) and Sovereign (SY) 60 each; Bella Maggie (SY), and D. L. Mackenzie (SY), 42 to 45 crans each.

THE TRAVELLING FRATERNITY.—In the Sheriff Court Joseph Macdonald (Red) and John Macdonald (James) were charged with camping without permission at Marvinnick. They pled guilty and Hon. Sheriff-Substitute Mackenzie, in fining them 2s 6d each, gave them a severe reprimand, saying that their conduct in camping without permission and stealing other people's peats would not be tolerated.

KNOCKIANDUR P.S. DISTRICT—ROLL OF HONOUR.—The following name has to be added to the Roll of Honour of the above-named district:—George Matheson, Australian Engineer, only son of late Mr. and Mrs. Murdo Matheson, Bayhead Street, Stornoway, and who resided with Mrs. Mackenzie, No. 7 Laxay, before emigrating to Australia three years ago.

SHADER LAD DIES OF FEVER.—Intimation has been received that Pte. Donald Macdonald, Seaforth Highlanders, son of the late Mr. Murdo Macdonald, 20 Upper Shader, Barvas, has died of fever in an hospital in France. Pte. Mackenzie had been ill for a considerable time, and in letters to his people the hospital nurses wrote in terms of high esteem of the lad, making special mention of his great patience in his illness.

OUR DAY.—A handsome contribution to the "Our Day" scheme from "A London Friend" of 90 carbolic shirts, 90 carbolic pants and 90 pairs socks were divided by this lady (at the secretary's request) and forwarded to the 4th and 8th Seaforths, and also the 4th and 8th Gordons, on July 31. For these the "Our Day" friends and soldiers are most grateful. Local contributions are as follows:—From the Misses M. and J. Mackay, 2 pairs socks; Mrs. Murray, Bayhead, 1 pair; and Miss Grant, 1 pair. All were beautifully knit and grateful thanks are returned.

LEWIS SEAFORTH'S WOUNDED.—The following Lewis soldiers serving with the Seaforths are officially reported wounded:—6351 Sgt. M. Campbell (6 Battery Park), 8109 Pte. R. Finlayson (10 Calshot), 7437 Sgt. M. Macdonald (20 Crowlsta), 7467 Pte. Angus Macdonald (9 North Dell, Ness), 7463 Pte. J. Maciver (26 Lurebost), 7254 Sgt. C. Macdonald, 7109 Pte. M. Maclean, 9909 Pte. G. Macleod, 6862 Pte. A. Macritchie, 7312 Pte. M. Murray, 7041 Pte. Donald Nicolson (19 Borve, Barvas), 7007 Pte. J. Gillies (15 Lionel, Ness), 7101 Loc.-Cpl. M. Mackay, 7230 Pte. A. Macleod (36 Bragar), 7184 Pte. M. Murray (42 South Dell, Ness).

Six of the sixteen we have been unable to identify their regimental numbers, and will be obliged if their friends will supply particulars as to home address, etc.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND RECRUITING OF TEACHERS.—Meetings of the Lewis rural school boards were held last week. There were no points of outstanding importance, the work being mainly routine—defendants, repairs, etc. It was decided on the boards it was decided to approach the Department to use its influence with the War Office to have a teacher who has been sent to clerical work in an Army office returned to his school duties. It was stated that there is some misapprehension as to the action of the Department with the Army Council in the matter of recruiting. The Department have in a considerable number of cases intimated to the Recruiting Officer that a particular teacher of military age is not to be called up without reference to the Department. This, it is understood, does not by any means indicate exemption from military service, but merely postpones the calling up until the Department is satisfied that provision can be made for carrying on the school without serious detriment in the absence of the teacher in question. The initiative in the matter of calling up, rests with the Recruiting Officer.

SIR GEORGE ADAM SMITH TO VISIT LEWIS.—A deputation from the United Free Church, consisting of Mr. George Adam Smith, D.D., LL.D., Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Aberdeen; the Rev. Alex. Lee, M.A., secretary of the Highland Committee; Rev. William Muir, M.A., B.D., secretary of the Home Mission Committee; and Mr. Livingstone, editor of the Church "Record," are to visit Stornoway this week-end, and will give assistance at the Communion service in both U.F. churches to our capability. Sir George preaches in the forenoon in the English Church and in the evening in the High Church; Mr. Muir preaches in the forenoon in the High Church, and in the evening in the English Church. Sir George has kindly expressed his willingness to deliver a lecture on Education, and it has been arranged that the lecture will be given in the hall of the U.F. English Church on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Dr. J. L. Robertson, H.M. Senior Chief Inspector of Schools. The lecture will be open to the public, who are cordially invited.

