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**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**  
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**BIRTHS.**  
At Crowdy, Crown Drive, Inverness, on the 12th inst., the wife of W. Chas. Macdonald, solicitor, of a son. At 88 Church Street, Inverness, on the 11th inst., the wife of T. B. Snodgrass of twins, boys.  
At 15 Eskdale Street, Inverness, on June 11th, the wife of J. H. Macmillan, of a daughter.  
At P.P. Manse, Kames, Argyllshire, on June 5th, the wife of Rev. John Macdonald, of a son.  
At Prior House, Pitlochry Terrace, North End, Fortrose, on June 5th, the wife of Charles Harrington, of a son.  
At Floriana, Malta, on 4th inst., the wife of Sergt. John Macrae, 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**  
At the Imperial Hotel, Inverness, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. Allan Cameron, M.A., John E. Macdonald, clothier, Bridge Street, Inverness, to Jeanie, second daughter of the late David Gordon, Lamer, West Inverness, Inverness.  
At the Royal Hotel, Inverness, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. Norman Macleod, D.D., assisted by the Rev. E. W. Frie, Nairn, John Sutherland Ross, B.A., eldest surviving daughter of Charles Mellis, merchant, Inverness.  
At 26 Telford Road, Inverness, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Macleod, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Oliphant, James Dewar, head gamekeeper, Meggernie, Perthshire, to Annie youngest daughter of the late Colonel Sergeant John Mackenzie, 3rd Cameron Highlanders.  
At Rosehall, Sutherlandshire, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. John Noble, Leigg, John Sutherland Ross, B.A., eldest daughter of William Macleod, crofter, Rosehall.  
At Bree Street Presbyterian Church, Johnnesburg, on the 15th ult., by the Rev. Dr. Ross, James Macdonald to Margaret Ann, fifth daughter of the late Simon Young, both of Inverness.

**DEATHS.**  
At Cadboll, Fearn, on the 6th inst., James Young.  
At 17 Ness Bank, Inverness, on the 7th inst., Catherine Fraser, the beloved wife of George H. Hall.  
At Glenmoriston House, Inverness, on the 8th inst., Sydney H. A. Primrose, aged 72 years.  
At Mulrow Street, Inverness, on the 7th inst., Donald Noble, baker—dearly regretted.  
At Nessside Farm, Inverness, on the 7th inst., Donald, third son of Peter Macdonald, grave.  
At 50a Madras Street, on the 9th inst., Alexander, eldest son of Andrew Macleod, Inverness, aged 72 years.  
On the 5th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth F. Cameron, widow of James Cameron, factor, Balmakie, Murchison.  
At Milton of Coluden, Inverness, on the 7th inst., Robert Stuart, gatekeeper, H.B. L. of Dunblair.  
At Tenanach Cottage, Conon-bridge, on the 8th inst., George Macleod.  
At Donnanroy, on the 10th June, William, widow of the late Thomas Fraser, mason.  
At Cuddehal, Donnoch, on the 10th inst., Colin Macleod, farmer—dearly regretted.  
At 11 Ardmore Terrace (West), Inverness, on 7th inst., Isabella Jane, beloved wife of A. G. Johnston, commission agent.  
At Bonar-bridge, on 30th ult., Euphemia Mackay, dressmaker, aged 79 years. (Australian papers please copy).  
At Kyle of Lochalsh, on the 4th inst., Christian Gilchrist, wife of Neil Mackintosh, Kyle of Lochalsh, aged 65 years; deeply regretted.  
At Melbourne, Australia, on 1st May, William Maclean, son of the late William Maclean, Bail Caster, Nairnshire, and formerly of Inverness.  
At 9 Lansdowne Crescent, Edinburgh, on 7th inst., Jane, widow of the late Major James Wardlaw, and only daughter of the late Sir Colin Mackenzie, baronet of Kilvoey, aged 78.  
At 24 Albany Street, Regent's Park, London, N.W., on the 9th inst., Charles Sutherland, last surviving son of the late James Sutherland, Esq., J.P., of Perth, of Inverness, and Provost of Inverness, aged 70 years.

**PUBLIC NOTICES.**

**GRAND CRICKET MATCHES.**—Nairn County v. Counties, in the Northern Meeting Park, Today (Saturday), at 2 p.m. Monday first, at 1 p.m., in Northern Meeting Park, Huntly v. Counties. Admission, 3d.; Boys, 1d.; Ladies Free.

**BURGH VALUATION RETURNS.**  
Returns are now past due, and should be sent, complete with all particulars, to the undersigned, at once, to avoid statutory penalty of £20, which may be enforced after this date.  
D. W. CALL, Assessor of the Burgh.  
Assessor's Office, 13 Lombard Street,  
Inverness, 12th June, 1903.

**LOVAT SCOUTS' ENCAMPMENT AT BEAUFORT.**  
R. Macrae, Lovat Arms Post, Beaufort, Beaufort (Sunday) excepted) between Beaufort and the Scouts' Camping Ground, commencing on Thursday, 11th June.  
Face—Single Journey—One Shilling.

**INVERNESS SHIRE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.**  
PROSPECTS OF AN EARLY DISSOLUTION.  
In view of the impending Election, all LIBERALS are strongly urged to see that their FOUR BATES ARE PAID before 20th JUNE current.

**MRS ISABELLA MACGILLIVRAY, DECEDENT.**  
All Persons having Claims against the late Mrs Isabella Gillian or Macgillivray of Gellong Villa, Kenneth Street, Inverness, who died there on 23rd inst., are requested to lodge the same within one month from this date, with the Subscribers, to whom all persons indebted to the deceased are requested to pay the sums due by them within the same period.  
JAMES & MARIE, Solicitors,  
Agents for Decedent's Executors.  
19 Union Street,  
Inverness, 20th May, 1903.

**TENDERS INVITED.**  
**DOCHFUR ESTATE.**  
TO CONTRACTORS.—Estimates wanted for Scouring about 100 Yards of Open Loch at Kinloch.  
The Estate owners will meet intending offerors at Scouring on Wednesday 17th inst., at 1 p.m.

**FURNITURE AND OTHER SALES.**  
**EXTENSIVE SALE OF FURNITURE IN MORRISON'S AUCTION ROOMS, 93 ACADEMY STREET.**  
On THURSDAY, 18th JUNE.  
The Subscriber will sell, by auction, as above, Furniture and Furnishings, removed for convenience of sale, comprising:—Drawing room, dining room, and bedroom suites; walnut piano, by Marr & Co.; mahogany sideboards, mirror backs; mahogany, oak, and pine tables; mahogany chairs, chairs, and rosewood cheffoniers; mahogany couches, do. chests of drawers, do. easy and single chairs, walnut, ebon, mahogany, brass, iron, and wood beds, vases, hair mattresses, pillows, blankets, napery, presses, kitchen dresser, table, chairs, tea and dining ware, china, pictures, hat and umbrella stands, &c.; also Vienna clock, Singer's sewing machine, patent mangle, handsome marble clock, enamel clock in shade, &c.  
Sale at 11 a.m. Terms—Cash.  
W. J. MORRISON, Auctioneer.

**IMPORTANT AND EXTENSIVE SALE, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, OF HOTEL FURNITURE, STERLING AND PLATED SILVER, CUTLERY, CHINA, GLASSWARE, BLANKETS, NAPERY, CARPETS, CURTAINS, UTENSILS, &c., &c.**  
ALSO  
**EXTENSIVE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE, CHINA, PLATE, WARE, CLOCKS, AND CURIOS OF VARIOUS DESCRIPTION.**  
By instruction of Messrs Fraser & Macleod, auctioneers, agents for the executors of the late Mr. Noble, the White House, Inverness, will sell, by public sale, on  
Commencing WEDNESDAY, 1st July next, at 11 a.m.  
At the STATION HOTEL, AVOCH.  
The whole Hotel Furniture and Plate belonging to the estate of the deceased Mr. James Finlayson, including, in addition to the usual hotel furnishings, a large and valuable collection of antique and modern furniture and plate, and a varied collection of antique and modern silver plate and cutlery. Antique and Modern Silver Plate and Cutlery: Antique Sheffield Plate in great variety, including magnificent candlesticks, brass pepper boxes, Dresden, Sevres, and other porcelain, vases, bronzes, and Chinese and Spanish china and ware, bronzes, oil paintings and engravings, antique bureau, carved oak chests, grandfire's clocks, antique chairs, bookcases and books, ancient armour, old coats, carpets, and numerous other ornaments.  
There will also be exposed for sale a large stock of Whiskies belonging to the deceased estate, lying in bond at the leading Highland distilleries.  
Fuller particulars in future advertisements.  
Catalogues of the more valuable portion of antique furniture, plate, and ornaments, executed in advance of preparation, and may be had from the auctioneer.  
SPECIAL NOTE.—The auctioneer undertakes the special attention of buyers to this important sale. It is seldom that such a varied and interesting collection of valuable antique furniture and plate comes to the hammer in the North of Scotland; and the sale is well worth the attention of buyers from a distance, as the late Mr. Finlayson was well known as a collector of antiques and articles of historic interest.  
Special arrangements will be made for conveying buyers from and to Inverness during the sale, and experienced workmen will carefully undertake the packing and despatch of goods for buyers from a distance. Luncheon can be had on the ground.  
The hotel is within two minutes' walk of Avach station, and there is a convenient train service from Inverness. Terms—Cash.  
E. NOBLE, Auctioneer.

**VESSEL FOR SALE.**  
There will be sold, within the King's Arms Hotel, Kyleakin, Skye, on Saturday, 27th June, 1903, at 8 o'clock p.m.  
The Fishing Smack "John" of Dublin. The vessel is in excellent condition, well found, and with sails and rigging in good order. A new mast has been put in within the last two years. The vessel is particularly suited for the purpose of carrying fish, and has a capacity of over 50 tons. She will be anchored opposite the above hotel, and can be seen on and after Monday 15th June until time of sale, which is at a small turn-over. The benefit of this preference we are prepared to pass on our customers.  
Date to commence sale at eleven a.m.  
JAS. WALKER, & CO.  
Inverness Savanills, 12th June, 1903.

**PUBLIC SALE OF FOREIGN TIMBER.**  
The subscribers will expose for sale, by auction, at their premises, Shore Street,  
On THURSDAY, 18th JUNE,  
A large assortment of Wood Goods, consisting of boards, linings, sarkings, battens, dials, lath, Swedish, birch, yellow pine, oak, black, ash, elm, and mahogany logs, canary wood, hewn and sawn timber, pine logs and deals, and miscellaneous lumber.  
Date to commence sale at eleven a.m.  
JAS. WALKER, & CO.  
Inverness Savanills, 12th June, 1903.

**MARRIAGE INVITATIONS.**  
A LARGE VARIETY OF PLEASING DESIGNS TO CHOOSE FROM.  
Owing to the large trade we do in this line we are enabled to purchase in the best markets at rates not enjoyed by those who do a small turn-over. The benefit of this preference we are prepared to pass on our customers.  
H. G. FRASER, to be consulted, Inverness.

**SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT.**

**WANTED**, two stone paviors and two labourers. Apply Manager, Holm Mills.  
**LAD** wanted for light farm work. Apply John Munro, Eldon, Southside Road, Inverness.  
**DRAPER**—Wanted, smart assistant. Apply, John Forbes, High Street.  
**SMART** Message Boy wanted at once. Must be honest. Apply H. W. Finlay & Co., wholesale stationers, Castle Street.  
**WANTED**, Lad to complete a camping party for 10 days about end of June. Apply No. 2088 Highland News Office.  
**TAILOR**—Wanted immediately good costumer. Permanent post to suitable man. Apply James Angus, Church, Forres.

**WANTED**, Junior Clerk for law office in town. Apply, stating salary, No. 2087 Highland News Office.  
**WANTED** in Inverness, a resident Inspector for a leading life insurance Coy. Good salary and encouragement to first-class man. Apply 1960 Highland News Office.

**WANTED**, Foreman Cooper, must be first-class practical tradesman, good wage to suitable man. Steady employment. Also two or more Apprentice Coopers. Apply No. 7104 Highland News Office.

**HARRIS SCHOOL BOARD**—Wanted, Teacher qualified under Act 60 and 79 for Searraich School. Drawing and singing to note essential. Salary £250, with free house, which must be occupied. Apply, with one copy testimonials, Thomas Wilson, Cleishmaddy.

**SCHOOL BOARD OF APPECROSS**—Wanted, three Assistant Teachers (male or female), qualified under Act 79. Salary, £40 p.m. annum. Applications, with testimonials, to the Clerk to the Board, JOHN GRANT, Shields, Loshcarron.

**ASSISTANT MISTRESS** (Normal trained) wanted for the Auld Public School, to commence work on 3rd August. Salary at the rate of £20 p.m. annum, rising by biennial increments to £50 (less deduction for superannuation). Qualifications in singing, drawing and drill essential. Applications, stating age and experience, with two copies of testimonials, to be lodged on or before 10th inst., with W. J. Clarke, School Board Office, Stormroy.

