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Just received 'New Stock of Wedding Cards.
Most Up-to-Date Patterns. Very Moderate
Prices. Call and inspect.
WEDDING CARD SPECIALISTS.
'HIGHLAND NEWS' OFFICE.
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PRICE ONE PENNY.

3 REASONS
WHY YOU SHOULD BUY OUR
SHIRTS:-
1. QUALITY.
OUR SHIRTS ARE SPLENDIDLY CUT,
WELL MADE, BEST
MATERIAL IS ONLY USED IN THEIR
MANUFACTURE. THE CLOTHS ARE
FINE, SOFT AND AGREEABLE TO
WEAR, AND THE COLOURS ARE
FAST DYE.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Notice of Birth, is 6d; Marriage Notice, 2s 6d;
Death Notice, is 6d—with Funeral Intimation, 2s 6d.
BIRTHS.
At Holm Farm, Stornoway, on the 2nd inst., the
wife of Frederick Norman of a son.

No. 1228.—24TH YEAR

INVERNESS, SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1907.

{ REGISTERED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE }
AS A NEWSPAPER.

CHURCH NOTICES.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.
TO-MORROW (SABBATH), April 14th.
Preacher—Rev. J. C. JOWETT,
of Glasgow.
11 a.m.—INGLIS STREET.
6.30—TOWN HALL.

Tenders Invited, Auction Sales, Property to Let and for Sale will be found on page 8.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

1ST V.B.C.H.—A Meeting of the
Recreation Committee will be held in the Drill
Hall on Monday, 15th, at 8.30 p.m. Full attendance
requested. R. W. SECY.
VICTORY LODGE.
TO-MORROW, at 8.15 p.m.,
In the Hall.
Powerful Allegory—'The Old Story "Drink."
Special Speaker—Mr. W. Simpson, Monday Evening
Social Meeting (Private), in Hall, at 8 p.m.
Members, please note.

JOHN JAMIESON & CO.,
THE CLOTHIERS OF THE NORTH,

FOR WONDERFUL VALUE IN FASHIONABLE TWEED SUITS,
21/- 27/6 35/-
OUR OWN MAKE—EQUAL TO BESPOKE.
SUITS TO ORDER, PERFECT FITTING, STRONGLY MADE, AND
SUBSTANTIAL LININGS.
30/- 35/- 40/- 45/- 50/- 55/-
If you want a Smart Suit, Come and See our Selection.
YOU WILL NOT BE PRESSED TO BUY UNLESS SATISFIED THAT
THE VALUE IS GENUINE.
44 HIGH STREET,
INVERNESS.

2. SELECTION.

OUR SELECTION FOR SPRING FAB
EXCEEDS ANYTHING PREVIOUSLY
SHOWN. NOT ONLY HAVE WE THE
WIDEST RANGE HAS EVER BEEN
OUR PLEASURE TO OFFER, BUT OUR
WARRANTIES IN PATTERNS, MAT-
TERIALS, AND DESIGNS ARE EXCEED-
INGLY FLATTERING.

3. VALUE.

OUR SHIRTS ARE AT PRICES TO
SUIT THE MASSES AS WELL AS THE
CLASSES, AND FOR VALUE THEY
CAN'T BE BEAT AND THEY ARE THE
SHIRTS TO SWEAR BY—NOT AT.
SEE OUR WINDOWS FOR VALUE.

A. FRASER & CO.,
THE HATTERS, HOSIERS, AND
NECKWEAR SPECIALISTS.

47 CHURCH STREET, INVERNESS.
Where you get CHRIST'S HATS.

W. B. TAYLOR,
WATCHMAKER, JEWELLER,
AND ENGRAVER,
27 CHURCH ST., INVERNESS.
COMPLETE REPAIR SHOPS
WITH
SKILLED WORKMEN.
We can Repair your Watch
If your Watch has gone wrong, lost its
accuracy, or suffered even more serious
injury, we'll make it right once more, if it
lies within a Watchmaker's skill to do so.
The same with Clocks.
Of course there are some Watches and
Clocks injured beyond repair, and in that
case it is well to know you carry a good
range of Watches and Clocks to select
from.

WM. WHITELEY LTD.
SAVE £500 PER ANNUM

In Decorations alone since they adopted ELECTRIC
LIGHT. In Whiteley's Premises are Thousands of
Lights, in yours perhaps but 20, but the moral is
that you also can save money by introducing the
Electric Light. You will, anyway, save something
like £5 per annum in Cleaning and Decorations if
you have a 20-light Installation, and that £5 will
go a long way to pay your Lighting Bill.
It isn't what you pay for a thing, but what it
actually costs, that determines its real value to you
as an investment. You admit that Electric Light is
the best, cleanest, healthiest, handiest, safest, and,
in the end, the cheapest artificial illuminant known.
Then, whilst you are doing your SPRING
Cleaning, get it installed, and have the comfort of
it now.
Ten Pounds will not put 20 Lights in four hours,
but it will go far towards it. Let us tell you
what we can do for this sum. We don't want you
to pay cash; you may spread the payment over a
number of years.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,
ELECTRICITY WORKS,
WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS.

DON'T WORRY. WHY WORRY?
CONSULT PHAROS,
THE MYSTIC AND MODERN
ASTROLOGER.
YES, WHY WORRY?
About your business, health, pleasures, friends
abroad, your love affairs, and chances in life? Yes,
why worry? Consult PHAROS. He is able to
advise you, console you, and warn you. His
ambition in this life is to help those in trouble, and
must not be classed with the run of Palmists who
use their SUPPOSED GIFTS to make money.
PHAROS is independent of this—willing and able
to help all in trouble and relieve their anxiety
of the best of his ability and experience.
PHAROS HAS A MESSAGE TO YOU.
You are anxious to put your son to a business
that he will prosper. Will your daughter be happy
in her married life? You are in love. Have I
made a wise choice in making a partner
in my business? Should I be wise in
going abroad? All these questions Pharos can
answer and advise by the aid of astrology.
Why not put this to the test? Send P.O. value 1s,
and Address in Stamp Envelope, to PHAROS,
DEPT. 13, 45 UNION STREET, GLASGOW, with
your birth date, full name and title and town or
country of birth. If possible, you may receive a
Pharos will send you a written TEST TELESCOPE.
With the above Pharos will send you FREE a
written FORECAST OF YOUR FUTURE LIFE.

J. GRAHAM & CO.,
GUN & FISHING TACKLE MAKERS,
27 UNION STREET, INVERNESS.

MALCOLM A. BEATON,
CLOTHIER, HOSIER,
AND HATTER,
21 ACADEMY STREET,
INVERNESS.
(Opposite Messrs Macrao & Dick's.)
MEN'S SUITS from 17s 6d.
YOUTHS' SUITS from 12s 6d.
RUGBY SUITS from 8s 6d.
NORFOLK SUITS from 3s 6d.
SAILOR SUITS from 2s 6d.
BOYS' ODD KNEEKERS from 1s 6d per Pair.
MR'S WORKING SHIRTS, SEEMETS, and
PANTS from 2s 6d.

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HEALTH-GIVING PILLS is a Household
Remedy, the best for Internal Troubles and
Irrregularities. BOTTLED by MACKENZIE'S, Consulting
Chemist, Inverness.

DEATHS.

At Glenaldie, Tain, on the 6th inst., John Gunn,
late of Aikie and Royal Hotel, Tain, aged 70 years.
At Renwick, Beaulieu, on the 9th inst., James
Beaton, eldest son of the late Hugh Beaton,
contractor.
At Culneve, Argyll, on the 5th April, David
Malcolm Ross, farmer, ground owner, and wood
forester, aged 77.
At Leuchrean Manse on the 6th April, Mary
Campbell Haggart, dearly beloved and only child of
Rev. John Haggart.
At 17 Montague Street, Glasgow, on the 30th ult.,
Alexander Murdoch, schoolmaster, late of
Dumfries.
At Greystone, Campbeltown, on the 8th inst.,
Mary Anne Jolly, in her 81st year, widow of the
late Thomas Reid, Stornoway.

DEID, on the 11th inst., at Cliff Cottage, Inver-
ness, John Thomson, Funeral Today (Sat-
day), 13th inst., at 2 p.m. to Tomahurich
Cemetery. Friends please accept this (the only
intimation).

DEID, at 76 Eskdale, Inverness, on the 12th
inst., Alkie, beloved and young son of Alex-
ander Morrison, R.R., Funeral on Monday, 15th, at
2 o'clock, to New Cemetery. Friends please
accept of this (the only intimation and invitation).

M R and MRS FINLAYSON and other Relatives
of the late Dr Macdonald desire to return
thanks for many kind expressions of sympathy
received by them in their bereavement.
Alvie Villa, Lovat Road,
Inverness, 13th April, 1907.

