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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

Notice of Birth is 6d; Marriage Notice 2s 6d; Death Notice is 6d—with Funeral Intimation, 2s 6d.

BIRTHS.

At Heathmont, Inverness, on the 7th inst., the wife of D. F. Mackenzie of a son, known as the Petty Secor. Price 3d; Postage 1d extra.

MARRIAGES.

At the Masonic Hall, Alexandra Parade, Glasgow, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Geo. Haslam, Robert Macintyre, Glasgow, to Mary Miller, second daughter of D. Munro, 8 James Street, Inverness, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, P.P. Church, Petty, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, Free North Church, Inverness. Catherine Cameron, Inverness, to Catherine Fraser, daughter of Mr. Fraser, Clattich, Alford.

DEATHS.

At Myrtle Cottage, Maryburgh, on the 2nd inst., Donald Campbell, deeply regretted. At East Lodge, Highfield, Muir of Ord, on Sunday, 3rd inst., Charles Stewart.

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PROPRIETORS, HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 29th of MARCH, 1904. A. R. C. PIZMAN, Esq., W.S., IN THE CHAIR. PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF THE YEARS BUSINESS. AMOUNT OF ASSURANCES accepted during the year 1903, for which 6408 Policies were issued..... £2,407,916

DIVISION OF PROFITS, 1905.

THE FIFTEENTH DIVISION OF PROFITS will be made amongst Policies in existence at 15th November, 1905. The Company have already declared BONUS ADDITIONS to Policies to the amount of more than SEVEN MILLIONS STERLING.

GOVERNOR—HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BUCCHLEUCH AND QUEENSBERRY, K.G., K.T. DEPUTY GOVERNOR—THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW, K.T., G.C.M.G. EDINBURGH—3 GEORGE STREET (HEAD OFFICE)

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ABERDEEN OFFICE—173 UNION STREET.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.—On and after the 4th April, 1904, the Messrs. MacCallister, tenants of the Pavilion Dining and Refreshment Rooms at Strathpeffer, will supply Bed, Board, and Strathpeffer Waters for 2s weekly for April and May. Early application will oblige. Thos. S. MacCallister, Strathpeffer.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF CULLODEN.

All Persons and Societies desirous of contributing Wreaths for the Anniversary are requested to forward them to care of Mr. Napier, Railway Station, Inverness, by the 15th April.

CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' INVERNESS BRANCH.

An Aggregate Meeting of the above will be held in the Workmen's Club on the evening of Saturday, the 16th April. Chair to be taken at Seven p.m.

INVERNESS AND NORTH OF SCOTLAND RELATED WATER MAIN-FACTURERS' DEFENCE ASSOCIATION.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Association will be held within the Secretaries' Office, No. 35 Academy Street, Inverness, To-day (Saturday), the 3rd inst., at twelve o'clock.

ALL Parties having Claims against the late Mr. Charles Maclean, J.P., draper, Golspie, are requested to lodge their claims, duly verified, with the undersigned within fourteen days from this date; and all Parties indebted to the Deceased are requested to make payment, also to the undersigned within the like period.

ARCHD. ARGOL, Solicitor, Golspie. Agent for Deceased's Executors, Golspie, 5th April, 1904.

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES FOR THE SALE OF CONCEALED LIQUORS FOR THE DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS FOR NEW CERTIFICATES, NEW TENANTS or OCCUPANTS, and for RENEWAL of TRANSFERRED CERTIFICATES.

Name, Designation, and Residence of Applicant.

Number of Street of Burgh or Place and Parish (or County) of Premises.

Class of Certificate applied for.

Name and Address of Landlord or Factor of Premises.

FOR NEW CERTIFICATE.

James Macleod, Kylesha, Parish of Strath, and County of Inverness.

William Fraser, Grocer, High Street, Kingsisle, County of Inverness.

Donald Rankin, Hotelkeeper, Argyle Hotel, Fort-William, County of Inverness.

James M'Beath, Bellfield Park, Inverness.

George Duke, 154 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, for the Hebridean Sporting Association, Limited.

Jasper Anderson, Hotelkeeper, Caledonia Hotel, Oban.

