

MANCHESTER ELECTION.

The result of the Manchester election was declared on Thursday evening as follows: Sir John Randles (C.) - 5373 Mr Gordon Hewart (L.) - 4371 Conservative majority - 1202

PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.

1906. W. S. Churchill (L.) - 5639 W. Joyson-Hicks (C.) - 4298 Liberal majority - 1241

SKYE NEWS.

PORTREE-Abnormal Rainfall.-On Sun day evening rain set in and continued at intervals till next morning, when the rain gauge indicated a fall of 1 1/2 inches.

PORTREE A POLICE BURG.

THE HEARING OF EVIDENCE. Sheriff Mackenzie heard further evidence on Friday and Saturday. There was a large attendance of the public on both days.

PRESENTATION TO REV. DR SINTON, DORES.

GOLD WATCH AND CHEQUE. On his return from Argyllshire, where he had been officiating during July, Rev. Dr. Sinton received tangible congratulations from his congregation and other friends on the honour recently conferred upon him by the University of St. Andrews.

SUTHERLAND FACTOR HONOURED ON HIS RETIREMENT.

In the Sutherland Arms Hotel, Golspie, on Friday a large and representative company met to do honour to Mr. D. Maclean, factor for the Duke of Sutherland, and on the occasion of his retirement and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the county.

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GREAT GLEN NEWS.

GLENMORISTON - Children's Annual Treat.-This treat, which is now given annually by Mrs. Grant, took place on Saturday in fine weather.

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TO VISIT WESTERN ISLES. Mr Mackinnon Wood, the Secretary for Scotland, leaves this week-end for Spey Bay, where he will spend a fortnight.

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The Highland News.

INVERNESS, Saturday, August 10, 1912.

THE MANCHESTER SET-BACK.

The Tories have won N.-W. Manchester by an unexpectedly large majority, and naturally they are throwing their caps in the air and making a bit of a fuss. Things have not been going at all well with them for some time, and so this isolated victory is specially welcome to a party which has tasted defeat so often. To Liberals there is nothing in the result likely to prove very disconcerting. N.-W. Manchester is recognised as a Tory seat. Only under very special circumstances has it returned a supporter of a Liberal Government. In all likelihood it would have remained true to its traditional Toryism but for the sudden re-awakening of Protection. The "raging and tearing" propaganda got on the nerves of the Manchester people, for despite its Toryism Manchester believes in Free Trade. Manchester was made by Free Trade; it lives by Free Trade, and the death of Free Trade means the doom of the cotton city. And so the Free Trade Unionists are strong in Manchester. To the business men there Free Trade means prosperity, and we can understand how they are ready to put their personal interests before party. Most people do that. When Free Trade is the issue, then, the Manchester men vote Free Trade; when it is not the issue they vote Tory. It was not the issue in this case, the Tory candidate took good care of that. He was at great pains to give Tariffism a back seat--very far back. He said it was not the question before the country, and Manchester took him at his word.

FREE TRADE NOT THE ISSUE.

And it must be confessed he was right. Despite the efforts of the Liberal candidate to give it prominence Free Trade, important though it is, is not to-day the paramount issue. Specially so does that hold at a by-election, and well the Manchester people know it. There have been three General Elections since the Tories adopted Protection, and in each of these N.-W. Manchester voted Free Trade. There have been two by-elections, and at both the Tory was returned. But Liberalism as such was never victorious. It was Free Trade alone that carried the day. In 1906, the great test year on the Fiscal issue, Mr. Winston Churchill, who had hardly then shed his Tory garments, won the seat. At the by-election in 1908, when he had joined the Government, he got thrown out. The two 1910 elections saw Sir George Kemp, a Free Trade Unionist, in the field, and although he pledged himself to support a Free Trade Government, he certainly could not be

called a Liberal. N.-W. Manchester is, therefore, a peculiar constituency. It is certainly not in any way typical. It is not true, as Mr. Bonar Law would have us believe, that "what Manchester says to-day England will say on the first opportunity." Were the fate of Free Trade really at stake Manchester would in all likelihood swing round again. The instinct for self-preservation would accomplish that, and prove as effective in the future as in the past.

A SILK HAT CONSTITUENCY.

Beyond the fact that N.-W. Manchester is a great Free Trade centre--it has been called "the citadel of Free Trade"--it is by no means promising ground for Liberalism. Out of 12,000 voters, no fewer than 6000 belong to the plural voting class. It includes the centre of Manchester, most of the business premises, the Royal Exchange, and other marts of commerce. It is largely a silk hat constituency. But there is a working class population, too, and the vilest slums in the city. When the "One-man-one-vote" Bill is passed the bulk of the 6000 pluralists will pass also, for they are more likely to adopt a residential than a business qualification. In that case N.-W. Manchester will no longer be a silk hat but a working class constituency, and there Liberalism may, with some confidence, make its appeal. But the appeal of Mr. Gordon Hewart, the unsuccessful candidate, would in all probability fall on deaf ears even then. Liberalism cannot live on the defence of Free Trade alone. It will fail unless it proffers a message of hope and a constructive policy of social reform. "Never mind about Free Trade," said a working man at one of Mr. Hewart's meetings, "tell us about the industrial unrest and the Insurance Act."

PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

It is futile to point out, as Mr. Hewart persisted in doing, that under Free Trade the wealth of the country is expanding at an enormous rate, that we are progressing steadily, and that under Protection the industrial unrest would become more serious still. It is nothing to the worker to know the country is growing rich, when the riches are concentrated in the hands of the few. It only exasperates him. What he wants to bring about is a better distribution of wealth. Free Trade will not help him there. We have had Free Trade for half-a-century, and while the rich have grown richer, the struggle against poverty is as keen as ever among the masses of the people. There is no use pretending that ideal conditions exist in this country for the worker. The emigration figures tell a different tale. They tell us that so many of the British people there seem to be better off than at home, and fairer prospects elsewhere. Not that, if the truth were known, the prospects over-seas are so very rosy. We read of the lure of the colonies, but it is only in contrast with the hard and inhuman conditions at home that life in the lonely backwoods of Canada can possibly be attractive to any man.

THE OLD COUNTRY.

People speak of Britain as the old country. They regard it if not in its decline at least as getting outworn and stale. The best prospects they tell us are in the new countries. In Britain there is no future for the working man. We cannot absorb our surplus population but must ship off the best of our youth to win in still unsettled lands the livelihood denied them at home. Is this, then, the fruit of our boasted civilisation? Our country is highly developed in the industrial sense. We are rich in natural resources, unequalled as regards geographical situation; we have a large population physically and intellectually strong; we are the heirs of past generations, of generations industrially supreme; we possess the advantages of specialisation, of division of labour, of a long-established ascendancy in the arts and crafts; we have had at our command for years the latest discoveries in science; labour saving devices innumerable exist to relieve bodily toil; we are the wealthiest nation on the face of the earth; our surplus capital is freely lent to fertilise industry in backward lands; and yet, despite all these evidences, as it might appear, of peace and plenty, our sons, the creators of our wealth, are in revolt, for the British workman cannot obtain in return for a day's work the reward he could win for himself in the rudest state of society where the blessings of civilisation are unknown. He cannot support himself and his family in food and raiment and shelter. In search of this he is leaving the old and settled country for new untamed lands.