GRANITE TOMBSTONES from 24
upwards at Robertson & Law's, Longman Road,
Inverness.

WREATHS made of Choice Cut Flowers
at Macdonald's, Friar's and Christie, Castle
Street, Inverness.

FUNERAL Wreaths, Tablets, Angels,
Shells, Crosses, and Marble Stands, Cameron,
New Walk.

MEMORIALS of all kinds in Granite,
Marble and Plaster may be had from
Messrs J. & A. Fraser, sculptors, Inverness, who
give best value in Memorials to be set in the North.
85 Academy Street. Designs and prices on applica-
tion. Send for patterns and compare prices.

SPECIFIC ARTICLES FOR SALE.
FOR SALE, Lady's Bicycle, in good order, Free
Wheel. Apply 18 Margaret Street.

FOR SALE, Laundry Effects, including Mangle,
at Ironing Stone, &c. Apply at 1 Low Street,
Glasgow.

APPLES, Oranges, also Marmalade Oranges,
variously and quality, lowest price, at Lindsay's
Cash Grocery.

IVY LEAF—A Speedy Cure, a Certain Cure, a
Painless Cure. Price 7d; post, 8d.
Bethune, Chemist, Inverness.

A MOST ENJOYABLE SMOKE—Inverness Mix-
ture, 4oz, 6s per lb. Pipes, Wholesale and
Retail. James Munro, tobacconist, 17 Lombard
Street.

BALSAM OF LIMESEED is the great Remedy for
Coughs and Colds. Bots, 1s and 2s 6d, at
Macdonald's, a Church Street, Inverness.

BOYDLE—Second-Hand "Ariel" for Sale; sound
condition; Free Wheel, Bowden Brake, Tyres
in good condition. Price £2 10s, carriage paid.
Apply No. 102A, New Street.

OVERLAND TRUNKS, Cabin Trunks,
Satchels, Dress Baskets, Gladstone Bags,
lowest possible price. Noble's Stores, Academy
Street, Inverness.

MEN'S Suits in Heavy Scotch Tweeds
and Serges, Ready-made or to Measure, at
cut prices. Noble's Stores.

LADIES—50-Inch Habit Suitings New
Spring Colourings, Costume Tweeds, Tennis
Flannels, Cheviots; Patterns Free. Bradford Dress
Warehouse, Quebec, Bradford.

LADIES—Dainty Rayonette Cashmeres,
Spring Colourings, Shepherd Checks, Tartans,
&c. 11d. Dress Lengths, Carriage Paid. Free
Birkitt's Dress Warehouse (B), Bradford.

LACK VOILES, Venetians, and
Alpaca Dress Lengths, Marvellous Value,
11d. Carriage Paid. Patterns Post Free.
Birkitt's Dress Warehouse (B), Bradford.

DAINTY WASHING FABRICS—
Zephyrs, Ghaghams, Muslins, Organdy
Stripes, Voiles, Gapes, 4s 6d. Carriage Paid.
Patterns Post Free. Dress Warehouse, Quebec,
Bradford.

WALLPAPERS from 14d per roll.
Any quantity, large or small.
Wholesale Prices. Stock exceeds 100,000 rolls. Write
for Patterns, stating what class you require (Dept.
420), Barnett's Wallpaper Warehouse, Manchester.

SHOW of New Goods now. Everything
offered at very low prices to encourage early
buying at A. & S. Frasers'.
SHOW of New Millinery, Hats, Toques,
Bonnets, Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, and
Veilings. See the Windows. A. & S. Frasers'.
SHOW of New Blouses, Ties, Belts,
Gloves, Lace Collars, Lace Scarves. See the
Windows at A. & S. Frasers'.

SHOW of New Dress and Costume
Materials, Blouse Materials, Skirts, Costumes.
Happy collection. See Windows at A. & S. Frasers',
Union Street.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE
ASSOCIATION.
Monthly Meeting in Bank Street Hall, Monday,
15th current, at 8 p.m.
Paper and Discussion on How to make Meetings
Useful and Attractive.
All cordially invited. Collection for Expenses.

EXECUTORY NOTICE.—All Parties
having Claims against the late Mr JAMES
ROSS, Builder, 1 Avonlea Terrace, Harrowden
Road, Inverness, are requested to lodge the same
with the Subscribers within Ten Days from this
date.
MACDONALD & GRAHAM, Solicitors,
Inverness,
Agents for Deceased's Executors.

EXECUTORY NOTICE.
ALL Persons having Claims against the
late ALEXANDER MACBAIN, LL.D., of the
High Public School, Inverness, and residing at Hill-
side Villa, Inverness, are requested to lodge the
same with the Subscribers within Fourteen Days
from this date.
INNES & MACKAY,
Solicitors, Inverness,
Agents for Deceased's Executors.

ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE, INVER-
NESS.
BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL
(Recognised by Board of Education).
CENTRE FOR OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE
JOINT BOARD EXAMS.
Resident English, French, and German Certificated
Mistresses.
Principal—Mrs. LUKE.

GLASGOW CORPORATION LOANS.
Further Notice, the Subscriber is
authorised to receive LOANS ON MORTGAGE,
repayable 15th May, 1910 (or in 1911 or 1912).
Minimum, £100. INTEREST, THREE AND
A-HALF PER CENT. PER ANNUM, payable Half-
Yearly.
TEMPORARY LOANS, repayable on Short Notice,
can, to a limited amount, be received on the Usual
Terms.
Forms of offer may be had from the Registrar,
City Chambers, 283 George Street, Glasgow.
T. B. ATON ROBINSON, City Registrar.

NATIONAL AMALGAMATED UNION
OF SHOP ASSISTANTS WARE-
HOUSEMEN, AND CLERKS.
EXCURSION TO PERTH, STIRLING,
AND GLASGOW,
On VICTORIA DAY, MAY 20th.
Particulars later.

BAILE WALLACE PORTRAIT
PRESENTATION.
In connection with the above Ceremony on 23rd
April next, the Committee have arranged for a
PUBLIC LUNCHEON
(Including Ladies),
TO BE HELD IN
THE ROYAL HOTEL, TAIN,
At 3 o'clock p.m.,
LORD GUTHRIE PRESIDING.
TICKETS ... .. 3s each.
In order to facilitate arrangements, the Committee
respectfully requests that parties intending to be
present should notify the Hon. Secretary before
15th inst.
W. J. MUNRO, Hon. Secy.,
6 King Street,
Tain, 6th April, 1907.

GENERAL ACCIDENT, FIRE, AND
LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD
Established 1885.
FUNDS over £1,000,000.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS' INSURANCE
(from 2s 6d each servant).
SHOP ASSISTANTS INSURANCE,
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE,
MOTOR CAR INSURANCE,
FIRE INSURANCE,
ALL ACCIDENTS INSURANCE,
SICKNESS INSURANCE, &c., &c.
A Local Branch Office has been opened under the
charge of Mr RICHARD DUFFY.
Quotations and all information on application to
Agents or Local Office.
28 QUEENSGATE, INVERNESS.

THE UNDERSIGNED BANKS
hereby intimate that, from and after this date, and
until further notice, the RATE OF INTEREST to be
charged by them on MONEY LOANED ON DEPOSIT
RECEIPTS, at their Head Offices and BRANCHES in
SCOTLAND, will be THREE PER CENT. interest to be
allowed unless the Money has been lodged not less
than one month.
FOR THE BANK OF SCOTLAND,
GEORGE ANDERSON, Treasurer.
FOR THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND,
D. R. W. HUIE, Cashier.
FOR THE BRITISH LINDEN BANK,
H. A. BOTSON, Manager.
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ALEX. BOYD, General Manager.
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THOMAS COCHRAN, Manager.
FOR THE NORTH OF SCOTLAND BANK, Limited,
JAMES HUTCHISON, Manager.
FOR THE CALDONIAN BANKING COMPANY, Limited,
DAVID YOUNG, Secretary.
11th April, 1907.

ROYAL BURGH OF INVERNESS.
DOGS ACT, 1906—DOGS ORDER OF
1906—DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT,
1906—REGULATIONS.
Notice is hereby given that the Provost, Magis-
trates, and Councilors of the Royal Burgh of
Inverness, by virtue and in exercise of the powers
conferred on them by the Dogs Order of 1906, have
made the following
REGULATIONS AS TO THE WEARING OF
COLLARS BY DOGS.
1. Dogs, while in a highway or in a place of public
resort, in the Burgh of Inverness, shall wear a
collar, with the name and address of the owner
inscribed on the collar, or on a plate or badge
attached thereto.
2. These Regulations shall not apply to any pack
of hounds or any dog while being used for sporting
purposes, or for the capture or destruction of
vermin, or for the driving or tending of cattle or
sheep.
3. Any dog, in respect of which an offence is
being committed, may be seized and treated as a
stray dog, under the powers conferred by Section 3
of the Dogs Act, 1906.
4. If any dog, found in a highway or in a place
of public resort, is not wearing a collar, as pre-
scribed by these Regulations, the owner of the dog,
and the person allowing the same to be in the
highway or in the place of public resort, in con-
travention of these Regulations, shall, each
according to the extent of his own acts and
defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against
the Diseases of Animals Act, 1904.
5. These Regulations shall come into operation on
the 15th day of May, nineteen hundred and seven.
By Order,
KENNETH MACDONALD, Town Clerk,
Inverness, 1st April, 1907.