Finlay Macdonald, Hotel, Bridge of Allan.

John Campbell, Kingsisle, Parish of Kingsisle, and County of Inverness.

William John Cameron, Taynagar, Kingsisle, and County of Inverness.

Dugald Macdonald, Hotel, Lochmaddy, and County of Inverness.

James Macleod, Beaulieu, Parish of Kingsisle, and County of Inverness.

James Allison, Priory Hotel, Beaulieu.

Archibald Maclean, Hotelkeeper, Beaulieu, Parish of Kingsisle, and County of Inverness.

FOR RENEWAL OF TRANSFERRED CERTIFICATE.

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James Allison, Priory Hotel, Beaulieu.

Archibald Maclean, Hotelkeeper, Beaulieu, Parish of Kingsisle, and County of Inverness.

AND, MACDONALD, Clerk of Peace, Inverness, 6th April, 1904.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

MUSIC HALL, INVERNESS.—Dancing, &c.—Prof. W. F. Gillies, B.A.T.D., S.A.T.D., I.E.E., J.F.D. Classes are now forming. All intending pupils should carry a ticket to the next Assembly will be held on Thursday, 14th April, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

The Annual "At Home" and Dance of the above Club will be held in the Northern Meeting Rooms on Friday, 10th April, 1904. Tickets, 4s 6d.

NORTHERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Smoking Concert will be held within the Alexandra Hotel on Friday, 15th April, at 8 p.m. Chairman—Dr. John Macdonald. Members and their friends can secure tickets from the undersigned in every case to supply water for other than domestic purposes by meter only, and at the rates of water supplied by meter for other than domestic purposes is 6d per 1000 gallons.

BURGH OF INVERNESS. SPECIAL WATER RATES FOR 1904-1905.

The Town Council of the Burgh of Inverness, acting under the Inverness Water and Gas Act, 1875, hereby give notice that the Special Water Rates (except for water supplied by meter for other than domestic purposes) for the year ending White Sunday, 1905, will be the same as that charged for the year ending White Sunday, 1904, as advertised prior to the term of White Sunday, 1902. The Town Council reserve the right in every case to supply water for other than domestic purposes by meter only, and at the rates of water supplied by meter for other than domestic purposes is 6d per 1000 gallons.

NOTICE is further hereby given, that the Rates charged by the Water Commissioners of Inverness for water supplied by meter for other than domestic purposes is 6d per 1000 gallons.

KENNETH MACDONALD, Town Clerk, 8th April, 1904.

GREAT NORTH OF SCOTLAND RAILWAY. TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN WICK, THURSO, KYLB OF LOCHALSH & THE NORTH AND MONTROSE, ABERROTH, DUNDEE, GLASGOW, EDINBURGH, AND LONDON.

From 1st APRIL, 1904, until further notice.

FROM THE NORTH VIA ABERDEEN.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

FOUND Yesterday, on west side of River, three containing small sum of money. Owner can have same by applying at 55 Duff Street.

SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT.

WANTED, for Farm, Married Man, with son about 16 years. Apply J. Cameron, bookbinder, Union Street, Inverness.

WANTED, Working Grieve for large Arable Farm. Apply Macgillivray, ironmonger, High Street, Inverness.

WANTED, number Foremen, also 2nd and 3rd married Ploughmen; Outlines in great demand. Miller's Registry.

WANTED, young Lad from now till term to look after cattle. Apply Macgillivray, ironmonger.

AD wanted (about 16 years of age) for a Carved Water Faucet. Must be strong and active. Apply to Mackintosh & Co., 55 Abbot's, Inverness.

CANADIAN Farmers require help. Situations guaranteed. No added postage. Stamped addressed envelope to South, 33 Conger Road, Fulham, London.

COLLECTOR OF ASSESSMENTS and Rates wanted by the Parish Council of Inverness, £100 per annum (including salary of assistant), with free office, fire, and light. The collector to devote his whole time to the duties of the office.

Applications to be lodged with the Inspector of Poor on or before Tuesday, the 12th April, by eleven o'clock.

KILMORACK SCHOOL BOARD.—Wanted, Female Certificated Teacher for Gaelic Public School. Salary at rate with 100 per annum, with house and garden. Apply John Mackenzie, 4th April, 1904.

