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INVERNESS, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1902.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

The charge for insertion of a Notice of Birth is 1s 6d; for a Marriage Notice, 2s 6d; for a Death Notice, 1s 6d—with Funeral Intimation, 2s 6d.

At Grahameville, Ross Avenue, Inverness, on the 25th inst., the wife of David Macfarlane of a son.

At 26 Eastgate, Inverness, on the 24th inst., Huntly Mackenzie, second son of the late George Mackenzie, Esq., of Edon.

At 2 Bank Street, Inverness, on the 21st inst., Isabella Bain, of Macleod, widow of the late Adam Elphinstone, Esq.

At 5 Ingle Court, Inverness, on the 21st inst., Ann Macdonald, widow of the late John Macdonald.

At 21 Shore Street, Inverness, on the 21st inst., John Alexander, late of the late John Mackenzie, Esq., of Edon.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

SHOPKEEPERS' HALF-HOLIDAY will be resumed on Wednesday first, 1st October, when shops will be closed at 2 p.m. A. B. SEY.

MR MILLER'S CHORAL SOCIETY. Practice on Tuesday first, 29th inst., in Queen's Hotel Hall, at 8 1/2 p.m. Full attendance requested.

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS. A Lecture on "Early English Music," with musical illustrations, will be given by Dr. Kromar, at the 2nd inst., at 8 o'clock.

EXECUTORY NOTICE. All Parties having Claims against the Estate of the deceased John Blair, who resided at Eldon Lodge, Mainfield Road, Inverness, are requested to file the same daily vouchered, with the Subscribers, within fourteen days from this date.

INFECTION DISEASE (NOTIFICATION) ACT, 1883. THE SECOND AIR DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF INVERNESS-SHIRE.

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THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE OF PURE BRED SHEEP will take place in Messrs Macdonald Fraser & Co.'s Yard, Inverness, on Friday, 3rd October, 1902.

NORTHERN COUNTRIES BREEDING AND FAT SHOW CLUB. The Twentieth ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE OF PURE BRED SHEEP will take place in Messrs Macdonald Fraser & Co.'s Yard, Inverness, on Friday, 3rd October, 1902.

CHURCH NOTICES. QUEEN UNITED FREE CHURCH.—Services for To-morrow (Sabbath)—Gaelic at 11 a.m.; English at 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. ANDREW GARDNER.

UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH.—SPECIAL SERVICES. Forenoon . . . . . Rev. ALLAN CAMERON, M.A. Evening . . . . . Rev. JOHN BLACK, LL.D. Collection for Building Fund.

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BAPTIST CHURCH, Friar's Lane.—Services for To-morrow (Sabbath)—Gaelic at 11 a.m.; English at 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. ANDREW GARDNER.

ENTERTAINMENTS, &c.

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APPLECROSS NAMES.

"Sojourners" list of place-names in Applecross that have been overlooked, though very far from being exhaustive, possesses considerable interest.

Carrachan, the southern point of the middle island, means in Gaelic a frog-hill, also called a cobbler, and may have been so named on account of a familiar resemblance to that fish.

Borradale is from Norse—borr, a burg or stronghold, and dalr, a dale or meadow. Names like Sardale, which is or was somewhere near Borradale or Applecross Mains and Scamadale, which have date at the end, are all Norse. The Norse way was to put the title last—the Gaelic way is to put it first.

Uamh an Uaimhreach. The words uamh, pride, and uamhreach, proud, are pronounced respectively uamhar and uamharach in the parish. The uamh mentioned by "sojourners" was probably a proud, high-topped fellow.

Gascan, Gaelic an Gasgan—the tail, the extremity. In topography gasgan is applied to a place where a plateau or level ground like that behind Shieldaig village ends in an acute angle and narrows down to the vanishing point as it does here between a rising hill on one side and a falling away declivity on the other side.

Craig Chaidhears, more correctly Craeg Chaidhears, rock of the gloomy hazel wood, from call, an old word for hazel, found also in Baddell at the narrows, and dubhar, an old word meaning gloomy wood or dark wood.

Ykag, unless from Gaelic, the name of the broad north side of Ben Shieldaig, and gets very little of the sun.

Doire a Dhuinn on the Doire Ghrian, which is the Gaelic, grove or clump of Grim, who must have been an old Norse Viking, unless from Gaelic, the name of a borrowed Norse name. Besides it is Bad Doire Ghrian Mhoir, which might mean clump of Grim's clump, or clump of Grim's big clump, but probably means clump of big Grim's clump.

All an Coire is rightly explained. The story referred to has considerable local and other interest, but is, unfortunately, rather too long for relation here.

Laidhach, not Laidhach, is a Gaelic name, if it is from laidh, gray or heavy, and means heavy one. Compare an t-Ob Laidhach for an t-Ob Laidhach, the muddy bay near Annet.

Port a' Chobhail ("Port a' Chubhail" in the larger Ordnance Survey map)—a pretty little hollow shut in from sight by rocks and ridges that encircle it completely except on the seaside. Compare old Gaelic cobhainn: Irish, cobhan, a prison name.