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DEATH OF DR ALEXANDER MACBAIN.

THE FUNERAL.

The remains of the late Dr Alexander Macbain were buried at Rothiemurchus on Monday in presence of a large number of mourners. The funeral left Aviemore Station immediately after the arrival of the train from the south about three o'clock. Services were conducted at the grave by Rev. Wm. Todd, Inverness, and Rev. D. Connell, Inverness, in English, and Rev. Anderson, Carr-Bridge, in Gaelic. Besides Dr Macbain's immediate relatives there were present—Rev. Wm. Todd, Rev. D. Connell, and Bailie Mackenzie, representing the Burgh School Board of Inverness; Messrs T. D. Wallace, W. J. Watson, Mr. Braime, Mr. Macconnachie, and Mr. Macrae, Carr-Bridge, representing the teachers; Messrs W. Macdonald, Andrew Mackintosh, D. Mackay, Morrison, and R. Macleod, representing the Gaelic Society of Inverness. Others present were Rev. Dr Macconnachie, Kingessie; Rev. John Kennedy, Arran; Mr. Eneas Mackay and Mr. Smart, Stirling. Wreaths were sent by the Gaelic Society of Inverness and the teachers of the High School.

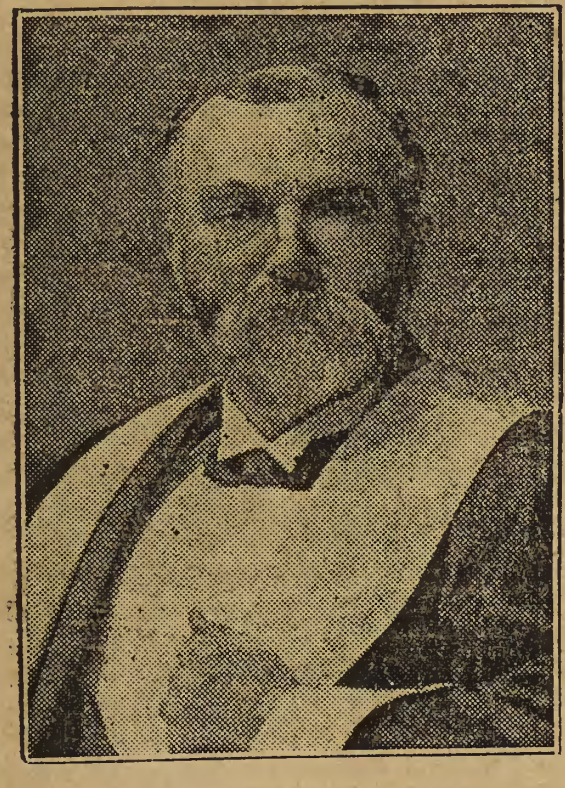


Photo. by [White, Inverness]. THE LATE DR MACBAIN.

TRIBUTE BY PROFESSOR KUNO MEYER.

Professor Kuno Meyer, Ph.D., Liverpool University, lectured in the National Hall, Glasgow, on Tuesday night on "The Golden Age of Irish Civilisation in Language and Literature" to the members of the Glasgow branches of the Gaelic League. In reply to a vote of thanks, moved by Professor Henderson, Professor Meyer said that in the field of Celtic study there was a great need of workers. He paid a tribute to the great Celtic scholar who had just passed away, Alexander Macbain, of Inverness, in whom Celtic scholarship had lost a most indefatigable worker, a gifted and painstaking student, whose researches, the "Etymological Dictionary" would long keep his memory green. His proper place would have been, not the byways of solitary research, but the University, where he could have directed students. Much had to be done before their Universities became like those in Germany—the centres of learning of every kind.

CLERICAL TRIBUTES. In the West Church on Sunday Rev. Mr. Lang said—"We, along with the whole community, were startled by the sad announcement that Dr Alexander Macbain, of whose literary and educational ability we had all reason to be proud, had passed away. We shall not soon forget his services to his generation, and especially to those of our nation who could and did understand the ancient Celtic language. Whether as teacher or as author, he so shone as to attract the attention and admiration of those in highest place amongst us. His University conferred upon him a most gratifying distinction, and he was one whom the King himself delighted to honour. He will be missed in the circles, moving in which he was 'facile princeps,' but his best monuments will be in the hearts of all who knew and appreciated his worth—not least in those of the many who, during his more than thirty years' strenuous labours, owed their mental training and equipment to his tuition, oversight, inspiration, and care. For the rest, 'the memory of the just is blessed.'"

In the Crown Church on Sunday Rev. Wm. Todd made feeling and appropriate reference to the great loss sustained by the community of Inverness and in the education by the sudden death of Dr Macbain.

ADDITIONAL APPRECIATION. An influential correspondent from a northern town writes us as follows—"All true Highlanders will revere his memory for his herculean and successful labours to popularise and perpetuate our ancient language. While his works in this line will perpetuate his name, doubtless a movement will be at once set going for a suitable special memorial to his memory in respect of his very great services to us as a nation in the very important direction I have indicated. I hope to read of such a monument at once."

AN APPRECIATION BY A PUPIL.

To say that we (his pupils) shall miss Dr Macbain is to speak very mildly indeed. I can safely say that we all loved, feared, and respected the doctor. He was one of the few schoolmasters who ruled by their personality. His bearing was dignified but kind. It is no exaggeration to say that he was beloved by all his pupils. You have only to mention the name of Dr Macbain to an old Raining's boy and at once a loving smile passes over his face, as visions of boisterous youthful enthusiasm in work and play at school fill across his imagination. The doctor did not go in for the "new method" of teaching; he was no believer in now fangled notions of education. He was an ideal master of the old school, and, by his preference for the old order, he was most successful. He could coach all his students to the door of the university, and could, if necessary, coach them right through. The doctor did not let his dignity sit heavily upon him, but at once with characteristic kindness met one on the common level of humanity and endeavoured to give one his best assistance—and no matter how small it was (usually it was very great) one always went away cheered.

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and stimulated after a visit to Dr Macbain. He possessed that cheerful way of always looking at the bright side of things. He was possessed, too, of a very rich vein of humour and also of a keen but kind wit. His words sometimes might have been sharp, but they never stung behind.

Dr Macbain, among his pupils, was famous for his jokes. Scarcely a subject came up but he had some anecdote to tell in connection with it. Although possessing a tenacious memory (as those who had lines to write knew well—to their cost), like all learned men, he was to a degree absent-minded, and consequently the same jokes were told to the same class over and over again. Needless to say, they were not received with the same appreciation on the tenth occasion as on the first. The doctor, not knowing he had already related it, and hearing no laughter nor even perceiving the slightest inclination to laugh, naturally thought that we failed to see the point, so shaking his head sadly and despairingly, would continue the lesson, his face meantime wearing an expression which plainly said—"Poor souls, it's not their fault but their very greatest misfortune. This lack of appreciation on our part never hindered the doctor from repeating his joke the next day though. There was one particular joke which he never lost an opportunity of relating. I'm afraid he had no particular respect, at least in my judgment, for the Town Council. I can't swear that he referred to the present worthy members, but this joke he told at their expense. When getting a lesson in literature, he had, and gave, his own opinions of all the great authors, and often they differed from "Logie Robertson." While enumerating Scott's works he always stopped at the "Legend of Montrose," and told us of the member of the Town Council who boasted of his having read the "Log End of Montrose." By the bye, this same joke was the means of my sampling (I'm sorry to say neither the first nor the last time) the Doctor's strap. He (the Doctor) happened to be in one of his "joky moods," and I had taken advantage of his humour to write an exercise. The Doctor, suspecting that everything was not quite right, informed me at the beginning of his recital in his favourite expression that "I was working for my likes." I smiled, and touching the pen on the next line, I requested that she should "tell me when it was time to laugh." The Doctor overheard the remark, and the next thing I was aware of was a great fumbling in his pocket and the Doctor saying, "Take this, 'tis my monkey." If he wished someone in the back seat to parse a word he would generally say—"Come on you in the penny seats, here's a chance to extinguish yourself." He knew exactly what we could do, and often let you see what he thought of you. He often said after studying a pupil well—"Oh, you are no use." At the same time he has never been known (notwithstanding his own opinion) to stand in anybody's light. As a critic, the Doctor was a gentleman. He hit out straight and clean from the shoulder, but his blow was tempered with justice, and his justice was seasoned with mercy. He possessed an extensive store of knowledge; in fact, to a high degree he knew something of everything, and everything of something, but full of learning, he was also full of modesty. Altogether, Dr Macbain was a gentleman one could not have failed to respect, admire, and love.