**WANTED**, experienced Nurse for Ireland, two children; also cooks, scullermaids, under-scullermaids, and general. Mrs. Alexander, The Registrar.

**WANTED**, experienced cooks, for Hotel, also plain cooks, for town and country. Also general house and farm help. Applications, stating age and experience, with two copies of testimonials, to be lodged on or before 10th inst., with W. J. Clarke, School Board Office, Stormroy.

**HOUSE-TABLEMAID** wanted for small house country, Perthshire, end of June or early July; to live in family; must be able to mend and willing to be useful to lady. Wage, 21s. No. 39 Keith & Co., Edinburgh.

**HOUSES, &c., WANTED AND TO LET.**  
AD 17 will share his bedroom (in good locality near Station) with apprentice or one about same age. Apply 2025 Highland News Office.  
**LODGINGS** to let. Bicycles can be kept. L Apply at 10 George Street, Inverness.

**TO LET**, several Villages and semi-detached houses, with the late Queen's House, 2s. 6d. per dozen. Apply to James Macgregor, Crown Lands, Inverness.  
**TO LET**, Shop and Cellar, 34 Academy Street. Do., 40 Academy Street. Apply Macfarlane & Gibson, solicitors.

**TO LET** Stationer's Shop 35 Chapel Street, carpenter's shop, cycle shop, work shop, warehouse, and yard in Giege Street. Apply Mackenzie & Co., Northern Grocery.  
**TO LET**, house No. 1 Gordon Place, Ballinay, 3 rooms, large attic, and bath, immediate entry. Apply Jackson, Academy Street Hotel.

**TO LET or Sell**, SCOTSCRAIG, Southside Road, Inverness, containing 3 public and 6 bed-rooms, bath room (s.c.), kitchen, scullery, servants' accommodation, out-houses, and all modern requirements. Apply to J. Munro Middleton, solicitor, Inverness.

**TO LET**, for month or two, or longer if desired, for June and July, at nominal rent, in beautiful locality near Inverness, and convenient to stations and bathing. Two public rooms and four bedrooms. For particulars apply No. 1000 Highland News Office.

**TO LET**, 64 Shore Street, 6/11.  
Left 44 Shore Street, suitable for storing grain, &c., £2 10s.  
22, 30 Shore Street, 7/1.  
Also Yard convenient for harbour or railway.  
Apply Messrs Jas. Walker & Co.

**HOUSES TO LET.**  
No. 1 Mulrow Street, first flat; £11 10s.  
One large yard, No. 1, Mulrow Street; moderate rent.  
No. 71 Huntly Street; small rent.  
Shop, Wells Street.  
House, No. 29 Huntly Street, 4 apartments; moderate rent.  
House, No. 2 Manse Place, 4 apartments; rent, £2 10s.  
Apply to Squair & Middleton, solicitors, 20 Church Street, Inverness.

**NAIRN**—Commodious house to let at 25/6. Apply to J. Munro Middleton, solicitor, Inverness.  
**SUMMER QUARTERS**—Sutherlandshire Farmhouse to let for summer and autumn months, near railway, post and telegraph offices, churches, sea-bathing, golf, &c. Nice room; cow for milk; garden, &c. Moderate terms. Apply No. 1819 Highland News Office.

**ACCOMMODATION FOR WAREHOUSES,** &c. Workmen's Houses, and Villa Residences Apply to JAMES MACGREGOR, Crown Lands, Inverness.  
**TO LET**, on Barshall, Piece of eligible Building Land, 40 feet of frontage southside of Crown Street and 90 to 100 feet of frontage southside of Crown Street. Apply to Davidson & Scott, solicitors, 42 Union Street, Inverness.

**OPENING SALE NOW IN PROGRESS.**  
**MALCOLM A. BEAUN**  
(for a number of years with Mr. D. Munro, Clothier, Hatter, and Hosier).  
Begs to announce that he has opened those Large and Central Premises,  
21—ACADEMY STREET—21  
Lately occupied by Mr. Gilbert Ross, Ironmonger, with a thoroughly up-to-date stock of everything for GENTLEMEN'S WEAR.  
By close attention to business, and selling at keenest prices for cash only, M. A. Beaun trusts to merit a share of public patronage.  
In patronising our Sale you get the BEST UP-TO-DATE STOCK that can be put together, as we have NO OLD STOCK or any Job Lots to offer.

**FURNITURE, CARPETS, LINOLEUMS**  
Parties intending to furnish are invited to inspect our large and varied stock of  
DINING-ROOM, DRAWING-ROOM, HALL, and OFFICE FURNITURE  
Superior Quality and Finish at Lowest Prices.  
Large and well-assorted stock of  
AXMINSTER, AXINE, WILTON, BRUSSELS, and other CARPETS.  
Plain and Inlaid LINOLEUMS, &c.  
MACIVER & CO.,  
68 CHURCH STREET, INVERNESS.

**PROPERTY, &c., FOR SALE.**

**FOR SALE**, by private bargain, the Goodwill, Plant, and Stock-in-Trade of the Lather and Plasterer's Business so long and successfully carried on by the late C. R. Galie, and thereafter by his son. Suitable opening for an energetic man with small capital. Apply to Squair & Middleton, solicitors, Inverness.  
**STORMROY.**  
**PROPERTY FOR SALE.**  
There will be exposed for sale, by public auction, within the Lewis Hotel, South Beach Street, Stormroy, on Monday, 22nd June, 1903, at 12 noon, those subjects known as the "Crown Inn". The area of the lot is 2800 square ft., and the subjects, which consist of the "Crown Inn" (comprising), and shops and dwelling-houses, have a frontage to North Beach Street and Point Street.  
Fees—Duty, 8s. 4d.; rental, £25; upset price, £100.  
For further particulars apply to Mr. William A. Ross, solicitor, Stormroy, who will show the titles and articles of roup.

**SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED.**  
**WANTED**, Public-house Counter, 12 to 14 feet in length, mahogany top. Apply No. 2082 Highland News Office.

**SPECIFIC ARTICLES FOR SALE.**  
**GENERAL.**  
**HAVE YOU ANY ANIMAL or ARTICLE FOR SALE?**  
If so, use this column. It brings an immediate response. Eighteen words 6d.

**CABBAGE PLANTS**—Sprouts, greens, carrots, &c. 3d. per 100; cauliflower, 1s. 6d. per 100; cress, 1s. 6d. per 100. Post free. For further particulars apply to Messrs A. Fraser & Co., Inverness.

**HARNESS**, new and second-hand, cart and gig. Glenis, opposite Hamilton's Auction Sale, East Gate, Inverness.  
**FOR** finest rounds, salt rolls, and tongues try Fraser Kennedy & Frazer, Arcade, Union Street, Inverness.

**BOOKS BOUND BY DOW, BOOKBINDERS,** Inverness. Monthly parts bound cheaply. Substantial binding. Write for estimate.

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**CHOICE PERFUMERY**, Large and Select Assortments, in Fancy Bottles and Cases, from 6d. to 21s. Bethune, Chemist, Queen's Gate, Inverness.

**DRESS, ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING and KEPPER** Rings a Speciality. Donald Macrae, Jeweller, Eastgate, Inverness.  
**MEN'S**, youths', and boys' tweed suits, season's patterns, offered at lowest prices for cash. Noble's Stores.

**SHIRTS**, white dress, cycling, tweed, grand, and semis, and pants, cashmere, lambs' wool, cotton, &c. Noble's Stores.  
**BOYS'** old school jackets. Tweed and cord neckers, shirts, swimmy, pants, caps, collars, &c. Noble's Stores.

**WORKMEN'S** strong tweed trousers, jackets, vests, moleskin trousers, overalls in dungaree, gambrin, and serge. Noble's Stores.  
**BOOTS**, shoes, slippers, of best quality, to suit all kinds of wear. Noble's Stores, 105 Academy Street.

**TRAVELLING** overland and cabin trunks, portmanteaus, Gladstone bags, hand and kit bags, steel and tin trunks. Noble's Stores.  
**GOLD** and silver watches, watch chains, rings, brooches, &c., at all prices. Noble's Stores, 105 Academy Street.

**TRAVELLING** trunks and American conveniences. Trunks, beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, Gladstone and kit bags, large selection, and all kinds of ironmongery, at great reductions. Best value in town. No. 70, Bridge Street, Inverness.

**FISHMONGERS and POULTERERS.**  
**R. J. KELT**, Fishmonger, Poulterer, and Game dealer, Queensgate, Inverness.  
**FISHMONGERS and POULTERERS**—Bookless B. Brothers, Union Street. All kinds Fish, Poultry, Game, and Rabbits. ALWAYS FRESH.

**GROCERIES, WINES and SPIRITS.**  
**IRISH** Butter, finer not to be had; give it a trial; 1s. per lb. At Lindsay's Stores.  
**TREAT OF THE BREAKFAST TABLE.**  
New Season's Oatmeal, at Macdonald, Imperial Stores, Grant Street. Only 1s. 8d. per stone, 16s. 6d. per boll.

**ROGGET'S** Celebrated Nourishing Stoup, as supplied to the late Queen Victoria, 2s. 6d. per dozen. Sole Agents—D. Cameron & Co., 12 Church Street.  
**MONSIEUR AFTERNOON TEA**, in 24b, 1-lb., and 1-lb. Packages, 3s. per lb. Sole Consignees—D. Cameron & Co., 12 Church Street.

**HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY**, Blue Seal, 10 years old, highly suitable for invalids, 3s. 6d. per bottle, 42s. per doz. D. Cameron & Co., 12 Church Street.  
**HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY**, guaranteed pure and 5 years old, 3s. 6d. per bottle, 36s. per doz. D. Cameron & Co., 12 Church Street.

**FOR** GUINEAS VALDE IN TEA—PROCESSED—2s. 10s. 1s. 8d., and 1s. 6d. Come to Gillanders, Queensgate, Inverness.  
**PURE JAMAICA RUM**, 2s. 6d. and 3s. per bottle. A perfect cure for colds and influenza. John Macleod, 22 Castle Street, Inverness.

**WINE** OLD PORT WINE, 2s. 6d. and 3s. per bottle. Sure to revive and sustain invalids and others. One bottle, per post, 6d. extra. 2 bottles, 1s. 2d. 3 bottles, 1s. 6d. 4 bottles, 2s. 0d. 5 bottles, 2s. 6d. 6 bottles, 3s. 0d. 7 bottles, 3s. 6d. 8 bottles, 4s. 0d. 9 bottles, 4s. 6d. 10 bottles, 5s. 0d. 11 bottles, 5s. 6d. 12 bottles, 6s. 0d. 13 bottles, 6s. 6d. 14 bottles, 7s. 0d. 15 bottles, 7s. 6d. 16 bottles, 8s. 0d. 17 bottles, 8s. 6d. 18 bottles, 9s. 0d. 19 bottles, 9s. 6d. 20 bottles, 10s. 0d. 21 bottles, 10s. 6d. 22 bottles, 11s. 0d. 23 bottles, 11s. 6d. 24 bottles, 12s. 0d. 25 bottles, 12s. 6d. 26 bottles, 13s. 0d. 27 bottles, 13s. 6d. 28 bottles, 14s. 0d. 29 bottles, 14s. 6d. 30 bottles, 15s. 0d. 31 bottles, 15s. 6d. 32 bottles, 16s. 0d. 33 bottles, 16s. 6d. 34 bottles, 17s. 0d. 35 bottles, 17s. 6d. 36 bottles, 18s. 0d. 37 bottles, 18s. 6d. 38 bottles, 19s. 0d. 39 bottles, 19s. 6d. 40 bottles, 20s. 0d. 41 bottles, 20s. 6d. 42 bottles, 21s. 0d. 43 bottles, 21s. 6d. 44 bottles, 22s. 0d. 45 bottles, 22s. 6d. 46 bottles, 23s. 0d. 47 bottles, 23s. 6d. 48 bottles, 24s. 0d. 49 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CLARSACH NAN GAIDHEAL. ATR A GLEUBAIDH DE FIONN.

No. 342.—A STRATHSPRY. The following spirited Strathspey is taken from that interesting work, "Puirte-abeul," by Dr Keith N. Macdonald.

Will any present-day scholar attempt to deny that Gaelic is the most ancient language spoken in Europe?

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Ciod air bith is miann leat a leantuin ann an t-sgothach, cha teid a' chuis leat ach a' mhàin le dèidh cruidh.

THE HIGHLANDS IN MODERN LITERATURE.

I hope my readers know those very interesting books by Dr Robert Craig MacLagan, who I believe is a nephew of His Grace of York.

What a quair is but this is how Mr Hewlett puts it:—"A quair is a chair, a quire, a little book. In one such a certain king wrote fairly the tale of his love business; and here in this other I pretend to show you all the tragic error, all the pain, known only to her that moved it of that child of his children's children—Mary of Scotland."

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BLAR CHUI-FHOADAIR.