Branch an t-Obhainn, bank of the fairy knoll. Coire an amhoich—Coire of the evening or of the late evening. The name is the same as the name of the Coire an amhoich, but whose upper part is called Allt a' Choire dhiubh after an Coire dhubh, the black coire, as the common gap nearly 2000 ft. between Laidhach and Ben Yea is named. The name given in the maps to the skerry in front of Shieldaig is Sgeir Shlach, Dirty Skerry, but has now been improved popularly into Sgeir Tsal, or Sgeir Tsal, a name that has not got a place in the maps as the most valuable part of "Sojourners" list. Several of these have been referred to. Dornie, he says, is at the entrance to Tipper Loch, Porrioun, or the name of Tipper Loch, the north side meant is that of the Aird of Shieldaig, not that of the narrows. The name thus occurs three times in Ross-shire, viz. here, in Kintail, and in Coigach "Dornie," all named after the same name.

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Coire na pìob, Coire an uamhair. The maps give Sron Coire an Fhamhair and Lochan Coire na Pòik. What I have heard is Sron Coire an Uamhair, very different from the Coire an Uamhair. The name comes from don, fist, and probably designates the "knuckle" of the promontory. Part of one of the fields of the Mains of Torrioun is called an Dòmneag, a word which means a round stone that fills the fat, and this part of the field is full of such stones. Compare Dornock in Dumfriesshire and Dornoch in Sutherland.

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THE CLAN MACKAY AND HISTORY.

[By SPARKBROOK.]

PART II.

The Chief of the Mackays was among those unfortunate persons who could produce no evidence, either by writ or charter, that he or his clan held land by right of the Crown.

But it has been asserted that the Mackays held their land by allodial right. This, however, was not the case, for Baron or Chief held land in Scotland by allodial right since the reign of King David. Others again have asserted that the clan held their lands by the sword. Holding land by the sword, though satisfying as a mouth-filling expression, and soothing to the vanity of any self-exulting and self-exaggerating clan, is, after all, but an interesting anomaly which cannot be reconciled with facts. The vigour of the law was as all prevailing and penetrating in the past as it is at the present day, and no man did or could hold an acre of land by his sword in the past no more than he could do at the present time, and there is not a single instance on record in the whole history of the north where any Baron or Chief had done so.

So far as Strathmore is concerned, the period from 1236 to 1450 is one that is singularly barren of any historical incidents or material to draw upon for accurate data. We know, however, that at an early period Barons and Chiefs began to encroach upon the Church's property, for an edict had to be passed as early as 1242 by Alexander II. in which he severely admonishes Barons and Lords of the soil for their encroachments on the lands of the Church. In spite of King and Parliament, and even the Pope himself, these encroachments were continued, however. As the period from 1236 to 1450 embraces the time in which the Church was all powerful, we may be sure that she was perfectly able to preserve her own interests intact against all comers. From 1554 down to Sir Robert Gordon's time, the history, the traditions of the country, and the Privy Council records are the only reliable source of information we have.

The first charter of land held by any of the Mackays was that of a life rent granted to Iye Roy Mackay by James 4th, King of Scotland, dated 4th November, 1499. These lands embraced that of Renzie, Davoch, Loch-naver, Armadale, Strath Dired, Golapie, Tower, and Kinnault, and belonged to Alexander Sinclair, nephew of the Earl of Sutherland, Murray of Culbren, Gumm of Strathly, and others. These lands were given to Mackay by King James 4th for the apprehension of Sutherland, who had killed the Queen's brother, the Earl of Caithness. The baseness and treachery of Mackay's act in apprehending Sutherland is well described in the "Tragedy of Cull Darach." It is unfortunate that the names of Sutherland's accomplices, ten in number, are not known either in the Register of the Great Seal or in the "Privy Council Records." Had their names been given we would know who were the landlords before the Mackays took up their abode in what is now known as the Mackay country. We may conceivably infer, however, that they were not Mackays, for it is scarcely possible that Iye Mackay would seek to possess himself of his own kith and kin's land under such revolting baron circumstances. As the charter dates from the time the Romial Church was falling away from her ancient glory it is possible, if not highly probable, that some of the above lands may have belonged to the Church. At this time the Church had been gradually crushed by the reforming zeal of an awakened people on the one hand, and on the other despoiled of her heritage and property by Barons and Chiefs, or any mercenary beggar or braggart strong enough to seize and hold her property, which was looked upon by all as legitimate spoil. It was thus on the Church's ruins that there arose gradually a numerous landed gentry and so-called clan chiefs all over the length and breadth of the Highlands.

On the death of Iye he was succeeded by his second son, Donald, who was a bastard. Donald had to get a confirmation charter of his father's lands, which is dated 16th December, 1539. Sir Robert Gordon states that Iye's charter was given to any of the Mackays. Be this as it may, it is of more importance to observe that it was given to Iye in life rent only, and his son, Donald, succeeded him on the same tenure, and in turn was succeeded by Helen Sinclair, spouse of Donald, who held the same lands in life rent, under a charter from Mary, dated 22nd February, 1545. Donald sought to get himself inducted in the lands held by his father, but failed to do so on the grounds that he was a bastard. This may be held to clearly prove two things—first, that it was principally Church lands Iye Mackay received from James 4th, and secondly, that father and son were both bastards, for no illegitimate person could hold one acre of land and lead at any time in the Church's history who was a bastard.