A CORRECTION.

The following appeared in the "Scotsman" of Wednesday—

Sir,—Kindly permit me a few words to record the occasion of the lamented death of the late Dr Alexander Macbain, whose early loss all friends and former pupils and scholars must deplore. His death is recorded on the authority of Dr Murray, Stirling, as due to cerebral hemorrhage—in other words, to apoplexy. The surprise in your correspondent's relation as to an overdose of a drug for sleeplessness is quite unfounded. Dr Macbain had previously that evening had a Turkish bath, which clearly did not agree with his constitution. Your correspondent's account is also incorrect as to the "Etymological Dictionary of the Gaelic Language" having "during the past ten years, run into several editions." He confuses Dr Macbain's "Magnum Opus" with an edition of Father MacEochain's small dictionary, revised by Dr Macbain and Mr John Whyte. This is due to confusion. But no incorrect surmises ought to be circulated as to the death of one of Scotland's greatest scholars. I make the fact of his death as due to apoplexy public on the authority of his own obituary notice, his relative, his bereaved sister, Mrs Finlayson, of Inverness. Thanking you in anticipation—I am, sir, yours, &c., GEORGE HENDERSON. Lecturer in Celtic Languages and Literature, University of Glasgow.

MR ANNAN BRYCE'S SILENCE

ON THE CALEDONIAN CANAL QUESTION.

[To the Editor.]

SIR,—A correspondent signing himself "Elector," writing to your Tuesday's contemporary, says "it is more than merely surprising that neither the member for the county nor the burgh has taken any initiative whatsoever in this matter." Sir, "Elector" must take a very one-sided interest in local political affairs, else he would have heard Mr Bryce, during his earliest connection with the constituency, advocate the improvement of the Caledonian Canal, a scheme which would have a very beneficial effect on Inverness in particular, and the Highlands in general. Mr Dewar has also shown a sympathetic interest in the scheme, and, but for the apathy of a certain number of constituents, the scheme would be considerably advanced by now. This, however, is not a party matter, and its success lies in combined action; so that when the constituents rise in unity, both Mr Bryce and Mr Dewar may be expected to use their weight and influence in the furtherance of this important scheme.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., ANOTHER ELECTOR.

FISHING ON THE RIVER NESS.

TWO PROSECUTIONS.

In the Inverness Sheriff Court on Wednesday—Sheriff Grant presiding—two fishing offences came up for disposal. Both cases were at the instance of Captain Warrand, and in both cases the fishers were convicted. The first case was that of Duncan Macdonald, Telford Road, who was charged with fishing in the Four Cobles Water on other than a free day. Mr David Ross (of Messrs Fraser & Ross, solicitors) prosecuted. Thomas Turner, Greig Street, water bailiff under the Fishery Board, said he knew the Four Cobles Water. On the 13th of March he saw Macdonald fishing, and checked him. Mr Fraser (of Messrs Fraser & Ross, solicitors) also gave evidence. There was no evidence led for the defence. Mr Ross said the case was not an aggravated one. Accused was fined 10s, with £1 8s 6d of expenses.

At the same Court William Davidson, baker, Lower Kessock Street, appeared on a similar charge. Thomas Turner, water bailiff, again gave evidence. He said he saw Davidson fishing on a non-free day at a point in the Four Cobles Water opposite the house occupied by Mr Reeves, postmaster. He saw accused land a sea trout. He checked him, but was laughed at. Accused held that he was fishing only for brown trout. He was found guilty and fined 10s, with £1 12s 6d of expenses.

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FORMATION OF CRICKET CLUB.—At a meeting of the Inverness Camanachd Club on Wednesday evening the advisability of forming a cricket club was discussed. The matter was raised on the initiative of Mr John Macaskill with a view of keeping the shinty members together during the summer months. The following office-bearers were appointed:—President, Mr Angus Macintosh, yr. of Moyhall; Vice-President, Mr J. Macintosh, solicitor; Hon. Captain, John Macaskill; Captain, James Macrae; Secretary, J. Macphail; Committee, Messrs James Ross, Wm. Macdonald Fraser, Angus Macdonnie, and Wm. Mackenzie.

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TORY SYNONYMS.

Every passing day makes it more evident there must, after all, be something in the continual cry to have the Creed adjusted in terms of modern thought. The Catechism, too, stands sadly in need of revision. Take, for instance, the first question—"What is man's chief end?" Does anyone suppose the old answer has not outlived itself? If not, the answer itself stands in great need of explanation, and its terms require to be defined anew. See how this important question is looked upon by the "gentlemen of England"—the great Tory Party. They were discussing Mr Haldane's Army Scheme in the House of Commons the other night, and Mr Arnold Forster was pulling it to pieces. He urged the most highly patriotic reasons; he adopted a highly moral, spiritual and religious tone. Speaking of the men who now formed the Militia, he showed that under Mr Haldane's system they would be cast adrift, at 17, after six months' training, wholly helpless and hopeless—as he remorselessly worded it himself, "absolutely useless to God and man."

It is not that a frightful state of things? Calvin's oldest theories of eternal depravity and predestined torture eternal for the unregenerate held out a kindlier glimmer of hope for the unfortunate than, according to Mr Arnold Forster, Mr Haldane does to his recruits. Some cried "Order!" and others "Withdraw!" thinking Mr Forster was carried away by the excitement of the moment. Not a bit of it. Mr Forster was in deadly earnest; but lest anyone should run away with a wrong impression, he would define exactly what he meant by the "colloquial" expression. To the Tory Party, Mr Forster explained, "Absolutely useless to God and man" means "useless for military purposes." These expressions, evidently, are Tory synonyms. The young men in the Highlands who attach themselves to the Militia will now know why they are brought into this sinful world, and what is expected of them. If they have any doubts about the Confession of Faith they will be able to substitute the Tory answer to "What is man's chief end?" They will understand they must reply—"To make himself useful for military purposes." The encouragement of any other bent is to make oneself "absolutely useless to God or man." One can readily understand now how the Tory Party look upon the Highlands, in so far as the people are concerned, solely as a valuable recruiting ground. The scarcity of recruits for the Army alone is constraining the landlord element to give some scanty consideration to the re-peopleing of the country. The niggardly support given by a few in this class must be accepted cautiously, for nothing is further from their thoughts than to encourage a race of free men. Even Liberals are apt to illustrate their arguments with fair pictures of the bygone times when a regiment of heroes might be raised in a Highland county. In re-establishing the people on the soil the military value of the Highlander must be left out of count. When once happy and prosperous homes are with us again the Army must take its chance and the Highlander his choice.

OUR INTER-OCEANIC HIGHWAY.

The attention being directed at the present time to the subject of inland navigation by the appointment of a special Commission to make enquiries possesses emphatic interest for Inverness and the whole North of Scotland. The matter is consequently made a topic, at least for the expression of opinion, at meetings of societies and organisations which have an interest in the development of the Highlands. There are also discussions in the public Press. The specific aspect of the matter which claims most attention in our northern districts arises from the suggestion which has been thrown out as to the feasibility and the practical utility of enlarging the Caledonian Canal. It is not merely as a channel for the distribution of the merchandise of the south that it was deemed important about a century ago that a canal should be cut through the Great Glen. It was also a matter of serious moment to the fishing craft of the east of Scotland that they should be able to pass to and from the fishing grounds of the West without having to brave the currents of the Pentland Firth and the storms of Cape Wrath. In the same sense the cutting of the Canal was commended as a highly important element in our national defence. Ships of war, it was contended, could thus be passed on expeditiously and with absolute safety from east to west should threats of invasion in that quarter or the transport of troops render such a step necessary. The dimensions of the Canal, however, though sufficient for comparatively small craft, were never sufficient for ships of the heavy build which is deemed necessary for the navies of modern days. Since the time when the Canal was constructed the advent of steamships has completely changed the circumstances, and there is now much less reason for looking at the subject from the point of view of national defence than as an inter-oceanic highway for the carriage of merchandise. That the Caledonian Canal shall ever be much availed of by the ships of our Navy is chimerical. Our ironclads have, unfortunately, developed such a penchant for running aground or into collisions in the open sea that it were nothing less than suicidal to send them in among the tortuosities of the Inverness Firth and the rocky channels and seething currents of Loch Linnhe. No more effectual means for the reduction of armaments could be devised than to order the Fleet to make a voyage (under present steering inefficiencies) between the Dogger Bank and the Firth of Lorn via the Caledonian Canal. We venture to predict that every second promontory and sunken rock along the route could have a training-ship firmly established without the fragment of an anchor.