TEACHER wanted by North Uist School Board for Borranay Public School. Salary, £50, and free house. Singing, drawing, and drill essential. Applications, with copies of testimonials and qualifications, to be lodged with Mr. J. Matheson, Claddich, Kirkibost, Lochmaddy, N.B.

HARRIS SCHOOL BOARD.—Wanted, Teacher, qualified under Art. 60 and 79, for Amhainn Public School, drawn and singing by notes. Salary, £45, with free house, partly furnished, which must be occupied. Apply, with one copy testimonials, Thomas Wilson, clerk, Lochmaddy.

UIG.—Headmaster (Normal trained) wanted for Cromarty Public School, Uig, to enter upon duty soon. Salary, £100 per annum, payable quarterly (less superannuation allowance), and a house rent free. Applications, with two copies of testimonials, to be lodged with Mr. J. Clarke, School Board Office, Stormroyal.

LAKDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL.—Wanted, Female Assistant (Normal trained), to enter upon duty soon. Salary, £100 per annum, payable quarterly (less superannuation allowance), and a house rent free. Applications, with two copies of testimonials, to be lodged with Mr. J. Clarke, School Board Office, Stormroyal.

TEACHER (Female Assistant) wanted for the Strath, Broadford, Public School, Skye. Experience in infant teaching, Singing by notes and drawing indispensable. Successful applicant must take charge of needlework. Salary, £55 per annum, payable quarterly, less superannuation allowance, and a house rent free. Applications, with two copies of testimonials, to be lodged immediately with Ronald Macdonald, National Bank, Portree.

WANTED, now or Term, good General Servant. Must have good references. Apply, by letter, Mrs. Ross, Bahakyle, Elgin.

WANTED, Working Housekeeper for two Tradesmen; strong, intelligent woman about 40; also Country Girl, 18 to 20, some experience, Highland Registry, Church Street.

ALL classes experienced Servants dispensed with; also all classes wanted for now and for engagement. Skinning, 12 Academy Street, Stormroyal.

TO Farmers and Farm Servants.—All Farm Servants on books, and wanted for Friday, 15th. Highest wages given. Call early. Skinner's Registry, 73 Academy Street.

MRS. ALEXANDER'S SELECT REGISTERED INVERNESS. Wanted, Cook and Housemaid for England; also Cooks and House-Tablemaids (south); House and Kitchenmaids for hotels.

TENDERS INVITED. ARMY CONTRACTS. Tenders for the supply of Bread and Meat, for the period of six months from 1st June, 1904, at various stations in the Scottish District, will be received at the undermentioned office until twelve o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 27th April, 1904, for Meat, and on Friday, the 29th April, 1904, for Bread and Flour.

Forms of Tender, with list of Stations, can be obtained on application to the Chief Staff Officer, Headquarters, Edinburgh, 6th April, 1904.

Offers are invited for the Mason and Iron Works of a Bridge of 120 feet clear span to be erected over the River Hope, near Hope Ferry, and for Approaches thereto.

Specifications for the different classes of works can be had from either the Undersigned, or John Baxter, City, County Road Surveyor, Broxa, who will furnish all necessary information regarding the works to be done to intending offerors.

The plans, specifications, and conditions of contract can be seen at the Office of the Undersigned, from whom forms of tender can be obtained on payment of £1, which will be returned to those making bona-fide offers.

The different classes of work may be let either together or separately.

Offers to be lodged with the Undersigned on or before 30th April next.

The lowest of any offer may not be accepted.

ARCHD. ARGOL, County Clerk, County Clerk, 21st March, 1904.

THE CEYLON PEKOE TEA. Is 8d Per Lb. Sale of this tea has been largely increased. A trial solicited. Samples free.

IMPERIAL STORES, GRANT STREET. OUR Selected Flower and Vegetable Seeds satisfy others, and will encourage you. Newest prices, catalogue free. Bryces's Stores, Larbert.

Furniture Sales will be found on page 8.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CO-OPERATION. A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY FIRST, 11th APRIL.

When an Address on the above subject will be delivered by MR JAMES WILSON, Agent of the Co-operative Joint Propaganda Committee.