In further pursuing this matter, we find that there is abundant evidence which may be adduced in favour of the point that Iye Mackay was a bastard. On the death of Helen Sinclair, Donald's spouse, their son Hugh, a weak and cranky leader, laid claim to the lands of Renzie, Armadale, Fensie, and Davoch Lochnaver, which were held in life rent successively by his mother and father, and grand father, and his claim was rejected by the Lords in council on the ground that his father was a bastard, and died without leaving any lawful heirs of his body. Secondly, that these lands were the heritage of the Church, and consequently could not be held by one who was a bastard, and thirdly, that he held no writ or charter for the same. The lands were therefore given to Robert Reid, Bishop of Orkney, by the Queen Regent, and a few years afterwards the lands of the barony of Parr were given to the Earl of Huntly by charter on the 21st December, 1566, and Parliament ratified the grant. It is thus seen that by 1600 the Chief of the Mackays had not a foot of soil that he could claim by allodial right, the right of the sword, or by any writ or charter held from the Crown. Not only so, but he was summoned to appear before the Queen Regent at Inverness as a constant disturber of the peace, along with the Earl of Caithness, but Mackay disobeyed the summons, and, as Balfour says:—"She was the Earl of Caithness, and sends the Earl of Sutherland with an army against Mackay by land, and Thome Kennedy with a navy by sea, who brought him a prisoner to Edinburgh Castle, where he lay for a long time thereafter." As the lands of Durness were held in life rent at this time by Donald Macleod of Assart, the lands of Errill by Euphemia Murray, daughter and heiress of Hector Murray, Adness and Tongue by the Abrachs, under their chief, Neil, who by this time became a thorn in the flesh of his assumed chief, whom he regarded as a bastard, the lands of Big-house, Teantle Beg, and Teantle Beg, were held by Angus Murray, son of Alex. Murray of Culbin, though he never gained possession of them, and the lands of Strathly by the Grants, one may well wonder where the Mackay Chief held land of any kind in the country.

But the truth is the law was all too prevalent for the lawless Mackays, and if they rubbed the Church of her heritage for a time, they were overtaken by a terrible retribution. If they plundered and depopulated their neighbours for hundreds of years, their own lives were now completely despoiled themselves. If they were a constant cause of trouble and blood and cruel combat, in which it must be admitted, they usually held their own, they were now completely defenceless and broken tribe, kicked about from pillar to post. In consequence the Mackay Chief, fearing what was before him, was a fugitive, and the Earl of Sutherland in 1568, and in 1570, took the only way in which he could be placed on record of his flight. It is well to remember that the Alach branch of the clan, for many years before this, were under the protection of the Earl of Sutherland, and had no traffic with their assumed Chief at Parr.

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AIR A GLEUSADH LE FIONN.

No. 305—GLENGOLLY—A ROB DON SONG.

The following song in praise of Glengolly, Locherribh, is by Rob Donn. The air is also to "Croch-Chailleach" or "A' Bhac-chonnainn." FIONN.

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REMARKABLE PROGRAMMES UNFOLDED. ABRIDGED VERSION. [LE NIALL OABH IAIN TRAILLAIN.]

CELTIC NOTES AND QUERIES. "ROB ROY."—Has this play ever been translated into Gaelic? If so, by whom and when? LORNA.

TRANSLATIONS.—Which poems by Sir Walter Scott have been translated into Gaelic? MEG MERRILEES.

PARTICK AND PAISLEY.—Can any of your readers inform me what are such place names as Partick and Paisley derived from? A. M.

Gaelic School Books.—I saw a beautiful Gaelic primer some years ago, published by Messrs Nelson. Could it be had at a reduced price from any Society? H. M.

QUARTO GAELIC BIBLE.—What is the price of the quarto Gaelic Bible? Can it be had at a reduced price from any Society? H. M.

TILL DHACHAIDH, TILL DHACHAIDH, MHORATH SIM.—Who is the author, and on what date was it written? FEAR-GINNIDH.

DUNSTAFNAGE.—What is the meaning of this name? Has it anything to do with the "staff" in Staffa? I know the "Dis-sid" Irish origin, but consider it much too fanciful. FEAR-AN-DUIN.

MACRAE MUSIC.—I understand there is a tune called "Duncan Macrae of Kintail's Lament." Can any one say who composed the tune, and was this Duncan Macrae was? Could he be "Donnacha nam piob"? What does Dr. George Henderson say? CEOL MOR.

ANSWERS. CLAN MACMILLAN.—In reply to Mr. R. Macmillan, Douglas Water, the secretary of the Clan Macmillan is Mr. C. M. Macmillan, 219 St. Vincent Street. He may be able to say how you can secure a copy of the "Clan Macmillan," by Dr. Hugh Macmillan. It is printed for private circulation only. E.