RAEBURN'S SOLDIER'S LETTER.—The following letter has been received by the schoolmaster at Fidrigary from an old pupil, Rodrick Macleod, 39 Raeburn, at present serving in the R.A.M.C.—"Since I wrote you last I have seen a good deal of the country, and the more I see of it the more I wonder where all the endless material is coming from. Everything necessary to batter the Hun and to sustain Tommy is lying in heaps galore within easy reach of everybody. We are at present miles from any habitable town or village, just like being on Drum-Lah-a-mah! Consequently we miss the little luxuries we used to have and have to keep smiling with our commissary rations, which, on the whole, are excellent. I had the experience of going over a real battlefield—at leisure—the other day, and of seeing the havoc wrought by our artillery on what were the enemy's trenches. Fritz's elaborate works of two years' standing were much the same as an earthquake would leave them. I have been down mine-shafts of great depth, with many galleries and dug-outs which must have taken them months to finish—all to no avail—the Hun had to go, but they are certainly masters of underground work. From the heaps of barbed wire left behind sufficient could be taken and never missed to fence Raeburn to the satisfaction of K. and old J. I am sure you would give much to see all in my view while writing this, with one dark night of artillery bombardment thrown in; you would never forget it—nor am I likely to. Our underground chateau is infested with rats, mice, moles, and all sorts of nameless creepers, and they are so tame that they won't even hide in broad daylight, and quite familiarly partake of anything we have, however humble our fare. Whatever time of the night I awake I am sure to hear somebody 'telling them off' in a language which is not always found in the dictionary of military terms. We have beautiful weather, which is our best friend under the circumstances. I am now entering my third year in this country, and it is anything but pleasing to think of spending another winter in this country with one blanket and Coy. How does Conscriptio go down at home? It certainly won't affect Raeburn very much. The Tribunal will have very little trouble with our eligibles. Caledonia is well represented in our little group of eight—having three of English, one of Welsh one who came in his list with us when he had put to. In our spare time we have many interesting and often heated discussions as to 'who is who' in this war, and who is doing the most proportionately to what it—all in good fun, with many galleries and dug-outs which must have taken them months to finish—all to no avail—the Hun had to go, but they are certainly masters of underground work. From the heaps of barbed wire left behind sufficient could be taken and never missed to fence Raeburn to the satisfaction of K. and old J. 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WAR PENSIONS COMMITTEE. LIVELY MEETING.

MEMBER THREATENS TO RESIGN.

A short conflict of opinion with regard to the question of procedure was in evidence on Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the Inverness War Pensions Committee...

It was agreed at the suggestion of the Chairman for future the Committee should meet at half-past seven in the evening instead of four o'clock in the afternoon.

OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES. Mr Hugh Thomson, the clerk, submitted a list of names which the General Purposes Committee, of which Mr Hector Macvinish is convenor, proposed to be added as outside members.

Mr Macvinish explained that the reason why so large a number was proposed was because of the functions of the General Purposes Committee. They would have to undertake a great deal of investigations and he thought that it was advisable that they should have the services of willing workers.

The Chairman agreed but thought too many outsiders were proposed. The Committee could at all times call in the assistance of workers to aid in the investigation and he now begged to move that the number of outside representatives on all the Committees be seven.

Mr J. Stuart Watson, W.S., seconded the motion and it was adopted without a discussion.

A discussion ensued as to whether the duty of nominating the outside representatives should devolve upon the committees or the General Purposes Committee.

Mr Lindsay, grocer, moved that it be remitted back to the Committees to make the nomination.

Mrs Hunter seconded. Mr Joseph Macleod moved as an amendment that the Committee proceed now to select seven from the list submitted by the Clerk.

Mr Fullerton seconded. On a division it was agreed that the Committees should make their selections, and to report back to the general body.

Mr Macleod—Then it means that we are handing over all our powers to the Committees? The Chairman—Not necessarily. They are asked to appoint seven outsiders. They are asked to appoint seven outsiders, and the nominations come before us again for approval.

TEMPORARY RELIEF. Replying to Mrs Hunter, the Chairman said he took it that the General Purposes Committee will investigate all the cases. He thought that all cases for relief under the Act should be reported at once to the Convenor of the Committee and investigated by them forthwith.

Mrs James Fraser—I should like to know whether the Clerk would have power to give casual relief. The Chairman—Not without authority from the Committee.

Mrs Fraser—If such a case arises, must a meeting of the Committee be called? The Chairman—In a very rare case a temporary loan might be given, but there's a chance of losing money.

Mr W. A. Inglis—We are administering a statutory fund and not a charitable fund.

FUTURE PROCEDURE. The Chairman said they ought to remit to the General Purposes Committee the duty of investigating claims for relief in terms of the regulations. These applications would require to be very carefully considered.

It was reported that Mr Inglis had forwarded a number of resolutions in connection with the work of the Committee.