THE UTILITY OF MARKING TIME.

This is a disgraceful state of things. To some the wilder life of the new countries will always appeal, but to most the older, developed, wealthy countries should hold out stronger inducements. Were our social laws but equitable it ought to be easier to raise a family in Britain than in the bush, the reward of labour should be ampler and the return more easily earned. Mr. Hewart did not tell the Manchester people how to set up equitable conditions. He dilated on the virtues of Free Trade to the silk hat voters, whose opinions were already formed. His views of social reform did not appeal. The Insurance Act, at present in its least popular stage, caused more irritation than anything else. Manchester has been bred politically on the Cobdenite doctrine of freedom. Individualism is the essence of the Manchester School. There, if anywhere, the people will not tolerate State interference with business. Manchester wants less, not more socialistic legislation. Had Mr. Hewart taken up Cobden's marching orders to the British democracy--had he said that the next task, having freed trade was to free the land, having secured freedom of exchange we ought now to secure freedom of production--he would probably have fared better. What a contrast to Hanley, where Mr. Outhwaite had a definite message of hope, and a practical policy of reform that made an irresistible appeal! The lesson of Manchester is this, that Liberalism cannot hope to capture a Tory seat, cannot hope even to retain a Free Trade seat, simply by marking time on Free Trade. Liberalism on the defensive is out of place. We must go ever forward, for there are limitless fields to conquer.

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LESSEE OF KINRARA.—Lord Aberdare has taken Kinrara, which has an extent of 16,000 acres.

LUNACY BOARD.—At a meeting of the Lunacy Board yesterday it was agreed to reduce the maintenance rate for pauper patients by 10s.

THE LATE LORD ALEXANDER KENNEDY'S ESTATE.—Lord Alexander Kennedy, formerly Lieutenant-Colonel the Black Watch Militia, left an unblemished personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £267.

MR. CRABBE ON TOUR.—Mr J. E. Crabbe, advocate, the prospective candidate in the Unionist interest for Moray and Nairn, has visited Dallas, Plescardine, Altyre, Raiford, Urquhart, Glencaith, Lhanbryde, Duffes and New Spynie.

POLITICAL ADVISER TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT.—Dr George Ernest Morrison, Peking correspondent to the "Times," has been appointed Political Adviser to the Chinese Government. The new Adviser is a nephew of Dr Thomas Morrison, one time rector of the Inverness High School.

RAISED TO THE PEERAGE.—The Master of Elibank has recently resigned the office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, and his seat in the House of Commons as the member for Midlothian. He has been created a Baron of the United Kingdom. Mr Percy Hingworth succeeded him as Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury.

GOLF COMPETITION.—The monthly competition was held at Auchanachan, Lord Gifford, following were the winning scores:—1st class—M. Christie 78, less 6, 72; 2nd class—J. K. Ross 79, less 11, 68. Other scores—Geo. Mittle 101, 71; E. J. Cameron (12), 76; C. Birnie (9), 78; J. Hardie (9), 73; A. Grant (18), 73; J. B. Eagar (12), 73.

SIR ROBERT'S AMONG THEM.—The deacons from London for Scotland on Thursday included:—The Duchess of Marlborough for Inverness; the Marchioness of Tullibardine for Blair; Lord Wolverton for Fort-William; Lady Cowdray for Duncaith; Lord Digby for the Munie; Lord Gifford and Lady Dorothy Clough for Rogart; the Hon. Sir Alan Johnston for Oban; Lady Langatck for Oban; Sir Robert Finlay, K.C., M.P., for Newton, Nairn; and Sir Foster Cunliffe for Oban.

INVERNESS ROYAL ACADEMY.—JUNIOR STUDENTS.—The following junior students have gained the Music Honours:—Grant, James Mackenzie, Elizabeth Ann Grant, Marion M. Cruickshank, Jane Taylor Jack, Catherine Maclean, Christina Macdonald, Janet M. Macdonald, Margaret Mackay, Jessie Mackenzie, Catherine F. Mackintosh, Margaret Macdonald, Margaret Macpherson, Frances F. M. Matheson, Helen J. Murray, Mary Isabel Robertson.

BEAUTY.—The B.W.T.A. held the show at the Aird and Strathglass show at Beaufort on Thursday, 8th August, the luncheon and tea was of a high standard, and the B.W.T.A. That it was fully taken advantage of was clearly evident, the large staff of ladies not having an idle moment from start to finish. To Mrs Macdonald, convenor, and her committee (with Miss Peterson, Hon. Secretary, great credit is due for the admirable way in which everything was carried out.

THE ISLANDS' SEASON.—Owing to the unfavourable weather yesterday the second fete of the season was postponed until Monday. There was no performance of the band in the Islands, but a good programme was submitted by the Music Honours. There was a crowded attendance. The band has improved under the leadership of Mr A. de Blone, whose solo work is greatly appreciated. We must hope for an improvement in the weather, and if it keeps fine there should be a big attendance at the Islands on Monday. Numerous attractions are advertised.

DEATH OF AN EXCELLENT SERVANT.—Catherine Fraser, who died some time ago, suddenly, was a daughter of "Big Duncan in the Haugh," as he was familiarly known to his friends, and he held house property there. Catherine had to turn out early to domestic service, there being no addition to the family in those days, but each of the family as he or she grew up required to go to "service," and not wait and wait for "rental" work which seldom or never came.

From Catherine Fraser's long experience, and her most excellent character as a servant, and several well-to-do families in and around Inverness knew her good qualities. She was a tall, handsome and intelligent woman. She had a soldier brother who was in action at the capture of the Peiho forts during a political squabble with China, and who was a physique was not surpassed by any soldier in the British army. Miss Fraser died at Invernauld House, Sutherland, and her remains were laid to rest in the family burying-ground at Dores, and beside the neat monument the deceased lived some years ago to the memory of her beloved parents. There were two very beautiful wreaths—one from the servants at Invernauld House and the other from Colonel Macdonald and Miss Macdonald. Prayer was said at the grave by Rev. Mr Fraser, late city missionary, Edinburgh.

EXCURSIONS TO THE FAR NORTH.—The excursion train run by the Highland Railway Company from Inverness and principal intermediate stations to Wick on Thursday last having been so successful, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, they are to repeat the arrangement on Monday, 19th August, and give a direct service to Thurso as well as Wick. As the demand for visiting John o' Groats was more than the numerous motor cars provided could accommodate on last occasion a cheap rate is being given for bicycles to both Thurso and Wick, so that the motor care for cycling can take their machines along with them at a moderate outlay. The road from either of the towns is good, and the distance can be comfortably covered in a really fine day, as can be verified by making the journey out from Wick and back to Thurso, or vice versa. The tickets can be extended until the following day on payment of half-fare additional. The Company are extending their enterprise in catering for a really fine day of motor cars.