THE BARD MACINNIS.—I remember the "Bard beg" well. I always understood he was a native of Lismore, but had been partly brought up in Mull. He says in one of his poems:—"Rugadh mi an Earra-Ghaidheal, 'San Eilean the lamh ris an Oban." He was active in Glasgow in the seventies, and he must have left about the end of the seventies or early in the eighties. There are some friends of his in Glasgow who could give the exact date. FIONN.

DEVASTATION OF THE HIGHLANDS. [TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS"]

SIR.—Your worthy contributor, "Niall Oadh Iain Thaillainn," deserves our thanks (and truly he has mine) for the able and persistent way in which he has endeavoured to rouse the dormant Highlanders, not only to their economic condition, but to the causes thereof. But to what advantage? Surely, I ask, and sorrowfully I answer—apparently none.

Your correspondent preaches to Messrs Bignold and Leveson-Gower—but in so unaccounted a manner that the Highland people might also learn their lesson. But he knows that the former, like their father, the deer, can "eat the tainted gale" and slily creep; and that the apathy of the latter is now so chronic that the echoes of his exhortation can strike no vibrating chord, except perhaps in a solitary wanderer here and there who has sufficient vitality to raise himself feebly to ask—"Are you referring to me, sir?—Oh, yes, you are quite right!"—and then resign himself languidly to the stupor of the last throes of death! True, the old Croft is still firmly wedded to the soil, and does his duty as well as he may under adverse conditions. On the other hand, the young Highlander has never been wedded to the soil—he never gets that length now, for however intense his love for his native home may be it is torn by the net in the spring of its existence, ere it has time to mature into the strength of resistance. It was so long in the past by open rapine; it is done to-day by the legal code—hypocrisy, and now remains only the melancholy fact that the smouldering embers of patriotism in the bosoms of the Gaelic exiles are, or nearly are, completely extinguished by the contagion of city life. This to me is apparent from personal experience, and I do not need to also to your correspondent, "Niall." If I happen to meet in an intelligible conversation, the subject is quite foreign to all the rest, who will speedily show their alienism by walking away in disgust. And what think you is the attitude of the intelligent one? It is this—"What can I do?" And I readily answer—"Nothing." You can do nothing. I can do nothing; but—and mark this well—we can do everything!

There is then still left one remedy, a remedy which, in view of existing apathy, seems to be the most feasible, and dwells in the past. But even a forlorn hope may be turned into material triumph by unity and perseverance. When I think of the many thousands of Highland exiles scattered all over the country I am quite convinced that if they were to become united for a purpose, and by the strong bands of patriotism, which is now but a scattered myriad of promiscuous forays would soon become a power to be reckoned with, an imposing array of might and dignity, impregnable to intrigue, irresistible in its advances, and deadly in its effect. Messrs Bignold, Gower, & Co., observing the avenging arms of Nemesis directed towards them like the odious talons of the dragon, would be speedily carried into the sea.

realisation of their iniquities, and quake in their shoes for their safety. Why then not form a "United League of Highland Reformers?" My friend says there are too many societies and that we are to be merged with them. There are too many so-called "social societies," so many that you too often meet with one or other of your budding officials strutting along, like a proud peacock displaying its fine plumage, impatient to tell his acquaintance that he has sent the body of the late Mr. Such-and-such home to be buried—or, we have sent home to die poor Mrs. Somebody; we have paid the rent for his one, or we have found a situation for this other one at eighteen shillings a week—always using and emphasising the first person plural, and never thinking that the "we" could have been much better employed by preventing these such-and-ones being morally compelled to come to the city to die, to starve, or to seek a situation, even at a paltry salary, as an eighteen shillings a week. Truly, such a character is superfluous, and to me is obnoxious. But let that pass; I will waste no more of your valuable space further than to express a pious hope that someone more able than I can assure my friend, "Niall," whom though I do not wish to tread the sacred precincts of his non de plume, I shrewdly guess I have met personally, will move in the matter by calling for volunteers for this new army corps; and, as a captain in the ranks, I can assure you, my dear friend, I am, and I trust, of that every right-thinking Highlander.—I am Sir, yours, &c.

BRANAN MOR. Glasgow, 20th September, 1902.

TWO HIGHLAND M.P.'S. REMARKABLE PROGRAMMES UNFOLDED. ABRIDGED VERSION. [LE NIALL OABH IAIN TRAILLAIN.]

The non-appearance by Mr Bignold of Lochrosque, M.P., and Mr Leveson-Gower, of Dumrobin Castle, M.P., before their respective constituents may be accounted for by the following, which did not, but might have taken place, had they "toed the line." Let us suppose that the triumphant receptions accorded to Mr John A. Dewar, in Inverness-shire, and Mr Galloway West, in the Island of Lewis; and then, let us imagine what the electorate of the Northern Burgis and Sutherlandshire can console themselves with. The "heckling" world, of course have followed the speeches which the honourable members would deliver in justification of their existence as Highland M.P.'s.

Mr Bignold, who, so far as we know, being more of a public speaker, would, in the proceedings, which, in every probability, would be as follows:—

QUESTIONS. An Elector.—Will Mr Bignold please inform us what he has done in Parliament on behalf of the people of the Highlands? Mr Bignold.—The question really embraces two or three points, to be answered in one sentence; but, generally speaking, I opposed tooth and nail, every proposition advanced by those two "cranks," Messrs Dewar and Weir.