The Chairman pointed out that that was the first opportunity the Committee had of seeing the resolutions, and on that ground he did not think they were in a position to discuss them. Very short notice had been given. The Committee had scarcely found its feet yet, and there were lots of things to be arranged ere they got into proper working order.

Mr Inglis—I want it put to the meeting whether the resolutions are to be considered or not. The Chairman—To begin with, we have had very short notice of this, and I do not think we are in a position to enter into a discussion of the matters raised by the resolutions, even assuming you obtain leave of the meeting. No time has been afforded us to go into the resolutions.

Mr Joseph Macleod—The first resolution seems to overturn what we already fixed. The Chairman said he wished to avoid any discussion on points which they had not yet reached, but he had little doubt that Mr Inglis could submit the resolutions at the next meeting. They should, at the very least, have received twenty-four hours' notice of the resolutions.

Mr Inglis—I can assure you, sir, that the want of notice is not on account of my part. The Chairman—Certainly not. Mr Inglis—they were sent in a good many days ago.

The Chairman—No member could get notice of that. Mr Inglis—As regards the hour of meeting, the scheme under which we are working requires that the Local Committee shall fix the time of meeting. The Local Committee did not fix the time of the meeting, and departed from the scheme at the outset. The scheme is the charter under which the Committee is constituted, and is likely to be in existence during the next twenty years. One of my proposals is that we should have the scheme printed, so that we may know exactly where we are and what our functions are.

The Chairman said the Committee had not yet got on its feet and was a Mining Lane dealer asking for 25 to 30 tons of honey. If any of our readers have anything of the kind lying about they might send it on to Mr A. V. Port, 30 Mining Lane, London. At 5 lb. this one order would bring them in something over £2000. Big farmers, in these days of big prices, would hardly be expected to trouble over a trifling deal like this, but small farmers and crofters would probably not sneeze at it.

It is apparent from this enquiry that honey production, gone about in a business-like way, is well worth taking up. Perhaps there is not much in it when disposed of in small quantities by the pound, but when it is a matter of tons, things begin to wear a different complexion.

The demand is, of course, for honey in bulk—that is, separated from the comb. It is usually packed in tins of about 56 lb. each. For honey prepared in this way there is always a sure market.

PRISONER OF WAR.—Later information regarding Private W. C. Fraser, Scottish Rifles, shows that he has been captured by the Germans, and is a prisoner of war in Germany. This information is a great relief to Private Fraser's mother, who lives in Miln Villa, Ballinure Road, as it was feared last week that her son had made one other victim in the great advance. Private Fraser has seen the greater part of the fighting in France, having been sent out with his battalion so long ago as November 1914. When in Inverness he was much liked, and as a business man was well known. It is a matter for congratulation, therefore, to know that he is so far uninjured.

THREAT TO RESIGN. Mr Macleod proposed that the questions raised by Mr Inglis in the resolutions might be remitted to the various convenors, along with the Chairman, the Clerk, and Mr Inglis.

The Chairman—I quite agree to that. Mr Inglis said that owing to some of the Committees being against him, he should probably resign his seat on the Committee. The Chairman thought it would be a pity if Mr Inglis decided to take such a step. While there could be no doubt that Mr Inglis had a technical knowledge of this matter, the Committee must nevertheless have some respect for the work already done and see that it was not overturned.

Mr Inglis said what he was objecting to was the delegation of a specific matter to a General Purposes Committee, which, by reason of its design, dealt with general matters. Their attitude was illogical and wrong on the face of it. A General Purposes Committee dealt with general matters and not with a specific matter. He was proposing a Finance and General Purposes Committee such as had been adopted in Aberdeen and other respectable places.

Mrs Hunter—I propose that we should hear Mr Inglis's resolutions, seeing that he has so much technical knowledge of the subject. Ex-Bailie Donald Macdonald said he had very much pleasure in seconding. It was only fair to Mr Inglis that the matter should be discussed.

The Chairman—It is overturning what we have already considered.

Mr Inglis pointed out that at a previous meeting the Committee had decided, after an hour's debate, on a question in regard to which they had no previous knowledge. What they were able to do in half-an-hour on that occasion, surely they could on this occasion.

The Chairman said he had no objection to Mr Inglis explaining anything. Mr Lindsay—It is rather a pity that Mr Inglis did not bring forward the matters in the resolution at the last meeting.

A WAY OUT. The Chairman—I have not the least objection to remitting the matter of salaries and administrative expenses to the Finance Committee, and, if you like, to draw up regulations as regards time of meeting, place of meeting, the notice calling the meeting, the time required for the consideration of resolutions—all these matters of procedure could be taken up by the Committee. I have no objection to remitting these matters to the Finance Committee. As to Mr Inglis's proposal to print the scheme, we are asked to study economy in these days, but it is not a deadly item, and I am quite willing that it should be done.