[Leis an Urr. TOMAS MAC-LEOD, D.D.] Tha 'n blar air a chur le air monadh an fhoadaich.

A PLEA FOR THE TEACHING OF GAELIC IN OUR HIGHLAND SCHOOLS.

The words of one of our immortal bards—the late lamented Campbell of Ledaig—are very appropriate as an introduction to this all-important subject.

CELTIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES. LONDON.—What is the correct Gaelic spelling of London, and what does the name mean? SASUNNACH.

SEALG NA PAIRCE.

[Le DONULL MACCALUM.] 'S e taigh a' bhàbaid air taigh cèilidh is ainmeil sa bhàbaid 'an àm, 's ga' fonn-suidh ann 'n t-àir...

XVII.—LARETUS SHASUINN.

Suaicheantas.—England expects every man to do his duty.

FISH AS AN ARTICLE OF DIET.

ITS GREAT IMPORTANCE. All doctors agree as to the great importance of fish as an article of diet but, unfortunately, there is a sameness in the ways of serving fish that prevents its wider use.

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THE LOVAT SCOUTS.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GALLANT CORPS.

ON THE VELDT.

UNDER CANVAS AT BEAUFORT.

In days gone by the Scottish Highlander was noted for his warlike skill and dauntless heroism, and if, as a rule, the conflicts in which he engaged in these early centuries took place "mid the mountain fastnesses of his native land, and with his own kith and kin, the gallantry displayed by him has, we venture to say, been unequalled in the annals of war—ancient or modern. As time wore on, the Highlanders became more reconciled to each other, many of them taking their stand under the banner of "Bonnie Prince Charlie," and the devoted manner in which they followed the fortunes of their chief, and the loyalty of the men, rather than the misty legends of a bygone age, stand as a splendid example of Highland patriotism. Later on they became more loyal to what they at one time considered the Hanoverian usurpers, and at length they took the standard of the King, and their deeds of derring-do and splendid heroism on many a bloody field 'neath alien skies 'gainst foreign foes have more than amply testified to the valour, spirit, inborn heroism, and devoted loyalty of the mountain-dwellers of the north. The heroic deeds of the Highland Brigade ever since that fateful day when they first set foot on a foreign shore, on through shot and shell and zone of battle, with scarce a breathing space, through the Peninsula, Egypt, the Nile, Afghanistan, and South Africa, have been one long glorious roll of unparalleled gallantry as well as of undying devotion to their Monarch and their country. The age of "cold steel" with its wild hurrah, onward rush, and deadly thrust is now, we venture to think, gone—and gone for ever—and the stalwart Highlander is consequently handicapped in no small measure. The weapons of warfare are responsible for this change, and while the average Highlander is quite as smart in the manipulation of them as other members of the service, it is only natural that he should exhibit a preference for that mode of warfare by which he and his forefathers oftentimes won the day 'gainst fearful odds. The Lee-Metford, the Mauser, and the Maxim have, however, placed the bayonet in the background, and the Highland Brigade have, in consequence, with the general mode of warfare, while fondly looking back to those good old days when their forefathers fought with Sir Ralph Abercromby on the banks of the Nile, when the British and the French met at Waterloo, and when the old Brigadier on Crimean heights proudly exclaimed—"We'll hae name but Heilan' bonnets here."

The Highland Brigade have performed but gradually undergone an evolution since those days, and while still composed of equally sturdy, dogged, and heroic material, the same opportunities are not afforded in modern warfare for the display of that dash and impetuous gallantry which is characteristic of every true-born Highlander. It will doubtless take some little time ere the warlike Highlander can be sufficiently curbed—if we may be allowed the expression—to patiently await the developments of an unprovoked and unexpected encounter. Ever eager for the fray which will see his fury be when "peppered" at from behind cover, with no chance of getting a "home-thrust" 'so prone is the Highlander to abide by the time-worn and recognised modes of warfare of his countrymen, and any innovation is but coldly received. It is a well-known fact that when the sword-bayonet was first introduced the Highland soldiers have been known to throw away their rifles and march right and left with their side-arms. Perhaps this cannot be better illustrated than in the case of the Highland soldier at Waterloo, who in the onward rush came upon one of the enemy, who threw up his arms—or rather threw them down, as it might be said—and he shouted "Quarter!" "She'll not hev time to quarter ye just now," said Tonal breathlessly; "pit shell just make two halves of ye," and he forthwith proceeded, in the most humane manner possible—under the circumstances to execute his promise. We merely mention this to show how tenaciously the Celt clings to old methods of warfare. It remained, however, for the gallant and patriotic young chief of the Clan Fraser during the recent disastrous campaign to find for the Scottish Highlander congenial—we use the word advisedly—military occupation. The idea—which has attained fruition in the embodiment of the Lovat Scouts—was one which could have alone emanated from the action of warlike men. Lord Lovat knew his countrymen, and he did not live among them since boyhood? The hardy, well-knit, sturdy denizens of the mountain were familiar to him, and in his country's hour of direst need, with that patriotic ardour of his sires, he asked permission of the War Office to be allowed to raise a corps of ghillies for service on the veldt and amid the kops and kopjes of the Transvaal. Well did his lordship know the metal of his mountain warriors, strong, sturdy, strong-limbed, keen-eyed, "shin" intelligent young fellows were they, innured to hardship and danger on rugged mountain side, in lonely valley and "mid forest primal." "Chasing the wild deer and following the roe."

In the pursuit of their arduous calling they had—his lordship knew—to exercise that caution—we might almost say cunning—which, coupled with their undoubted qualifications as marksmen and horsemen, made them more than a match for the wily denizen of the veldt, who had almost baffled the strategy and resources of the foremost military leaders of the day. Knowing well the powers of the "Clann nan Ghillies," the War Office readily granted permission to his lordship to raise a corps of ghillies to be known as the Lovat Scouts, and from hill and dale the clansmen gathered around the Fraser standard in very much the same fashion, with the same eagerness—as in those ancient feudal days, although certainly in a more laudable cause, viz., the maintenance of British supremacy. Thanks to the enterprise and indefatigable efforts of Lord Lovat, the Highlands of Scotland were shortly afterwards represented at the seat of war in a manner more in keeping with the patriotic sentiment of the North than had hitherto been the case. His lordship's offer, as already indicated, was readily accepted by the War Office, for at that very moment were not our military authorities at their wits' end, and their cry cried to be—

"Had we but a thousand troopers, had we but a thousand more!"

The proposal was accordingly very fully discussed at a meeting called by his lordship, and held in the Highland Club at Inverness on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1900. A number of influential Highland gentlemen were present, while many others wired their entire sympathy with the object of the meeting. The chair was, as will be remembered, occupied by Lord Lovat, and among those present were Lord Tweedmouth, Mr. Baillie of Dochfour, Mr. Fraser-Tyler of Aldourie, Mr. Ian Grant of Glenmoriston, Mr. J. Macpherson-Grant, Mr. Macpherson of Bellaville, Major the Hon. A. D. Murray, Cameron Highlanders; Colonel Duncan Shaw, 1st V.B.C.H.; and a number of other Volunteer officers.

His lordship explained to the meeting that the intention was that the personnel of the corps should be largely recruited from amongst the men employed as stalkers, ghillies, and keepers throughout the country, the idea being that men so trained would move of the most rapid and accurate, or in locating the position of the enemy, it was then suggested that as many as possible of the men should be mounted, and that each Volunteer should be supplied with a powerful long-range rifle. The proposals were discussed and generally approved, and Lord Tweedmouth very generously

offered ten hill ponies, and also undertook to pay the outfitting expenses of any of his men who might be employed. The volunteer, He also indicated that in the event of any one of his men suffering from monetary loss he would be prepared to make good the deficiency during the period of the Volunteers' absence at the Cape. Among the gentlemen who volunteered to join the corps at this stage were Lord Lovat, Mr. Ewan Grant of Glenmoriston, Mr. Fraser-Tyler of Aldourie, Mr. W. T. Fraser-Tyler, Sir Arthur J. Campbell-Orde, Bart.; Mr. Macdonald, yr. of Skenebost; Mr. Macdonald of Keppoch, as well as several well-known northern marksmen. The enthusiasm spread like wild-fire, and on the following evening a gathering of the clansmen was held in Glen-Urquhart, and the proposal was heartily taken up by the hillmen and stalkers present, many of whom expressed their willingness to "follow their chief to the field." The embodiment of the Scouts was then proceeded with. Applications for enrolment poured in with amazing rapidity, while General Chapman, commander of the Forces in Scotland, expressed his entire approval of the movement, and further expressed himself as being well pleased with the fact that the corps was raised in the premier county of Scotland, and that its headquarters happened to be the Highland Capital. Meetings were held all over Scotland in support of the movement, and in order to show the patriotism displayed by the men, mention that in less than a fortnight over £1500 was subscribed towards the equipment of the corps, while recruits were pouring in from all parts of the Highlands, so that the hands of Sergeant-Major MacNeill were more than full in endeavouring to cope with the work of organisation. Lord Lansdowne, Secretary for War, expressed his warmest appreciation of the efforts put forth by Lord Lovat with regard to the formation of the corps, and on the 12th of January indicated that the authorities would welcome the embarkation of the troops at the earliest possible moment. As an indication of the manner in which applications flowed in, we may mention that on the 13th of January no fewer than 70 applications were dealt with at the Orderly Room. In consequence of the demand for places in the ranks it was arranged that the corps be divided into two companies—instead of one as originally intended—the first company being mounted and the second dismounted, the mounted company to consist of four detachments of 25 men each, not including officers and non-commissioned officers, numbering 120 in all, the dismounted company numbering 116 officers and men. The men were armed by Lee-Metford rifles, while the officers carried their Lee-Metford carbines of the same calibre, those supplied to the Imperial Yeomanry, Captain and Brevet-Major Hon. A. C. Murray, depot Cameron Highlanders, Captain W. M. Macdonald, and Lieutenant Hon. G. E. H. Macdonald, depot Cameron Highlanders, were selected for duty with the corps. The men were mobilised at Beaufort, and for a short time underwent a course of training at the hands of Sergeant-Major A. MacNeill, Life Guards, assisted by Sergeant-Major Mackenzie, Highland Volunteer Artillery, Inverness. On Monday, the 10th of February, 1900, the corps, to the number of 250, including officers, was inspected by Colonel Brockenden, commanding the 42nd Regiment, Dismounted, Lieutenant Brodie of Brodie, in the absence of Captain Stewart, having command of the infantry, while Lord Lovat was in command of the mounted contingent. On Wednesday, the 28th of February, the Town Council of Inverness visited the camp of the Scouts in their official capacity, when ex-Provost Macbean presented to each of the men a specially-designed pocket-knife in duplicate of the knife presented by the Lord Mayor of London to the City Imperial Volunteers on the eve of their departure for London. On Friday, the 9th of March, the Scouts took their departure for the front after having undergone something like a month's training, and we need hardly say that the scene at Beaufort Station was a never-to-be-forgotten one. The occasion will ever remain memorable and historic in the Highlands, inasmuch that the Scouts were the only truly representative Highland corps which went out to South Africa. It is not our intention to enter into a detailed account of the scene, suffice it to say that, clad in their khaki uniforms and equipped for the fray and the fray, the men presented a really splendid appearance as amid the plaudits of their admirers they marched into Beaufort Station. The work of entraining was speedily carried out, the mounted section going direct to Glasgow, where they embarked on the transport America, and the dismounted section leaving later for Southampton. The officers who accompanied the Scouts were Major Hon. A. D. Murray, commanding, Captain and Adjutant Macdonald, Captain Lord Lovat, Captain Stewart of Ensay, Lieutenants Illie, Fraser-Tyler, Ewan Grant, R. Hunt Brodie of Brodie, Sir Arthur Campbell-Orde, and K. L. Macdonald, with Sergeant-Major Anderson, Sergeant-Major MacNeill, and Quartermaster Lockie.

On their arrival at the seat of war the horizon looked exceedingly dark, and the wayward instead of dispelling the gloom lowering, nothing daunted, our mountain heroes pressed up country with all possible speed, and within a short time of disembarkation found themselves in touch with the Highland Brigade, to which they were attached during the greater part of the campaign, and the brilliant services rendered by them are now matters of history. It is not our intention to give a detailed account of the dangers through which they passed, their weary night vigils, their long marches, their untold hardships, their desperate encounters, their brilliant victories, and their sad record of casualties. The other corps the left behind them on the field of action were a few hundred men of the rank grass of the arid veldt is now waving, yet whose memory is ever cherished by comrades in arms as well as by friends and relatives 'mid the hills and dales of Scotia. The fateful encounter at the fontain was perhaps one of the most disastrous in which the Scouts were engaged, and yet whilst fighting against heavy odds they maintained their splendid reputation as Highlanders of "fighting to the death." Well may the gallant organiser feel proud of the achievement of his Scouts, and with pardonable pride he may be permitted to say "Second to none."