An Elector.—That is rather a "dog in the manger" policy; had everything they advocated been of so disastrous a nature as all that? Mr Bignold.—(sarcastically)—Disastrous is not the word. If the breaking up of those beautiful deer forests and sheep farms, for the benefit of the people as they call it, were not a national calamity, I should like to know what is.

Several Electors (in a chorus).—Then your idea is, Mr Bignold, that the unwholesome "assessors" is the best indication of our prosperity? Mr Bignold.—(triumphantly)—Most decidedly! Most decidedly! Are not the large flock-masters, sheep farmers, and the sporting gentry the backbone of the country? The Elector.—With a respectful "No!" I don't understand, Mr Bignold.

Mr Bignold.—Very probably; very probably indeed, my dear sir; but I do. Have I not been in the Highlands, back and forth, for the past thirty years? Surely I ought to know.

The Elector.—That is all very well, but what I don't understand is, how are the large flock-masters, sheep farmers, and sportsmen the backbone of the country, as you call it? Mr Bignold.—(complacently)—Ah! I am very glad you put it that way; well, soon understand each other. Well, flock-masters, sheep farmers, and sportsmen represent wealth, and surely a wealthy country has a sound backbone.

The Elector.—Now, that just brings to my mind Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." You remember, he says:—"I'll spare the land, to hastening hills a prey! Whose wealth accumulated wealth no more!" How does that coincide with your views, Mr Bignold?

Mr Bignold.—That, my dear sir, does not coincide with my views at all. Goldsmith was a dreamer—all poets are. This is not a world of dreams, it is a world of stern reality—stern reality, my dear sir, and I tell you that a country with such a backbone as the Highlands can well boast of, will never go to the wall, so to speak.

The Elector.—But, as you say, the dreamer, but some dreamer, correct me, Robert Burns, our national poet, wrote many truthful verses. I don't know that he ever dreamt of our national prosperity being upheld by the sheep and the deer, and the sportsmen, and the large farms and deer forests, and thereby avirt the country from disaster.

The Elector.—But what about the rights of the Highland people to the use and occupation of the land? Your flock-masters and sportsmen are mostly alien like yours, Mr Bignold, and the people as a whole are cut out.

Mr Bignold.—(excitedly)—What rights? I tell you that the battle of Cullodden settled the issue as to those imaginary rights. The land is the exclusive property of the landlords, and it is for them to say what they will do with it. I would like to see the man who would presume to dictate to me what I should do with my property.

The Elector.—The Crofters Act of 1886 does not admit that; in fact, it clearly establishes the very opposite. There is very little about the land being the private property of the landlords admitted; on the contrary, it clearly establishes the right of occupation by the people. What do you think of that Act, Mr Bignold? Mr Bignold.—Ah! the Crofters Act. Yes; I was forgetting about it—a most iniquitous measure simply legalising plain robbery. One of your Liberal measures, but we have been able to thwart some of its worst features, and though it has transgressed upon the rights of private property in land, it is far from what it was intended to be.

The Elector.—Will Mr Bignold kindly explain what he means by "private property in land?" From my reading of the Royal Commissioners' Report of 1884 and the Crofters Holdings Act of 1886 I confess I am unable to find these "rights" in such a way defined.

not shift him. The landlords turned pale, looked at the Commissioners, and roared in a chorus—My God! bolted, leaving the Commissioners there to fix rents and cancel arrears, and do all the Act authorised them. Now, Mr Bignold, if you were a crozier, and the Commissioners went to you and ordered you to produce your ledger, and on turning up John Macdonald's account showing a debt of £50 overdue, and that the average was £5 per month. If the Commissioners said—Mr Bignold, you will only ask £10 out of that £50, and take it as the man can pay it, and supply him the same goods in future for £2 10s monthly, and continue to supply him at that rate until we look round again, and see how you are getting on—what would you say?

Mr Bignold.—(hardly able to restrain himself)—What would I say? I would tell the Commissioners to go to a warmer place than Klondyke, and mind their own business. I would do what I liked with my own business. The Elector.—Quite so; but apparently the landlords were not able to do that, for the simple reason that the land was not their own, and they could not do with it as they liked.

The tumult which immediately arose is beyond description. Mr Bignold, in the melée, was observed gasping as for breath. A party near said he was only using apoplexy. When order was partly restored, an elector moved "that Mr Bignold was a fit and proper person to go home." This was seconded. As an amendment, it was moved—"That Mr Bignold was a fit and proper person to go along with the Commissioners to a warmer place than Klondyke." This was carried by an overwhelming majority, and the meeting broke up singing "Raid Ur Thairloch."

MR LEVESON-GOWER. Upon the conclusion of a speech bristling with facts and figures, the delivery of which might have occupied three hours, exchanges of opinions were indulged in to the following extent:—

An Elector.—Will Mr Leveson-Gower kindly inform us the principle of some of the Bills he supported in the interest of his constituents? Mr Leveson-Gower.—I supported no Bills containing any principle in the interests of my constituents; nothing was introduced by my Party in that direction.