PROVOST ROSS IN THE CHAIR. Rev. Mr. MACAUCHER and others will take part in the proceedings.

Chair to be taken at Eight p.m.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

P.S.E. MUSIC HALL, TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 9th April.

MR J. W. M'COMBIE, Scotland's Leading Character Comedian, in all his Latest Successes.

GRAND CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITION. 2000 Handliper Scope, the most perfect on four with a magnificent selection of pictures, including that splendid film, "OVER THE SEAS TO SKY."

Also all the up-to-date Events and Funny Subjects.

NEXT WEEK.—That Favourite Sketch, "GRAND BRIG" and large Company of Best Artists. Usual Prices—8d and 6d.

LOST OR FOUND.

FOUND Yesterday, on west side of River, three containing small sum of money. Owner can have same by applying at 55 Duff Street.

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ARGYLLSHIRE.

BALLACHULISH NOTES.

I.O.O.F.

The St Mungo Lodge was visited last Saturday, 2nd inst., by a large deputation of the Ben Nevis Lodge...

THE WEATHER.

During the last week or so the weather has been somewhat wintry, with showers of hail and sleet falling at intervals each day...

CONCERT.

The concert down for Friday evening is likely to be a good one, as an attractive programme has been compiled, and all the performers are chinks.

THE SHINTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final result of the great event of Scottish camanachd was eagerly awaited in Ballachulish last Saturday, when the Kyles of Bute met the men of Laggan...

a record by the double victory. The Oban combination will be a very strong one, and we will be surprised if they do not give a good account of themselves.

HOLIDAYS.

Good Friday and Saturday last were observed as holidays, and many of the residents journeyed to various centres to enjoy themselves.

Much amusement was caused the other day by a steam vehicle, the motion of which was somewhat peculiar, and it was not for his heavy weight and splendid presence of mind, he would have lost his equilibrium.

It will no doubt interest natives of Tiree to learn that an interesting ceremony took place last week in the Northern Police Chambers, Glasgow, in which Mr. Don Mackinnon, M.P., presided.

A TIREEMAN HONOURED.

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Lochiel, the Lord Lieutenant and Governor of Inverness-shire, entered upon his seventieth year on Tuesday.

A WORD TO LADIES.

Send two stamps for our new and original Illustrated Booklet containing plain and simple advice how to prevent irregularities, suppressions, &c., may be prevented or removed by simple means in a few hours.

Food will surely create Poison, if Digestion is Faulty.

Well-digested food is the source of strength. Every act, every thought, every movement of muscle or mind uses up some of the substance of our bodies.

To be strong and healthy, assist your stomach, liver and kidneys to do their work perfectly by taking Mother Seigel's Syrup, which contains food-digesting ferments and gentle tonics for the stomach, and has cured more dyspeptics than any other medicine in the world.

MOTHER SEIGEL'S SYRUP

"I had a good appetite and ate plenty of nourishing food, yet I lost flesh and got weaker day by day. This is the way Mrs. Martha Beverley, of 154, Abingdon Road, Middlesex, writes now of her condition, as it was in July, 1900.

Makes Food nourish you. It aids Digestion, and Food well digested means Strength, Vitality, Health.

Price 1/3 and 2/6 per Bottle.

THE VOCAL MUSIC OF THE SCOTTISH GAEL.

PART I.

When your President asked me to read a paper to the Lorn branch of the Comann Gaidhealach, I readily assented. Being myself a native of the district of Lorn, it gives me a special interest in the subject.

I have chosen the subject which I am about to bring before you not because it has a bearing on the objects which you as a branch are supposed to work for, and because I thought a goodly proportion of you would have a direct interest in it.

My first experience of Gaelic singing was when my grandfather dandled me on his knee, and sang me, as I have been told, "all manner of songs" of Gaelic songs, of course, I have no recollection of the words, but I do not doubt that that impressive age predilection was formed which in after years made Gaelic song more acceptable to me than any other.

The prominent Gaelic singers of that time who came under my notice, were a Miss Macdonald, a Malcolm Macfarlane, and John Macfarlane, the latter of whom sang humorous songs of his own composition.