The development of the commercial traffic is, however, a much more rational purpose to which to apply the capabilities of a canal deepened and rendered better adapted for the easy and rapid transit of merchant ships between the east and west. For this purpose it is eminently to be desired that the proposed works should be undertaken. At present, such are the dilatory and handicapping conditions, both constructive and administrative, that the Canal is not availed of to a degree which can ever make it remunerative. Unless our Governments adopt the bizarre scheme set forth by a correspondent in a contemporary on Wednesday for converting the Caledonian Canal into a gigantic lade for conveying hydraulic power to the Lochaber district at one extremity, and Inverness at the other, the Canal

must continue in its present inadequate and crippled condition, with a very serious annual loss to the Treasury. For to talk of filling it up would be stark madness. Another reason advanced for desiring the Government to undertake the task of increasing the capabilities of the Canal is the number of men for whom it would provide work. This, though not a permanent advantage, is not unworthy of attention. Present economic changes with regard to a better distribution of the land strongly suggest the desirability of using every possible means to retain in their native starths and glens the robust population of the Highlands. It is interesting, in this view of matters, to recall the circumstance that the original cutting of the Canal was the means of checking the stream of emigration which had set in shortly before, and which had seriously alarmed the landlords themselves.

THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE FEEDING BOTTLE.

The Inverness School Board have decided that the ratepayer shall hold the baby—that is, of course, his neighbour's baby. The Board were invited to discuss the clause in the Education Bill providing for the feeding of school children, and on Wednesday they agreed, by the casting vote of the Chairman, that the principle was a good one, and deserved encouragement. Such a finding, at this juncture, is deplorable, and argues little for any real grasp of sociological problems by the members of the Board. That it is a further victory for Socialism and Collectivism goes without saying, and let the maternally inclined members deny it as they will, the State-aid, or Rate-aid, party may be depended on to make the most of it, as they are justly entitled to do. In principle the majority of the School Boards in Scotland appear to be against the clause, and quite a number of interesting debates have taken place on the subject. It is all the more disappointing, therefore, that Inverness contributed nothing worthy to the discussion, and allowed itself to be sucked into the Socialistic tide without resistance. The idea, to start with, was an English one. There, with inconsequential reasoning, the State-aid party have captured the sympathies of sentimental Liberals, with the result that we are getting deeper and deeper into the Collectivist maze. The clause was foisted upon Scotland against her wish, although, if all the Boards were as invertebrate as that of Inverness, such an objection could no longer be urged. Liberalism, even in Scotland, is in danger of falling away from the old standards. The idea that if the old restrictions and abuses were removed, the people would be set free to work out their own salvation, is no longer believed in. The early Liberals set high store by education. Social evils were in great part due to ignorance. Educate the people, they said, and all will be well. They did not rest content with bringing education within access of all who desired it. They forced it on them. The results, so far, have not been very satisfactory. Poverty and ignorance are still rampant, and parental responsibility is sadly undermined. The first intention was to have free education for elementary schools only, but the sturdy Scottish independence, once broken, it was difficult to call a halt. No one could see why he should pay to educate other people's children and his own too. The voluntary schools slowly, but surely, fell away—as witness the Inverness Academy—and more and more the burden on the ratepayer was increased. Now it is proposed to feed the children; it must follow that they shall be clothed as well. Then, indeed, it will be a delightful time for those who long for the honey of married life, and desire to shirk its responsibilities. A man is educated, fed, and clothed by the State until he is sixteen or seventeen. The State is then to provide him with employment. He can wed, and the State will nurse, rear, and educate his youngsters. When he arrives at some uncertain age he is to be provided with a pension. He will have nothing to do during the best of his days, but draw a high minimum wage, which he can spend on cheap food (we are to stink to Free Trade), whisky, and football. The ratepayer is to provide everything. Who the ratepayer is it is difficult to find out; it seems strange if he will not object. Really, it is time a halt were called. London, the home of such experiments, is already in revolt, and we may depend on it the rest of the country will follow. It is useless to urge that as regards the present Bill the clause is permissive. If it passes, Boards will be bound, sooner or later, to adopt it. The safeguards against the rupture of home ties will prove ineffective, and we shall have taken but a further step into the Socialist morass. The plea that hungry children must be fed is superficial. At least, if they are to be fed, the public should not shoulder the parents' responsibilities. Hungry children mean something wrong in the social system. It is useless to seek to bring about a cure by simply disguising the effect. As well might one advise smelling salts as a cure for an escape of gas. Sensible people would cut off the supply at the meter. On the other hand, a good case has been made out for the provision of meals in Highland schools—where the children are, in many instances, obliged to walk for miles, and are from home for many hours at a stretch. But even here it is unnecessary to relieve the parents of what is not only their duty, but their privilege. The discussion at Wednesday's meeting should have been purely academic. Had the Bill already been passed the Board, however reluctantly, might, perhaps, have been constrained to adopt the provision. As it was an opinion only was asked, and it is unfortunate that the Board should have solicited what in after years it is probable the ratepayers will have cause to regret.

A full report of the adjourned meeting of Town Council, held on Monday, will be found on page 7 of our Evening Edition.

INVERNESS STUDENTS "CAPPED."—Yesterday was "capping" day at the Edinburgh University. Among the northern students "capped" were Mr Alister Stewart, Address Street, and Mr R. T. Cameron, son of Rev. Allan Cameron, East United Free Church.

Y.M.C.A. SPECIAL MISSION.—The special evangelistic mission conducted by Mr Boughen, Birmingham, and Mr Collings, Glasgow, during last week and this week, is swiftly drawing to a close. The missions have attracted large audiences, the Y.M.C.A. Hall being packed nightly. Mr Boughen, though a young man, is an excellent speaker, and the thorough grasp he has of his subjects, combined with a striking earnestness of appeal, secure for him an excellent hearing both inside and in the open-air. Mr Collings, the converted music hall artiste, conducts the musical part of the mission, many of the solos being of his own composition. To-morrow afternoon Mr Boughen's subject will be "Is the Bible the Word of God?" To-morrow evening the farewell meeting will be held.

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**STORNOWAY TOWN COUNCIL.**

**SPECIAL WATER RATE.**

At the monthly meeting of the Stornoway Town Council on Monday there was a full attendance, viz.:—Provost Anderson, Bailies John Mackenzie and Murdoch Maclean, Councillors Robert Struthers, John M.R. Morrison, Wm. A. Ross, Kenneth Mackenzie, Alex. Maclean and John Maclean, with Mr. Munro, town clerk, and Mr. Alex. Macdonald, C.E.

**SEVERITY OF POLICE AT FIRES.**

With reference to the brigade account for extinguishing the recent fire on Kipper Road, in connection with which exception had been taken at the Committee meeting to the item for services rendered by the police, Councillor Kenneth Mackenzie asked if the account would again come before the Council before being paid?

The Provost, who had been deputed to see Superintendent Smith on the matter, said he had been from home and had not yet seen Superintendent Smith.

Councillor K. Mackenzie—I am in possession of information that will defy this Council to pay the police for services rendered at fires. I think the result of the Provost's interview with Superintendent Smith should be reported here before the account is paid.

The Provost said he had no objection to that course.

The matter was allowed to drop meantime.

**PLANTATION ROAD.**

A report by the Burgh Engineer was read as to the works required on Plantation Road and the upper part of Scotland Street in the way of cesspools and side walks with kerb and gutter, with an estimate of the cost.

These streets have not yet been taken over by the town, and it was agreed to remit the matter to the magistrates to see Mr. O'rook, chamberlain, as to what can be done.

**FIRE BRIGADE APPLIANCES.**

A report by the Burgh Engineer was read as to the appliances required by the Fire Brigade, and on the motion of Councillor K. Mackenzie it was agreed to supply the same.

**V.S.'S REPORT—A SUGGESTION.**

The half-yearly report by Mr. Struthers, V.S., was read. He had visited, the report stated, and carefully examined the cows and dairies in and outwith the burgh contributing to the milk supply of Stornoway. He found the cows within the burgh as a whole healthy, and the byres, &c., with some few exceptions, very clean. The report further stated that the quality of cattle killed in the slaughter-houses was all over now better than what it used to be, though it was not yet what it ought to be in all cases. But during this winter it seemed to him that an unusually large number of lean or underfed sheep were slaughtered.

The report concluded with a suggestion that a weekly sale should be established at Stornoway, and an annual horse, cattle, dog, and poultry show, followed by games. The sale would, among other advantages, save much time and instal correct business habits between seller and buyer, and the show would prove highly instructive in every sense, not only improving the breed of all domestic animals, but the milking qualities of the crofters' cows.