The Elector.—Surely your privilege as a private member entitled you to propose measures on your own account. Mr Leveson-Gower.—Oh! certainly, and I exercised that privilege very assiduously. I supported every measure or scheme by the Government, though not directly on my own account, certainly bearing upon the interest of that class of which I have the honour of being a member.

The Elector.—(astonished)—Do we understand you to say, Mr Leveson-Gower, that you have carried your class distinction into Parliament with you, and supported only such measures as were aimed at still furthering class interests, and did nothing at all in the interests of the people of Sutherland as a whole? Mr Leveson-Gower.—(equally astonished)—While not following you into all your details, I perceive your drift. What do you really think I do to Parliament for? You know the old adage—"Can a leopard eat its spots?" I wonder if you really think I went to Parliament for the purpose of breaking up the large sheep farms for which this county is noted?

The Elector.—Well, Mr Leveson-Gower, for my part I do not; but evidently a number of the electors were silly enough to believe you did. But why did you have the name of representing the county in Parliament then? Mr Leveson-Gower.—Because I have been elected, that's why; and I believe it is, at the very least, one of the functions of the aristocracy to sit in Parliament if they choose; and why not, I, the scion of a notable ducal family, and a Sutherland to boot.

The Elector.—Then, that is the reason why the machinery of Dumrobin went in motion. Mr John M'Leod, the late member, was all that the people could desire; he wanted all these large farms divided into small holdings for the people, but in your case we will never hear anything about that.

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The Highland News. INVERNESS, Saturday, Sept. 27, 1902. SUMMARIES. Lord Carnworth is critically ill at Letton Hall, Norfolk.

The King, accompanied by Lord Rosebery and party, paid a private visit to Sir John Forbes Clark, Bart., at Tillypronie House on Thursday.

Two Hibernian M.P.'s—Remarkable programmes, and the new doctrine of the Free Church—Page 2. The Mod: Success of Inverness Choir: Inverness to be visited next year—page 3.

Highland Railway Finance. While heartily congratulating the Directors of the Highland Railway in having at last wiped off the remainder of the Locomotives Renewal Suspense Account, amounting to the not inconsiderable sum of £8657, we are sorry to say that our congratulations must stop there.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS. "INQUIRER."—Your letter has been forwarded to a competent authority. The answer will appear in our first issue.

The Burgh Boundaries Question.—The enquiry into the petition of Inverness Town Council to extend the Burgh boundaries opens in the Castle on Tuesday, before Sheriff Principal Johnstone. The petition is opposed by the First District Committee of the Inverness County Council on the ground of loss of revenue—by the proposed transference of area, and by individual objectors. The enquiry is expected to last for several days. Expert witnesses will be examined for each side.

Caledonian Bank—Promotions to Officials.—Mr. Hector S. Fraser, senior inspector of branches, Caledonian Banking Company, has been appointed successor to Mr. James Mill, agent at Nairn branch. The selection was made at the meeting of the Directors on Monday. Mr. Fraser has long been associated with the Caledonian Bank, and at Nairn, where he is well known, the appointment will be a popular one. Mr. W. M. Dugwall, assistant inspector of branches, has been promoted to the senior rank.

Crown Church Anniversary Services.—Special services are to be held in the Crown Church to-morrow in connection with the third anniversary of Mr. Todd's settlement as minister. The Rev. Dr. Reith, of the College Church, Glasgow, is to preach in the morning and evening. Dr. Reith is widely known as one of the ablest and most cultured preachers in the Church. A special effort is being made at these services to reduce the outstanding debt on the new Church.

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INVERNESS BAPTIST CHURCH. SALE OF WORK. Yesterday, in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, a supplementary sale of work in aid of the Baptist Church was opened by Provost A. D. Ross, among the company present were Mr. A. D. Ross, Councillor Macgregor, Lieutenant and Mrs. Mackenzie, Southside Place; Mr. D. D. French, Mr. T. D. Campbell, Mr. S. Macdonald, Old Edinburgh Road; Mr. John Murray, Commercial Terrace; Mr. Hosack, Mr. Masson, &c. The three nicely decorated stalls were covered by a variety of useful articles. The flower stall was a particularly pretty show. An interesting feature was an exhibition of spinning by Mrs. Ross, Castle Street, a real old Highland yarn. She exhibited herself an adept in the art, and her deft manipulation of the wool attracted much attention from the visitors. After praise and prayer.

Rev. Mr. Bremner, in introducing Provost Ross, said their sale of work last year had realised considerably above all expectations, but they were left with a considerable supply of goods in hand, and what was before them on the stalls that day was practically that surplus left from last year. The debt remaining on the church was £466, which they trusted would be practically cleared off. When they considered the smallness of their numbers and the fact that they had only started recently in Inverness, they had done exceedingly well. Provost Ross had readily consented to open their sale of work, and they were greatly pleased to have at the head of their civil government one who was not only interested in municipal affairs, but gave himself wholeheartedly to everything that advanced Christ's Kingdom and was for the good of his fellows—(applause).