The old Gaelic singers sang so that a hearer was able to catch their words and follow their meaning. The songs which were in vogue then, as far as I can recall, were: "Horo mo nighean donn nighean donn" (the tune of which was a variant of "Levie Gordon"), "Crunchan Beann," "Nigheanach a chuil duinn," "Bh'gan cuimhneachadh 'gan iondramain," "S'e fath mo mhulaid," "Chumna mi na granntan" (then a new song by Donald MacBachran to the air of "The Flowers of the Forest"), "An gleann 'san robh mi 'og," "Fàilt air Braid-Albann," "Deoch-shliant 'an oigire," "Bochdan na rioghachd," "Glascho nam bhithnean," "Och, och, mar tha mi," "Horo Eileanach," "Glascho nam bhithnean," "Mo rha gael dileas," &c.

It had a great influence in modernising the institution of the Gaelic Mod. The first competition was held in Glasgow, and I was, along with the late Nethersole, one of the assistant musical judges on that occasion.

Twenty-five to thirty years ago, the number of Gaelic songs published along with their music was very small indeed. Some appeared in "The Gael," a magazine which lasted from 1873 to 1878. It was published first in Canada, and after a year or so transferred to this country.

Commission. Songs with music also appeared in the "Celtic Monthly." Then came the "Gaisir-Chiùil," which began to be issued almost coincident with the institution of the Comann Gaidhealach.

A COLLECTION OF SONGS before them in a compact and handy form, they are not likely to add much to their existing stock.

(To be continued.)

GLASGOW ROSS AND CROMARTY BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held on Tuesday evening, when the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for next session:—President, Mr. John Macdonald, 4 Carlton Place; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Geo. C. Urquhart, Kirktall, and Mr. D. M. Macdonald, 54 Union Street; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. A. Archibald, banker, 312 Argyle Street; Hon. Secretary, Mr. David N. Mackay, writer, 118 Byres Road; Captain Finlayson, Glasgow, was elected an hon. life member.

INVERNESS PARISH COUNCIL.

RESIGNATION OF COLLECTOR OF POOR RATES.

A meeting of the above Council was held in the Council Chamber, Bank Street, on Wednesday at noon. The chair was occupied by Mr. Macpherson of Ellmach, while there was a full attendance of members.

ALTERATION OF WARDS.

The minute of the Finance Committee relative to the alteration of wards in a burgh was submitted and approved, of the representation recommended being fourteen councillors, or two for each ward.

CHANGE OF POORHOUSE OFFICIALS.

Mr. Fraser, inspector, intimated that Mr and Mrs. Bowglass had now taken over their respective duties as governor and matron of the Poorhouse, in room of Mr and Mrs. Macfie, resigned. Mr. Bowglass was afterwards introduced to the meeting by Council and welcomed by the Chairman in name of the Council.

MATRON'S SALARY.

It was unanimously resolved to apportion the salary of the matron according to her duties, as follows:—As matron, £30 per annum, and as trained nurse, £10 per annum.

NURSE JOLLY'S RESIGNATION.

Minutes of committee were submitted relative to the resignation of Nurse Jolly, and the appointment of Nurse Macleod in her stead. The Committee's minute was sustained, the Inspector at the same time intimating that Nurse Macleod had taken up her new duties.

RECAUTIONS AGAINST SMALLPOX.

A circular was read from the Local Government Board recommending that certain precautions be taken at the Poorhouse against smallpox, and that new inmates be re-vaccinated if thought necessary.

DEFAULTERS' LISTS.

The Inspector submitted a list of defaulters under the Vaccination Act for the half-year ending 31st March, which showed that no less than 53 parents failed to comply with the Act. It was decided to deal with them in the usual way.

RESIGNATION OF COLLECTOR.

Mr. Fraser read a letter from Mr. Munro, Collector of Poor Rates, dated 1st inst., intimating that on account of the demand on his time he found it necessary to resign the Collectorship. Mr. Fraser further stated that on receiving a meeting of the Chairman's Committee was called, and was resolved to relieve Mr. Munro of his duties at once, with instructions to Mr. John Macleod, clerk, to carry on the work of the office meantime. It was further resolved to dispense with the service of Mr. Archibald Munro, clerk, and the Committee instructed the convenor to call a meeting of the Board to consider the matter. The books were—Mr. Fraser explained—in the hands of the auditor and the audit was being proceeded with.