THE NORTHERN INFIRMARY LADIES' ASSOCIATION.—The first annual meeting of the Northern Infirmary Ladies' Association was held on Thursday afternoon, over which the Bishop of Moray presided. Miss Mercer, Woodfield, submitted a very favourable report of the work accomplished by the various branches that had been started, the net result of which was that they had been able to hand over all the linen required by the Infirmary in the amount of a really fine day of motor cars. Mackintosh, Raigmore, urged the utility of forming a foreign branch. Many Highlanders had gone to foreign lands and had made fortunes, and she thought it fitting that those gentlemen should remember their Northern Infirmary. The following officers were elected:—President, Miss Mackintosh of Raigmore; vice-president, Miss K. Inglis, Culcaeth; secretary, Miss Mercer; committee:—Mrs. Damin of Mairtown, Mrs. Birnie, both Thurso; Mrs. George Macdonald, Mrs. Cameron, Dunain; Miss Shaw, Threap; Mrs. Barron, Ravergil; Mrs. Middleton, Dinally; Miss Lang, Mayfield; Miss Philin, patron, Northern Infirmary; Mrs. Murrison, Southside Road; Miss Charles Macdonald, Korrindale. A. D. Ross, on behalf of the directors, conveyed special thanks to the ladies for the valuable services they had rendered to the Infirmary.

HIGH COURT AT INVERNESS. TWO DAYS SITTING. THE BENBECULA TRAGEDY. FIFTEEN YEARS FOR CULPABLE HOMICIDE.

After a very exhaustive trial John MacIsaac, farm labourer, was at Inverness yesterday found guilty of culpable homicide and sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude in connection with the death of Ann Macqueen, an old unmarried woman, residing in the Island of Benbecula. The hearing, which opened on Thursday, occupied two days, over 50 witnesses being examined.

THURSDAY'S EVIDENCE. Lord Dewar presided. Mr David Anderson, advocate depute, conducted the prosecution. Mr Mackay, advocate, Edinburgh, appeared for the defence, instructed by Mr E. J. Brand, solicitor, Inverness. The Clerk of Court was Mr Slight.

CASE FOR THE CROWN. The first witness called for the Crown was Mary Ann Mackintosh (19), who gave her evidence in Gaelic. She lived with her parents at Strone. She knew the deceased Ann Macqueen. Did she live in a house about 30 yards from the house that your father occupies?—Yes. Did she live in the house by herself?—Yes, for a while. You were in the habit of going to her house in the mornings to make a cup of tea for her?—Yes. Did she suffer from a cough and asthma for some time?—Yes. You were in the house on Tuesday, 21st May?—I was. She was there about four o'clock in the afternoon. At that time the deceased quite well and her house in order?—Yes. According to your usual custom did you go to the deceased's house on Wednesday morning, 22nd May?—Yes. As a rule, when you went into the house, did you find the door closed from the inside?—Yes. How was the door fastened in the inside?—There were two "snecks." Are these the two "snecks"?—It's like them," said the witness amid laughter. How was the door fastened from the outside?—There was a staple. When you went into the house, did you find the door?—It was closed and locked. Will you tell us what you saw when you went into the house?—I saw her on the floor, and saw that her house was in disorder. Where was the deceased lying?—Between the two beds. How did you see her?—When I saw her lying on the floor?—I called out "Ann." Did she answer you?—When I was turning to go away I heard her say—"Blood! blood!" Did you see anything over her?—I saw a plaid over her. Witness then told how she ran out and got some neighbours to go to the house of the deceased, remarking that they returned and all went to the house. Did you see anything else on the floor?—I saw buckets, a bath and a kettle. There were also some herrings scattered about the floor. Did you see any blood on the floor?—I saw her face covered with blood. Did you know the accused?—Yes. Do you see him in Court to-day?—Yes. Have you seen him go into the house of the deceased?—I did not see him go in that night. Do you know that he sometimes went to the deceased's house?—He was going there sometimes.

Lord Dewar.—I suppose everybody knows everybody else in the island? Witness said they were in the habit of visiting one another in the island. Accused was known by the cognomen of John MacSoral. Cross-examined.—She met the accused about the morning of 21st May. Do you know if he ever stayed overnight in that house?—I am not aware of it. Has he ever stayed overnight at your father's house?—He did. Another neighbour, Annabella Mackintosh, mother of the last witness, accused the deceased. Witness called at the house on 21st May. Her daughter told her that Ann Macqueen was lying on the floor. Several neighbours came along and went to the house of the deceased where they found her lying on the floor. Witness asked deceased if she was living, and the reply was—"I am just alive." Witness asked her if anybody had been in the house, and the deceased replied that she knew the deceased. Witness asked her if she knew the man?—I did not. Was she moaning with pain?—Yes. Witness saw that a bit of the door was broken; it was a piece at the top of the door. Witness also noticed a pipe in the room. Witness saw the bed occupied by the deceased. Witness saw a pipe in the hand of a woman. She did not know who the woman was.

Cross-examined.—Was the deceased a very old woman?—She was not a very old woman. She sometimes complained of being ill?—She used to complain of a pain in the chest. She knew nothing about the relations of the deceased and the accused. She said she accused her seldom to have a child there. Do you think the accused acted unlike other men in his behaviour?—Oh, I don't know. Do you know that sometimes when he had drunk he was wild?—He used to be (laughter). In that condition did he not relate to you?—I don't know. I had no great acquaintance with him when he was under the influence of drink (laughter).

Roderick Mackintosh, who visited the house of the deceased along with the other neighbours, said that he saw nothing but blood. Deceased said that a man was in the house early in the day. Accused was known in the island as MacSoral, which meant Samuel's son or Somerled. Witness saw the accused on 21st May about a quarter of a mile from the deceased's house. The time would be shortly after two o'clock. Accused spoke to witness. Accused was smoking a pipe. (Shown pipe)—Is that the pipe?—I will not swear that is the pipe.

Cross-examined.—Is that not a common kind of pipe in Benbecula?—Witness.—There are many sorts of pipes in Benbecula. I have seen pipes and lids similar to that in Benbecula. Did you know that the accused had been in the asylum for some time?—Yes, I heard that. He was there. Did you ever see him behave different from other men?—When people take drink they are sometimes peculiar; otherwise they are in their sober senses.

Lord Dewar.—You do not require to go to Benbecula to get that (loud laughter). By the Court.—Witness did not know why the accused had been in an asylum. Witness's mother asked the deceased if anybody had come in to inflict injuries, and she said that a man had come in early in the morning. By Lord Dewar.—I cannot say if the deceased was quite collected in her mind. Mary Macpherson (46), Lincliate, who accompanied the other women to the house of the accused, said Ann Macqueen was able to moan. Witness asked deceased what was wrong with her? Deceased lifted her hand and said "the blood." A nurse was then sent for. Deceased told her how she had come by her injuries. She said it was MacSoral "that left her face like that" and that his pipe was in the bed. Mrs Macqueen and Mrs Ferguson were present when deceased said that. This was on the Thursday. Witness continued to look after the deceased. She was muttering from time to time. Witness could not recognise the mutterings as the deceased was audibly. Did you recognise the name?—Yes; MacSoral. Did it appear to you during the Wednesday that her mind was clear?

Lord Dewar.—I don't think we can have that. She had no mind at that time. Was she speaking to you?—It was to me (the witness) she was speaking.

Cross-examined.—She could not say whether the deceased was wandering in her mind or not. She was muttering a good deal to herself on the Wednesday. Was she muttering to herself on the Wednesday?—Yes, she was. What was she muttering to herself?—That it was MacSoral that did this to her?—She was. Do you know that he is sometimes a wild man?—I don't know. When the deceased was muttering were you not referring to MacSoral?—I was not. What was she muttering to herself?—No. Did you make the suggestion to the deceased that it was MacSoral who assaulted her?—I did not. I heard that he had been behaving in a wild manner the night before. I had heard that he had broken two windows. Did you hear that he had been behaving like a madman?—I did. Did you hear a rumour that he was going about creating terror?—I did. It was quite possible, added witness, that the deceased heard these things when the women were talking in the house.