It will be remembered with what enthusiasm the return of the first contingent was welcomed in the Capital of the Highlands, and the splendid ovation given them on that occasion, while the "send-off" accorded to the third contingent equalled, if, indeed, it did not excel, that accorded to the first and second contingents when they took their departure during the earlier stages of the campaign, when the "war fever" was at its full height. It was not, however, until the return of the entire body in August last year that the enthusiasm reached its full height. Those who witnessed the warriors' return must have been struck with their war-worn appearance as contrasted with their jaunty air when setting out for the front. Bronzed—indeed, almost brick-coloured—visages and stern, resolute eyes peered out 'neath disparted slouch hats; stalwart forms clad in weather-beaten, sun-scorched, faded khaki uniforms told only too plainly the hardships which were endured, while many familiar faces were missing from the ranks. The reception was undoubtedly a splendid one, the elite of the North, the fathers of the city, and the citizens of the Capital gathering to do honour to the gallant Lord Lovat and his band of hardy Scouts. After being entertained in Inverness the Scouts entrained for Beaufort for disembarkment, where another ovation awaited them. On the following day they were inspected by General Sir Archibald Hunter, D.S.O., commanding the troops in Scotland, who at the close of the inspection said that it was highly gratifying to him that the Scouts had realised the high opinion that he had formed of them before they left South Africa. He paid a high tribute to

the officers who had been in command of the Scouts and congratulated the men in having a man like Lord Lovat at their head. The Scouts had the gallant Chief given himself time to doft khaki and don "muffs" when the afternoon sports were held, many of the men leaving in the evening for their homes, where loved ones awaited "the soldier's return."

Since the gallant Chief given himself time to doft khaki and don "muffs" when he set about organising a regiment of Highland yeomanry, of which the typical Highland corps now under canvas at Beaufort is the outcome. It is unnecessary to enter into the conditions of service, full particulars of which have already been given in our columns. The amount of work performed by Lord Lovat in the organisation of the new corps has been absolutely marvellous, his lordship sparing no efforts to ensure success. He seemed indeed to be quite ubiquitous—one day in London consulting the military authorities, in all probability the British Museum, and the following in Assent addressing likely recruits on the conditions of service.

An interesting article, giving notes and instructions in connection with the camp at present being held at Beaufort, will be found on page 5.

ANCIENT GOLD CELTIC ORNAMENTS.

THE ROYAL PREROGATIVE.

In the Chancery Division on Thursday, before Mr Justice Farwell, the Attorney-General, on behalf of His Majesty the King, brought an action against the trustees of the British Museum, Toronto, to declare certain ancient gold Celtic ornaments found some time since at Linnavaddy County Derry, and now in possession of the trustees of the museum, the same being claimed as treasure trove by the King by virtue of his Royal prerogative.

A WICK MAN GETS A TORONTO PROFESSORSHIP.

Rev. J. D. Robertson, Abbey Church, North Berwick, has intimated his acceptance of election to the Chair of Apologetics in Knox College, Toronto. Dr. Robertson is a native of Wick, and has had a very distinguished career as a student, passing from Watson's College to Edinburgh University, where he graduated with first-class honours in philosophy. Dr. Robertson has been some scholarly works on ethics and theology. He leaves for Toronto in September.

THE SALE OF IONA.

ISLAND TO BE PURCHASED BY AN AMERICAN.

Whoever may eventually buy the island of Iona from the Duke of Argyll, the purchase price, it is said, had been thought, by the Cartusian monks, who have been expelled from their monastery of the Grand Chartreuse in France. This statement, together with the reasons which prevent the Cartusians from purchasing Iona, was abandoned on Tuesday by the monks of the monastery at Paris Minister in the great heart of sleepy Sussex, where are the headquarters of the Cartusian order in this country. It seems that the question of buying Iona from the Duke of Argyll was considered, but that the negotiations did not proceed far when the monks discovered that all ecclesiastical buildings on the island had been secured to the Episcopal Church of Scotland for ever. Therefore, as the Cartusians were seeking some spot which they would own entirely, and over which they would have undisputed sway, the project of purchasing Iona was abandoned. It is rumoured that Iona may be purchased by a well-known American millionaire.

THE LATE MR DUGALD MACLACHLAN, PORTREE.

TOUCHING PULPIT REFERENCE.

At the close of the sermon on Trinity Sunday, the Rev. J. A. Macculloch, rector of St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Portree, said with reference to the sad death of Mr MacLachlan—"It is my sad duty to say a few words on the sudden and lamented death of one of our prominent fellow-townsmen during the past week—the late Mr Dugald MacLachlan. For years past he was a familiar figure in Portree. There was no good work in which he was not interested, and there were many good deeds done by him for which many will miss him to-day. Some of you who have known him long before I did can speak of these things better than I. But neither you nor I can help feeling how much we will miss him in this district. He was an upright and God-fearing man, the friend of all good causes, kindly to those who were in need, and beloved by those who were his friends. There might have been many more years of usefulness before him here, but God had other plans for him, and called him suddenly to Himself. The shock of sudden death reminds us forcibly of the terrible uncertainty of our earthly life; but though death may be sudden it need never find us unprepared. If our actions were those which God would approve, and our thoughts are ever turning towards Him, we shall always be prepared to die. So, I am sure, it was with him whose loss we mourn now. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the universe they seem to die, but their end is peace. May he rest in peace, and may God out of His infinite mercy give that comfort which He alone can give to his widow and other sorrowing relatives."

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The Highland News

INVERNESS, Saturday, June 13, 1903.

SUMMARIES.

The King and Queen of Serbia were on Thursday night, in the royal palace, assassinated by soldiers and Prince Kara-georgewitch proclaimed King.

It is evident that there is to be no resignation of the Government meantime. How long the policy of "agreeing to differ" by members of the Cabinet can last will depend upon the tolerance of the House of Commons.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

With the re-assembling of Parliament this week an opportunity has been obtained of discovering to some degree in what relation the Government stand towards Mr Chamberlain's new fiscal policy. The Prime Minister, in the speech he delivered immediately before the Whitsuntide holidays, was beautifully indefinite, and no other prominent member of the Unionist party had spoken except the Colonial Secretary himself.

The proposal of the Government to discontinue the imposition of the Corn Duty, imposed for the first time last year, was made the occasion for getting at where the Government really stood. Technically, in referring to Mr Chamberlain's fiscal policy, all the speakers were out of order, but so strong was the feeling in the House of Commons on the new "harc" that had been sprung upon them, that even the Speaker had to give way and relax his ruling.

The situation then is that Mr Chamberlain is a member of a Cabinet that does not hold his view on a great public question, and the position of his chief is that there is nothing anomalous in such a situation. It is certainly an extraordinary commentary on the alleged solidarity of the Government. The Unionist press are never done harping upon alleged differences in the Liberal party, but such differences are trifles light as air compared to what is apparently going on inside the Government.

Mr Asquith in the course of the debate when he protested against a situation which, if it were allowed, would put an end to Ministerial responsibility and Cabinet Government. All the Chancellor of the Exchequer could tell the House was that the Cabinet preserved the open mind. They were all for enquiry. Meantime the Colonial Secretary sat grimly watching but saying nothing. Mr Balfour did his best to tranquillise matters, but he was no more successful than Mr Ritchie in clearing up the situation as it affects the Government.

It is obviously impossible that a Government can go on which is afraid to come to any conclusion on such a large issue as Mr Chamberlain has raised. Means will have to be found to compel the Government to come to a decision and the country will then know exactly where it stands. It is intolerable that a tentative proposal of such a grave character should be allowed to be put forward, of course to be withdrawn if not favourably received. This is the policy of those who are anxious to stick to office, but it will have an exceedingly bad effect on the country, and will tend to the entire demoralisation of public opinion.

If the Prime Minister did not know exactly where he and his Government are, the leader of the Liberal party had no difficulty in telling Mr Balfour what the fruits of the Chamberlain policy would be. It meant dead bread for the people. They had heard what Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said of the submerged tenth. They had also heard of the submerged third—that is those just on the borderline of want. To the latter dead bread would mean submergence. It was very loudly to have something to give—this in allusion to Mr Chamberlain's desire for a "free hand" in dealing with foreign countries—but it was the bread of the people they proposed to give. Mr Chamberlain's amendment, that the Corn Duty be retained, was, of course, overwhelmingly defeated, but the debate has been a serious source of weakness to the Government. For the moment dissolution was in the air, and a General Election in sight. Ministers have now apparently resolved to continue the existing anomalous situation for some time longer as immediate dissolution rumours have died down. But it is impossible that a Government so placed can go on for long. It is therefore for all Liberals to be on the alert.

Secure your vote by paying your Poor Rates before Saturday next. A DISORDERLY LABOURER.—James Mackenzie, a labourer, was brought up before Dean of Guild Fraser in the Police Court on Tuesday and charged with having conducted himself in a lawless manner and committing a breach of the peace. Accused pled guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of 10s, or go to prison for seven days.

SCHOOL BOARD PROSECUTION.—At the Inverness Sheriff Court on Wednesday—before Sheriff Grant—John Cameron was charged with having failed to keep his son, Alexander Cameron, in regular attendance at school. Accused pled guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of 10s, with 10s of modified expenses, or to suffer seven days' imprisonment. APPOINTMENT OF INFIRMARY DOCTOR.—A meeting of the managers of the Northern Infirmary was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday. Provost Arthur D. Ross presiding. They had under consideration a short list of candidates for the appointment of house surgeon. Bailie Guild suggested to the meeting that candidates should be asked to keep the appointment for at least one year. Mr Duncan Shaw explained that the rule was for two years, but it hampered the managers in their selection. Mr Frank Grant thought the stipulation of three months' notice on each side was sufficient. The applications of each candidate were read, and the candidates were brought into the room in turn. Each agreed to retain the appointment for at least one year. The vote was then taken, which resulted as follows:—For Dr Affleck 14; Dr Johnstone, 11; Dr Brown, 2. Dr Affleck was then duly informed of his appointment. Dr Affleck who is Mr B. and B. of Edinburgh University, has been house surgeon of the British Hospital, Levallois, Paris.

Michael Casey's letter will be found on page 7.

Miss Lizzie Davidson has resigned her appointment as teacher in the High School, Inverness.

CHOIR TRIP.—The High Church Choir go to Drumadrocht for their annual trip to-day.

TO VISIT INVERNESS.—The next annual conference of the Scottish Association of Master Bakers is to be held in Inverness.

Mr Rhind, architect, Inverness, has been successful in having his plans adopted for the new Carnegie Library at Dennistoun, Glasgow.

Countess de la Tour arrived in Inverness from the south yesterday morning, and joined the 10 a.m. train en route for Skye.

A LOCAL MARKSMAN.—Sergeant-Major Lockie, 1st Volunteer Battalion Cameron Highlanders, has won the grand aggregate championship in the aggregate competitions of the Scottish Army Rifle Club.

PURCHASE OF HOTEL AT CONY.—Miss Watt, late of the Volunteer Arms Hotel, we understand, purchased the Conon Hotel, which has for a very considerable number of years been conducted by Mr Melville.

ONDEVELOP'S APPOINTMENT.—Mr James Corbet, secretary of the Chalcabroddin branch of the National Independence League of Oddyfollows, was, at their annual meeting held in Edinburgh last week, elected a member of the Executive of the Order.

TO LIBERAL ELECTORS.—Liberal electors who have changed their residence at the term would greatly assist in the work of registration if they kindly send their new addresses to Mr Joseph Macleod, Liberal Organiser, 12 Lombard Street, Inverness.

A FIRE BRIGADE INNOVATION.—A new fire alarm has been erected at the railway station. The introduction of this instrument a masterpiece was a success in this vicinity, and we trust it will not long before others are placed in various districts of the town.

PRESENTATION TO A FARM MANAGER.—Mr Durgen Chisholm, late farm manager with Mr Mackenzie of Farr, has been presented with a silver keyless hunting watch and gold chain a testimonial service and tray on the occasion of his resigning his post to take the lease of a farm.

FOR VALOUR'S SAKE.—The names of the officers and men of the Cameron Highlanders who fell at Albara and Omdurman is at present being inscribed on the Cameron statue in the Station Square. It appears that those who succumbed to disease during the Sudan campaign is also being put on the statue. The work is being tastefully carried out by Messrs A. & D. Davidson, sculptors, Inverness.

LIBRARY SATURDAY.—Mr Hugh Finlay, secretary of the Inverness Lifeboat Saturday Committee, made application to the Nairn Committee of the institution there requesting the use of the boat for the Lifeboat Saturday in Inverness on Saturday August.

NEW RAILWAY STORES.—The new stores for the Highland Railway Company, to be erected at Needfield, will be proceeded with at an early date. The stores will be fitted up in the latest style suitable for the requirements. The contractors are—Mason, Alex. Cameron; carpenter, Peter Cameron; slaters, A. Taylor & Co.; plasterers, Macdonald & Urquhart; plasterers, D. Dallas & Co.; painters, Kenneth Cameron; ironwork, roofing, &c., The Rose Street Foundry.