**OUR WATER SUPPLY—SATISFACTORY REPORT.**

The Clerk read a report by Messrs. Tannah & Thomson, city analysts, Glasgow, on two samples of the Stornoway water. The report stated that the water showed "from the absence of nitrates and the presence of only such minute quantities of free ammonia, and albuminoid ammonia as are present in the purest natural waters, that this water is free from every trace of contamination by matter of the nature of sewage, and we are distinctly of opinion that it is suitable in this and all other respects, in its present condition, for drinking, cooking, and general domestic purposes."

**HARBOUR COMMISSION.**

On the motion of Councillor John Morrison, Provost Anderson, Bailie Maclean, and Councillor K. Mackenzie were appointed to represent the Council on the Harbour Commission.

**PROOF ABOVE QUESTION FROM INVERNESS.**

When a story stands the test of time its truth is proved beyond doubt. Is it not so with this story, re-told after five years by a resident in Inverness?

**NEARLY FIVE YEARS AFTER WE FIRST HEARD FROM MR. JAMES MACARTHUR, CITADEL BAR, INVERNESS, ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES CALLED TO SEE HIM, AND WAS DELIGHTED TO FIND HE WAS STILL IN THE VERY BEST OF HEALTH; IN HIS OWN WORDS—"I AM GLAD TO TELL YOU THAT I HAVE ENJOYED GOOD HEALTH EVER SINCE YOUR PILLS DID SO MUCH FOR ME. I HAVE HAD NO RETURN OF THE BACKACHES OR OTHER KIDNEY TROUBLES. I AM ALWAYS PLEASSED TO RECOMMEND THE PILLS."**

The following is the letter received from Mr. MacArthur just after his cure:—"Dear Sirs,—You are welcome to publish my experience with your Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, and I hope it will be the means of others benefiting. I caught a severe cold in my back, and I began to suffer with backaches and other signs of kidney trouble. I was so bad sometimes that I could hardly stand upright. After using two boxes of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills I felt entirely cured. I can with every confidence recommend the medicine to others.—Believe me, yours faithfully" (Signed) "James MacArthur."

Backache, shooting or continuous pains in the head, limbs, or joints, urinary disorders, broken sleep, constant tiredness or nervousness, are some of the symptoms of kidney disease. Rheumatism, dropsy, gravel, stone, neuralgia, lumbago, are some of the ills caused by kidney disease. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills act directly and effectively upon weak and diseased kidneys.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are two shillings and ninepence per box (six boxes for thirteen shillings and ninepence). Out of all chemists and stores, or post free, direct from Foster-McClellan Co., 8 Wells Street, Oxford Street, London, W. Doan's are the pills that cured Mr. MacArthur.

**THE LATE PRINCIPAL RAINY'S ESTATE.**

The late Principal Rainy left personal estate to the amount of £5838.

**A WORD TO LADIES.**

Send two stamps for our new and original Illustrated Booklet, containing plain and practical directions for the treatment of all the ailments of the female system, such as Irregularities, Suppressions, &c., may be prevented, cured, or relieved by simple means in a few hours. Recommended by eminent Physicians and thousands of Ladies as being the only genuine remedy. This is not a quack medicine, but a scientific one. Price 1s. Martyn & Co., chemists, 31 Deighton Lane, London.

**NOISELESS SHOOTING.**

ALLAN'S 22 BORE GUNS GUARANTEED TO BE QUIET. BARRELS AND ALL SMALL GAMES OVER 150 YARDS. CARTRIDGES WITH EXPANDING BULLETS. GUN COMPLETE (Noiseless 22 Long) 12s. A. ALLAN, 142 Trogonate, GLASGOW.

sidered that the Burgh was not adequately represented on the Council, where any day the Landward members, being in a majority, could carry any scheme they liked, and leave the Burgh, with its small population but large valuation, to pay the big share of it.

In course of a general discussion it was pointed out that since the time when the existing division of representatives was made the burgh's valuation had increased by £400, while the landward valuation had slightly decreased.

It was unanimously agreed, instead of applying for the extra members for the burgh, to ask for a readjustment of representatives, so that the burgh would return seven instead of six as at present, leaving the landward with eight instead of nine as at present.

**SPECIAL WATER RATE.**

Councillor Kenneth Mackenzie explained that, arising out of a question of his regarding the water supply to the Gas House, and following that up, he asked the Clerk to furnish him with a list of the parties paying special water rates for manufacturing, as distinguished from domestic purposes, and also a list of the buildings, plans for which had been sanctioned since January, 1904. These numbered 23, and the Council would be surprised to know that the special water rate for building purposes was not a single penny had been paid. Besides the 23 buildings, plans for which were approved by the Council, he had from personal observation totalled up further erections to the number of 17, going back five years, and he calculated the cost of these at £28,000. That, with the 23 on the Clerk's return, made a total of about 41,000, to which a special water rate was applicable, and representing a sum of £45 due to the Council. He had very good grounds for saying that none of this special water rate had been paid—at any rate, none had been paid since January, 1904. That such a state of matters should exist was almost inconceivable. It was difficult for him to bring blame to any particular individual, but he had no hesitation in saying that it showed gross carelessness on the part of some of their officials.

The Provost—You are satisfied that these sums have not been collected?

Councillor Mackenzie—Quite. I myself called in arrears, never having been called on for payment. I may say that I do not attribute blame to any individual whose name appears on this list.

The Provost said they were very much indebted to Councillor Mackenzie for bringing this matter before the Council. He was not aware but that this special water rate for building purposes was regularly collected.

After further discussion, Councillor K. Mackenzie said that in course of his inquiries he found that the Fish Oil and Guano Co.'s works, which was returned at £140, paid a special water rate of £7; while the Stornoway Gas Company's works, which were returned in the Valuation Roll at £157, was not charged a single penny special water rate.

The Provost said the reason why the Guano Works paid £7 was that they got a special pipe from the burgh's main across the fields to their works, and they agreed to pay a special water rate of 1s in the £1. Councillor Mackenzie said that he "palled" him that this special water rate for buildings had never been collected. Surely to goodness their officials should have seen to it that the rate was levied in each case.

The Provost repeated that Councillor K. Mackenzie was entitled to great credit for bringing the matter before the Council.

Councillor Mackenzie—I want no credit—I'm here to do my duty. It all arose out of the inquiry regarding the escape of water from the Gas Works.

Councillor John Morrison thought Councillor Mackenzie was entitled to credit in the matter. First and foremost they had got to investigate when this particular special assessment was first paid.

The Town Clerk—in 1902 the last payment was made for "building" water.

Councillor K. Mackenzie personally would not be a consenting party to going in for collecting the special water rate from any particular class unless it applied to the Gas Company as well.

Bailie John Mackenzie—We have a special water rate as well as a domestic rate, and we are not entitled to charge for it.

The Town Clerk—No, and we don't do it.

Bailie Mackenzie—And the Gas Company is charged the domestic rate of 6d per £1 (3d as proprietor and 3d as tenant) on their full valuation of £157. You cannot also charge a special rate.

Ultimately the Town Clerk was instructed to supply the Burgh Engineer with a list of all the plans of buildings passed by the Council for the last five years, and the Engineer was instructed to give in an estimate of the cost of each for the consideration of the Council.

**THE SMALL LANDHOLDERS (SCOTLAND) BILL.**

**THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL'S VIEWS.**

**JUST TO BOTH LANDLORD AND TENANT.**

The Solicitor-General (Mr. Alex. Ure, K.C.), speaking at a meeting at Uphall the other night said, with reference to the Small Landholders Bill, the great difficulty experienced in all previous attempts in the direction of small holdings was how to set the ball rolling. If a man wanted a small holding, to whom was he to go? Now, this Bill proposes to put in the saddle a skilled agriculturist, whose special duty it will be to see to the creation of small holdings. He is to be called the Commissioner for Small Holdings. The special duty of this Commissioner will be to find out if any demand for small holdings exists in any district of Scotland. If he finds there is, then his first duty will be to try, by friendly arrangement between the landowner and the man who wants a small holding, to get a bit of ground.

If he can manage that, then the Act will apply to it just in the way I have described its application to holdings now in existence. I should myself hope that this is the way in which small holdings would usually come into existence. For everybody is agreed about the great desirability of getting good men settled on the land as cultivators of their plots. And I have shown you how fair and reasonable to landlords are the terms of this Bill. But it may so happen that the landowner does not see his way to let out his ground for small holdings. What then? Well, in that case the Commissioner for Small Holdings goes to his two colleagues, the Agricultural Commissioner, and tells them that he has found land suitable for small holdings, and men able and willing to till the land. And the Agricultural Commissioner gives notice to the landowner that they are going to the Land Court to get the holdings marked off and the rent fixed and the other terms arranged, so that the men who want to cultivate may be able to do so.