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The Chairman stated that that was quite clear. Councillor Gillanders thought it would be very much better if the Council appointed the assistant also, and accordingly moved that the salary of the Collector be £160, and that of his assistant £90 per annum.

WESTER ROSS NEWS.

MISSION LECTURE.—On Sunday last Mr. Matheson, missionary, South Africa, delivered a most interesting lecture on mission work in the colony in the U.F. Church, Ullapool, to a large congregation.

KIRKALL—SUDDEN DEATH.—At Inverinate, Kirkall, on Monday morning, Roderick Maclean, 35 years of age, was found by her sister dead in bed. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death.

ACHILTIBUIE—MEASLES AND INFLUENZA.—It is reported that this district is at present being scourged by an epidemic resembling measles and influenza in its symptoms. It is present about 60 per cent. of the school children are away from school.

LOCHCARBON—SUDDEN DEATH.—Many will regret to hear of the death of a well-known resident, Duncan Macrae—or "Duncan the Gardener," as he was familiarly known—who was found dead on Sunday morning at the Cottage, Kirktoll, Lochcarbone, where he resided. He lived by himself, and as he was not seen moving about the neighbours became alarmed, and on entering the house found him dead.

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BADMINTON CLUB DANCE.

Last night, in the Caledonian Hotel, the Badminton Club held a very smart dance. The hall-room of the hotel looked very pretty with its mirrored glass paneled walls, and the supper and buffet tables were beautifully decorated with yellow daffodils and white lilies skillfully arranged.

PRESENTATIONS AND LEAVE-TAKINGS.

A POPULAR BANKER. Mr Donald Leith, Town and County Bank, Inverness, who was very popular with the staff, was by the agent and staff, made the occasion of his marriage. Mr Thos. G. Henderson, who occupied the chair, made the presentation in a able evening were thereafter a most enjoyable...

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In the Union Hotel on Monday night Mr Robert Clark, Clachan Inn, Eastgate, was the number of members of the met by a large number of friends, British Order of Highland Head, Teners, and other friends, Ancient Free Gardeners, and other friends, on the occasion of his marriage.

LAD ELECTROCUTED AT DINGWALL.

Yesterday afternoon, between the hours of three and four o'clock, a sad and distressing fatal accident occurred at Dingwall. William Noble (15), labourer, residing in George Street, was fishing on the Pefferly close to the railway line running between the gates on Craig Road and Mill Street.

OFF TO THE INTERNATIONAL.

DEPARTURE OF SPECIAL TRAIN LAST NIGHT. Last night over six hundred people left the Highland Capital en route for the great International football match, which takes place at Celtic Park, Glasgow, this afternoon between teams representative of Scotland and England.

ROSS AND CROMARTY LICENSED TRADE ASSOCIATION.

Last night, within the Royal Hotel, Dingwall, the Ross and Cromarty Licensed Trade Association held their annual meeting. The meeting was held in the dining room, and was presided over by the National Hotel, Dingwall, was elected president for the year, and Mr Ross of Pollo vice-president.

ALARMING FIRE IN INVERNESS.

DWELLING-HOUSE AND STORE BURNED DOWN THIS MORNING. This morning, shortly after two o'clock, a most alarming fire occurred at Noble's Close, of King Street, whereby the dwelling-house of Mr James Munro, the Old Curio Shop, Church Street, and an adjoining store, belonging to Mr Cameron, publican, were completely demolished.

INVERNESS COUNTY COUNCIL.

YESTERDAY'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Yesterday a meeting of the Second or Aird District Committee was held in the Convention Room, the Castle, Inverness. The Right Hon. Lord Lovat, C.B., D.S.O., presided, and there were also present—Mr J. R. Macleod, Mr Leach, Beatty, Dr Orville Grant, Rev. Mr Fraser, Erchless, Mr Grant-Smith, and Mr Wedderspoon, sanitary inspector.