Nurse Glasgow, who attended the deceased, described the extent of her injuries, stating that she had a cut over the left eye, her forehead was covered with blood, and there were two marks on her nose. Witness thought that the theory that the deceased came by her injuries as the result of a fall as a strange one. Mrs Ferguson (56) said that the deceased had been in the house of the deceased on the day that she and Catherine Macqueen had been missing. Cross-examined.—Witness denied that she and Catherine Macqueen had been missing the accused in presence of the deceased. In the witness box Catherine Macqueen said that on the Thursday the deceased said something about getting the bed mended with nails. Deceased also said—"It was that each dhu (i.e., dirty cat) MacSoral who did this to me." That was the last she saw of her on the 21st May.

Catherine Buchanan, Lincliate, stated that she asked the deceased how she had come by her injuries, and she said that MacSoral came in last night, and it was he who had done this to me. In the course of his evidence John Archibald Macdonald (38), crofter, also gave evidence as to visiting the house of the deceased and speaking to her. In the course of his evidence John Archibald Macdonald (38), crofter, also gave evidence as to visiting the house of the deceased and speaking to her. In the course of his evidence John Archibald Macdonald (38), crofter, also gave evidence as to visiting the house of the deceased and speaking to her.

Donald Macleod, barman, spoke as to having sold a bottle of whisky to the accused on 20th May. Donald Mackintosh (26), tailor, residing at Auchanachan, said that on 21st May he was called at his house at 11 p.m. Accused was going to Uachder to confess to having a child. Accused asked witness to accompany him and he did. This was the house in which the mother of the child resided. Accused had a pipe with him. Is that the pipe?—It is the very thing.

Neil Mackintosh deposed that on 21st May the accused came to his house. They had tea together. Questioned as to the disposition of the accused, witness said accused walked smarter than other people (laughter). Evidence was also given by Angus Macpherson (46), James Macpherson, Donald Macdonald and Donald Macleod. Margaret Macnech, Lincliate, said that early in the morning of 22nd May, while she was in the house, she saw a man walking past her peat stack. Witness could not tell the Court what like the man was. He wore a grey cap something like the cap now produced. Janet Wilson (74), Strone, told the advocate that she was covering the peat stack to the house which was occupied by the deceased. Between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning of 21st May witness was awakened by the noise of wood being broken. The sound continued for about a quarter of an hour.

Michael Macaulay, Torlum, Benbecula, spoke as to hearing a noise on 22nd May. Witness thought the hour would be about four in the morning. Witness saw the door being opened, but the man did not enter. Witness asked—"What are you doing nowling about my house at this hour of the morning?" Witness saw the accused stretched on a chair with his cap over his face. Accused had a small scratch on his face, but witness did not ask him how he (accused) came by it.

Further evidence as to the walking-stick was given by James Macpherson, a farm servant. An old man named Alex. Mackintosh said that the accused exchanged his pipe with him. After a good deal of cross-examination witness told Mr Mackay that the pipe now produced belonged to him at the house of the deceased. Michael Grimsh, Benbecula, described the wounds he saw on the deceased on the occasion of a visit to her house. Her face was a mass of bruises. She told witness that she faint and that her nose had been broken. She said that the man had not interfered with her.

By Lord Dewar.—She said that she got the injuries independent of any person. What person?—I don't know. I don't know. I doubted that she was telling me the whole of it. She was unwilling to tell me about it. I thought perhaps she was trying to keep something back. My impression was that the bruises were done by blows of a fist. Pieces of wood connected with the bed were broken and also at the door. I found a slight stain of blood on a small tub. When charged accused said that he had got nothing to do with it. He had got a pipe in his hand in another man's house. Witness took possession of several hairs he found on articles of clothing, and these were placed in bottles (produced in court). Witness accompanied a Justice of the Peace to the house of Ann Macqueen for the purpose of taking a statement from her in view of probable death. Witness told the deceased how important it was that the answers to the questions should be accurate, and she answered them. Cross-examined.—Witness said that when accused took drink he was not nice (laughter).

The Court adjourned at 6.45 p.m. YESTERDAY'S EVIDENCE. When the Court resumed at ten o'clock yesterday morning. His Lordship, commenting upon an observation made by one of the jurors at the close of Thursday's sitting as to hotel accommodation, said that he (His Lordship) had now made inquiries and found that the hotel accommodation had been excellent in every respect (applause). Neil Maclean, farmer, Benbecula, was called by the Crown. He was informed that on 22nd May he was informed that he was to take steps to take a statement from the deceased. He went there along with Constable Tait. What condition was she in?—In a very critical condition. She seemed to be greatly excited, and I could only retain her attention for a few minutes at a time. Was the purpose of your visit explained to her?—Yes. By you or by the constable?—By myself; perhaps by both of us. You did not put the case to her that prisoner was in your reason?—She seemed greatly pained. As I have already said, I could not retain her attention for any length of time. Did you form any opinion as to how she came by the injuries?—She said they were an accident. He was not in a very curious answer. You did not think she was in a condition to be put on oath?—No. Had she difficulty in speaking on account of her injuries?—I do not think she would have any difficulty. I took down her statement. Lord Dewar.—Did she understand that you were there in the interests of justice, and that you were sent to find out how she came by her injuries?—At the time I was doubtful if she understood, but she led me to understand that she did.

At this stage the Advocate Depute read the dying deposition of the deceased, which stated that a man came into her house. The man said nothing, but looked at her and then went off. He must have been a crofter. The man must have been in some cursed place. She did not think it was MacIsaac, for he would be nice to her; there were many worse than him.

By the Advocate Depute.—Did you form any opinion as to how she came by her injuries?—I certainly thought she was not telling me all she knew. I don't think she had a grip of her mind and that she was hiding things. I had great difficulty in getting her answers. I was of the impression that she was keeping something else back. Cross-examined.—Is it not a custom in the Highlands for people to say that when misfortune came upon them to say "God has done this to me"?—Yes, but that is not the case in our part of the country than in other parts. What is the religious belief of the people of Benbecula—One-half Roman Catholic, a quarter United Free Church, and a quarter belonging to the Established Church. You may take it that the deceased was a communicant of the United Free Church of Scotland, and that if any misfortune visited her she would say "God has done this to me"?—She might.

The Advocate Depute.—Did you see any marks on the deceased's face?—Yes, she had a mark on her forehead and another on her cheek. Witness identified several articles. Did you see the accused in the police cells at Lochmaddy after the charge?—He was singing and whistling for a short time. Did he appear to be deeply concerned as to the charge brought against him?—No. Cross-examined.—At that time what was the charge against the accused?—Assault.

Constable Murdo Mackenzie, Clachan, said that on 23rd May, along with Constable Wm. Grant, he got the accused to take off the clothes he was then wearing. Witness took possession of these clothes. He was wearing a pair of trousers, a pair of shoes, and a pair of socks. Accused had a spoon on the right cheek. P.C. Wm. Grant, Lochmaddy, said he was in attendance upon the accused at Lochmaddy with the exception of four days. He had read and sleep and talk?—Yes, he had read and sleep and talk. Witness received certain productions, which he took to Professor Littlejohn, of the University of Edinburgh. On 14th July witness took another lot of articles to Dr Littlejohn.