ACCIDENT AT THE HIGHLAND RAILWAY STATION.—A young man named Roderick Mackenzie, residing at No. 2 Telford Street, Inverness, met with a somewhat serious accident on Wednesday afternoon. It appears that he was in the act of coming down one of the stairs leading to the Highland Railway Company's goods offices, when his foot slipped, and he fell heavily on his head. He was conveyed to the Northern Infirmary, where, we understand, he is making satisfactory progress.

DEATH OF MR CHARLES SUTHERLAND.—The death took place on Tuesday last of Mr Charles Sutherland at the residence of his friend in London, Mr James Sutherland, J.P., for many years tenant of Parks of Inshes, Inverness, and was for some time Provost of Inverness. Some forty years ago he came to Inverness to enter the service of Messrs Joshua Tetley & Co., brewers in the Metropolis, and remained in the service of that company until three years ago, when he retired on a well-earned pension. Deceased, who was of a quiet and courteous disposition, was highly respected in social and business circles.

FATAL ACCIDENT INQUIRY.—In the Inverness Sheriff Court on Wednesday—before Sheriff Grant and a jury—a public inquiry was held respecting the death of Murdo Mackenzie, a labourer, which took place at the Locomotive Works of the Highland Railway on 22nd May last. Alexander Maclean, striker, who was called as a witness, stated that he saw deceased going up a ladder to oil the shafting, which was about 18 inches below the roof, on that fatal morning. The shafting was in motion at the time when deceased went to oil it. When he saw Mackenzie next he was hanging from the shaft head downwards. He immediately stopped the engine, which took about a minute and a half to do so. He then gave evidence of his having examined the body. He described the injuries, and said they were quite sufficient to cause death. They might have been caused in the alleged way. The jury returned a formal verdict.

PRESENTATION TO ARTILLERY N.C.O.—On Monday evening in the Garrison Hotel, Sergeant-Major Eats, who has for some time been instructor in the Highland Royal Garrison Artillery, was entertained by members of No. 2 Company in view of his departure to take up a similar position at Leitherton. Sergeant-Major Eats, in the chair, and Lieutenant Roddie, in name of the Company, presented the Sergeant-Major with a silver-mounted pipe and pouch as an expression of the good wishes of his friends at the headquarters of the company. Sergeant-Major Eats, feelingly replied, and thanked those present for their gifts. Much regret is felt at the departure of Mr Eats, as he had won the respect and admiration of the officers and members of the corps, and was held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact.

THE NORWICH UNION ANNUAL REPORT.—The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, which was founded so far back as 1808, has just issued its 95th annual report. From which we observe with satisfaction that as the years go by it is gaining in vitality, and its business is ever on the increase. In issuing their report the directors announce that during the year the proposals numbered 42,410,796, of which 560 for £565,251 were declined or not completed, while 3863 policies were issued insuring £2,845,455, and carrying new premiums of £110,886. In the number and amount of new policies as well as in the new premiums, the figures were once more in excess of those of any previous year. The income for the year amounted, we observe, to the satisfactory sum of £794,214 6s, while the expenditure—excluding provision for every outstanding claim and liability—was £578,886 1s 10d, leaving a balance amounting to no less than £215,328 4s 2d. The funds at the close of the year amounted to £4,737,775 2s 8d. The interest, dividends, &c. received during the year amounted to £179,342 18s 2d, while the net rate earned by the assurance fund after deduction of Income Tax was £4 0s 5d per cent. The policies which during the year became claims by death amounted to 527 and those by survival 49. The total amount paid by the Society in respect of these claims were £255,236 4s, exclusive of £45,459 9s of bonus additions. We may mention that the Society has a branch office in Inverness, Mr Richard Duffy, Union Street Inverness.

Secure your vote by paying your Poor Rates before Saturday next.

Lord and Lady Tweedmouth arrived in Inverness from Guisachan yesterday, and joined the 3.50 p.m. express for the south.

VISITORS FROM PETERHEAD.—On Monday Inverness was visited by a number of visitors from Peterhead. Notwithstanding the fact that special trains were not run a goodly number took advantage of the cheap fares and journeyed to the Highland Capital.

RETURN OF FISHER PEOPLE.—During the past week or two the fisher people have been returning from the West Coast fishing to their homes in Buckie, Burchard, &c. Quite a number passed through Inverness on Thursday, and from outward appearances it was quite evident that they had good success.

DUNDEE AND CROMARTY LIGHT RAILWAY.—We learn that Mr Roberts, engineer-in-chief of the Highland Railway, and his assistants, are at present engaged on a survey of a deviation in the proposed route of the Cromarty Light Railway, by which it will be a few days ago after a long illness. Mr Noble, who was a native of the town, was in his seventieth year, and carried on business as a baker for a very long period. His wife died some years ago, and they are survived by a grown-up family.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—Many will regret to hear of the death of Mr Donald Noble, Muirtown Street, who passed away a few days ago after a long illness. Mr Noble, who was a native of the town, was in his seventieth year, and carried on business as a baker for a very long period. His wife died some years ago, and they are survived by a grown-up family.

TRAVELLERS' OUTING.—The Inverness branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association held their annual outing to Rosemarkie to-day. The party left Inverness at 10 a.m., and return from Rosemarkie at 7.20 p.m. Sports will be indulged in at Hawkhill Hotel, where they will be served with lunch. The arrangements, if successfully carried out, should prove interesting to the members.

A "CHEAP" WATCH.—A little boy, 10 years of age, hailing from Eastgate, Inverness, was charged before Dean of Guild Fraser on Monday with having stolen a watch from the pocket of a stranger. The watch, after having stolen the watch, he made his way to a local jeweller in the Market and sold it for a small sum. Accused's father promised to look after him, and having made his way to a nurse in the town, he was accused was dismissed with an admonition.

CRICKET PITCH IN PUBLIC PARK.—An excellent practice pitch for cricket has been laid out in the Public Park at the expense of the Town. Mr James Gossip, convener of the Parks Committee, selected the site of the pitch. We understand that the St Andrews Cricket Club were the chief movers in the matter, and to them is due the thanks of the community for the part they have taken in the movement. The pitch is 50 yards in length by 5 yards in width, and is capably situated. It will be about 60 yards square.

GREAT NORTH TOURIST GUIDE.—We have been favoured with a copy of the Great North Tourist Guide for the ensuing season, which, as usual, contains a complete programme of the tourist arrangements, as well as a readable and descriptive sketch of the railway, and a large number of delightful views of spots of interest along the route. The street scenes of the "Granite City" are particularly well done and interesting, and those who are desirous of viewing these scenes would do well to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the Railway Company.

VOLUNTEER ENCAMPMENT.—The arrangements are now almost completed at headquarters in connection with the forthcoming camp at the Morriehill, Tain. The Highland Volunteer Brigade, which this year will only last from 20th to 26th June, but volunteers are allowed to remain over till 30th June on payment of 2s per day. The drill will be pretty much the same as last year. Colonel Warburton will be in command, and the other battalion officers will be Captain and Adjutant Featherstonhaugh, Colonels Maclean and George Ross, Surgeon-Major Adam, Surgeon-Captain Cameron, Surgeon-Lieut. Brodie, and the Rev. Messrs John Mackenzie Gibson, Edinburgh; Dow, Knock-bush, and Brown, Alness.

DEATH OF MRS WARDLAW OF BELMADUTY.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs Wardlaw, Belmaduty, which took place at Edinburgh on Sunday last. Deceased, who was well-known in the North of Scotland, was the only daughter of the late Sir Colin Mackenzie of Kilcoy. She was married to the late Major Wardlaw in 1853. Mr Wardlaw's name was for a long time connected with the affairs of the Black Isle, and much regret was expressed at his death in 1867. Mrs Wardlaw was of a kind and courteous manner, and cherished a warm affection for the friends of her youth. Her remains were interred in Kilschuan Churchyard on Thursday, when a large assemblage of the general public turned out to show their tokens of respect.

A PUNAGIOUS EX-SOLDIER.—John Jamieson, a tailor residing in Upper Kessock Street, Inverness, was brought up at the Sheriff Court on Monday charged with having assaulted Peter Forsyth and Peter Mackay, both privates in the Cameron Highlanders, on Union Street and with having struck them with his clenched fists and did kick and bruise them to the injury of their persons. It appears that accused had been in the army at one time himself, but having left it he did not seem to agree with its present members. Mr David Ross, solicitor, tendered a plea of guilty. Accused, who had been previously convicted, had only recently been tried before Sheriff Grant on a similar charge. Dean of Guild Fraser sentenced accused to pay a fine of five guineas, or suffer five days' imprisonment.

A PRIVATE BANKER.—A SOLDIER'S SAVINGS.—In the Inverness Sheriff Court on Tuesday a proof was led before Sheriff Grant in an action at the instance of John Cook, 3 Greig Street, Inverness, against John Ledeham, tinsmith, Inverness. The pursuer, who has until lately been a reservist in the Scottish Highlanders, was engaged in the First Afghan War with that regiment. Having earned some money during the campaign, pursuer sent it home to his brother-in-law (Mr Ledeham) to take care of it until his return from the front. Upon his return, however, the defender is alleged to have failed to give a satisfactory account of the money, notwithstanding repeated applications, while the defender refuses or delays to come to a settlement. After hearing evidence from both parties Sheriff Grant made a verdict.

FUNERAL OF MRS HALL.—Many will regret to hear of the death of Mrs Hall, wife of Mr Geo. H. Hall, clothier and hosier, Union Street which took place at her residence in Ness Bank on Monday last. Deceased was for a number of years an invalid and in ill-health. Her death has cast quite a gloom amongst those with whom she was acquainted, as she was of a quiet and unassuming manner. The funeral took place on Thursday to Tommuich Green, where the service was conducted at St Andrew's Cathedral, where the burial service of the Church of England was read by the Very Rev. Vernon Stalvey. The choir sang the 90th Psalm together with the hymns "I have trusted in God to Thee" and "God's Resurrection morning." The remainder of the service was conducted at the grave by Rev. W. L. Mackintosh. Much sympathy is extended to Mr Hall and family in their sore bereavement.

COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.—The "Insurance Index" of July, 1902, says:—"The present report for the year 1901, shows the whole business of the Society for the year to have been eminently satisfactory. Very marked progress having been accomplished."—[A.M.V.]

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT BEAUFORT CAMP.

A LOVAT SCOUT INJURED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday, about noon, while the main body of the Lovat Scouts were returning to camp after having taken part in their first parade, a most unfortunate accident took place, whereby a young man named Wm. Grant, who was attached to the Nairnshire Squadron, sustained serious injury. The Drill ground being on the opposite side of the River Beuly, it was necessary for the river in order to reach camp, and from enquiries we learn that while Trooper Grant's horse was in the act of climbing the bank on the south side of the river it suddenly became restive, and reared to such an extent that it overbalanced, with the result that both horse and rider fell heavily to the ground. Grant, who is an excellent horseman, endeavoured to extricate himself, but his foot unfortunately became entangled in reaching the spot, and he was unable to clear himself in time, the result being that the horse rolled heavily over him, causing serious internal injuries and rendering him unconscious. Dr Leach, Donaly, who is acting as surgeon of the corps, lost no time in reaching the spot, and on examination ordered the immediate removal of the injured man to the Northern Infirmary. Lord Lovat at once gave orders that his private carriage be placed at the disposal of the doctor and his patient. With all possible speed Grant was conveyed to town. By the time he arrived at the Infirmary he had regained consciousness, although still suffering very much. At a very late hour last night we made enquiries at the Northern Infirmary as to the condition of the unfortunate young man, and were informed that although the injuries sustained were of a very serious nature there was every hope of his recovery, and that he was progressing as favourably as could be expected under the circumstances.

TROOPER GRANT, who is a native of Galloway, is an active young fellow, and only joined the Scouts a few months ago. He is highly respected in the district to which he belongs, and much sympathy is felt with him as well as with his relatives.

THE "LOCO" TRIP TO-DAY.

To-day the workmen connected with the Railway Locomotive Works, along with their lady friends, are enjoying themselves in "Modern Athens." At 4 a.m. a very large number left by special train. We observed, however, that as the excursionists took their departure they were all in the best of health, for which reason we know not. They were, we understand, provided with a strong band, from which we infer that it is their intention to "trip the light fantastic toe."

PROSPECTS OF AN EARLY DISSOLUTION.

Looking at the present state of matters in the Cabinet, it is now certain that a dissolution of Parliament cannot be much longer delayed, and the only question comes to be whether the election will be fought on the present roll or on that now being made up. In view of the latter possibility, we would strongly urge all Liberals to see that their poor rates are paid before the 20th of this month, and ensure their being entitled to a vote for a Parliamentary representative.

EXCURSIONS TO INVERNESS.

To-day 650 excursionists are expected from Dumbarton. This is somewhat less than the number we already indicated, but the drop is accounted for by the fact that at present a period of dull trade is being experienced in the City of the Rock.

Two specials will arrive on Tuesday with a party of 1000 excursionists from the Both Co-operative Society.

