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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS. BIRTHS. At Blairbair, Culterhead, on the 31st inst, Mrs. Neil Campbell, a son.

MARRIAGES. At the Queensgate Hotel, Inverness, on the 2nd inst, by the Rev. Allan Cameron, Dr. W. E. Matheson, P.S., 3rd Cameron Highlanders, to Georgina, second daughter of Mrs. A. Henry, 4 Telford Street, Inverness.

DEATHS. Alexander Johnston, late postman, H.R., at 20 Crown Street, Inverness, on the 4th inst, William Brodie, expert, late of St. John's Church, Inverness, on the 30th ult.

DEATHS. At 10 Donny Street, Inverness, on the 4th inst, Mrs. Jack or Jennie, widow of the late Captain George Bennie, shipowner.

DEATHS. At Kirkhill, on 4th June, after a long and lingering illness, Mrs. Christina Paterson, Alexander Macrae, blacksmith, aged 41.

DEATHS. At 29 Hilltown Street, Inverness, on the 1st inst, Hugh Macdonald, for 36 years painter in the Highland Railway.

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No. 1288.—25TH YEAR

CHURCH NOTICES. UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH.—To-morrow (Sabbath)—Forenoon and Evening.—Rev. ALLAN CAMERON, M.A.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, INGLIS STREET. TO-MORROW (SABBATH), 7th JUNE. Preacher—Rev. H. HOWARD MAY.

WEST UNITED FREE CHURCH. JUMBLE SALE, FRIDAY, 12th JUNE, at 6 p.m. Proceeds in Aid of Bazaar Fund.

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HARRIS PARISH COUNCIL. Notice is hereby given, that an Abstract in Duplicate of Accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March, 1908, only balanced and signed, together with all Assessed Books, Account Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipts mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will be deposited in the Offices of the Parish Council at Obbo, and be open between the hours of Eleven Forenoon and Three Afternoon to the inspection of all Ratepayers within the Parish from the 6th day of June to the 20th day of June, 1908, inclusive, and all such persons shall be at liberty to take copies of or extracts from the same without fee.

THE HIGHLAND RAILWAY. REDUCED FARES FROM STRATHPEFFER AND ACHTERNERD EVERY FRIDAY, JUNE TO SEPTEMBER. STRATHPEFFER TO TAIN.

FURTHER NORTH! FORTNIGHTLY PASSES FOR TOURISTS VISITING THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS. Commencing on 1st June, and until 30th September, VISITORS from SOUTH and EAST of BRITAIN, holding RETURN TICKETS to NEWTONMORE or ANY STATION NORTH THEREOF, can obtain

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THE Annual General Meeting of the Colerian F.C. will be held in the Davis Square Hall on Monday, 15th June, at 8 p.m. Also Presentation of Inverness Cup and Badge.

THE MACKINTOSH ESTATES AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SHOW. The above SHOW will be held at MOTHALL ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th August.

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THE SMALL LANDHOLDERS (SCOTLAND) BILL AND HOME RULE FOR SCOTLAND.

Part V. [To the Editor.] Sir,—By the death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman the Scots have lost a true friend and a large-hearted and patriotic Scotsman on whom they could place full reliance to give Scottish affairs every consideration and justice.

Same men and same nations are allowed to manage their own affairs, and only imbeciles and lunatics are placed under restraint and subjection. Scotland has been under subjection for over two centuries, and what has been the result? She has been defrauded and insulted, and her affairs mismanaged and neglected. Her sons and daughters have been compelled to leave their native land through arbitrary and unconstitutional proceedings, backed by stringent and heinous laws, enacted for the benefit and aggrandisement of the classes, and to the detriment and oppression of the masses.

It cannot be brought against Scotsmen, the same as against Irishmen, that they have been rebellious or disloyal, or endeavored, by unconstitutional and diabolical means, to gain the control of the Government. The British Government, and a great many of them, have been rebellious and disloyal, and endeavored, by unconstitutional and diabolical means, to gain the control of the Government.

The misery of Ireland has no more been caused by the natural incapacity of the country to provide employment for its population than was the misery of the Black Hole of Calcutta by the incapacity of the atmosphere to provide employment for the lungs of the struggling wretches within its walls.

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ness, greed and tyranny of England reduced Ireland to misery, poverty, and anarchy, and only for the intelligence, perseverance, and determination of the Scots their country would have been reduced to the same deplorable state.

We are constantly reminded by Englishmen, Anglicised, and renegade Scots of England's opulence and Scotland's poverty at the time of the Union. If the Scots were poor they were at least honest and sensible enough not to make a display of covetousness, pride and arrogance in borrowed feathers, and at the expense of other people.

It is not the fact that the English had already twenty millions of debt, which was an enormous sum in those days. Hundreds of millions have been added to the National Debt since then, and the most of them making war on behalf of the capitalists when they found that their Egyptian bonds or their South African mines were in danger. What caused Scotland's poverty at the time of the Union? It was certainly not the want of intelligence, bravery, honesty and perseverance on their part, but the avarice, greed, cruelty and ambition of the English, and their determination to conquer Scotland and make her a province of England.

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GAELIC AND STORNOWAY SCHOOL BOARD.

INVERNESS'S COUNTER CAMPAIGN. [To the Editor.] Sir,—The action of the Stornoway School Board and the timid support of it made by the Inverness Branch of an Communion, is operating in quite a different manner to what these bodies expected it would.

The moral of the whole foolish business is, as you pertinently point it in your leading article—"An Communion Gaelicheadach must interest themselves in securing the Gaelic people on their native soil." At present they have got the country behind them. Here two reasons, one being the Communion takes no official cognisance of the land question—the question of all questions in the Gaelicheadach-to-day—the second being that, by reason of past coquettings with the landlord element, the Communion has become suspect—its record is bad. It remains to be seen whether or not the Communion in question can live down its own evil reputation in this respect.