The Agricultural Commissioner, inquires into the facts, hears every view, and has an interest to be heard, and, if it thinks right, marks off the ground, fixes the rent and other terms, and the thing is done. The new holder then enters on his tenancy under the terms of the Bill, and the landowner has an interest to be heard, and, if it thinks right, marks off the ground, fixes the rent and other terms, and the thing is done. The new holder then enters on his tenancy under the terms of the Bill, and the landowner has an interest to be heard, and, if it thinks right, marks off the ground, fixes the rent and other terms, and the thing is done.

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A farm of 150 acres is small enough, and cannot be divided into any number of holdings. The Land Court cannot fix a small holding except on purely agricultural land lying outside a burgh boundary. It cannot put down a small holder on a gentleman's policy, on a holding, or on a garden. Nor can it carve a holding out of a minister's glebe, or out of ground held by a railway company for railway purposes, or by a corporation for public purposes. And if a farm is occupied under a lease made before Whit Sunday last year, a holding cannot be carved out of that farm till the lease comes to an end. Well, I should think that people must be very nervous and sensitive indeed about the sacred rights of private property who are not quite satisfied with the safeguards against unreasonable actions on that part of the Land Court. For my own part, I would have been very ready to leave an intelligent and impartial tribunal with a perfectly free hand to do these matters. The safeguards in the Bill I regard merely as concessions to our groundless fears. But there they are, and now, I suppose you are eager to know what sort of men we expect to become applicants for small holdings. Well, at the outset, only those who have been trained up on the land, or who may have otherwise acquired sufficient knowledge of agriculture to cultivate the holding. Indeed, the Bill very distinctly says that a man will not get a small holding unless the Agricultural Commissioners are satisfied that he is able to perform all the conditions of the lease. One of these conditions is that he and his family must cultivate the holding. We are all very anxious if we can stem the tide of people flowing from the country districts into the towns. I do not believe that we can stop that flow. In a country like ours, which has deliberately made up its mind to devote itself to commerce and manufactures, and not to be an agricultural community, it is impossible to stop the flow of men into our industrial centres. We can only hope to lessen it; we can only hope to increase largely the number of those who find a home and a living on the land. And I entirely agree with Lord Rosebery when he says that the man who has been trained up on the land, who has settled down to work in a town to return to live and work on the land. We must not indulge in unreasonable expectations. We must not follow the example of the Socialists, and hope to get men as we find them and know them to be. Our laws must be made to fit the real man as he exists, not the ideal man as we would have him to be. The modesty of our expectations in this regard will be judged of from the fact that it is proposed to place in the hands of the Agricultural Commissioners only £265,000 a year for the purposes of the Act. What are they to do with that money? Well, they are authorized to spend it in equipping the holdings with what they think it desirable to do so. They may dispose of the money by way of loan or gift. They may apply it in fencing, or draining, or preparing the land for cultivation, in carrying roads, and in erecting buildings. Well, a very competent person has estimated that it will be impossible completely to equip a holding for less than £600. If that be true—and I do not think it can be far off—then it means that not more than about one hundred holdings can be created completely equipped with the sum proposed—assuming it is all gifted away to the small holders. It is wise, you will agree, to proceed cautiously. All that we must be sure of is that the money is spent carefully, therefore, not to commit ourselves too deeply at the first go-off. I cannot have the smallest doubt that if the plan of the Bill proves successful more money will be forthcoming when it is needed. You may trust the Scotch members for that.

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STORNOWAY.

TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER. APRIL. Morning—M. M. Evening—H. M.

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Spring Holiday.—Thursday, 25th April, will be observed as the annual spring holiday on the occasion of the volunteer inspection.

Summer Fishing.—The annual rump of the Harbour Commissioners' spring stations has been fixed for Wednesday, 24th April.

Lewis Hospital.—The hon. secretary acknowledges, with thanks, £3 5s 8d from the United Free High Church congregation, per Mr Angus Macleod, 11s and five dozen eggs from Achmore, Lochgavich, and Cleascro, per Mrs Neil Mackay, Achmore, collected by Christina Mackay, a patient.

Proposed Piers for Uig.—At a meeting of the Lewis District Committee held on Wednesday, 10th April, the report of the Congested Districts Board intimating that the Board consider that the cost of the proposed piers at Callernish, Misavag, and Bernera—the plans, &c., of which had been sent to the District Committee by the Parish Council of Uig—was far too high, as a very much smaller outlay would meet substantially the necessities of the case, and that they cannot entertain the proposed scheme in its present shape.

Soirée.—The B.W.T.A. (Stornoway Branch) have for nearly thirteen years made temperance teaching among the young a very special phase of work.

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Lewis District Committee.—The quarterly statutory meeting of the Lewis District Committee was held on Wednesday—Provost Anderson presiding—when the district Road Surveyor's annual report and estimates were submitted. The sum required for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, &c., within the district for the ensuing year is estimated at £1902 2s 9d.

SHADER.—Sabbath School Treat.—On Friday evening of last week the children attending the Sabbath Schools in connection with the U.F. Church at Shader and Shader had a treat in the Shader Schoolhouse. There was a large turn-out of children. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr Morrison, Barvas, and beside him on the platform were Mrs Morrison, Dr Ross, the pastor of the Sabbath School, and Mr Mackenzie, teacher, Public School. Miss Ross, Barve, who provided the treat, was present, and superintended the arrangements.

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STORNOWAY SCHOOL BOARD. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION. The ordinary monthly meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday. Dr Murray, chairman, presided, and there were also present, Rev. J. S. Hunter, Rev. W. Calder, Rev. J. S. McCallum, Provost Anderson, Captain Morrison, and Mr J. M. Morrison (manager).

ON CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION. On consideration of a letter from the Department of Medical Education, the Board fixed the fee at 2s 6d. On the motion of Provost Anderson, seconded by Rev. J. S. McCallum, they unanimously appointed Dr Mackenzie medical examiner.

LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION. A letter was read from the Department stating that they had ordered the payment of the special grant of £6400 for the completion of the Nicolson Institute as a centre for higher education and a centre for the training of junior students.

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"The meeting was held upon the 19th ult., and Dr Macdonald attended and answered various questions put to him with reference to the practice hitherto adopted by him in certifying children as physically unfit to attend school. The following facts were established as a result of the conference, and also of the replies sent in by the headmaster to the inquiries sent to them by the Board:—

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Notice is hereby given that, in terms of the Statute in that behalf made, a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Lewis District Commissioners, qualified as aforesaid, will be held on WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL, 1907, at 8.30 o'clock p.m., within the TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STORNOWAY.

For the purpose of Electing Three Commissioners to serve on the Stornoway Pier and Harbour Commission for the year from the first Tuesday in May, 1907, until the end of the first Monday in May, 1908.

All persons of lawful age, and not subject to any legal incapacity, who shall be certified to have paid to the Commissioners during the financial year ended on the 31st October last the sum of Five Pounds or upwards for Harbour Dues or Rates shall have a voice or vote. Mercantile or other firms and Trustees, Partners, and Curators may, by mandate, appoint one of their partners or number to vote on their behalf.

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At the adjourned meeting of the Convention of Royal and other Burghs held at Edinburgh on Wednesday, 3rd April, Provost J. N. Anderson, Commissioner for Stornoway, moved in the Convention...

resolution proposed by the Provost of Stornoway it will tend to convince the Government of the great necessity of adhering to the Mory Firth decision...

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. The above meeting of this Association was held on Thursday evening of last week in the Religious Institution, Rooms, 200 Buchanan Street...

Mr. Angus Macintosh, secretary, then read the annual report of the retiring directors. After conveying to the members the thanks of the directors for the support extended to them during their term of office...

Mr. Bruce, president, in his address, said that the Association had been given in relief—(cheers). Mr. Robert McKay, ex-treasurer, seconded, and also expressed great satisfaction at the very encouraging report given by Mr. Maclean.

Two life members and seventeen ordinary members were enrolled during the session. A considerable number who had fallen into arrears had been struck off by a special sub-committee. The number of applications for relief was said to be large, and the sum of £100 was voted for the purpose.

The directors' report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. George Macangus, seconded by Mr. J. D. Smith. The office-bearers for the ensuing session were then appointed as follows:—President, Mr. Alex. Bruce; vice-presidents, Major Gilbert Gunn, Mr. Donald Macleod, M.A., Mr. Donald Macleod, H.M.I.S.; Mr. J. D. Smith, Mr. Wm. Sutherland; treasurer, Inspector John Maclean; secretary, Mr. Angus Macintosh; assistant secretary, Mr. George Macangus; directors, Messrs. John Murray, Donald Macleod, D. P. Macleod, Alex. Gunn, John Sim, Jas. Alexander, John M. Macleod, George Macintosh, George M. Matheson, Alex. M. Bannerman, Wm. Gordon, Donald Bannerman, trustees, Messrs. Donald Macleod, D. P. Macleod, John Macleod; relief committee, Messrs. Alex. Bruce, John Simpson, Angus Macintosh, John Maclean; auditors, Messrs. John Simpson and Murdo Macleod.