Mr Inglis said what he objected to was that the General Purposes Committee was to be really the Allowance Committee. It was surely a matter of common sense that so definite a function as granting allowances should not be in the hands of the General Purposes Committee.

The Chairman—It is rather a pity, so early in our deliberations, that there should be a division, but I cannot help it. After further wrangling it was agreed by an overwhelming majority that the various matters raised in the resolutions should be considered by the respective convenors, Mr Inglis to be associated with the Chairman and the Clerk.

It was agreed to call an early meeting to discuss the questions.

A FURTHER BREEZE. Mr Inglis—What is this meeting supposed to do? The Chairman—To consider all the questions.

Mr Inglis—It amounts to this—that my resolutions must, as a matter of course, be discussed some time or another. The Chairman—We will arrange all these matters in due time.

Mr W. C. Young regretted that the points contained in the resolutions were not raised at the last meeting.

Mr Inglis—One has no time to think over all these things at once. Mr Young—That's just the objection we are taking to considering them now without having got a reasonable time.

The Chairman said the name of the Committee was no stumbling-block. There was nothing in a name. If it came to that the name could be altered.

Mr Inglis—Aberdeen has called it the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and I have followed them.

The Chairman—We may be right and they may be wrong. We have found them in error before. Other matters of detail were discussed.

INVERNESS ACKNOWLEDGES IT. Inverness acknowledges frankly that the continuous stream of Inverness evidence, appearing in the local press week after week, puts the truth beyond all question.

Mr H. Henderson, of 2 Glendale Place, Shore Street, near the Wharf, has resided in Inverness for sixteen years. On July 9th, 1906, he said:—"I remember coming home from work one day some years ago, when I had the backache so acutely that I could scarcely drag along. When I got indoors I lay down by the fire, and hardly had the strength to move. It was a day and a half before I was able to return to work again; there was a sharp, piercing pain in the back all the time, which completely wore me out. I knew it came from the kidneys, for the urinary system was disordered."

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TONS OF HONEY WANTED. A TWO THOUSAND POUNDS' ORDER. Mr J. Craik, hon. secretary of the North of Scotland Beekeepers' Association, has shown us a letter from a Mining Lane dealer asking for 25 to 30 tons of honey.

If any of our readers have anything of the kind lying about they might send it on to Mr A. V. Port, 30 Mining Lane, London. At 5 lb. this one order would bring them in something over £2000. Big farmers, in these days of big prices, would hardly be expected to trouble over a trifling deal like this, but small farmers and crofters would probably not sneeze at it.

It is apparent from this enquiry that honey production, gone about in a business-like way, is well worth taking up. Perhaps there is not much in it when disposed of in small quantities by the pound, but when it is a matter of tons, things begin to wear a different complexion.

The demand is, of course, for honey in bulk—that is, separated from the comb. It is usually packed in tins of about 56 lb. each. For honey prepared in this way there is always a sure market.

PRISONER OF WAR.—Later information regarding Private W. C. Fraser, Scottish Rifles, shows that he has been captured by the Germans, and is a prisoner of war in Germany. This information is a great relief to Private Fraser's mother, who lives in Miln Villa, Ballinure Road, as it was feared last week that her son had made one other victim in the great advance. Private Fraser has seen the greater part of the fighting in France, having been sent out with his battalion so long ago as November 1914. When in Inverness he was much liked, and as a business man was well known. It is a matter for congratulation, therefore, to know that he is so far uninjured.

THREAT TO RESIGN. Mr Macleod proposed that the questions raised by Mr Inglis in the resolutions might be remitted to the various convenors, along with the Chairman, the Clerk, and Mr Inglis.

The Chairman—I quite agree to that. Mr Inglis said that owing to some of the Committees being against him, he should probably resign his seat on the Committee. The Chairman thought it would be a pity if Mr Inglis decided to take such a step. While there could be no doubt that Mr Inglis had a technical knowledge of this matter, the Committee must nevertheless have some respect for the work already done and see that it was not overturned.

Mr Inglis said what he was objecting to was the delegation of a specific matter to a General Purposes Committee, which, by reason of its design, dealt with general matters. Their attitude was illogical and wrong on the face of it. A General Purposes Committee dealt with general matters and not with a specific matter. He was proposing a Finance and General Purposes Committee such as had been adopted in Aberdeen and other respectable places.

Mrs Hunter—I propose that we should hear Mr Inglis's resolutions, seeing that he has so much technical knowledge of the subject. Ex-Bailie Donald Macdonald said he had very much pleasure in seconding. It was only fair to Mr Inglis that the matter should be discussed.

The Chairman—It is overturning what we have already considered.