Alistair Macdonald, Depute Fiscal, Lochmaddy, said that on 24th May, at Benbecula, he received from constable Tait articles, several of which were stained with blood. Cross-examined.—Did you see any marks on the accused's face?—Yes, she had a mark on her forehead and another on her cheek. Witness identified several articles. Did you see the accused in the police cells at Lochmaddy after the charge?—He was singing and whistling for a short time. Did he appear to be deeply concerned as to the charge brought against him?—No. Cross-examined.—At that time what was the charge against the accused?—Assault.

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TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Morning-h. m., Evening-h. m. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

GOLFING.—The Jackson monthly medal was won by Mr Angus Cameron with a net score of 81, and the ladies' medal by Miss Marie Maclean with a net score of 41.

ASSAULT.—William Macaskill, crofter, Aignish, was on Wednesday brought before Hon. Sheriff-Substitute Ross on a charge of having assaulted Donald Mackay, crofter, 6 Holm. He pled not guilty, but was convicted on evidence, and fined 10s or five days' imprisonment.

MOTOR CAR SERVICE TO NESS.—The mails for the Barvas and Ness districts were this week conveyed by the motor car recently purchased by Mr Murray, mail contractor, which was driven by Stornoway about 7 a.m., and arrives from Ness about 5.30 p.m. after a wait there of about 4 hours.

POLICE COURT.—On Monday Donald Macdonald, James Stewart and Alex. Stewart, fishers, of no fixed residence, were charged with a contravention of the Trespass (Scotland) Act, 1885, by camping on the common grazing attached to the township of Melbost. They pled guilty, but the two latter produced a medical certificate to show that they were unable to move, and the Sheriff, under the circumstances, let the three accused off with an admonition.

INTERESTING DECISION UNDER GREENS ACT.—In the Small Debt Court on Monday, Sheriff Squair intimated his decision in an action at the instance of John Maclean and others, members of the Grazings Committee of North Tolsta, against the late John Maclean and others for a sum of 2s 6d due by each of the defendants under Article 4 of the Regulations issued by the Crofters' Commission for the privilege of grazing their horses in the vicinity of the townships, whilst the other crofters had to put their horses and cattle to the other moor grazings. The Sheriff found six of the defendants liable in 2s 6d each, with expenses. The agent for the pursuers was Mr J. N. Anderson, and for the defenders Mr W. A. Ross.

LEWIS FISHERMAN DROWNED.—About 1 o'clock on Sunday morning a splash was heard, followed by a cry, in Balacava Harbour, Fraserburgh, near the pontoon dock. Several fishermen on board boat in the vicinity of the accident started the search, and found a man's tweed cap near the spot. No further evidence of an accident was discovered, but as the cook of a Fraserburgh steam drifter was reported missing it was feared that he had accidentally fallen into the dock and under the pier, which was harbour bottom. The harbour was dragged with a view to recovering the body. The Fraserburgh Harbour divers went down near the pontoon on Sunday afternoon to search for the body of the missing man, and succeeded in recovering it. The body was afterwards identified as that of John Macdonald (28), a fisherman belonging to 16 North Tolsta, Stornoway. Deceased was cook on board the steam drifter Cairnbulg (FR. 224). How he came by his death is unknown, but as the night was dark, it is conjectured that he had lost his footing and fallen in. The body arrived in Stornoway on Wednesday night.

SHOP ASSISTANTS' PICNIC.—On Monday 29th ult., the usual annual excursion holiday, the lady shop assistants and friends held another successful picnic. The party, numbering thirty, drove away in brakes at 9.30 a.m., and arrived at Kooze about noon. Unfortunately, however, the weather turned out very disagreeable, but Rev. Mr MacCallum, with his usual hospitality, saw to the making of the day of the company; thus the weather was no handicap. Refreshments were immediately served, after which indoor games were engaged in, and several of the company contributed Gaelic and English songs. In the afternoon the party went to lunch, and by this time the day had become more favourable, thus affording an opportunity to indulge in outdoor games. With an appetite thus sharpened the party adjourned to the dining-room of the manse, where a sumptuous dinner was served to which all did full justice. The evening was by this time very advanced, and preparations were made for the homeward journey. Before leaving, however, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. Mr MacCallum, his sister, and nieces for the kindness they ungrudgingly extended to the company. All enjoyed the outing very much indeed, and it may truly be said it was the most successful of the season.

HEBBING FISHING.—Although the results of the hebbing fishing on Monday and of last week were rather disappointing, some good shots were landed this week. On Friday 37 boats had about 300 crans, for which prices were 28s to 30s a cran. The Fraserburgh steam drifter, Wick, had 45 crans; the mail boat, Violet, 25; and the steam drifters Lily Reich, Buckie; Moy Hall, Inverness, and Bard, Banff, 20 crans each. On Saturday 38 boats had 155 crans, and prices were 27s to 30s a cran. The same boats were out on Sunday 25 crans, and the Wick steam drifter, Jane, 14. The week's catch was 1700 crans, making the season's total to date 33,000 crans. The current week opened with 55 crans from 24 boats. The weather on Friday was good, and prices ranged from 30s to 37s a cran. On Wednesday 24 boats had 135 crans, and prices were 28s to 40s a cran. Thursday's catch was 659 crans from 35 boats. Quality was generally good, and prices were from 28s to 35s a cran. The best shot was 60 crans by the Livelihood, Banff. The Lord Methuen, Stornoway, had 50; Bella Macgie, Stornoway; Masher, do.; and the Nis, Banff, 40 each; Oerrie, Stornoway, 35; Combe Star, Banff, 35; Reid's, do.; and Baylet Head, Stornoway, 30 each; and the Annie Smith, Stornoway, and D. L. Mackenzie, Stornoway, 25 each.

HIGHLANDERS AT ROSSBY.—The Gaelic Society had last Sunday Donald Ferguson, missionary, 119 George Street, Whiteinch, Glasgow. Mr Ferguson is an able preacher. There are over one hundred Highlanders working at the docks, and at the closing of the fishing on the East Coast their number will be increased. Last Sunday elders were appointed as follows:—Norman Charlison Macleod, Glenelg; John Macleod, Balalann, Stornoway; Archibald Cameron, Uig, Skye; Archibald Cameron, Ballachulish; Charles Maclean, Uig, Skye; and James Buchan, Fasdale. The society will have a meeting to-day (Saturday) in the shop of Mr John Macleod, the president of the society, Jamestown, at 3 p.m., to draw up petitions to be sent to the Prime Minister, the Secretary for Scotland, and the chief, Mr James Ian Macpherson, M.P., to get the Land Court sent to the Island of Lewis at earliest. Clause 27 of the Act deals with Lewis, and this Gaelic Society is mostly composed of Lewismen. They want two or three Lewismen to work the Act according to Lewis opinion. Lewismen, now is your time. Get Lewismen to take your part in the Land Court. Don't leave Lewismen to do your work. The Rev. Donald MacCallum, Lewis, is one of the best Liberals in the north and a man of principle, and who represented the Isle of Lewis before the Deer Forest Commission. He should be appointed to look after the people's interests with Mr Alexander Morrison, Stornoway, the president of the Crofters' and Cottars' Association, who has spent the best part of his life trying to get the people back to the land of their forefathers. Great interest will be taken in this meeting by the people of Jamestown. A report of the meeting will appear in the "Highland News" next week.