[To the Editor.] Sir,—The attitude of the Stornoway School Board on the question of Gaelic has roused the indignation of every true Highlander. With some permission, I should like to ask you who are the members of the Stornoway School Board in that town. Surely they cannot all be Sasannachs. Dr Murray isn't. He has plenty of Gaelic. Did his Gaelic hinder him in qualifying for his profession? I should think not, but rather helped him. Gaelic is not so great a hindrance to professional life as the Lowland Scotch tongue.

[To the Editor.] Sir,—Permit me to thank "Lewisman" for a letter in the last issue of your valued paper, which I hope the members, and particularly the Chairman, of the Stornoway School Board have studied well. The attitude taken up by the Board is a most amazing one. They in effect say: "Leave us alone; we don't want any assistance either financially or otherwise. As a ratepayer, I strongly object to the School Board's attitude, and assert that the Chairman misrepresented the position. Let me assure our friends who are working to have State recognition for Gaelic that we in Stornoway are not all of the one mind, and do not let the action of the Stornoway School Board deter them from persisting in their good work. As for the member who objected to the teaching of Gaelic altogether, to use an Irishism, he would be better off to be at sea. We will settle with him in both languages at next election. Our worthy Provost has had nothing to do with the promotion of this matter, of course, he looks on it with a loving eye. As a parent I wish my children to learn

Gaelic, and would much prefer that they were taught it in the Nicolson Institute in preference to a lot of the useless matter there inculcated. Let me commend to the School Board an article on the teaching of Gaelic which appears in the current "Deegreine" over the name of that eminent scholar and successful teacher, Mr Donald Macivior, F.E.I.S., Baylye, I am, Sir, yours, &c., STORNOWAY RATEPAYER, Stornoway, 4th June, 1908.

THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE NATIONAL TONGUE.

[To the Editor.] Sir,—The position taken up by an Communion Gaelicheadach in regard to the teaching of Gaelic in the schools represents the very minimum of efficiency which is consistent with sound nationalism. Nevertheless the Communion has miscalculated alike its own strength as the present thinking capacity of the people of the Gaelicheadach. So long as we have individuals of the type of Dr Murray, of Stornoway, and your correspondent who deftly signs himself a "Degenerate Highlander" voicing, or claiming to voice, the educational needs of the Gaelicheadach, so long will the Scriptural spectacle of the whole here rushing down a steep place, and seeking national extinction in the waters of ignorance, provide matter of mild amusement to the less unsophisticated public.

The policy of engineering a vast political movement such as the Communion aspires to direct on sentiment only has been weighed, found wanting, and condemned time after time. Here are the words of a "Foreign Diplomatist," writing in the current number of "Guth na Bliadhna." They are worth considering. Home critics are not apt to be esteemed sound prophets in their own country, so perhaps the opinion of this non-Gaelic observer may be of some weight:—"No purely linguistic movement has ever succeeded in restoring a threatened nationality. All such movements as Celtic revivalists are accustomed to point to as carrying justification for their own agitation, and as offering encouragement and inducement to those who have either entered into the Celtic movement, or are thinking of doing so, have been largely, if not entirely, political movements. This is inevitable. It has been well remarked that when a language dies a nation expires; and, pray, what is the word "nation" but a common political expression used to denote a group or collection of families bound together by common ties of race, language, country, etc.?"

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THE GLASGOW SUTHERLANDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very largely attended meeting of the directors of this Association was held on Thursday evening, 28th ult., in the offices of Mr Alex. Bruce, president of the Association, 53, Bothwell Street, Glasgow—Mr Bruce presiding. The form of the syllabus for the ensuing session was discussed and arranged as follows:—President's opening address, followed by dance, September 17th; literary meetings, first Thursday of October, December, January, February, March; social evening, November 5th; concert and dance, March 12th; annual gathering, December 10th. It was announced that Mr Donald Macleod, M.A., director of studies in Glasgow, had agreed to preside at the 53rd annual gathering. Mr Macleod is a native of Lochiver, and a life member of the Association; and in view of his wide popularity and the esteem in which he is held by Sutherlandshire, it was decided to occupy the chair on this occasion given the greatest satisfaction. After some discussion it was agreed unanimously to continue for a second period of three years the subsidy towards the Sutherlandshire Technical School, a suitable person to be selected in due course. Some discussion followed on the two amendments on the Education (Scotland) Bill, which Mr Norman Lamont, M.P., will propose at the instance of an Communion Gaelicheadach, and it was decided to support the first amendment, which has for its object the making of suitable provision for teaching the native language and literature in Gaelic-speaking districts to young persons over fourteen years of age. The second amendment, which would have School Boards failed to provide for the teaching of Gaelic, sought to deprive such School Boards of the residue from the district education fund, was considered too drastic.

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THE VATERSAY LESSON.