Mr Inglis pointed out that at a previous meeting the Committee had decided, after an hour's debate, on a question in regard to which they had no previous knowledge. What they were able to do in half-an-hour on that occasion, surely they could on this occasion.

The Chairman said he had no objection to Mr Inglis explaining anything. Mr Lindsay—It is rather a pity that Mr Inglis did not bring forward the matters in the resolution at the last meeting.

A WAY OUT. The Chairman—I have not the least objection to remitting the matter of salaries and administrative expenses to the Finance Committee, and, if you like, to draw up regulations as regards time of meeting, place of meeting, the notice calling the meeting, the time required for the consideration of resolutions—all these matters of procedure could be taken up by the Committee. I have no objection to remitting these matters to the Finance Committee. As to Mr Inglis's proposal to print the scheme, we are asked to study economy in these days, but it is not a deadly item, and I am quite willing that it should be done.

Mr Inglis said what he objected to was that the General Purposes Committee was to be really the Allowance Committee. It was surely a matter of common sense that so definite a function as granting allowances should not be in the hands of the General Purposes Committee.

The Chairman—It is rather a pity, so early in our deliberations, that there should be a division, but I cannot help it. After further wrangling it was agreed by an overwhelming majority that the various matters raised in the resolutions should be considered by the respective convenors, Mr Inglis to be associated with the Chairman and the Clerk.

It was agreed to call an early meeting to discuss the questions.

A FURTHER BREEZE. Mr Inglis—What is this meeting supposed to do? The Chairman—To consider all the questions.

Mr Inglis—It amounts to this—that my resolutions must, as a matter of course, be discussed some time or another. The Chairman—We will arrange all these matters in due time.

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INVERNESS FARMER IN THE DOCK.

ASSAULT ON LITTLE BOY.

An extraordinary case engaged Bailie A. Macewen at Inverness Police Court on Thursday, when an elderly man named Donald Chisholm, cattle-dealer, 14, Hully Street, pleaded guilty to having, in the Public Park, assaulted Thomas Murchison, aged four years, son of Mr Murdo Murchison, hotel-keeper, by striking him a blow with a stick and grazing the skin over the spine. Mr J. Sinclair Fraser, solicitor, appeared for the defence.

A PICNIC AND THE SEQUEL.

Mr John Macnaughton, the Chief Constable, said the circumstances were as follows:—Mrs Murchison, the mother of the boy, along with her sister-in-law, were having a picnic in the Public Park on the occasion of the birthday of the boy who was assaulted. After the picnic proper the ladies began to read the newspapers, whereupon the children wandered about by themselves. Shortly afterwards they were disturbed by screaming, and they eventually found a man with a black dog, Thomas, who was assaulted. The medical report said that much violence must have been used to injure the child. (The Prosecutor) understood that the boy was now running about again, but he was still nervous.

Mr Fraser—Nervous about going back to the Park? Mr Macnaughton—I have no doubt that Mr Fraser will have something to say that Mr Chisholm gets annoyance from boys who frequent the Park.

Mr Fraser—You had better wait till you hear what Mr Fraser has got to say—(laughter).

THE DEFENCE.

Mr Fraser said this was a most regrettable case. For the first time in a fairly long life his client found himself in a criminal court. Mr Chisholm had the grazings of the Public Park, and had a number of sheep (Dumfries) there with old ones. On the occasion he had been visiting the Bught, where he also had a grazing. He returned from the Bught via Glen-Urquhart Road, where he entered the Public Park. Upon entering he was rather surprised in not seeing any of his sheep there. He went across in the direction of the Lodge at Tomnahurich Cemetery where he discovered all his sheep—between seventy and eighty—huddled in a corner, and two little girls aged between eight and twelve years and a little boy chasing them out and in. Mr Chisholm, naturally enough, was rather annoyed, and enquired what the young people were doing. They gave no reply, but ran away. The little boy ran and stumbled. His client pleaded guilty to the charge, and that was sufficient; but he was very much annoyed at the time and his temper was considerably ruffled. The boy assaulted was four years of age, and he (Mr Fraser) put it to His Honour that if the blow had been of a severe nature it would have simply demolished him—injured him permanently, at least. No person regretted the affair more than Mr Chisholm, and he (Mr Fraser) gave the Court the assurance that in dealing with those who annoy his sheep in the Public Park he would take other means of redress.

Bailie Macewen (to accused)—This is a serious offence you have pleaded guilty to. I dare say you had some provocation in regard to your sheep, but that is no justification for hitting a small boy four years old, and I think it is clear from the doctor's report that you must have given him considerable injury. In any case, to hit a small boy was a most improper thing, and I cannot do less than impose a fine of £1, with the alternative of seven days.

GOVERNMENT AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

LOCAL OPINION.