IMPORTS.—During the week the steamers Cragsman and Islaman arrived from Glasgow with coals for Mr Duncan Maciver. VISIT OF DESTROYERS.—The first division flotilla consisting of two cruisers and sixteen destroyers are expected to arrive at Stornoway on the 17th inst. PASSED.—We are pleased to learn that Mr William Maclean, son of the late Mr Donald Maclean, Newban, and Donald Macleod, son of Mr William Macleod, Sheehar, have passed the Board of Trade examination for second class engineers. Mr Maclean has put in his sea service on s.s. Banffshire, and Mr Macleod on s.s. Essex, of the Federal Shire Line.

LEWIS DISTRICT COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Lewis District Committee was held on Monday. Present—Ex-Provost Anderson (chairman); Messrs Kenneth Macdonald, Norman Stewart, W. A. Ross, M. Morrison, J. McL. Morrison and James Thomson. A letter was submitted from the officers commanding the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion Cameron Highlanders, Inverness, intimating that the correspondence and reports from the medical officers with the complaint from the District Committee as to the outbreak of measles had been submitted to Colonel George Mackintosh, C.B., officer commanding No. 1 District, Perth; that while greatly regretting that there has been an outbreak of measles in the Lewis, Colonel Mackintosh finds that every precaution was taken by the medical officers concerned in keeping back suspects and men suffering from the complaint, and in examining all the men for several days previous to disembarkment, that suspects and contacts to the number of 54 were isolated, that it was not possible to detain the whole battalion beyond the period of training, and to have done so would have been illegal, and that the whole matter has been most carefully inquired into. The committee agreed to allow the matter drop. The chairman explained that one of the men who had returned from Port-George suffering from the disease had died in Stornoway. The annual reports with the estimates of the sums required for roads and public health were submitted and approved of, and the clerk was instructed to forward these to the county clerk. The road report was read on account of the increased traffic in the motor car traffic of the district the committee have had to arrange for the breaking of extra quantities of metal to strengthen the weaker portions of the main roads, and that with the increased motor traffic it will not be possible to keep the surface of the roads strong without a road roller. The offer of Donald Morrison, mason, 63 South Bragar (£55) was accepted for alterations on the brae on the Brae road near Loch Gum. A letter was read from the clerk to the Landward Committee of the Stornoway Parish Council intimating that if the District Committee will furnish a specification of the road between the footbridge on the footbridge on the Sands of Tong and the Coulgrein road, and an estimate of the cost of same, the Landward Committee will be prepared to make application to the Board of Agriculture for a grant for the construction of the path. The committee instructed the road surveyor to prepare the necessary specification and estimate.

REV. MR MACCALLUM, MUCKAIRN, AND THE SMALL LANDHOLDERS' ACT. Correspondence has taken place between Rev. Malcolm MacCallum, Muckairn, Taynuilt, and the Board of Agriculture for Scotland regarding certain points under the Small Landholders' Act. MR MACCALLUM'S QUESTIONS. On behalf of a great body of people in this district desirous of obtaining small holdings, I have to ask the Board of Agriculture to reply to the following queries:— 1. Must a new holder reside on or within two miles from his holding? 2. Must every new holding have a separate dwelling-house? 3. Can a crofter with a smallcroft apply for a new holding? And, if so, can he keep on his present croft along with the new holding? 4. Can a small statutory tenant apply for a new holding? And, if so, can he keep on his present farm along with the new holding? 5. Assuming the answer to the fourth query to be in the affirmative, will the two holdings be treated as one or as two holdings? If as one, will it be under "equitable" or "fair" rent? If as two, will the tenant be entitled to "equitable" rent for the one and "fair" rent for the other? 6. Can a cottar apply for a new holding on a different estate from that on which his house is? And, if so, can he continue to reside in his present house, and work the new holding from it? 7. In the letting of small holdings in accordance with any scheme prepared by the Small Holdings Commissioners can the proprietor pass over all the applicants to the Board of Agriculture, and let the holdings on a competitive rent to persons who have never applied to the Board of Agriculture? And, if so, what purpose is served by applying to the Board? THE BOARD'S REPLY. The Secretary to the Board of Agriculture replied as follows:— 1. A landholder existing at the passing of the Act must reside upon or within two miles of his holding. The Act does not require such residence on the part of a new landholder; but the Board would discourage the settlement of persons to live at a greater distance from their holding. 2. No. 3. It is open to crofters and to statutory small tenants to apply for a "new" holding. To the existing crofters there is one alternative of applying for an enlargement, but should circumstances preclude his obtaining land in this way, the Board see no reason why he should not obtain and hold a second holding. This point may, however, require an authoritative decision from the Land Court. 4. See answer to No. 3. 5. The two holdings would be treated as two holdings. 6. Yes. 7. Yes, before intimation of a scheme has been made to the landlord, but not after, unless by the consent of the Land Court. The purposes to be served in this connection by application to the Board will be found in the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act, 1911, Sections 7 and 8. With reference to the above, I am directed to remind you, apart from the disclaimer given above, that at the present initial stage of the Board's existence it is not possible to answer questions such as you put conclusively so far as they relate to matters which rest within the discretion of the Board.

FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.—The following statement shows the progress of the herring fishing on the Northumberland Coast, the East Coast of Scotland, in Orkney and Shetland, and on the West Coast of Scotland (ex Firth of Clyde) from 1st January, 1912, to 3rd August, 1912, and for the corresponding period last year:—

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NOTES FROM WESTMINSTER.

[FROM OUR OWN PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER.]

A GREAT WHIP DEPARTS. It has come as a great shock to most people that the Master of Elibank is leaving the office of Patronage Secretary, and that he will no longer be the chief organiser of the party. Considerations of health are the cause of this, but although he has to give up his very arduous duties it is hoped that during an interval of comparative rest, during which he will look after the family estate, Mr Murray will be found in a sufficiently important sphere of usefulness. In point of fact he has made the office of Chief Ministerial Whip a much heavier one than it used to be, and it was impossible for him with his remarkable personality to lessen the tasks which he had thrust upon himself. His political career has been one of extraordinary brilliance. There was first of all when he was member for Midlothian the gallant attack upon the constituency of Peobles and Selkirk, which had been for so long associated with Unionism, and which he brought off successfully. His appointment as Controller of the Household and Scottish Whip by Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman when the Liberal Government was in office was instantly a personal force in the Lobby, and the manner in which he strengthened the Scottish Liberal organisation attracted notice. On the re-arrangement of the Ministry Mr Murray became Under Secretary at the India Office with responsibility for the Department in the House of Commons. Lord Morley entertained a very high opinion of his junior, and after the general election of 1910, when Mr J. A. Pease, who had been Chief Liberal Whip, was defeated in the Safton Walden Division, Mr Murray was called to be Patronage Secretary.