We are accustomed to plume ourselves, and doubtless with good reason, upon the justice of our laws and the impartiality of their administration. Compared with ruder times and inferior nations, we live in an age and in a land in which the equities of social life are more thoroughly understood in their widest sense, and conserved with greater care, than history has to show. Yet, lest we should be prone to deify the legal compendium of rectitude, if not, indeed, the more law-enforcing machinery, we are confronted time and again with some tragedy, consummated in the name of justice, and enacted in the name of law and order, to remind us how human and frail either it all is. The law in a civilised country must take its course, but the law is folly to hug the delusion that the law can do no wrong. At times the veriest tyro, in weighing the equities of a case, can perceive that injustice is sometimes inflicted in the name of law. At what point the fatal mistake is made is not, perhaps, so easily discernible, but that a demonstration which ends in an absurdity embodies a hidden fallacy has been known since the days of Euclid. A case in point has been afforded in the case of the Vatersay squatters. The law has done its worst. The ten cottars who appeared this week before the Court at Edinburgh have been lodged in gaol. Yet these men, or to the nation at large, that anything criminal has been proved against them. The whole affair is a legal tragedy. The intuitive belief that most people possess in the eternal justice in the natural order of things compels the mind to acknowledge that a great wrong exists somewhere, and prompts an exhaustive search to find it. The incarceration of the ten Vatersay cottars in Caltoun gaol has focussed attention on the system of land law. The wrong resides there. The country depletes the drain upon rural life, yet here we have ten men whose only crime is their starving and fever-stricken families they sought to win from the soil the bounty that is the reward of honest toil. The men asserted their natural right to live, a right which the country's laws admit but fail to uphold. They took the one way open to them to assert that right, and, if an end may be reached, and there is but one way to reach it, it is difficult logically to convict of trespass. The moral of the Vatersay case is obvious. The fault does not lie with the prisoners nor with their judges, nor yet, we hope, with those who raised the action. The offence lies in the law, and the absurdity of the Vatersay conviction should prove a stimulus to the agitation that must remove it.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS BILL.

The special Bill, supplementary to the Finance Bill, in which the Government scheme for the provision of Old Age Pensions is set forth and explained has now been published. It amply bears out Mr Asquith's statement when introducing the Budget. The pensions come into force on the 1st of January, 1909, and are payable to persons of 70 years and upwards who are in receipt of not more than 10s per week or £25 per year. There are several important disqualifications limiting the number of those entitled to a claim on the pension fund. The first and most important is the receipt of Poor Law relief at any time since the first of January, 1909. There will be no great difficulty in ascertaining a fact like this, but another disqualification, and one likely to give greater trouble, operates against anyone who has habitually refused to work, or refrained from work when physically capable. No permanent records are kept of the way in which a man uses his individual freedom in his youth, nor is it advisable that one should be set up now. A habitual loafer, therefore, under the Pensions Act will probably turn out to be one that fixes himself in the public mind by an ostentatious refusal to work. The man who unobtrusively slips through life without turning a hand to anything will come in for his superannuation like his hard-working neighbour. In fact, whenever discrimination comes in, especially in regard to traits of life and character that are hard to define, and harder to prove, there must be many cases of unjust treatment, the elimination of which can only be accomplished by the setting up of inquisitorial machinery with a consequent loss of freedom to the citizen that would not be tolerated. Other disqualifications preclude those who are detained in an asylum under the Lunacy Act, or who are paupers or criminal lunatics, or who have been in prison without the option of a fine. A number of stipulations are made in order that an applicant shall not overstate his income. Under any scheme that imposes an income limit this cannot be avoided, and so long as the stipulations do not provide questions that are unduly inquisitorial no one is likely to complain. An important point to be noted is that the pension cannot be assigned, nor can it be arrested by a creditor. All claims and questions arising are to be settled by a local Pension Committee and a Pension Officer. The provisions of the Bill are easily understood, and there is unlikely to be much

EX-PROVOST ROSS TIES A KNOT.

ANOTHER IRREGULAR MARRIAGE.

"If you will be as loyal to one another as you are in the army you will be very happy indeed." In these words Hon. Sheriff-Substitute A. D. Ross congratulated a young couple who appeared in the Court on Thursday evening, when the customary marriage ceremony was performed. The bridegroom is a soldier who is leaving for abroad shortly.

DOUBLING HIGHLAND LINE.

ANOTHER SECTION OPENED.

The new loop crossing at Kingswood was on Wednesday put in operation for the first time, while two miles of the doubled line from the County March were also utilised for traffic. The doubling is in continuation of an extensive scheme started seven years ago, and good progress has been made. It is understood that the directors have sanctioned the doubling from Aviemore to Stanley, which will give a through double line for the run from Inverness to Perth. The most expensive part of the work will be the section between Blair-Atholl and Stanley. On this portion there are two tunnels and the famous Killiecrankie Viaduct to reconstruct, and it is probable nothing will be done with this section for some time. The expenditure on these improvements is being met from capital.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

The Duke of Sutherland will entertain the members of the Tariff Commission at dinner at Stafford House on Wednesday, June 24, and the Duchess of Sutherland will hold a reception afterwards.

OKEL—Thirty Miles of Drains.—Mr John Ross, contractor, has at present on hand a large contract for drains on the Bannockburn, Oykell, Bridge, and on the Bannockburn Estate. The contract will take several months to finish.

Mr Morton and Public Health Regulations.—In the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr Morton elicited from the President of the Local Government Board that the regulations under the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907, would be issued shortly.

Boxing-Brigade—Presentation to a Coachman.—Mr Kenneth Cameron, head coachman with Mr Macpherson of the Bridge Hotel for seven years, was, on the occasion of his leaving the district owing to ill-health, made the recipient of a testimonial by those who knew him in Ardgay.

Mr Morton and the Cruiser Ringdove.—In the House of Commons on Thursday, Mr Morton elicited from the Secretary for Scotland that the official quarters at Ringdove is the property of the Ringdove and is anchored at Portrose from 12th to 19th May for purposes of repair. It is the fact that the Ringdove proceeded to sea on the 20th. Every effort will be made to take steps to prevent illegal sailing.

Lairg Meeting of E.I.S.—A well-attended meeting of the Sutherland branch of the Educational Institute of Scotland was held at Lairg on Saturday. Mr John Macleod, M.A., presided. Mr M'Whan, president of the Institute, gave an address on the Education Bill, which was listened to with appreciation. Mr Hutt, Tain, and Mr Polson, Nigg, also spoke. Mr Wightman, Golspie, proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was warmly accorded.