On Monday there was issued a White Paper furnishing the report by the Liquor Trade Finance Committee (Scotland). The Committee was appointed to consider and advise the Government as to the methods and principles upon which compensation should be awarded on the following suppositions:—

- (1) That the Government should decide to obtain control of the liquor traffic by purchase.
(2) That the Government should decide to prohibit the retail sale of whisky with or without wines, but permit the retail sale of beer, not exceeding a certain alcoholic strength.

On Friday the "Highland News" representative interviewed a prominent member of the "Trade" who proposed the recommendations of the Committee. In the course of the interview our informant said:—

Provided the "Trade" were given fair compensation, I don't think there would be serious objection to the Government taking it over. It should be remembered that this Committee are not making any recommendations as to the desirability or otherwise from the social reform point of view, of nationalising the whole trade, or supervising the spirit part of it. They are simply advising how, financially, such schemes should or could best be carried out. The Committee are so lacking in any practical knowledge of the Trade, and have been so circumscribed in their sources of information, that their report cannot be regarded as much more than a preliminary canvas over the ground. I think the basis of purchase—a number of years' annual profits—forwarded by the Commission is perhaps the best, but in this connection they are acting very unfairly to Scotland as against England by saying that the Local Option Bill, which comes into operation in Scotland in 1920, makes a fundamental difference between the two countries. This is in effect saying that the Government, by their Local Option Bill, damaged to a great extent the prospects of the Trade in Scotland, and that now the Government should take full advantage of this. They suggest payment of a lump sum to the Trade in Scotland, which the Trade itself would divide. The dividing up would mean a lot of work, and the sum mentioned as expenses for such work (£20,000) would, I think, be quite inadequate. In the case of State purchase, it is not assumed that the Government would carry on the licensed grocer's trade, and it is therefore recommended to suppress this form of license. I think, however, that the public in Scotland would want some form of family spirits and wine department in lieu thereof. The country, undoubtedly, has its eye on the Carlsberg and other similar experiments, and till it is assured that these are to be conducted with some common sense and by men of experience, and therefore a success socially and financially, it is not likely to approve of any big scheme. That the country will approve of total prohibition is still less likely. The public are pretty well disgusted at the way the present restrictions are applied. These are tolerated by a patriotic public lest in any way it could be said that the country is in any degree handicapped in its great struggle. No, I do not think the large petitions sent up to Parliament by the temperance organisations is any indication of the feelings of the country, because these petitions have been so much hawked about that people signed them to get rid of pestering ladies. If the Government should decide on purchasing the Trade, they should buy outright all the branches thereof from distilling to retailing. They should give a fair and just price, and could easily and profitably afford to do so, as in the hands of the Government the Trade would be much more profitable, even with reduced consumption, as all the expenses of competition—cut-throat competition, etc.—would be done away with. No doubt less distilleries would be required to turn out potable spirits, but the others could be utilised for producing commercial

BEAUTY COTTAGE HOME.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—For a considerable time it has been a question on the lips of the people here as to what the Parish was disposed of the building situated near the harbour, specially constructed for a Poor House, and occupied as such for over half-a-century. There are two supposable reasons given, but the sequel is, that in lieu of the Poorhouse, a small erection (an eyesore) at the east end of the village, built by another person, but acquired by the estate of Lorat, was formed into a Cottage Home after considerable permanent improvements were effected. Who defrayed the cost of these improvements? Was it the Parish? And if, as we are informed, there is no lease—merely a yearly tack—the owner can, by law, resume possession at any year with all the improvements. The method of construction of the old Poorhouse admitted of four families conveniently housed, whereas, in the Cottage Home, the inmates consist of two aged respectable ladies, guests, who at one time enjoyed happier days and who, we think, would consider themselves more at ease under the charge of relatives, provided, an adequate allowance were granted for their maintenance. Any quest for further inmates "to keep the Home fire burning" has proved abortive. To run this Cottage Home for two residents we have a so-called Parish Council, a Committee of Management, an Inspector of Poor with high credentials, a fully qualified, general, Medical Officer of long standing, and a Matron with follower, etc., etc. Result—an absolute incubus on the Parish, although a revenue producer to the landlords. It is an open secret that this old erection in the name of a Cottage Home ought to have been closed long ago, especially at Whitsunday last, and those responsible for its continuation should be personally liable for the current year's expenditure. Since its inception the few male inmates invariably, in a painful tone, described it as "not being a bed of roses, but a cold house of starvation"; and any person who may have fallen on adverse circumstances would shudder at the thought of being removed there. But, pray, who are the Parish Council? Well, we won't presume that they are exceedingly better than, although we readily admit they are equally as good as, a "pucker" of selected (not elected) nominees—dumb-driven sheep, most of them. Statutory requirements must be complied with at any cost, but expensive, deceptive, mockery is intolerable. To cut the narrative short, an authenticated Print in full detail of the yearly outlays relative to the Home since its opening should be distributed among the ratepayers, who could then see and judge for themselves as to the actual state of matters. Wake up, ratepayers, and have this Poorhouse question sifted to its origin. It is essential to do so. Don't shirk your moral duty; and don't rely on the action of any non-elected, made-to-order Parish Council.—I am, Sir, yours etc.