REPORT ON CONDITION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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THE NEW LIBERAL CANDIDATE. On Wednesday night a meeting of the various delegates from the Inverness District of Burghs was held in the Queensgate Hotel, Inverness, for the purpose of selecting a suitable candidate to contest the seat. While the interest of the party, we are not prepared to give the finding of the meeting, the Liberal electors may take it from us that the candidate who will be asked to meet the forthcoming general election will be Mr Hugh Ross, high standing, and one who politician of high standing, and one who will, doubtless, succeed in winning the seat for the party.

MR HENRY MUNRO THE MAN TO WIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS". Sir,—I have no desire to interfere in any way with the Committee appointed to look out for a suitable candidate, as I feel confident they will do their very best to secure the most likely man to carry on the fight to a successful issue. But, personally, I am in favour of Mr Henry Munro, who possesses local knowledge and local connection. It is in my opinion that the man to win is Mr Henry Munro, who would be sure to have the support of the voters in all the four Burghs. His views, which are most advanced on all questions, are well known to us all, and I would advise that Mr Munro should be asked to contest the seat for the Liberal interest at the forthcoming election.

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DANES IN INVERNESS HARBOUR.

CELEBRATING KING OF DENMARK'S BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY. In our last issue we alluded to the fact that the Danes were in possession of our harbour, there being no less than four Danish schooners berthed at Shore Street. As we writers still occupy the same berths, and the crews are busily engaged getting ready to sail. While in the vicinity of the harbour we observed that all four vessels were gaily decked with bunting, and suddenly remembering that it was the 86th anniversary of the octogenarian King of Denmark's birthday, it occurred to us to have a talk with some of his subjects.

PRESENTATION TO A CLERK.

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CROWN E.F. CHURCH SOIREE LAST NIGHT.

Last night an enjoyable soiree in connection with the Sabbath School of the Crown E.F. Church was held in the Church Hall—Rev. William Todd presiding. There was a large attendance of scholars along with their parents. After an excellent service of tea and cake the following programme was gone through:—Hymn, "Come, children, join to sing"; recitation, George Taylor; solo, Irene Gill; recitation, Muriel Mackenzie; semi-chorus, "Singing glory, glory"; recitation, Maggie Finlayson; solo, Alistair Macleannan; duet, Katie Taylor and Helen Brown; recitation, Annie Macgregor; duet and violin solo, F. Bain and Rita Macpherson; recitation, Harriet Ross; recitation, Willie Macdonald; solo, Anna Macleod; recitation, Ruby Mackay; hymn, "Little Travellers Zionward." The Rev. John Hall, Edinburgh, then delivered a rare address, in the course of which he thanked the boys for the hearty Highland welcome they had given him. He need not ask them if they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves that evening. When he entered the hall his first impression was that the youngsters were having a jolly high time of it—(laughter and applause). He did not think the Inverness boys felt at a soiree, but he could assure them that his boys in Edinburgh did not feel quite right until they had partaken of their tea—(laughter). In conclusion, the Rev. Mr Hall said that he looked upon the Sabbath School as a great source of help to the church—(loud applause).

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Chairman intimated that they had a Biblical examination last Tuesday, and he was now about to distribute the prizes, which consisted of excellent books. The following is a list of the winners:—Girls.—Muriel Mackenzie, Annie M. Mackenzie, Annie Fraser, Milly Campbell, Katie J. Fyfe, Robina Mackay, Annie Stewart, Mary Cameron, Violet Cameron, Ida Ross, Ella Mackenzie, Nellie Storm, Annie Ross, Lizzie Fraser, Alice Dallas, Jessie Macleod, and Lizzie Ross. Boys.—Elsie Campbell, Robert Mackenzie, Annie Fraser, James Storm, Robert White, and Hugh Brown.