Provost Ross said, judging from their experience—he might say continual experience—Inverness seemed to be the happy hunting ground for making money in this way. He had known Inverness for more years than he would like to say, and he knew the inhabitants never behind him in helping forward objects of this kind. He took a very deep interest in the denomination over which Mr. Bremner held sway, both from his knowledge of it in Inverness, and from the intimacies of dear friends belonging to it in other parts of the country. He knew the denomination had the good feelings of Inverness as a whole. Mr. Bremner did not spare himself either indoor nor out of doors in promoting the truths he felt so much. The bazaar they had had in Inverness a fortnight ago was in aid of warlike, but it was a warfare not against their fellowmen, nor for defence; it was for going forward against the power of evil which was so rampant in their midst, as in every other community of the world—(applause). It was also for the purpose of the tables, and what might be under the tables, was only the surplus of their last sale of work, that sale must have been of a first-rate nature. He hoped that before the sale was over everything on the tables might be sold, so that the debt might be cleared off. There was such a lot of pretty things on the stalls, and they were to have such a unique entertainment on the platform, that he thought everybody there would try to promote the objects the congregation had at heart. He declared the sale of work open—(applause).

On the motion of Rev. Mr. Bremner a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Provost Ross.

The following is the list of stall-holders and sellers:—Stalls—Mr. T. Bremner, Convenor; Miss Annie Fraser; Over Kessock Street; Miss Jack, Kenneth Street; 2nd Stall—Mrs. Cameron, Innes Street; Mrs. Pureshe, 3rd Stall—Mrs. Macdonald, Telford Terrace; Mrs. Cranston, Gladstone Place; Flower Stall—Mrs. White, Rose Street; Refreshments—Mrs. Davidson, Rose Street; Mrs. Lewis Macdonald, Kenneth Street; Mrs. Macgregor, Drummond; Mrs. Stephen. The secretary was Mr. G. Cameron, Innes Street, and Miss Christie was treasurer.

The sale of work will be opened to-day at noon.

LOCAL MUSICAL SOCIETIES. OPENING MEETINGS. The opening meetings of the local musical societies have been held during the course of the week. The Philharmonic Society met in the Northern Meeting Rooms on Monday. Mr. C. Marshall Brown, Caledonian Bank, president, occupied the chair, and Mr. J. White, Rose Street, was secretary. The programme was submitted by Mr. Gault, treasurer, and showed a credit balance of £16. The following office-bearers were re-elected:—Hon. president, Sheriff J. P. Grant of Rothiemurchus; vice-presidents, Mr. N. D. Mackintosh, of Raigmore, and Mr. G. H. Brown, Caledonian Bank; secretary, Mrs. David Logan (in succession to Mr. Charles A. Macdonald, solicitor, resigned), with the following committee of ladies and gentlemen—Mrs. D. Logan, Mr. K. J. Brand, Mr. A. Watt, Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. J. F. Reid, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Spence, Mr. Frank, Mr. Jack, Mr. Petrie, Mr. Call, and Mr. Charles A. Macdonald. The librarian and treasurer, Mr. Stanley Morris and Mr. Gault respectively, were re-appointed. The Chairman referred to the satisfactory progress of the Society under their conductor, Mr. W. Whitehead. The Society has commenced the study of Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch." The annual business meeting of the Inverness Choral Union was held on Tuesday evening, when the vice-president, Mr. G. H. Brown, occupied the chair. The financial report showed a balance on the right side. Mr. Brown was unanimously elected president in room of Mr. Leslie Fraser, who has resigned, and the following gentlemen were added to the list of directors—Messrs. G. H. Duncan, H. Humphrey, C. Macgregor, H. J. Macdonald, and J. M. Reid. The Chairman, in a short address, spoke of the excellent work done by the Choral Union under Mr. Roddie during the past, and predicted a very successful session. A beginning was afterwards made with the piece, "Hiawatha's Departure."—Mr. Miller's Choral Society resumed practice on Tuesday in the commodious and central hall secured by the committee for the coming season's work. There was a very large attendance of members—both old and young—and from the enthusiasm manifested in the proceedings, it was apparent that the Society would have a very successful session. The following officials were appointed, viz.—President, Wm. Mackay, Esq., solicitor; Vice-President, Captain A. K. Findlater and Treasurer, Birnie; Secretary, Mr. Jas. Fraser, Olive Cottage, Greig Street; Treasurer, Mr. John Farquhar, Librarian, Mr. William White, Committee of Management, Messrs. Even Mackinnon (convenor), A. Dallas, F. Lincly Thos. G. Munro, Misses Macdonald, Gordon, MacInnes, and Harper, along with Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian. Mr. Miller, the genial and courteous conductor, announced that the work of the Society for the coming session would be of a miscellaneous character, which seemed to give considerable satisfaction to the members present. Mr. Miller, in the course of his remarks, referred to the loss of the Society's hall sustained through the resignations of Mr. James Mackenzie, secretary, and Mr. Alex. Hendry, convenor of committee. Both of whom held office since the inception of the Society four years ago. A very successful vote of thanks was accorded to these gentlemen for their past services. The enrolment of members was then proceeded with, and we may mention in passing that a further opportunity will be afforded to ladies and gentlemen to have their names enrolled at the practice next Tuesday evening.