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REV. MURDO MACKENZIE, MODERATOR-ELECT OF THE FREE CHURCH ASSEMBLY.

ON THE ART OF PREACHING.

We have been asked to give a more extended publicity to the following interview between a representative of the Press and the Rev. Murdo Mackenzie on the art of preaching, and we gladly throw our columns open for its reception.

"I wonder if you would be good enough, Mr. Mackenzie, to give the readers of my paper your opinions on the art of preaching, having particular regard to the kind required in the Highlands?"

"For a moment a smile suffused Mr. Mackenzie's calm and thoughtful countenance as he modestly replied, 'Oh! I'm not an authority on that subject.'"

"Next I think that the connection between the preceding and succeeding context. Then, after dividing my text, I compose my sermon on the different heads, and conclude with a practical application, an appeal to the consciences of men to receive the truth and lay hold of the Saviour. In the choosing of the text and the composition of the discourse, I may add, I believe in the efficacy of praying to the Lord for guidance, so that I may be enabled to preach only what I think will be beneficial to my people."

"You apparently prefer the written sermon to extemporaneous speaking, Mr. Mackenzie?" "Ah! though it is my invariable practice to write out my sermons, I never make use of the paper in the pulpit, nor do I read from it. If you deliver without the paper, why, may I inquire, do you go to the trouble of writing out your discourse?"

"But does not the Apostle Paul ask somewhere, 'If an unbeliever should appear in your churches, what appeal have you to make to his mind?'"

"I do not profess to be a literary man myself. I think when I convey my meaning in ordinary language that is all that is required. What makes the sermon effective, I hold, is the working of the spirit of God."

otherwise would be numbered in the ranks of the non-churchgoing population. "So they say. Mind you, I am not to set myself as a judge over other men; they do as they think best. What I know is, however they are induced, by means of instrumental music, and so far they have not succeeded in drawing the lapsed masses into the church. The lapsed masses are there and are increasing, notwithstanding the organ. There have been made in public worship."

"Do you think the people of the Highlands deplore this tendency to alter the service?" "The typical Highlander is a man that adheres to what he believes to be in accordance with the Word of God, and I do not think he desires any change."

"In answer to other interrogations, Mr. Mackenzie gave it as his opinion that the people who live in the Highlands are the people who love the Gospel. So far religion has got a hold in the Highlands."

"The preacher that is to be a success is the man who is divinely inspired by the Spirit of God. He must himself feel the power of the truth which he preaches to others."

FISHERMEN'S MEETING AT STORNOWAY.

On Thursday evening a meeting of fishermen and Royal Naval Reservemen was held in the Masonic Hall, Stornoway. Mr. Donald Macleod, Shaver, presided. The Chairman, in course of a lengthy speech, gave a report with regard to his recent visit to London, where he had interviews with several members of the Government on behalf of the Lewis fishermen, who were Royal Naval Reservemen or militia men.

(1) Moved by Alex. Macdonald, Coll, and seconded by Norman Macdonald, Portree, that the recommendations of the Wapule Royal Commission for a harbour in the Broad Bay for the preservation of life and property, and the development of the fisheries."

(2) Moved by Alexander Maciver, Shaver, and seconded by Lewis Macleod, Rhanish:—"That we most cordially and unanimously petition His Majesty's Government to carry out the recommendations of the Wapule Royal Commission for a harbour in the Broad Bay for the preservation of life and property, and the development of the fisheries."

(3) Moved by George Macleod, Aignish, and seconded by John Macleod, Carloway:—"That we again desire to impress on His Majesty's Government the supreme importance of our unanimous petition for the clearing of the Loch of the Wapule, and the extension of the limit all over the north and west of Scotland to thirteen miles."

VISIT OF SIR HENRY CRAIK.

INFORMATIVE SPEECH.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Scottish Association of Secondary Teachers was held on Saturday in the Town Hall. There was a fair attendance of the members and of the general public. At the outset the chair was occupied by Provost Ross, before whom on the platform were Sir Henry Craik, K.C.B., M.P.; Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Kingussie; Rev. Wm. Todd, Rev. D. Connell, Rev. Gavin Lang, ex-Provost Maclean, Rev. Wallace Brown, Alness; Mr. F. Macdonald, rector, Dingwall Academy; Bailie Alex. Frazer, Mr. H. V. MacCallum, solicitor, and others.

Provost Ross, who wore his robe and chain of office, said he thanked the Association for inviting him to be present. He was there to express the appreciation of his fellow-citizens as well as his own of their having arranged that important meeting in Inverness, and had further honoured the town by inviting to the meeting that prince of educationists, Sir Henry Craik—(cheers). He desired to welcome to Inverness those whose sphere in life was situated at a distance remote from their ancient burgh, and such interests and attractions as the town possessed were at their disposal during their stay—(applause).

Specialty as representing that community he warmly welcomed Sir Henry Craik to that hall, where three years ago the Scottish Teachers' Convention held its annual Congress. That event was to him the most interesting in all his municipal career, pre-eminently so, in that it was with rare power and felicity by Mr. Wallace, who within the past day or two had stepped aside from the strenuous educational position which he had so long and so worthily discharged, with his honourable and untiring spirit, resting upon his sword and watching with undimmed eye and unflagging interest his younger comrades as they wrestled in the thick of the fight.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Association to Sir Henry Craik for his presence. He spoke of the feeling of deep sorrow which filled them all at the death of Dr. Macleod, one of their first members, and who was expected to take part in them that day. Dr. Macleod was a man whom to know was to love, and his death had cast a deep gloom over the whole district. He had great pleasure in asking Sir Henry Craik to address the meeting.

Mr. Craik, who was very cordially received, expressed the gratification and interest it gave him to take part in that meeting of members of the teaching profession. He was pleased that his name had not been forgotten by them. He spoke of the address and the shock which they all experienced by the death of Dr. Alexander Macleod, whose name was one of which they had all reason to be proud. He had done so for many years, and he was glad to enjoy the well deserved pension which His Majesty had been pleased to grant him from the Civil List.

(4) Moved by Alexander Macleod, Aignish, and seconded by John Macleod, Carloway:—"That we again desire to impress on His Majesty's Government the supreme importance of our unanimous petition for the clearing of the Loch of the Wapule, and the extension of the limit all over the north and west of Scotland to thirteen miles."

(5) Moved by Kenneth Maclean, Stornoway, and seconded by Murdo Macleod, Shaver:—"That we approve of the scheme of old age pensions for the toilers in their later years, which has been proposed by the Liberal Government now in office, and do most earnestly call upon our friends and supporters to rally round the Prime Minister and support him in carrying this welcome act of justice through its various stages in the House of Commons, which we reckon as second in importance only to the land question."

(6) Moved by Alex. Macleod, Coll, and seconded by M. Macmillan, Shaver:—"That we approve of the usual close time for the West Coast from 10th April to 10th May; that we hope the Mory Firth fishermen will accept a trifle to violate the same."

DINGWALL NEWS.

Burgh Roads.—Mr Skinner, road contractor, has again secured the road contract for the burgh.

Appointment of Auditor.—Mr R. F. Cameron, C.A., Inverness, has been appointed auditor of the burgh accounts.

Football Match.—The Swifts and Ewanton Football Clubs met in the Jubilee Park on Saturday last, when a keen and exciting game ended in a draw of three goals each.

Mulbrie.—Gift of Books.—Mr James Coats, jun., Paisley, with his customary generosity, has presented to Mulbrie Public School a splendid selection of books for the use of the senior pupils. Needless to say, the gift has been greatly appreciated by all connected with the school.

Wester Ross Farmers' Club.—Sir Kenneth Mackenzie (late president), and Mr A. M. Mackenzie, Braemar (president), have been appointed delegates from the above to the forthcoming agricultural conference in Edinburgh on the 24th inst. under the auspices of the Scottish Chamber of Commerce.

U.F. Presbytery.—At a meeting of above on Wednesday, the Clerk stated that he held in his hand a call from the congregation of Bruan, Cathness, to a member of that Presbytery—Rev. Mr Cameron, Contin. He then read the minute of Presbytery held in Wick, which showed that the call was largely signed, and also that deputies were appointed to appear before the Dingwall Presbytery. Rev. Mr Cameron said he had nothing to say at that stage. The Presbytery was then adjourned, and the deputies in connection with the call.

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