Arday—Successful Horse Breeding.—Culveiv, in Strathcarron, tenanted by Mr George M. Macleod, can hardly be called a croft, but any farmer on a large or even a medium scale would call it a small holding. The other day Mr Macleod sold a four-year-old colt to Mr Peterkin, Dunblair, for 50 gu., and last year he sold one to Mr John Grant, Dornoch, for 40 gu. In fact this is the fourth year in succession in which he has realised high figures for his colts. They were all from a half-bred nine-year-old mare still in his possession, and all have been reared and broken by himself.

Boxing-Brigade—Salmon Fishing.—During the past week (Monday accepted) netting operations were prosecuted on Sir Charles Ross's Bannockburn fishings on the Kyle of Sutherland; Mr Littlejohn's Invercharron fishing at the estuary, and Mr Andrew Carnegie's Skibo fishings at the head of the Dornoch Firth, and at Craggan-dubh on the Kyle. The results showed a marked improvement, being the most productive week this season. From all the above fishings combined it is calculated that 91 cwts. of salmon had been landed to the Billingsdale in the course of the week.

Dornoch—Promotion of a Prison Officer.—The many friends in Dornoch of Mr Alexander Forbes will be glad to learn of his promotion to chief warder in H.M. Prison, Aberdeen. Mr Forbes entered the service 15 years ago at Balmuirie Prison, and was transferred to Duke Street Prison, Glasgow. After being 18 months there, he was sent to Peterhead Convict Prison as a warder, where he remained for 12 years, during which time he was promoted to be in-charge of the prison. Being promoted first-class officer, he was transferred to Balmuirie, and after acting there for four years he has received his present appointment. Mr Forbes is a son of the late Mr Robert Forbes, Birmoch, Dornoch.

BRORA—Fire at the Grand Hotel.—On Sunday morning a serious fire occurred in the Grand Hotel. The ground floor is occupied by shopkeepers, and the building, which is new, is connected with the whole of George Street. All the shopkeepers and the public removed their goods from the premises, and willing hands endeavoured to stop the ravages of the flames. With the aid of a small hose, the fire, which had seemingly originated in the shop of Mr Paul, watchmaker, played upon, and after the brigade arrived, the fire was made to save the main building, and good work was done in saving the adjoining houses by cutting the roof clear with axes. About 7 a.m. the fire was got under, and the house was saved. The proprietor, Mr Ross, was not at home at the time, but his little boy was sleeping in the room next to the fire. After he was got out it was impossible to go back for his clothes. The work of all concerned was admirable, and the efforts of the brigade before the fire was made to save the main building, and good work was done in saving the adjoining houses by cutting the roof clear with axes.

HOW OLD AGE PENSIONS WILL AFFECT SUTHERLANDSHIRE. (By RADICAL MAC.) There are a few more points raised by Lochiel in his orations in Sutherlandshire that demand attention. He endeavours to secure the fishermen's votes by making capital out of the regulations that govern trawling in the Moray Firth. I wonder if Lochiel knows who are the owners of these foreign (?) trawlers. He does not, perhaps he could make inquiry, and inform the electors of Sutherlandshire the name of a well-known Tariff "Reformer" and Tory member of Parliament who is largely financially interested in these foreign (?) trawlers. It is a pity to waste a damage to the fish-fishermen. This is an important matter, and the information should be got at the earliest opportunity.

Lochiel said the reduction of the sugar tax did not reduce the price of sugar. This is not so. In the city in which I live sugar was sold before the reduction at 2 lbs. for 4d. Now the price is 2 lbs. for 4d. This is a reduction of about 11 per cent. The reduction of the sugar tax will benefit every working man in the Kingdom. Lochiel advocates a tax of 2s on wheat from foreign countries so as to give preference to our Colonies. He says this will not raise the price of bread. It shall not raise the price of bread but it will benefit the home farmers as the Tories say it will. And again, Mr Chamberlain said he would not tax maize or bacon, as these two articles were the staple of the poor, and he did not wish to add to the cost of their living. As I present the wheat from Canada, which comes through the United States, and if we taxed the United States wheat that country would at once put a similar tax on the Canadian wheat passing over their railways. So it is obvious that by Lochiel's plan that it is the foreign country that would secure the benefits of giving preference to the Colonies while the working people of this country would have to pay more for their food.

Lochiel seems to sneer at old age pensions. He is evidently not aware that Sutherlandshire will receive thousands of pounds each year by the Government's pension scheme. In that county out of a population of about 21,000 there are over 1600 persons over 70 years of age. Of these 500 are widows. In some parishes as high as one-tenth of the inhabitants are over 70 years of age. If we take each parish separately we find 222 persons over 70 years of age; Aesyt, 222; Tongue, 181; Dornoch, 180; Creich, 171; Clyne, 124; Rogart, 117; Kildonan, 110; Edinvalley, 87; Lairg, 84; Dunross, 75; Golspie, 60; Lairg, 29. All these persons will not receive pensions, but a good proportion will. The pensions will not only benefit the recipients but they will benefit the whole country in general.

There is one man, who takes a very prominent interest in Sutherlandshire in the elections, to whom the late Tory Government gave a pension of £1200 per annum. I wonder if Lochiel is in favour of continuing the pension to Mr Henry Chaplin, and we all wonder what services Mr Chaplin rendered to this country to merit such a pension except that he married the daughter of a duke.

TAIN NEWS.

Ecclesiastical.—The Rev. Mr Sloan, senior minister of the Grange U.F. Church, Edinburgh, officiated in the U.F. Church on Sunday. Rev. A. Frazer is attending the Irish Presbyterian General Assembly as a deputy from the United Free Church Assembly.