RATEPAYER, KILMORACK PARISH. August 15, 1916.

POTATO SALES.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—A very interesting feature of the potato sales in the vicinity of the town this year has been the attendance of some farmers. We would not say farmers of any outstanding abilities or qualifications, who came to buy their drill or two drills, as the case may be, in competition with their land-brethren. This action on their part would indicate that their own potato crops are a failure. Or did they come merely to show how to do it? Or shall we put it down as a bold act done in the name of patriotism? Talk of scarcity of labour on the farms—pure bunkum—seeing that they can afford to send anything from four to five miles for a diet of early potatoes. Let the town workers impress upon the Town Council to still further their allotment scheme to different parts in the vicinity of the town, and then they can afford to quietly look on and smile.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., No BLUEBONNET.

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A LIVE AND MISLEADING SPIRIT.

SHERIFF GRANT AND THE EFFECT OF WHISKY. A little homily on the baneful effects of whisky was delivered in Inverness Sheriff Court on Friday, when a middle-aged man, named Hugh Ferguson, a wood cutter, pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting another wood cutter. Accused said he had had a drop of spirits. Sheriff Grant—Had you any ill-will towards the man? Accused—Not in the least. Sheriff Grant—Then why did you assault him? Accused—It was the whisky that did it all. His Lordship told the accused that whisky is a live and misleading spirit, and had he come to the conclusion that accused intended to inflict injury on the complainer, he should send him to prison. Meantime, the accused would require to pay a fine of 10s, or go to prison for five days.

LIQUOR AFTER HOURS.

FEMALE PAUPER CHARGED. A sorrowful little female pauper confronted Bailie A. M. Macewen at the Police Court on Friday on a charge of being found drunk. She pleaded guilty. The Chief Constable—Where did you get the drink yesterday? Accused—I had a half pint and a glass of beer in the Merkinch. The Chief Constable—That doesn't explain your condition at 6.30 last night. A constable stated that the accused complained very bitterly about the condition of her heart. He got the impression that she had been drinking methylated spirits. The Magistrate—Are you prepared to return to the Poorhouse if we let you go this time? Accused—I was sixteen months there the last time. The poor woman was then admonished and ordered to return to the Poorhouse.

HARVESTING OPERATIONS.—Already on some of the "early" farms in this neighbourhood, harvesting operations have begun. With a continuance of sun-shine good crops should be secured.

spirit, for which there is undoubtedly plenty outlet in the immediate future, and for which product we were hitherto dependent on Germany. It is to be sincerely hoped that if the Government do move they will act in a business-like way, and avoid any more "wait and see" schemes.

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A COAL RING? PARISH COUNCIL AND LOCAL MERCHANTS.

PROPOSAL TO GO TO PIT HEAD. A good deal of plain talk was indulged in at a meeting of the Poorhouse Committee of Inverness Parish Council on Thursday—Mr John Shaw, convenor, presiding.

STATISTICS. The Governor (Mr Nevill) reported that at the commencement of the quarter the inmates of the Poorhouse amounted to 134; admitted during the quarter, 54—total, 188; left during the quarter, 66; died, 10; inmates in house at end of quarter, 112, as compared with 142 at the corresponding period last year. The average daily number during the quarter was 120, as compared with 130 last year. There were 72 on the sick list, 16 cured, 6 left, and 10 died.

COAL CONTRACT. Mr J. W. Mackillop, clerk and inspector, submitted two offers for the coal contract, which is for the period of one year.

Mr Shaw said the consideration of the coal contract afforded them another opportunity of considering as to the advisability of endeavouring to negotiate with the collieries direct or coal agents in the South instead of dealing, as they were in the period last year, with the middleman. He thought the Committee ought to seriously consider the advisability of getting the coal direct from the pit head. He knew that there were private individuals getting coal direct from the pit head. Some were taking a wagon or so at a time. In view of the fact that a large amount of coal was consumed at the Poorhouse, and seeing that the Parish Council was a good customer, so to speak, they ought to go to the pit head. He knew that those who were doing so were getting the coal cheaper than by contract. He would move that as a motion.

Mr E. G. Critchley was understood to approve of the suggestion, but the difficulty here was that they were dealing with a year's supply. Mr Fraser—It is not necessary that we should take the whole supply right away. Individuals are now getting wagons of from eight to thirty tons at a time.