THE MAYOR OF THE PALACE. In the past two years Mr Murray has held a position of unexampled power in connection with such an office. He has obtained it by his peculiar combination of qualities. The family goes back to the days of the Commonwealth, and there is an aristocratic dignity about the office which has given distinction to almost everything that he has done. But this without robust Radicalism would have been of little use to him. His fine determination to stick to his principles, and with a wonderful subtlety and peculiar diplomatic skill which have enabled him to exercise influence in a way that no Chief Whip has done before. This ability for manoeuvring would not have served him well so far as the office of Patronage Secretary, with absolute sincerity of purpose and honesty in conduct. The Master has been generous in his compliments, but they have not been given without discrimination. It was because of his capacity to encourage and to carry out, that his words have carried so much weight. The suavity has had behind it any amount of force, and so it has happened in the gentlest possible manner that the Master has gained his own way. Thus the position of Chief Patronage Secretary has been made to resemble that of a Mayor of the Palace in the Middle Ages. With an intimate knowledge of the constituencies, gained from unceasing application and an intimate knowledge of the character, the Master has been of invaluable service to the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet, and there is no doubt that he has exercised influence in the direction of policy as well as control of party organisation. His readiness to condiliate and his manifestos have had the ring of statesmanship about them, and everyone will hope that his absence from political work will be but temporary. For the present he is taking a position of a business character which will be much to his advantage, and which will free his official duties as Patronage Secretary, and he will receive a peerage and so can re-enter the political field when he chooses.

THE NEW CHIEF WHIP. Mr Perry Illingworth, who succeeds to the position of Chief Whip, has been second in command—in association with Mr Gulland—for some time past. He is popular with members, and has many qualities to recommend him. He is prompt and thorough in the discharge of his duties, and as a member of the Government has shown his political sagacity in counsel to constituencies in the choice of candidates. Mr Illingworth married a daughter of Mr George Coats, the well-known manufacturer of Paisley. He will have valuable help in his new position, and will bring the past couple of years' experience to the past couple of years' experience, and has had the responsibility for arranging on behalf of the Government the business of the House. A colleague of great promise is Captain E. Guest, who will be moved up. The Whip Office indeed well staffed at the present moment.

THE SAD CASE OF MR SCOTT. Mr MacCallum, the Radical member for the Berwick Division in Glasgow, was the rather unenviable notoriety of having been suspended. The story of his encounter with the Speaker is complicated, and I need not trouble your readers with it. It began with a colloquy between Mr Scott and Mr Montagu, the Under-Secretary for India, who insisted that Mr Scott was casting aspersions upon an Indian official. The young member repudiated the motion, but repudiated it not to be eager to make the cap fit, but because he was not in the mood. At the end of questions, and just when the Orders of the Day were about to be taken, Mr Scott rose again. His view was that it was open to him to make a personal explanation, and that is correct. But the trouble all hinges upon what is a "personal explanation." The Speaker gathered that he intended merely to re-affirm his denial, and the opening words led colour to this view. So the Chair declined to hear him, and Mr Scott continued to invoke the Chair, then he was told in solemn terms that he must withdraw. But he was not disposed to withdraw, and several Parliamentary colleagues who endeavoured to dissuade him from his purpose could not influence him. There was nothing for it, then, for Mr Scott to move that Mr Scott be suspended from the service of the House, and the motion was carried, as it always is, in support of the authority of the Speaker, no one dissenting. Upon this the member for Berwick rose and, courteously bowing to the Speaker's departure, he has since apologised, and will be re-instated at the earliest opportunity.

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HUGH ROSS, WINE MERCHANT, Dingwall. THE BADENTARBET PIER, COIGACH. [To the Editor.] Sir,—As the people of this district are put to a great deal of inconvenience owing to the fact that Messrs Macbrayne's steamers do not call at the Badentarbhet Pier, will you be so good as to attend the enclosed letter from Messrs Macbrayne, which shows that the fault of not calling at the pier does not lie at their door, but at the door of the County Council, who should have seen to it that the people got the accommodation for which they have paid and are paying—I am, Sir, yours, etc., Pao Bono Publico. 19 Hope Street, Glasgow. 27th May, 1912. William Muir, Esq., Adhiltuibe, Coigach, Ross-shire.

Dear Sir,—We have your favour of the 20th inst., for which we are obliged. We note what you say and can assure you that it was with great regret that we took the action we did. We were forced to move in the matter, and under the circumstances think that a permanent arrangement should now be made regarding the pier. It would be neither good for us nor our customers to be subject to the caprice of any tenant that the County Council might choose to let the pier. We do not object to any arrangement in the future what we paid in the past with respect to this pier, and to continue calling, but there is one point that we might insist on, and that is that the tenant or lessee of the pier should see carefully as to the fitting of the pier and the working of it. He receives dues on all traffic for this purpose, and he must therefore carry out his share of the bargain. From your letter the action of the lessee has been a matter of regret to us. In the meantime perhaps it would be well if some of those in the district would arrange for a fishing boat to meet the steamer and carry the traffic to the shore. So far as we are concerned we will give every facility and assistance in our power. We feel sure that you and those in the district will agree with us as to the reasonableness of our action in the matter, and will support us in our efforts to get the pier definitely settled once and for all. We may explain that the demand made upon us by the tenant would have involved our paying £30 for each call of the "Chieftain," while the whole would have been a small fraction of this. Of course, you know business on that basis is impossible. The tenant withdrew his notice, but only for three months. We are not inclined to be knocked about in this way, and we want a permanent arrangement—reasonable to the public as well as ourselves. You should get your representative on the County Council to look into this. We have written to the County Council asking for a remedy.—We are, yours faithfully, DAVID MACBRAYNE, LTD.

SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND CAPTURED BY THE OFFICIALS. In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr Munro, Wick Burghs, made an effective appeal for Government aid for Scotch fishermen. He was followed by Mr Morton, Inverness, Dumfries, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow, and at other centres the Department are prepared to establish if a sufficient number of candidates who are upwards of 20 years of age on January 1 following the dates of the examination, and have either (1) been employed in Scottish schools for not less than one year as provisionally certificated teachers (Article 60 of the Code of 1906), or (2) served as assistant teachers (Article 70 of the Code of 1906) for at least twelve months in day schools in Scotland, approved by the Department under certifying teachers. The examination is also open to graduates in Arts or Science of any University of the United Kingdom who graduated in or before the year 1906, and who, after a course of training for not less than six months in a day school approved by the Department satisfy the inspector of their practical skill as teachers. The names of all candidates must be notified to the Department before May 1 by the managers of the schools in which they are serving, or in which they last served. A note in the regulations states that this examination will be discontinued after July, 1915.

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THE GAELIC LANGUAGE. Mr John Fraser, lecturer in Latin and Comparative Philology to Aberdeen University, addressing the students of Munster Gaelic College, Ballynagar, County Cork, pleaded for the unification of the Gaelic literature of Scotland and Ireland. He said each literature had something to give and something to gain from the other. Irish Gaelic provided a more highly developed literary medium; whilst Scottish Gaelic supplied the Irish Gaelic writer with types of life which he could not get at home. It did more than that. It afforded models of simplicity in style, which were much needed in Irish Gaelic literature. The idea was now so practicable that it was a matter for wonder Scottish Gaelic readers had not read the works of Canon O'Leary, or that Irishmen were not familiar with the work of Norman Macleod.