THE LATE EX-GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

HIS FATHER AN INVERNESS MAN. From Canadian papers just to hand, we observe that ex-Lieutenant-Governor M'Innes of British Columbia passed away on the 14th ult., from heart disease. In a sketch of the ex-Governor's career, the "Weekly Winnipeg Free Press" says:—"His Honour, Thomas Robert M'Innes, M.D., Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, was the fourth son of the late John M'Innes, a native of Inverness, Scotland, by his wife, Mary, third daughter of Captain Edward Hamilton, Paisley, Scotland. Born at Lake Ainslie, N.S., November 5, 1840, he was educated at the Provincial Normal School, Toronto, and studied medicine at Harvard University and at Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating M.D. in 1859. In the same year, he was admitted a member of the college of physicians and surgeons, Ontario. He practiced for some years at Dresden, Ontario, of which town he was elected mayor in 1874. He was likewise a coroner for the county of Kent. In 1874 he removed to New Westminster, and sat in the House of Commons from March, 1878, to December, 1881, when he was called to the Senate by the Marquis of Lorne, and in 1897 he was appointed Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and married in October, 1865, the relict of the late Geo. M. Webster, Dresden. Their son, Mr W. W. B. M'Innes, was elected to the House of Commons in the general election, for Vancouver electoral district at the Dominion General Election in 1896."

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IS MR CHAMBERLAIN CAPABLE OF ANOTHER QUICK-CHANGE SCHEME?

Considerable sensation had been caused in political circles yesterday by a statement made by the "Manchester Dispatch" that Mr Chamberlain had made up his mind to abandon the tariff campaign on his return to England. Recognising that the country is not ripe for such a change, he will appeal to his followers to rally to the support of the Government, and the dissolution of the Tariff Commission and the suspension of the Tariff Reform League will follow. The "Leeds Daily News" is, however, in a position to announce, on the authority of Mr Austen Chamberlain, that the report is absolutely without foundation. Mr Chamberlain's intention is not to throw over the Protection scheme.

CHILDREN'S MOD AT OBAN.

The An Connamh Gaidhealach (Lorn Branch) are making arrangements for the holding of a Children's Mod at Oban on the 25th June of this year. The object of the movement is the encouragement of Gaelic vocal music and a systematic knowledge of the Gaelic language among the young folk. An excellent syllabus of competitions has been printed, and the organising body hope to secure the assistance of all true Highlanders to bring the mod to the country. Hand-some prizes are to be awarded to the successful competitors in the programme, which embraces choral singing, solo singing for boys and girls, recitations, readings, translations, and Gaelic conversation. The objects of the Society cannot fail to recommend themselves to all friends of the Gaelic language.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AT BALLOCH LAST NIGHT.

Last night a successful concert was given at Balloch in aid of the Petty Parish Church. The Rev. Alexander Stuart, David, occupied the chair, and there was a crowded attendance. The following programme was submitted:—Piano-forte selections (Scottish), Miss Mackenzie; song (Gaelic), "An Gille dubh car dubh," Miss Mackenzie; song (Gaelic), "Highlanders" (encore), Miss Lizzie Mackenzie; song (Gaelic), "Land of the Free," Miss Macneil; song (Gaelic), "Mr Chalmers' Mhairiachan," Mr Wm. Tolmie; song, "Dry those Tears," Misses Strachan; song, "Scottish Emigrant's Farewell," Mr K. Macaskill; song (Gaelic), (encore), Mr H. Macleod; song, Miss Paterson; song, Mr H. Dyson; song (encore), Mr H. Macaskill; piano-forte selections, Miss Mackenzie; concertina selections, Miss Johnston; song (Gaelic), (encore), Mr Wm. Tolmie; song, Miss Paterson; song, "Sound the Pibroch" (encore), Mr A. Macleod; song (Gaelic), "Molaidh na Luath," Miss Mackenzie; song, "Aithris," Miss Macneil; duet, "The Crookit Babooie," Miss Mackenzie and Mr K. Macaskill; song (encore), Miss Lizzie Mackenzie; song (encore), "Troubles" (encore), Mr Dyson. The usual votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

AT THE HARBOUR.—Business at the Harbour this week was quiet as brisk as in the previous week. The s.s. "Elna," from Sunderland, discharged 700 tons of coal and sailed again on Tuesday, while the Danish schooners "Helga" and "Goldberg" were loaded with coal for Narcooping, Sweden, and the "Veritas" and "Neils" were in ballast. The smack, "Rival," of Cromarty, discharged barley for Millburn Distillery, while at the Thornburgh the trading bark, "Aberdeen," made their usual calls, taking in and discharging cargoes.

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