On Thursday the Summerlee and Mossend miners and brickmakers, to the number of 1000, are expected from Prestonpans.

NEW GUIDE TO INVERNESS.

For the benefit of one-day trippers and others visiting the Highland Capital, Messrs H. W. Finlay & Co., Castle Street sub-bank, Post Office, have issued a new official guide. The guide contains concise information for enabling excursionists to visit the various places of interest in the neighbourhood, and an excellent plan of the principal streets is also included. This plan is less complicated and more easily followed than any we have seen. It only embraces the central streets, and the visitor is not confused by names of lanes and alleys which lead to practically nowhere. The guide matter is written in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired, and, on the whole, the production will be welcomed by trippers, and do much to popularise Inverness as a first-class resort for a holiday.

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW.

The pulpits of our local churches will be occupied to-morrow by the following clergymen:—HIGH CHURCH—The Very Rev. Dr Norman Macleod, 11 a.m. Rev. Mr Oliphant, 6.30 p.m. GABRIEL PARISH CHURCH (St Mary's)—Morning, Gaelic; Evening, English.—Rev. Chas. Macchery. WEST PARISH CHURCH—Rev. Gavin Lang 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH—11 a.m., Rev. Johnstone Oliphant, B.D.; 6.30 p.m., Very Rev. Dr Norman Macleod. FRASER STREET CHURCH—Gaelic, 11 a.m.; English, 6.30 p.m., the Very Rev. Dr Russell, 2 p.m., Allan Mackenzie. UNITED FREE HIGH CHURCH—11 a.m., Rev. Dr Black; 6.30 p.m., Rev. Mr Davidson. FREE NORTH CHURCH—Rev. Murdo Mackenzie all day. UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Allan Cameron. CROWN UNITED FREE CHURCH—Rev. Mr Todd, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. D. Connell, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. QUEEN STREET UNITED FREE CHURCH—Gaelic, 11 a.m.; English, 2 and 6.30 p.m., Rev. A. Grant. NESS BANK UNITED FREE CHURCH—Rev. Chas. Robson 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. W. H. Groves



IMPORTANT DECISION UNDER THE CROFTERS ACT.

Mr. Eneas M. Mackenzie, of the Steam Sawmills, Stornoway, raised an action in the Sheriff Court at Stornoway against Mary Macdonald or Gilles, a widow, residing at No. 13 North Dell, Nester, sister of the late Murdo Macdonald, crofter of No. 13 North Dell, as representing her said deceased brother on one or other of the passive titles known in law and as vitious intermitter with his goods, gear, and effects, concluding for 42s. 6d. in respect of goods sold and delivered by pursuer to the said deceased Murdo Macdonald from 25th July, 1896, to 20th January, 1897, being date of said deceased's death. It was pled by pursuer that the goods were used in building a house on said croft, No. 13 North Dell, and that as the defender is now crofter or tenant of said holding and occupying said house, she should be held liable for the pursuer's claim in respect that she has benefited thereby, and intruded with estate of her deceased brother. The defender (Widow Gilles) denied that she was the heir-at-law of her deceased brother, or that she was ever the crofter or tenant of No. 13 North Dell, or that she succeeded to the croft as his heir. She explained that the original holder of the croft was her father, John Macdonald, who died in 1892; that thereafter the name in the croft in the estate books was changed to "Heirs of Donald Macdonald," which description continued till 1897. She also explained that rent due on the croft amounted to £18 5s; that the eldest son of the deceased Donald Macdonald and brother of the deceased Murdo Macdonald and defender not being in a position or wishing to take the succession to the croft, renounced his right to the same, and that the defender thereupon entered into an arrangement with the landlord whereby she paid, or became bound to pay, the arrears of rent due on said croft, and in respect of such arrangement her name was enrolled in the tenancy of the croft No. 13 North Dell. She further pled that the action was incompetent and the averments of the pursuer insufficient to support the conclusions of the summons. The Sheriff (Mr. Maclean) found in favour of the pursuer, and ordered that she should be held liable for the arrears of rent due on the croft, and that she should be associated with expenses. The Sheriff also ordered that account sued for was prescribed, and could only be proved by writ of the deceased Murdo Macdonald. After the record had been closed and parties procurators heard, the Sheriff-Substitute (Mr. Maclean) issued an interlocutor allowing the pursuer a proof of the resting owing of the sum sued for, viz., by writ or oath of party, as his lordship held that the account was prescribed. The Sheriff-Substitute also allowed the pursuer to produce evidence in support of the appeal by pursuer and answers thereto by defender. The Sheriff-Substitute has now issued an interlocutor dismissing the action, and finding the pursuer liable in expenses. The following is a copy of the interlocutor and note, viz.: Stornoway, 8th June, 1903. The Sheriff having considered the cause, recalls the interlocutor of the Sheriff-Substitute, dated 21st February, 1903. Sustains the second plea-in-law for the defender, therefore dismissing the action and decrees. Finds the pursuer liable to the defender in her expenses of the cause and of the appeal, allows an account thereof to be given in, and remits the same when lodged to the Sheriff-Substitute to tax and report to the Sheriff-Substitute. (Signed) CHARLES J. GUTHRIE. NOTE.—I assume that the pursuer has averred that the late Murdo Macdonald was the crofter of holding No. 13, North Dell, and that the debt in question was incurred by Murdo Macdonald for articles used in the erection of the dwelling-house upon the croft. I assume further that the pursuer has alleged that the defender now occupies the house as her own, and is not a tenant. Making all these assumptions in the pursuer's favour, I do not see how that state of facts brings about responsibility on the part of defender for the pursuer's account. Had it been averred that the defender was in possession of estate of Murdo Macdonald's other than the house in question, I could have understood the case, but looking to the position of a crofter as a tenant, I do not see why the pursuer who has endeavoured to occupy the house of a deceased crofter (not being even the heir-at-law of that crofter) should be liable on that account to pay for the debts of that crofter. C. G. Agent for pursuer, Mr. J. C. Macdonald, solicitor, Stornoway and Inverness; agent for defender, Mr. J. N. Anderson, solicitor, Stornoway.

A NOVEL CASE.

AN ARDGY CROFTERS WILL. Sheriff Shennan has now issued his decision in this case, particulars of which were given in our last issue. His lordship's interlocutor is as follows:— Tain, 6th June, 1903. The Sheriff-Substitute having considered the cause, finds that the bequest by the deceased John Ross ("Roy"), crofter, Syll, Ardgy, by which he leaves to his daughter, Hughina Ross, the defender, "in life rent for her use, and the interest thereon to his grandson, James Macdonald Ross, in fee, and to his heirs and assigns all the right, title, and interest in her croft at Syll is a valid exercise of the power of bequest conferred by section 16 of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and to the effect of bequeathing the said John Ross's crofting right to his daughter Hughina Ross, any conditions being led by her non-acceptance of the bequest by the defender, Hughina Ross, who has accepted the petition; finds her entitled to express, allows an account thereof to be lodged, and remits the same when lodged to the auditor to tax and report. (Signed) HAY SHENNAN. NOTE.—The question raised in this case is one of novelty. John Ross left a will by which inter alia he bequeathed his crofting right to his daughter Hughina Ross in life-rent, for her life-use, and to his grandson, James Macdonald Ross, in fee. This is in fact the first time that a son of a daughter of testator, and is not therefore within the number to whom bequests of crofting rights is permitted. I have to decide whether there is any valid bequest by John Ross under the will conferred by section 16 of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, after the private I have come to be of opinion that the bequest is valid. Like in view of the character of crofting legislation on the point, which the law shows to be testamentary in character, I think there is a presumption in favour of sustaining the bequest if that is reasonably possible. The nearest analogy I can find to it is in the law relating to the exercise of a power of appointment. It is no great stretch to regard section 16 of the Crofters Holdings Act, 1886, as conferring a statutory power of appointment. In the case of Wardlaw's Trustees v. Wardlaw, 22nd January, 1901, p. 369, it was held that an appointment specifying the proportions in which the appointees should take the fund and restricting the right of certain appointees to a life rent, the gift going to their issue was a valid exercise of the power of appointment so far as it specified the proportions in which the fund was to be divided, but that the restriction to a life rent, with fee to issue, was ultra vires and ineffectual. Accordingly, therefore, the appointees took the fee in the proportion specified. In Cattana's Trustees v. Cattana, 25th November, 1901, a power of appointment was held to be validly exercised in so far as it was in favour of children of a deceased child, but it was held that this invalid exercise was to be held pro non scripto, and did not affect the validity of the residue of the will. On the analogy of these cases, I have no doubt that the bequest in this case is valid, and does not invalidate

the bequest to the daughter, Hughina, and (following Wardlaw's Trustees) notwithstanding the restrictions of Hughina's right to a life-rent, she is entitled under the bequest to take the whole crofting right of her father. (Int'd.) H. S. Agents.—For pursuer, Mr. J. Sandison, solicitor, Tain; for defender, Mr. James Munro, solicitor, Tain.

GLASGOW NOTES.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN HIGHLAND MAN. Mr. Alex. Maclean, for 30 years clerk to the School Board of Tieve, has just passed away in Glasgow. Mr. Maclean was held in high esteem by the teachers and School Board members for his accurate knowledge of the business of the Board. He was for many years a member of the Parochial Board, and was much liked by all classes. Mr. Maclean leaves a widow and two daughters.

DEATH OF A HIGHLANDER. The death is announced on Monday of Mr. John King Macdonald, manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company, Kilbowie. Mr. Macdonald was a native of Kinross, where he received his early training. Many years ago he entered the service of the Singer Company, and early attained a prominent position in the commercial department. He was associated with the expansion of the business while the works were located in Bridgeton, and has been closely identified with its development at Kilbowie. Mr. Macdonald, who was 61 years of age, confined his energies mainly to the great industrial concerns with which he was so long connected, but he also served the public as a Justice of the Peace, and he was widely known and highly esteemed.

BEQUESTS BY THE LATE MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN. Under his testamentary settlement the late Mr. John MacLachlan, of Messrs G. & J. MacLachlan, Glasgow, has made a number of bequests of a public character. The most important is a sum of £5000 to aid in the foundation of a Chair of Mercantile Law in the University of Glasgow. The bequest, Western, and Victoria Infirmary each receive £2000, the Scottish Wine and Spirit Trade Benevolent Institution £1000, the Eye Infirmary £500, and the Glasgow Wine, Spirit, and Beer Trade Employees' Benevolent Association £500.

ST COLUMBA CELEBRATIONS. Under the auspices of the Seumas Macmaghain Branch of the Gaelic League, a lecture was delivered in the Waterloo Rooms on Tuesday evening by Mr. P. M. McGinley, London, on "Columba." Mr. D. Brogan occupied the chair, and those present were Father Campbell, S.J.; Father Houlihan, Messrs A. S. Macbride, James Grant, James A. Mackenzie, Henry Whyte (Tionn) D. Nicolson, Dr. Macphail, M. Macfarlane, &c. The lecturer first spoke in Irish, and then proceeded to give in English the leading events in the life of St. Columba. The lecture was replete with interest, and at the close short addresses were delivered by Father Houlihan, Father Campbell, Mr. H. Whyte, Mr. Jas. Grant, and Mr. Henry. The usual votes of thanks terminated a pleasant meeting.

CLAN STEWART SOCIETY. This Clan Society had a very successful picnic last Saturday. Glasgow at 2 p.m., they drove to Paisley Abbey and were shown round the interesting building by the attendant. Thereafter they attended the Tannahill concert at Gleniffer Braes. On their return to Paisley they dined at the "Tannahill" Hotel, Renfrew. The weather was beautiful, and the company thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We understand the Society are arranging an interesting literary programme for their winter meetings. The secretary is Mr. Gilbert Stewart, 122 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

CEILIDH NAN GAIDHEAL CUIRM-CHNUIC.

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Table with 2 columns: Tide Table - High Water June. Rows for Morning and Evening with times for Sunday through Saturday.

Articles of interest to Stornoway readers will be found on page 6.

TOURIST SEASON.—The Princess Victoria, from Leith on Saturday, had a fair company of tourists.

THE RECENT FIRE.—As will be seen from our advertising columns, Messrs James Mackenzie & Sons are to open a Granite House (Cromwell Street) as soon as their stock comes to hand.

VITAL STATISTICS.—The Registrar's returns for the week ending Thursday are: Births, six (three males and three females); marriages, nil; deaths, three (one male and two females).

D. AND I.—In the Police Court on Wednesday, before Bailie Macdonald, Ann Munro or Davidson was charged with being drunk and incapable in the town the previous night. She admitted it, and was admonished.

BREASLEITE.—Mr John Smith, late of Kershader Public School, has now taken up duties as headmaster of the Public School in room of Mr John Montgomery, who has gone to South Africa.

TOWN HALL.—Provost Anderson has received a contribution of £10 to the Town Hall Building Fund from Mr John Mackinnon, Aparaparua, Napier, New Zealand. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Mackinnon thanking him for his handsome contribution.