Mr Macvinish—It might be advisable to ask the Contracts' Committee to take the matter up. Mr D. Duffy said the Contracts' Committee were waiting to be called together, and when they met they could take up consideration of Mr Fraser's proposal. He thought the Committee ought meantime to accept the offer of Messrs Macgruther and Marshall, with the proviso that English coal be not supplied.

Mr Fraser pointed out that there are railway employees getting deliveries every day, and that it is in the way of the Council adopting the proposal. The Chairman—I'm afraid that there are not many collieries that will supply public or private bodies just now. It would put a different complexion on matters if we had sufficient accommodation to store a year's supply. The Asylum erected a large shed which is capable of holding a year's supply. Coal is very much cheaper just now than it will be in the winter. It may be worth the while of this Council to erect a large store at the Poorhouse.

Mr Fraser—What is the holding capacity of the store at the Poorhouse? The Governor—Fifty tons. Mr Macvinish—At present I don't suppose any colliery will give you a year's supply right away. Mr F. G. Fraser—I question very much if any colliery will supply this or any other Parish Council. There are, on the other hand, agents in Glasgow and elsewhere who circulate people in town (I get one of these circulars myself), and the coal is very much cheaper. Mr Fraser's proposal is worthy of our consideration.

The Clerk—Are you seconding? Mr F. G. Fraser—Yes. Mr Critchley—For a year's contract? Mr Jas. S. Fraser—Let it be a year's contract or a six months' contract; it's all the same. I don't see any difficulty in the way of the collieries or the contract to the effect us, say, from 50 to 60 tons at a time.

A RING? Mr Wm. Fraser—What is the reason why Macdonald and Morrison have not completed? The Clerk—I cannot tell you. A schedule was sent them. Mr Wm. Fraser—Does that mean that there is a ring? A Voice—No! Mr W. Fraser—If I thought there was no ring I would support home industry. Mr Alex. Lindsay—I beg to move, that we accept the offer of Messrs Macgruther and Marshall.

Mr Wm. Johnstone seconded. Mr Lindsay criticised Mr Jas. S. Fraser for not having given ample notice of the motion. He ought to have given notice a month ago. He (Mr Lindsay) desired to know whether Mr Jas. S. Fraser had made the necessary inquiries at the pit head. He thought it was a mere surmise on Mr Fraser's part that the coal would be cheaper by adopting a policy of direct dealing.

Mr Critchley—If we did fall in with the proposal it would mean that we would be responsible for the cartage of the coal to the Poorhouse. The Chairman—Personally, I don't think that any benefit would be derived by taking it from the pit head.

Mr Jas. S. Fraser—I am out for the ratepayer and what we want to do is to divert the benefit from the middleman to the community as a whole. Mr F. G. Fraser—Some members have the impression that if we are to deal direct or through an agent in the South it will necessitate taking a year's supply. That is not at all necessary. We can get supplies ranging from 10 to 50 tons at a time. Mr Macvinish—I think we may very well leave the matter in the hands of the Contract Committee.

Mr Jas. S. Fraser—I have made a motion, and I intend to stick to it. The Committee, by 12 votes to 2, negatived the motion of Mr Jas. S. Fraser, and the offer of Macgruther and Marshall was then accepted.

TIME OF MEETING. Mr Jas. S. Fraser initiated a debate as to the advisability of altering the present hour of meeting—viz., 3.30 to 7.30 in the evening. He said he threw out this suggestion in the interests of intelligent citizens, who under the present system could not possibly devote the same attention to the work of the Parish Council than was possible if the meetings were held at 7.30 in the evening. He thought such a change would be convenient for all concerned. A Voice—Not at all—(laughter).

Mr Jas. S. Fraser said it could not be held for one moment that a departure from the present arrangement would in any way throw additional work on their officials. By a scientific system they could hold three meetings in one night, finishing up at 9.30. "Under this arrangement," concluded Mr Fraser, "we would then be able to get the mixed crowd to sit here, and we would not have anything in the nature of class legislation."

The Chairman—If the hour of meeting is changed it would penalise the Landward members. Mr Jas. S. Fraser—On the other hand, I think it would be for the convenience of the Landward members. The Chairman—You must remember that we farmers have to go to bed at eight o'clock, and are at work when townsfolk are in bed.

Mr Jas. S. Fraser—The present hour of meeting constitutes a great drawback to the workers. Mr Macvinish—Before you change the hour of meeting you would require to elect new members, and they would make their own hours. The Chairman—You had better give notice of motion before you press it. The discussion then dropped.

B.W.T.A. DEPUTATION. A special meeting of the Parish Council was to have been held on Thursday to receive a deputation from the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association on the subject of the abolition of the liquor traffic during the war and the period of demobilisation. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the leaders of the deputation the meeting was cancelled by circular.

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