Foreign Skipper Convicted of Illegal Trawling.—In the Tain Sheriff Court on Wednesday, Jacob Johansson, skipper of the foreign trawler Daggy (L.K. 1), Larvik, was charged before Sheriff Macquart with trawling within the three-mile limit at a point off Parboona Lightness in the Moray Firth, 2 1/2 miles of low water mark. After evidence had been led the skipper was found guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of £60, or suffer forty days imprisonment.

Academy Governors.—A meeting of the Academy Governors was held on Monday. Sheriff Mackenzie presiding. The clauses of the Education Bill now before Parliament, as they affect the Academy, were considered, and it was recommended to the Chairman and the Secretary to take such steps as are necessary to safeguard the Academy's interests. A letter was read from Mr Finlay Munro of Rockfield, who could not be present, suggesting the introduction of a water-pipe heating apparatus into the Academy. The matter, after some consideration, was deferred. A claim was lodged for full £3 bursaries to two pupils from Logie-Easter School, and the Governors allowed it. A letter was read and considered from the Town Clerk with regard to the classification and curriculum in the Academy. From observations submitted from the headmaster it appeared that the curriculum proceeds on a scheme drawn up under the regulations of the Department with the approval of H.M. Inspector, and the Governors did not see their way to make any change. The Governors instructed the Secretary to advertise the vacant Murray Memorial Bursary of £20, tenable for three years in any Scottish University by any boy or girl who has attended the Academy for the twelve months from July last, and to advertise the Macleod and Duff Bursaries of £12, tenable at the Academy by boys belonging to the parish of Tain whose parents cannot afford the expense of higher education.

WESTER ROSS NEWS. LOCHARRON.—S.S.P.C.A. Prize-Winners.—Lexie B. Mackenzie and Donald Stewart, pupils in Locharron Public School, have won the prizes for the best essays on "Some Benefits we receive from Lower Animals." POOLWEE.—Meeting of E.I.S.—The annual meeting of the Wester Ross Branch of the E.I.S. was held in Poolwee School on Saturday. Mr Cameron presided, and Mr Kerr, Aultbake, was appointed secretary. The retiring president delivered a strong and advanced address on "Gaelic—The Hope and Safety of our Race." Mr Cameron was nominated for the degree of F.E.I.S. Several teachers of the branch are to attend vacation classes in Glasgow in August. An emergency committee, consisting of Messrs Kerr, Cameron, Rankin, Stewart, Home, Chisholm, and Miss MacInnes was appointed. The membership of the branch is 25 or so.

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Wardlaw Rifle Club.—On Saturday at Monieck Range the members competed for the silver spoon before a large turnout of spectators. The sports were won by John Frazer with a score of 62. The next best scores recorded were 62 by Simon Frazer, 62 by J. Gordon, 60 by R. Munro, and 60 by A. Tulloch. The light, being very bright, greatly disconcerted several of the best shots, who had the greatest difficulty in keeping their elevation.

Sub-District Second Shoot.—The Beauly Sub-District of the Scottish Twenty Club held their second shoot on Saturday at Lettick Ranges in good weather conditions. The following scores were completed: Quartermaster-Sergeant Paterson, Lovat Scouts, 95; Sergeant-Instructor H. Mackenzie, do., 91; Mr R. M'Lean, 90; Sergeant Duff, Lovat Scouts, 80; Corporal A. Paterson, 4th Cameron, 89; Corporal D. Macpherson, do., 88.

Meeting of the Kilmorack School Board.—The Board met in the Phipps Hall, Beauly, on Monday, when Mr J. T. Garrick occupied the chair. A large number of applications were received for the post of Assistant teacher in Tenassie School. The Board unanimously appointed Miss Margaret Strachan, 77 Kirk Street, Peterhead, whom falling Miss Elizabeth Beattie, Aberdeen, and in the event of her falling also, Miss Eliza Frances Dunlop, Aberdeen. The salary is £70. The balance sheet for year ending 15th May, 1908, and abstract of accounts were examined, and a statement of probable income and expenditure submitted for 1908-9 and £1 deficiency required from Parish Council. It was agreed to ask for £450 as against £600 last year, which will make a reduction of 3d per £1 on the school rate. A minute authorising a draft of £400 was passed. H.M. Inspector's report on Tenassie School was examined and found very satisfactory, the grant earned being £109 2s 7d. £6 extra has been earned for meritorious work. The holidays in Beauly School were fixed from 1st July to 1st August, 14th September, 1st October, and 1st November. Tenassie School the number on roll is 85, and average attendance 75. In Struy School, out of 35 on the roll the average attendance is 30; while in Cannich, out of 14 on the roll the average attendance was 13.5.

H.L.L. SPORTS AT BEAUFORT.

THE PRIZE-LIST. The two companies of the H.L.L. under the command of Captain Bessford, held a meeting on Saturday, when upwards of £20 was distributed in prizes. The following is the prize-list: Kicking football—1 Private Gibb, A Company; 2 Piper Montgomery. Relay race, one mile, four a side—1 Lance-Corporal Macdonald, E Company, and Private Champion, A Company; 2 Private Long jump—1 Lance-Corporal Macdonald, 2 Private Champion. Sack race—1 Private Godson, A Company; 2 Corporal Richardson, E Company; 3 Piper Johnson, E Company; 4 Corporal Macmillan, A Company; 5 Private Macleod, E Company; 6 Lance-Corporal Macmillan, E Company; 7 Corporal Godson, A Company; 440 yards race—1 Lance-Corporal Roberts, A Company; 2 Lance-Corporal Macdonald, E Company; 3 Lance-Corporal Nicolson, E Company; 4 Private Bell, A Company; 4 Private Gibbs, A Company. Tossing caber—1 Lance-Corporal Nicolson, E Company; 2 Private Godson, A Company; 440 yards race—1 Lance-Corporal Roberts, A Company; 2 Lance-Corporal Macdonald, E Company; 3 Lance-Corporal Nicolson, E Company; 4 Private Bell, A Company; 4 Private Gibbs, A Company. Tossing caber—1 Lance-Corporal Nicolson, E Company; 2 Private Godson, A Company; 440 yards race—1 Lance-Corporal Roberts, A Company; 2 Lance-Corporal Macdonald, E Company; 3 Lance-Corporal Nicolson, E Company; 4 Private Bell, A Company; 4 Private Gibbs, A Company.