A SQUEAL TO THE FIRE.—The skipper of a Banff boat was brought before Sheriff Squire on Monday, charged with stealing a net which had been saved during the progress of the recent fire on Cromwell Street. Ross, solicitor, pleads not guilty, but was convicted on evidence, and was fined £3 or ten days.

NORTHWARD HO!—The steamer St Ninian sailed on Thursday night with upwards of 500 gutters and other workers for Shetland sound. The terms of the charter were very favourable, very busy all day, and most of the shops did a roaring trade with the girls. A great many barrels of provisions were sent to the steamer in course of the day, and the quay was literally rolled with the workers' boxes, all tied with a liberal supply of rope. This was the second contingent for the north this season.

EXCURSION.—Thursday was the annual summer holiday at Ullapool, and an excursion took place to Stornoway. The trippers, numbering between 250 and 300, were conveyed in the Clansman. Unfortunately, owing to pressure of other business, the steamer was four hours late in leaving the quay, and the excursionists only arrived in Stornoway about 4 p.m. In this way the pleasure of the outing was to some extent marred, but notwithstanding the visitors seemed to enjoy their five hours' stay, a going favoured with fine weather. Between calling on friends and visiting the Castle grounds and other places of interest the time flew past all too soon. The steamer left on the return journey about 9 p.m. The visitors fully maintained their established reputation for good behaviour.

U.F. PRESBYTERY.—The United Free Presbytery of Lewis met at Barvas on Wednesday, 10th inst. There was a good attendance of members. Presbyterial visitation of the local congregation was held, with the result of which the Presbytery was highly satisfied. The Commissioners of the Presbytery who attended the General Assembly reported their diligence. The quarterly fellowship was held in the church, in which Rev. George Macleod, Gairrabost, Rev. N. M. Morrison, Crossbost, and seven men took part. The subject, Hab. ii. 4, was given out by Dr. Ross. The services were well attended, and conducted in an able and edifying manner. Under the ministry of the energetic young minister who has been recently placed over the Barvas congregation, the prospects of the congregation are bright and hopeful.

STORNOWAY MAN HONOURED.—We call the following from the "Scottish American Journal" to hand:—"Mr Simon Clark has recently been appointed by the Governor of Minnesota to be Surveyor-General of Logs and Lumber for the Duluth district, an office worth at least 10,000 dollars annually. Mr Clark has worked indefatigably for the Republican Party for many years, never seeking office for himself, and his present appointment came unsolicited on his part, and meets with public approval. He has also been elected president of the Minnesota State Grocers' Association, another added proof of the esteem in which he is held. Mr Clark is forging to the front, bringing himself honours, and reflecting credit on his native town of Stornoway, in the Island of Lewis, where he was born 48 years ago.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—Besides the regular traders the following arrivals and sailings took place during the week:—Arrived—Saturday, Anastasia, s.s., Newcastle, coasted by Messrs J. N. Anderson & Co., Solide, s.s., Riga, timber for Messrs Bain, Morrison & Co.; Irishman, s.s., Troon, coals for Messrs Mackenzie Bros. Monday—Kathleen, s.s., Middleboro, for Mr James M. Morrison, herring; Stornoway, s.s., Stornoway, herring; Catherine, s.s., Tully, stones for Town Hall; Tuesday—Rebecca, s.s., Weston Point, salt for Messrs J. N. Anderson & Co. Sailed—Friday—St Ninian, s.s., Shetland, passengers; Dispatch, s.s., Kyle, hgs.; Asia, s.s., Mallaig, do. Saturday—Bergen, s.s., St Petersburg, hgs.; Ruth, s.s., do.; Gem, s.s., Fleetwood, do.; Asia, s.s., Monday, do.; Stella, s.s., St Petersburg, hgs.; Emerald, s.s., Kyle, do.; Corinnie, s.s., Leith, do.; Chatterbox, mainland, stock. Tuesday—Blanche, s.s., St Petersburg, hgs.; Emerald, s.s., Fleetwood, do.; St Clair, s.s., Leith, do. Wednesday—Laura, s.s., St Petersburg, hgs.; Pyrope, s.s., Kyle, do. Thursday—Tennis, s.s., St Petersburg, hgs.; Catherine, s.s., Shetland, stock; St Clair, s.s., Shetland, passengers.

ADDRESS TO REV. R. MACRAE.—At a meeting of the Lewis United Free Presbytery, held at Barvas on Wednesday, an illuminated address in the following terms was presented to the Rev. Roderick Macrae, Carloway:—"Reverend and Dear Brother,—We, the United Free Presbytery of Lewis, take advantage of the occasion of your leaving this island and retiring from the active duties of the pastorate to convey to you an expression of our respect and esteem for yourself personally, and for your brotherly and obliging services as a co-presbyter; also of our appreciation of your labours as a minister of the gospel for the period of twenty-seven years in the congregation at Carloway; and, further, of your faithful attention to Presbyterial duties, as well as of the many important services which you have rendered to the cause of religion and temperance, and to the interests of the Free (now happily United) Free Church of Scotland in this island. We earnestly hope and pray that you may be long spared to occupy your place as senior minister of Carloway, and as a member of this Presbytery; and that you and your family may much enjoy your well-earned rest together with the consolations of the gospel." Signed on behalf of the Presbytery, WALTER CALDER, Moderator, G. GEORGE MACLEOD, Clerk.

The presentation was made on behalf of the Presbytery by the Moderator, Rev. W. Calder, and Mr Macrae feelingly replied in a speech full of interesting reminiscences of ministers and men whom he had known in the Island of Lewis.

NEW BUILDINGS.—At the Town Council on Monday plans were passed for a gutting-shed and stores to be erected at Newton by Mr John Mair, of Peterhead. The contractor, to take a water supply for building purposes in connection with a new house to be erected on Gathill Road by Mr Malcolm Macleod, baker. At the meeting of the Town Council plans were passed for a gutting shed and stores to be erected by Messrs P. & J. Sutherland, of Portsoy, at Newton.

BURSARIES FOR TOWN STUDENTS.—A motion was proposed by Dr Murray at the School Board on Tuesday—Mr James M. Mackenzie, chairman, presiding—"That there be provided by the Board six bursaries of £7 10s each per annum, tenable for four years, at the Nicolson Institute, open to pupils attending the schools of Stornoway, Laxdale, and Sandwick. The Rev. G. H. S. Hunter seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. A committee, with Dr Murray as convener, was appointed to consider the details of the question, prepare a scheme, and report.

SCHOOL ASTROLOGICAL APPOINTMENTS.—At the School Board meeting on Tuesday it was reported that Mrs Gowans had resigned the post of infant mistress in Tolsta Public School; that Miss Marion Macleod had been transferred from Bayville Public School to the Nicolson Institute; and that Miss Mary A. Matheson, Stornoway, had accepted the vacancy on the Bayville staff. A letter was read from Miss Jessie M. Macdonald resigning her position as infant mistress in Aird Public School, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise for a successor at a salary of £70 per annum. An application for an increase of salary was submitted from Mr Morrison, headmaster, Knock Public School, and the Rev. G. H. S. Hunter, seconded by Rev. Geo. Mackay, it was unanimously agreed that the salaries of all pupil teachers under the Board be as follows:—1st year, £10; 2nd year, £12; 3rd year, £14; and 4th year, £20, the scale to date from 15th May. It was also unanimously agreed that the salary of Miss Steven, Nicolson Institute, be increased to £65 as at 15th May.

NICOLSON INSTITUTE.—The Education Department have now agreed to recognise, provisionally, the Secondary Department of Nicolson Institute as a higher grade one, and grants under chap. 9 of the Code will be payable on the attendance as from 1st August provided H.M. Inspector is able to do so. At the Board meeting on Tuesday a letter was read from Mr Gibson, in which he stated that in spite of the recent leaving by a number of pupils over the school to work, the roll still stood at about 70. The infant annex, designed to accommodate 80, has at present on the roll about 150. Although it is expected that the re-arrangement of classes 40 of these will be passed on, 110 will be left in the school, which has to be added 30, which is the normal increase, after the school holidays, and as the new building will not be ready for a year there will probably be an increase in the spring of another 30. The Board, considering all these circumstances, and the impossibility of finding suitable temporary premises, resolved, on the motion of Rev. Geo. Mackay, seconded by Mr Alex. MacArthur, to erect another annex to accommodate from 80 to 100, on the same principle as the present one, and the Clerk was instructed to prepare a plan and specification. It was remitted to the Clerk of Works to make inquiry as to the cost of providing a fire hose and simple hand pump for the institute.

The only tender received for the supply of 25s 6d a ton—and it was accepted for one year.—It was agreed to hire the Drill Hall this year for the presentation of prizes.

The Managers approved of the exhibition of drawing proposed to be held in the Nicolson Institute on the first week of July. The Inspector's report for the year ending February was submitted, and was considered very satisfactory.

ROD FISHING.—It will be remembered that some time ago Major Matheson offered to lease to the town the fishing rights on three lochs, and before accepting the offer the Council at their last meeting asked Mr Duncan Mackenzie and Captain Morrison to report on the suitability of the lochs. At the meeting this report was read. They considered that the lochs would be an acquisition to the town. Loch Airidh-nàilic and Loch Roisn-à-bhat were entirely brown trout lochs, and fair baskets should be got. Loch Mòr, popularly known as Loch Dubh Thunga, contains brown trout, and also used a few years ago to be fairly good for salmon and sea trout; but since the watching of the Tong River and estuary not being as regular as in former years the salmon and sea trout are reduced to a minimum. Of course the loch itself was of little value without the river, but both river and loch, as well as the estuary, would require a watchman during the time the fish are ascending the river and in the spawning season. If so watched they considered that both river and loch would soon redeem their reputation as a fair angling resort. They also thought the two exclusively brown trout lochs might be made more valuable by the introduction of fresh water improved by the introduction of trout for the purpose of feeding the trout, the lochs being deficient in natural food. They thought the trout fishing might be further improved by importing either or both Loch Leven and importing trout that do so when tried here.

After discussion it was agreed to accept a seven-years' lease of the lochs offered, and to apply for the Tong River and estuary as recommended in the report. It was also agreed to form a Trout Association, to consist of the Town Council and others, with Mr Duncan Mackenzie and Captain Morrison as conveners. The Association will take over the management of the lochs, have them stocked, and draw out fishing rights.

THE MARKET PLACE "NUISANCE".—At the Town Council meeting on Monday a letter was read from Mr A. Fraser, postmaster, with reference to his letter of 3rd March, the terms of which the Council took exception to, and for which they asked for an apology. Mr Fraser expresses surprise at the publicity given to his letter and the extent to which the subject has been discussed. In commenting on the subject of his complaint he had not, he held, in mind the Council in view either collectively or individually, and he was astonished that a majority would be found in the Council who would take his comments as applying to themselves. There are men in the Council whose friendship he holds in the highest esteem, and to do anything to alienate that friendship would be the last thing he would have thought of. He did not consider himself directed against their officials, but himself, and he had the utmost sympathy with Mr Fraser in charging them with dilatoriness, or ineffectuality for that matter. The Council had frequently to null them up for neglect of their duty. The Provost said they could bring charges of ineffectuality against Mr Fraser for something about his department, such as placing notices to the public in his windows in such a way that no one could read them, but they could not condescend to do the like of that. Councillor Murdoch Macleod was not satisfied with the apology, but as Mr Fraser explained the matter was in fact better to let it drop. The meeting passed to the next business.

SHETLAND FISHERMEN CONVICTED OF SAUSAGE.—Two fishermen engaged on the smack William Martin, of Lerwick, and Loch Sheriff Court, on Wednesday, with smuggling 6 lbs. of foreign tobacco and 1 bottle of brandy on board the said vessel, which had just returned from Faroe. The men were convicted and fined £2 each, with the expenses of the prosecution.

SCROOF GRANTS.—In the absence of Provost Smith a motion standing in his name was moved at the School Board meeting on Tuesday by Rev. J. H. S. Hunter—"That an appeal be addressed to the Highland Trust for an increase of grant. The Rev. W. Calder seconded, and the motion was agreed to unanimously. It was remitted to Provost Anderson and the Clerk to make a formal appeal. There was submitted a correspondence between the Highland Trust and the Education Department claiming for a grant under Art. 22 of the Code in respect that the Schools of Back and Bayble are centres. The correspondence is not yet completed, but the Board decided to press their claim.

UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.—John Macleod, fisherman, 31 Crossbost, was charged before Sheriff Squire on Saturday with having on 9th May assaulted Wm. G. Ross, gamekeeper, to the great effusion of his blood and serious injury to his person. He pled not guilty. The evidence was to the effect that while Mr Ross was driving home on the night he called, accused tried to scramble into his machine. He was asked to desist, but did not do so, and just a few minutes thereafter he struck Mr Ross twice on the nose with his clenched fist without any provocation. Mr Ross' nose bled profusely, and both his eyes were discoloured. Police-constable Kennedy-Lambert, depend on Mr Macleod coming to report the case, and he never saw any one in such a mess of blood, his clothes being saturated. The Sheriff passed sentence of a fine of 30s or twenty days' imprisonment.