THE SCOTCH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT have issued the syllabus for the examination of acting teachers for certificates, which will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 1913, and three following days at Inverness, Aberdeen, Dumfries, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow, and at other centres the Department are prepared to establish if a sufficient number of candidates who are upwards of 20 years of age on January 1 following the dates of the examination, and have either (1) been employed in Scottish schools for not less than one year as provisionally certificated teachers (Article 60 of the Code of 1906), or (2) served as assistant teachers (Article 70 of the Code of 1906) for at least twelve months in day schools in Scotland, approved by the Department under certifying teachers. The examination is also open to graduates in Arts or Science of any University of the United Kingdom who graduated in or before the year 1906, and who, after a course of training for not less than six months in a day school approved by the Department satisfy the inspector of their practical skill as teachers. The names of all candidates must be notified to the Department before May 1 by the managers of the schools in which they are serving, or in which they last served. A note in the regulations states that this examination will be discontinued after July, 1915.

PRINTING. FROM A VISITING CARD TO A POSTER. Letter Orders receive Prompt Attention. NICHOLSON'S, Cromwell St., Stornoway. NOTICE TO CARRIAGE HIRERS AND OTHERS. Extensive Alterations and Repairs are to be carried out on the Brae on the Barvas Public Road near Loch Gunn during the next few weeks. By order, HUGH MILLER, District Clerk. Stornoway, 6th August, 1912.

THE LEWIS CROFTERS' SHOW will be held at Stornoway on Tuesday, 27th August, 1912. All Stock exhibited must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor, but Stock Sold at the August Cattle Market may be exhibited by the Seller. Entries must be intimated to the Secretary not later than 22nd August next, and all Stock and other Exhibitions must be on the Show Ground by 12 o'clock noon on the day of the Show, and must remain there until the prizes are distributed. A Poultry Section has been added to the Show this year. For further particulars see handbills. HUGH MILLER, Secretary. 16th July, 1912.

COPY ORDER by the SCOTTIISH LAND COURT in the APPLICATION BY THE LATE LADY MATHESON OF THE LEWIS FOR REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF THE COMMON PASTURE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELBOST AND STENISH, H.S. 125. Edinburgh, 29th July, 1912.—The Land Court having considered the Minute for the Landlord, marked D1286, allows the Crofters of Melbost and Stenish to lodge answers to said Letter or Minute as so advised; appoints the Proprietor to intimate this Order by Advertisement, published for two consecutive weeks in the "Highland News," and by Bills posted on the doors of the Golf Club House and of the School of the district, and also by the Crofters, or any of them, to lodge said answers with the Sheriff Clerk within Ten Days after the second publication of the Advertisement in said newspaper. (Signed) N. J. D. KENNEDY, Chairman.

NOTE.—It is quite clear under the terms of the Resumption Order that the Golf Club, as the landlord, tenants of the ground which was resumed, so far as the special purpose of use of golf is concerned, are entitled to put the ground into reasonable condition for that purpose, and to exercise their right of use of golf in accordance with the Resumption Order. The Crofters receive an abatement of 27 sterling per annum on this account. But the Court desire to know what the facts are in this particular case before making an Order on the merits. (Signed) N. J. D. K. Stornoway, 3rd August, 1912.—The foregoing is intimated of this date. (Signed) W. J. CLARKE, S.C.D. Stornoway, 4th August, 1912.—Publication is hereby made in terms of above Order. CHARLES ORROCK, Factor for Major Duncan Matheson of the Lewis.

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THREATENED FAILURE OF THE LAND ACT.

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There are now over three months since this Act came into operation, but so far as my enquiries reveal the outlook for the landless people is far from being rosy. It was evident from the moment that the Tory Opposition impounded their amendments on the measure when passing through Parliament that the Act could not be the success that was hoped for, but it is needless to waste time on that question at this juncture. We have seen the Act with its savings in possible its entire failure, and for this reason I have enquired what are the prospects of an early settlement of people on the land in the Highlands. To my dismay I found that the arrangements made by the Board of Agriculture does not give any reason to expect the realisation of the cry "back to the land" for many a day to come. Shortly after the Board had been appointed the announcement was made that some 5000 applications for land had been received, which would then expect that immediate steps should have been taken to cope with such a clamant demand for small holdings. But apparently the reverse has been the case. The Board at their leisure issued circulars with a series of questions, which each applicant had to answer and then return to headquarters. I have already criticised this method of procedure, and my criticism has been substantiated by the comparatively small number of such returns to the Board. I am aware that many who were keen for small holdings and who eagerly looked forward to the passing of the Land Act could not answer many of the queries, particularly as to the means they possessed, that they took for granted that unless they had ample means they need not proceed further with their applications, and thus the poor class were first scared away. I must emphasise my protest against the idea which the circulars in question convey, and I know what has happened in scores of cases, that a man has no visible means he is not a fit subject to become a tiller of the soil. A penniless man in the rural districts of the Highlands does not mean that he is a good-for-nothing, or is incapable of working a small holding to advantage. What efforts, for instance, could be expected of a squatter who has had no right to an inch of ground nor even a hen to support him? Such is the case all over the Highlands, and where that class possess any stock it seems to the members of kind-hearted and sympathetic owners. And these are the very men for whom the Land Act should primarily have been passed. Yet it seems as if they were the class especially barred from the scope of the measure. The next delay in the progress of events—and a delay which I fear will result in the ultimate failure of the measure—is the lack of enough commissioners to force the pace. At present the chief land commissioner has his hands full in directing operations. There are three sub-commissioners to cope with the whole of Scotland. Their duty is to examine minutely each applicant as to his abilities for taking a holding, including money, stock and family, etc. As may be readily understood, such procedure takes an enormous time. But this is not the only obstacle in the way. This commission has to ascertain the stock on the land applied for, the approximate compensation due to the farmer if dispossessed, and many other inquiries which I cannot here enumerate. But after all these inquiries have been completed the landlord may refuse the land claimed for small holdings, and this refusal may take months to deal with. It is therefore not surprising to learn that only the merest preliminaries have as yet been made, and many an anxious squatter still views the land of Canaan from afar. I will give an instance or two in proof of this state of affairs. The applicant in question, a whole of the North and West Highlands—a large percentage of them coming from the Island of Lewis. I have just finished inquiries regarding that enormously congested island, and while I have applied hundreds of landless squatters for small holdings from the large farms there, I was also informed that a number applied for any suitable place on the mainland. But now comes the crux of the question. What steps, if any, are being taken to settle these applicants on the land? No commissioner has seen the land, and no Sionnary to Ness by the chief commissioner in the beginning of June. Already I explained the delay which inevitably must ensue after the sub-commissioner reported for the Lewis appears to have resumed inquiries in another portion of the island, and though Mr Wilson has unsurpassed capabilities, which the overzealous Lords cannot refuse, for expediting matters, still I fear that before the autumn the application will have got bogged in the wilds of the Far West. A Lewisman informed me that recently an official of the Land Court visited the island, and on every hand there were anxious inquiries of him if he came to give them land. Other estates I know are similarly placed in the same category as Lewis. And while the Board of Agriculture are marking time in delaying operations, a constant stream of our best men are leaving our shores for the means of their existence which they fail to get in their own Highlands of Scotland. Surely the Scottish Secretary could force the pace and arrange for another assistant commissioner—if even temporary—to assist with the work of making the land "less the pleasure-ground for the rich and more the treasure-house for the poor."

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