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THE CLAN MORRISON.

There is still room in Edinburgh for the institution of a few more Associations designed to further the Highland interests, either on a general basis, or maintaining the personal element by means of the clan system. Under the latter head might be placed the very practical suggestion put forward by "Fionn" in a recent issue of the "Weekly Scotsman." The proposal was that the Morrisons resident in the city should form a Clan Society for the mutual interests of the members. There is no doubt whatever that if the proposal assumed even an embryonic state, the clan identified themselves with the movement, its ultimate success would be assured.

CAMERONS AND SEAFORTHS AT BEAULY.

TERRITORIAL STAFF RIDE. On Saturday a very successful staff ride took place, under the superintendence of Colonel Malcolm, the Brigadier. The idea was that a foreign leg had landed at Inver Gordon, and with horses and guns was to be driven southwards. The Brigadier's appreciations as to the best modes of dealing with the situation were invited from all officers and non-commissioned officers of the 4th Cameron. A good number of these had been received by the Brigadier. The staff ride was held at Beauly Drill Hall at 3 p.m. Besides Colonel Malcolm, D.S.O., there were present Major Alex. Fraser, 4th Cameron; Captain Gibson, do.; and Lieuts. David Tuss, D. F. Mackenzie, and Maclean. Lieut. Forbes, R.N., and a large number of the sergeants of the 4th Cameron also took part in the staff ride. Colonel Malcolm, in dealing with the appreciations in detail, pointed out that the landing was so sudden that a sound defence could not be set up much further north than Beauly, although he favoured the idea of sending forward some troops to delay the enemy's advance. The defence, therefore, decided upon was along the line of the Beauly River, and after receiving brief directions four positions were taken up. The first extended from West-Lovat Farm to the Beauly Ferry; the second from the Ferry to a point above the railway bridge; the third from a point above the railway bridge to a point above the Lovat Bridge at Beauly Bridge. A sub-section was stationed at the Crosscormack with two companies, with a strong outpost at Tomich. The positions were visited by the Brigadier, and the officers and non-commissioned officers in occupation of each had to prepare sketches of their positions and write a short report of their responsibility. Tea was served in the Drill Hall at 6.50, where all had re-assembled, and after reviewing the sketches and reports of the officers, Colonel Malcolm spoke for some time on the usefulness to be derived from movements such as they had gone through on the staff ride that day. He complimented them all on the intelligence displayed, and thanked them for turning out so well.

SLAYE NEWS.

Stocktaking at Suddaburgh.—The stock on the farm of Suddaburgh, taken by the Congested Districts' Board for Mr Gillies, has been inspected with a view to fixing prices after the October sales. Mr C. M. Cameron, Balmakyle, acted for the Congested Districts' Board, and Mr P. Robertson, Achilly and Scorrybreck, for Mr Gillies, while Mr Cameron, Gesto, was overman. Sixty cows were fixed at one and a-half per score, and ewe hoggs at one per score. The prices fixed for tup hoggs was £4 10s downwards; two-year-old tups £6 downwards, and aged tups £4 downwards.

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A "VATERSAY" WEEK.

The climax which was reached in the early part of the present week in connection with the arrival of the Western law-breakers in Edinburgh, had an electrifying effect on the citizens. "What are they?" and "What have they done?" were the oft-repeated inquiries on all sides, and one frequently overheard a sympathetic reference to the men's position and the distressing plight which their imprisonment would occasion amongst those of their kin remaining behind. The large crowd which awaited their arrival on Monday night, the immense throng of the general public present during the Court proceedings, and the hearty manifestations of sympathy from the spectators outside the Court-House all went to show the remarkable depth of public feeling in the fate of the ten squatters. The response made to the appeal for subscriptions to tide them over their initial difficulties was highly creditable, a balance of over £3 remaining after meeting all immediate liabilities. Even more gratifying are the returns already published in the "Edinburgh Evening News" following the opening of a relief fund "to provide subsistence for the dependents of the imprisoned men." The "News" will acknowledge all subscriptions received on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the smallest amount being welcome. Including the balance spoken of above, and the amount intimated in Wednesday's issue, the fund amounts to 135 shillings, and it is not too much to anticipate a total of 200 shillings to-night's (Saturday) issue of the "News." Councillor Leishman, of 44 George Street, has kindly consented to act as honorary treasurer, and to his address all subscriptions should be forwarded. It was suggested at this week's meeting of the Edinburgh Trades' Council that the Executive should take the initiative in promoting an agitation in favour of a reduction of the sentences on the men, and in favour of their claims upon the land." The proposal was carried with unanimity.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Major NEIL CAMPBELL MACLACHLAN.