FATAL ACCIDENT INQUIRY.—Before Sheriff Squire a jury public inquiry was held on Saturday regarding the death of Donald Macdermid, fisherman, Edinbane, Duirinish, Skye who was lost from the boat Violet of Portsoy, B.F. 1788, on 22nd May. The jury consisted of Mr Alex. Coul and Angus MacCrae, deposed that on the morning of 22nd May of North Rona, deceased and two others were adjusting the tie on the foremast preparatory to setting sail, when the boat heeled heavily. Ross was thrown to them, and by this means two of the men were saved. Macdermid, however, made no attempt to catch the second rope thrown to him. From this fact the crew thought that it was a case of a sudden accident. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and directed that the fees due to them be paid to the aged parents of deceased.

"A DIABOLICAL PIECE OF CRUELTY".—In the Sheriff Court on Saturday Malcolm Mackay (33), son of Murdoch Mackay, crofter, Lower Gairrabost, was charged before Sheriff Squire with having, on 6th April, wilfully struck and injured a dog named "The Duke" of wood three inches in circumference in the tail of a mare belonging to Mr Angus Macleod, Portsoy, eight inches of said wood remaining imbedded in the flesh of the animal until 20th May, when it was discovered and extracted by a general practitioner. The Procurator-Fiscal, in moving for sentence, described the crime as a diabolical piece of cruelty. The accused was supposed to be in charge of the animal when he committed the crime, and he was charged with that the animal was suffering considerable pain, and seemed generally out of sorts, and it was only after six weeks had elapsed that Dr Mackenzie, who was then asked to "cut" the dog, found the wood being so long wrong, and extracted the wood. The Sheriff ordered the boy to receive twelve stripes with the birch-rod.

FIRE BRIGADE.—PROPOSED STEAM ENGINE.—A discussion was initiated by Councillor James M. Mackenzie at the Town Council on Monday as to the present position of the Fire Brigade. They had all heard, he said, how the brigade acquitted themselves at the recent big fire—how assiduously they were, but how defective the plant at their disposal was, and how they were hampered by the losses giving way. The cause of these defects, he stated, was improper supervision. Although the gentlemen who gave their services at the recent fire did so willingly, and he believed, would do so again, they were not bound to do so, as they were not officially in charge of the brigade. They could not be held responsible for the loss of the office-bearers, and he would consider the matter of putting the engine and appliances under efficient supervision. He also thought the time had come when they should face the question of providing a steam engine for the brigade. The discussion would, he believed, join with the Council in the matter, and give a substantial contribution towards the cost. The inner harbour being a tidal one, and the boats there low water, he would like to ground, what would be the result if a fire broke out among the large fleet of boats that were there on Sunday? He moved that the matter be remitted to the Magistrate, to be viewed by the Magistrate before the Harbour Commissioners. Councillor Murdoch Macleod, speaking as an eyewitness of the fire 3 weeks last Sunday, said he thought the Council should record their appreciation of the able and brave services of Mr Wm. John Mackenzie, the fireman, managed to enclose the fire (hear, hear). But for the presence of mind shown by the brigade he believed the whole of Cromwell Street would have been a mass of flames. The Provost stated with regard to the burst hose that there had been a fire a few weeks ago, and the hose used then were hung up to dry. When the alarm was given on Sunday morning the parties who took the engine to the scene of the fire along with the hose that were in good order took some time to get the hose (Provost) quick approval of the proposal to reorganise the Brigade. Councillor James M. Mackenzie's motion was unanimously agreed to.

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Mr James Mackay, Stirling, has published in a neat slipshod form a letter delivered to the Stirling Gaelic Society last March by its Secretary, Mr T. D. Macdonald, on "Celtic Dialects: Gaelic, Brythonic, Pictish, and some Strlingshire Place-names." The writer does not dogmatise, but he makes some shrewd remarks on the various dialects and the influence they exercise on the typography of the country. In dealing with Mr Johnston's "Strling Place-names" the success in suggesting more likely origins for some of these than Mr Johnston does, but in several cases one is in doubt if either of them has hit on the correct root and origin. The book will repay perusal.

FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.—The following statement shows the progress of the early herring fishing from 1st May to 6th June, 1903, and for the corresponding period last year:—

Table with 4 columns: Total catch, Cured gutted, Unsalted, fresh and kippered. Rows for 1902 and 1903, with sub-rows for Stations: Crom. Crans, Barla, Barla, Crans, Crans.

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WEST COAST HERRING FISHING.

A DISAPPOINTING WEEK.

Unfortunately, no improvement in the fishing has taken place since our last report. The catch on Friday was 563 crans, from 230 boats, and prices were 35s to 39s a cran. Saturday's total was the most miserable of any day since the first week of the fishing, being only 350 crans, on an average of 1 1/2 over 230 boats. Prices went up still higher, viz. 37s to 43s 6d a cran. Saturday's poor show was all the more disappointing in respect that Friday night was an ideal one for fishing. The week closed with a total of 5488 crans, bringing the season's catch up to 39,284 against 37,265 crans at the corresponding Saturday last year.

The fleet in the harbour over Sunday showed an appreciable diminution since the previous week, a good many of the boats having gone home to re-fit for the Shetland fishing, while others proceeded to the north stations direct. On Sunday at all the religious services many of the fishermen speakers made allusion to their intended departure before next Lord's Day. When the fleet of 400 boats went out on Monday it was known only 350 crans of fish were bound for Shetland, while many more—not being engaged to commence before the 15th—were to try a shot in the Minch, returning with their catch if successful, proceeding north if not.

Tuesday's fishing was again disappointing in point of quantity, but for quality it was the best that had been landed for many years. Only 160 boats, or less than one-third of the fleet, came in, and their average was 2 1/2 crans, the highest shot being 16 crans, landed by the Uphoz of Portsoy; the Masterpieces of Buckie, Milky Way, do., and Speedwell, Portgordon, had each 15 crans. Prices were 39s to 43s a cran.

On Wednesday 703 crans were delivered by 240 boats, giving an average of about 3 crans over the fleet. The Isabella Ferguson of Buckie had a shot of 55 crans, realising over £100; while the Pioneer of Peterhead, Topic of Portknockie, and Northumbria of Peterhead had each over 20 crans. Prices were 41s to 47s a cran.

A strong southerly breeze sprang up on Wednesday evening, and kept the whole fleet except a dozen boats in harbour overnight. On Thursday those 12 came in with 180 crans, or 15 crans on average, the best average since 26th May. Had the fleet been out there would doubtless have been a good catch. Prices were 41s to 51s 3d. The top shot was delivered by the Star of Bethlehem (a local boat), 23 crans, which fetched 51s. The Dean of Stornoway and Harmonions of Cockenzie had each 18 crans.

The light fishing is of course very disappointing, though not altogether surprising, for this season, as regards its catch, is almost an exact counterpart of the past year. So far as catch was concerned, the outstanding feature in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902 was the good catches that in May, the very light fishing in June, and the revival in July. Looking over the records of the four years referred to, we find that the daily average net boat in May was from 5 to 37 crans, 12 to 18 being common figures. In June the highest average we can find was 13, on Friday, 21st June, 1901, while the average catches are frequently as low as 1 cran and even one-sixth of a cran. In July the fishing comes on again, and the daily averages, taking the last four years, ranged from 8 to 44 crans, the general run being 12 to 20 crans. It looks as if our summer fishing will depend in a great measure on the future weather, but in May, and looking to the experience of the four years referred to, we should not be surprised to hear of an agitation for an earlier start next year.

The light catches have had the effect of sending the prices for the cured article up on the Continent, and the good returns received from Germany have sent prices here during the past week up to such extraordinary figures as 50s and 51s a cran. At these prices it may be the luck of any crew to fall in with a good shot, and make an average season's earnings in one night.

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We are advised by Messrs D. Davidson Gray & Co., Leith, that the following shipments of matie herrings have been made to the Continent:—On 6th June, per s.s. Coblenz, to Hamburg, 234 1/2 and 5719 1/2 barrels; on 6th June, per s.s. Bada, to Stettin, 220 1/2 and 1888 1/2 barrels; on 10th June, per s.s. Weimar, to Hamburg, 346 1/2 and 88 1/2 barrels; on 10th June, per s.s. Berlin, to Stettin, 239 1/2, 2232 1/2, and 373 1/4 barrels.

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A DISAPPOINTING WEEK.

STORNOWAY, Thursday. Unfortunately, no improvement in the fishing has taken place since our last report. The catch on Friday was 853 crans from 236 boats, and prices were 35s to 39s a cran. Saturday's total was the most miserable for any day since the first week of the fishing, being only 350 crans, or an average of 1 1/2 over 230 boats. Prices went up still higher, viz., 37s to 43s 6d a cran. Saturday's poor show was all the more disappointing in respect that Friday night was an ideal one for fishing. The week closed with a total of 5486 crans, bringing the season's catch up to 39,284 against 37,265 crans at the corresponding Saturday last year.

The fleet in the harbour over Sunday showed an appreciable diminution since the previous week, a good many of the boats having gone home to re-fit for the Shetland fishing, while others proceeded to the north stations direct. On Sunday at all the religious services many of the fishermen speakers made allusion to their intended departure before next Lord's Day. When the fleet of 460 boats went out on Monday it was known that quite a number of them were bound for Shetland, while many more were being engaged to commence before the week was over. Only 100 boats, or less than one-third of the fleet, came in, and their average was 2 1/2 crans, the highest shot being 16 crans, landed by the Uphaz of Portsoy; the 100-skipper of Buckie, Milky Way, do., and Speckled, Portsoy, had each 15 crans. Prices were 39s to 43s a cran.

On Wednesday 793 crans were delivered by 240 boats, giving an average of about 3 crans over the fleet. The Isabella Ferguson of Buckie had a shot of 55 crans, realising over 5000; while the Gem of Portsoy, Topie of Portknockie, and Northumbria of Peterhead had each over 20 crans. Prices were 41s to 47s 6d a cran.

A strong southerly breeze sprang up on Wednesday evening, and this, together with the poor luck going, kept the whole fleet except a dozen boats in harbour overnight. On Thursday these 12 came in with 160 crans, or 15 of an average—the best average since 29th May. Had the fleet been out there would doubtless have been a good catch. Prices were 44s to 51s 8d. The top shot was delivered by the Star of Bethlehem (a local boat), 23 crans, which fetched 251. The Ocean Maid of Stornoway and Harmonious of Coekenzie had each 18 crans.

The light fishing is of course very disappointing, though not altogether surprising, for this season, as regards its catch, is almost an exact counterpart of the past four. So far as catch was concerned, the outstanding feature in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902 was the good catches got in May, the very light fishing in June, and the revival in July. Looking over the records of the four years referred to, we find that the daily average per boat in May was from 5 to 27 crans, 12 to 18 being common figures. In June the highest average we can find was 13, on Friday, 21st June, 1901, while the average catches are frequently as low as 1 cran and even one-sixth of a cran. In July the fishing comes on again, and the daily averages, taking the last four years, ranged from 8 to 44 crans, the general run being 12 to 20 crans. It looks as if our summer fishing will depend in average years in the future on what is done in May, and looking to the experience of the four years referred to we should not be surprised to hear of an agitation for an earlier start next year.

The light catches have had the effect of sending the prices for the cured article on the Continent, and the good returns received from Germany have sent prices there during the past week up to much extent. Ordinary figures are 50s and 51s a cran. At these prices it may be the luck of any crew to fall in with a good shot, and make an average season's earnings in one night.

Cured herrings are being rushed off as speedily as possible, and many barrels have gone via Leith to Germany, but the great bulk of the catch has been sent by direct steamers to St. Petersburg. Since our last report the following steamers sailed with full cargoes—all for St. Petersburg: Scotch, Devon, and White, St. John, Blanche, Tonia, and Laura. The direct shipments are now over 29,000 barrels.

The season's catch to Thursday is 40,584 crans, as compared with 38,805 crans last year.

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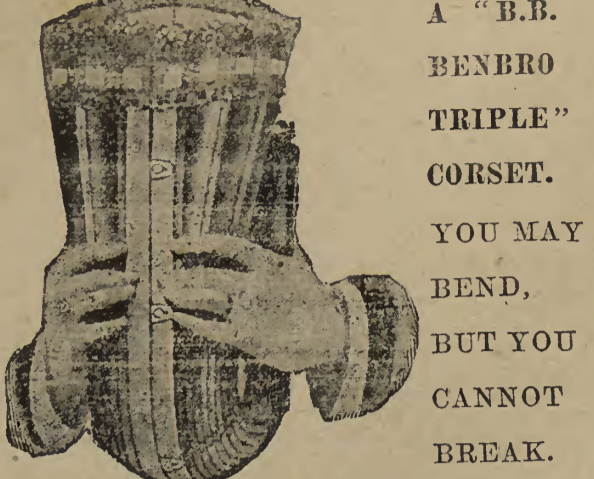
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