The above is a photograph of Major Neil Campbell MacLachlan, who was accidentally shot in camp on the Indian Frontier a few weeks ago. Deceased joined the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders in 1888. He was wounded at the Battle of Athara, and was present at Omdurman, where he was mentioned in despatches. On returning from the Sudan in 1898, Major MacLachlan took over the adjutancy of the battalion. He was the tallest officer in the regiment, and was very popular with all ranks. A keen and enthusiastic sportsman, Major MacLachlan took a great interest in cricket, and was an expert polo player. He was well known in the north of Scotland, and was a personal friend of the late Major Jackson of Swardale. The deceased was an outstanding figure at the Northern Meetings and other Highland gatherings. While in Cairo in 1902 Major MacLachlan presented Mr D. Sutherland, Ardconnell Street, Inverness, with a beautiful silver watch as a token of esteem and in recognition of Mr Sutherland's services as the deceased's personal servant for a period of five years. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Campbell MacLachlan and family in the great loss they have sustained.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

On Sunday a military service was held at St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland (the Rev. Dr Marshall) preached, and made an appropriate allusion to the deceased officer. Additional interest was added to the service by the voluntary attendance of the band of the Cameron Highlanders, who have just terminated their Exhibition engagement, and who offered to assist their comrades of the 2nd Seaforths in paying this last tribute to the memory of the departed officer. The service was concluded by the playing of the Dead March in "Saul" by the combined bands.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN HIGHLAND MINISTER.

The announcement of the death of the Rev. John Stuart Mackay will be received with universal regret in the Highlands. The deceased gentleman at one time was Free Church minister of Altmorra, in Sutherland. Later on, however, he was called to minister to a large congregation in Fort-Augustus, where his services were highly appreciated during the many years of his ministrations. Being a man of great learning and wide reading, he quickly excelled as an earnest and cultured preacher. Mr Mackay was evicted from his church and manse by the decision of the House of Lords, which transferred the property to the Free Church. Leaving Fort-Augustus, Mr Mackay and his family went to Glasgow, where the reverend gentleman continued occasionally to preach. It was at his residence in Randolph Gardens, Glasgow, that his death took place on Sunday, Mr Mackay, who was in his 70th year, is survived by a widow, two sons, and a daughter.

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BLACK ISLE NEWS.

CROMARTY—Shop Hours Act.—The Shop Hours Act came into force in the burgh on Monday. Every shop must now close at 8 p.m. except on Saturdays, when the hour is extended to 11 a.m.

CROMARTY—Opening of Tennis Courts.—The tennis courts opened for the season on Saturday afternoon. The evening was a turning-out of players. During the afternoon, tea was kindly supplied by Mrs Mackintosh Macleod, Laurel House.

RESOLIS—Presentation.—At a social meeting of the Star of Pointfield Lodge, I.O.G.T., the other evening, Brother D. Macdonald, foreman on Pointfield Estate, was presented by the members of the Lodge and friends in the district with a dressings-case on the occasion of his leaving for Perth, where he has received an appointment.

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TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER.

Table with columns: Date, Morning, Evening, Evening. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

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OBITUARY.—Much regret is expressed at the death of Catherine Ann Matheson, which took place, at the early age of 18 years, on the morning of Saturday, 23rd ult., at 32 Newton Street, Stornoway. Deceased, who was ailing for some time past, was very much respected in the locality. She was of an exceedingly kind and gentle nature. The remains were laid to rest in Sandwick Churchyard on the Tuesday following, and the funeral was largely attended. There was a number of beautiful wreaths sent from relatives and friends, and the service was conducted by Mr. J. N. Anderson, Minister, and Mr. J. H. Hunter, Organist. The deceased was a member of the Kirkcaldy Institution, and was a devoted member of the same. Her husband, James Matheson, was a well-known and respected citizen of Stornoway. She was a devoted mother and a kind friend to all who knew her. Her death is a great loss to her family and to the community. Her funeral was a touching one, and was well attended by her many friends and acquaintances. Her remains were committed to the earth in the presence of a large number of mourners. Her death is a sad one, and her loss is deeply felt by all who knew her. Her funeral was a beautiful one, and was well attended by her many friends and acquaintances. Her remains were committed to the earth in the presence of a large number of mourners.

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ARRIVAL OF LEWISMAN AT BUFFALO, N.Y., U.S.A.—The first arrival early in the Spring was Malcolm Morrison, jr., at the home of his parents, Malcolm and Mary Smith Morrison, 123 Jefferson Street. Both parents had been in Buffalo, and the young Lewisman had arrived within the past two weeks.—Malcolm Macritchie, Knosp, Uig; Peter Macritchie, do; John Macritchie, Aird, Uig; Roderick Macphail, Arnol; John Macleod, Arnol; Donald Campbell, Arnol; Murdoch Campbell, Arnol; Donald Maciver, Shawbost, late of Barra; Kenneth Macleod, Aighish; Murdoch Macleod, Graver, Lochs; Alexander Matheson, Graver, Lochs; Alexander Macleod, Vatis-ker, Norman; Donald Vatis-ker; Angus Macleod, Gairraobh; Donald Macdonald, Shader Point; Angus Ferguson, Crulivig; Uig; Donald Macphail, Bragar.

TRAWLER STRUCK ON FLANNANS.—During Saturday and Sunday a dense fog enveloped the sea around the Lewis Islands, with the result that considerable damage and delay was caused to shipping. The steam trawler Golden Sunrise, of Hull, while making the Flannans, ran ashore on Saturday morning. The Flannans fishing grounds on Saturday morning were a scene of confusion. The Flannans were a scene of confusion at the time, and the man in the wheelhouse could not see as far as the steamer's bows when the accident occurred. The engines were stopped, and the vessel got clear of the rocks, but was found to be making a considerable amount of water in the forehold. The skipper decided to make for Stornoway, which was reached on Sunday morning. The vessel was damaged, and the crew were rescued. The Flannans fishing grounds on Saturday morning were a scene of confusion. The Flannans were a scene of confusion at the time, and the man in the wheelhouse could not see as far as the steamer's bows when the accident occurred. The engines were stopped, and the vessel got clear of the rocks, but was found to be making a considerable amount of water in the forehold. The skipper decided to make for Stornoway, which was reached on Sunday morning. The vessel was damaged, and the crew were rescued.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS.—In connection with the annual dispatch by the congregations within the bounds of the Lewis Presbytery of a box of garments to one or other of the United Free Church's foreign mission stations, a missionary address was delivered in the U.F. English Church, on Sunday evening by the Rev. Roderick Morrison, Lochcarron. The meeting was held at the close of the ordinary church services, and there was a crowded attendance. Rev. Walter Calder occupied the chair. In the course of an instructive address Mr. Morrison spoke of the eight foreign mission fields occupied by the United Free Church and the magnitude of the work she was carrying on in spreading the Gospel in the Asiatic and African continents and in the islands of the sea. Towards the close of his address he dealt more particularly with the Lovedale mission, which he visited last year as a special deputy sent out by the Church at home. He had many interesting anecdotes to relate of his own experiences among the Kafirs and Zulus, giving it as his opinion that among these peoples Christianity is slowly but surely on the ascendancy, and destined in the near future to possess the field supreme and alone.

SHERIFF COURT.—Sheriff Reid has issued his judgment in an action of suspension at the instance of Finlay Macneil, 14 Garraim, Carloway, against W. J. Hay, miller, Fyvie. His Lordship suspends the charges and the whole grounds and warrants thereof in so far as directed against the said Finlay Macneil as an individual. No expenses are allowed to either party. In the note to this interlocutor Sheriff Reid says:—"The pursuer allowed the decree in absence in the action against him to be pronounced without noticing that it was directed against him not only as factor loco tutoris of Catherine Isabella Macneil, in which capacity he admits liability, but also as an individual; and there is no reason to doubt that the conclusion against him as an individual was not observed in time. To remedy this the present suspension was brought. In these circumstances he is not entitled to claim from the defender the expenses caused by his own error. The defender, however, appeared in this process and contended that his acts and statements in the correspondence he had rendered himself liable not only in his fiduciary capacity but also as an individual. I had the advantage of a careful argument on this point, but I fail to find any good ground for the defender's contention. There is nothing, in my opinion, in the correspondence to warrant a decree against the pursuer as an individual. The defender having failed upon this point, the fact remains in the question of expenses it is fair to find, to be found due to or by either party." Acted for pursuer, Mr. J. N. Anderson, solicitor, Stornoway; agent for defender, Mr. J. M. Small, solicitor, Stornoway.

DR. HOSS TESTIMONIAL.—In the list of subscriptions to a volume which appeared on our issue of 23rd May, is included "Shawbost school staff, £1 1s." This should read £1 10s.

LEWIS BRANCH OF THE E.I.S.—At the annual business meeting of the above, Mr. Clomensen, headmaster, Ballinaln Public School, was appointed chairman, and Mr. Clark, Laidlaw, re-appointed secretary and treasurer.

GRAVER—COATS VILLAGE LIBRARY.—A set of Harnsworth's Encyclopedia in ten volumes, together with a bookcase, has been further gifted by Mr. Coats, Paisley. The work is a most valuable addition to the Reference Department of the above library.

LOTTERY FOR LEWIS.—Mr. J. P. Mackenzie, Garrynahine Hotel, arrived on Thursday from the south with a splendid motor car, which he had driven himself from Dumfries to Kyle of Lochalsh. The enterprise of Mr. Mackenzie in placing a motor for public hire on the Lewis roads is very substantial encouragement.

STEAMER FROM STORNOWAY FOUNDERS.—A Lloyd's telegram from Portokajak, Islay, states that the steamer Blythville, of Newcastle, stranded during fog near the Rhinns of Islay Lighthouses. The vessel was sunk, and the crew were saved. The Blythville last week discharged at Stornoway a cargo of 1200 tons of Spanish salt for Messrs J. N. Anderson & Co., and was bound from Stornoway to Swansea.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday evening last Mr. Sydney Macinnis, light-keeper, Brit, of Lewis, was met by a number of friends at his home and presented the recipient of a travelling bag on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. Burnett, light-keeper, in making the presentation in a few choice sentences, spoke appreciatively of Mr. Macinnis's popularity, and was witnessed by the gathering of friends who met to give him a hearty send-off. Mr. Macinnis, in a neat speech, suitably replied. The evening was spent thereat with songs by Mr. (Lloyd's) Principal and Mr. and Mrs. Hallstone (Lloyd's).

THE WEST SIDE PETITION.—The landless cottars of Bragar, Arnol, and Shawbost recently petitioned the Government to reintroduce the Small Landholders Bill, and in the meantime to start relief works in Lewis. The resolutions were forwarded through Mr. Alex. Morrison, president of the Cottars' and Cottars' Association, who has received acknowledgments from the Scottish Secretary and Mr. Weir, the latter of whom expresses his intention to press the Government to deal with the grievances set forth.

UIG AND LOCHS SCHOOL BOARDS DECIDE TO SUPPORT STORNOWAY SCHOOL BOARD.—At a meeting of the Uig, Lewis, School Board, held at Garrynahine on Thursday, a communication was submitted from Miss Winifred Parker, secretary to the Education Board in the An Connach, Gairraobh, in reference to the amendments to be proposed to the Education Bill by Mr. Norman Lamont, M.P., on behalf of the Comm. After fully discussing the whole subject, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Rev. Duncan Macdonald, seconded by Rev. Donald Macarthur, Uig, to support the attitude taken up by the Stornoway School Board, who a fortnight ago unanimously disapproved of making the teaching of Gaelic compulsory, or the penalising of school boards in Gaelic districts by docking their share of the residue grant unless they make adequate provision for the teaching of Gaelic. A meeting of the Lochs School Board was held at Keoso yesterday, when a similar finding was unanimously arrived at.

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