HIGHLAND RAILWAY—OCTOBER SERVICE OF TRAINS.—Readers will observe by our advertising columns that there are to be several alterations in the October running of the weekly trains in the Rose Street Drill Hall will be commenced on Thursday evening first. The dance is this year to be under able supervision, and a select band will be in attendance.



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Additional Trains will be run as under—Glasgow (Queen St. Low Level), 8.17 a.m.; Greenock (Princes Pier), 8.10 a.m.; Oban, 8.10 a.m.; etc.

SATURDAY TRAINS.

Table listing Saturday train services to destinations like Glasgow, Greenock, Oban, etc., with departure and arrival times.

Passengers from Stations marked thus (h) change carriages at Dumbarton. (b) change carriages at Glasgow, Edinburgh, and South Shore.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Holders of season and travelers' tickets from any North British Station west of Edinburgh to Dumbarton, Craignish, or Upper Helensburgh by West Highland Railway.

Table with columns for destinations (Stornoway, Portree, Raasay, etc.) and times for various train services.

The following additional trains will be run—Leave Portree and Raasay 3.30 p.m., Whitefield 3.55, etc.

BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES.

With the view of adding to the comfort of the passengers, arrangements have been made to provide at Portree and Raasay, Oban, Greenock, and Glasgow, etc., breakfast and luncheon.

MR WEIR, M.P., IN LEWIS. MEETINGS AT NESS, BARVAS, AND UIG.

Mr J. G. Weir, M.P., held meetings at Ness, Barvas, etc., last week, which were largely attended. Mr Weir, who was accompanied by Provost Anderson and others, was very enthusiastically received.

There were more widows and orphans there than in any part of the United Kingdom, and he felt that if the removal of the silt was left till winter it could not be done this year.

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STORNOWAY SCHOOL BOARD.

NICOLSON INSTITUTE CONGESTED.

The monthly meeting of the Stornoway School Board was held on Thursday. Present—Rev. J. H. S. Hunter, Rev. Geo. Macleod, Messrs Eneas M. Mackenzie, John Mackenzie, fisher, etc.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN.

Rev. J. H. S. Hunter, deputy chairman, said they all regretted the resignation of the Rev. P. Macdonald. For nearly six years he had been chairman of the Board, and he had filled the office with credit to himself, and with profit to the taxpayers.

from a Tory Government; but he was confident that when a Liberal Government came in they would get some attention paid to their wants—(applause).

Provost Anderson also addressed the meeting. He said their members were a self-made man, with a good knowledge of the world, which he used in their service; their every interest was safe in his hand.

Mr Angus Thomson and Mr Kenneth Macleod both spoke as to the evil effects of the trawlers and the silt in the harbour.

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THE NICOLSON SOUVENIR.

The following letter, dated Tighnabruach, 12th September, was read from the Rev. Roderick Nicolson:—"The case with photo frames has now reached me, and I have looked at them with much interest."

Hunter) wished to thank the members of the Board for the support they had given him in the work as deputy chairman.

Mr Eneas M. Mackenzie said he did not think they should lose the opportunity of placing their records in the hands of Mr Macdonald's services, and he proposed that a small committee be appointed to frame a minute on the subject, and that an excerpt thereof be sent to Mr Macdonald.

Rev. Geo. Macleod seconded, and the Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. J. H. S. Hunter, Mr Eneas M. Mackenzie, and Mr Alex. Fraser, with the Clerk.

Mr John Mackenzie, shipbroker, moved the appointment of Mr Hunter as chairman in succession to Mr Macdonald. He did not think his motion required one word to recommend it.

Mr Fraser said he was very much obliged for holding an examination in all the Board's schools on the pamphlet distributed some time ago on "How to Prevent Consumption."

On the recommendation of Mr Clarke, headmaster, Laxdale, Miss Annie Thomson, was employed as a P.T., and Miss Donaldina Mackenzie was taken on as a monitor.

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RESIGNATIONS. The Board accepted the resignations of Miss Jane A. Fraser, Nicolson Institute, who is entering the Normal College, and of Mr D. Macdonald, Tong, who is also going to the Normal.

INCREASED SALARIES. On consideration of applications the Board unanimously agreed to advance the salary of Miss Macrae, Knock, by £5 per annum, and that of Miss Lizzie Macdonald, Laxdale, by £2 10s.

APPOINTMENTS. On the recommendation of Mr Clarke, headmaster, Laxdale, Miss Annie Thomson, was employed as a P.T., and Miss Donaldina Mackenzie was taken on as a monitor.

PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION. The Clerk reported that at the request of Dr Mackenzie arrangements had been made for holding an examination in all the Board's schools on the pamphlet distributed some time ago on "How to Prevent Consumption."

HEBRIDEAN NOTES. LEOCHOISDALE PRESENTATION. Mr Macdo Campbell, bank accountant here, who has been transferred to fill a similar appointment at Kyle, was met by a few friends and well-wishers on Monday afternoon in the Reading-Room in order to present him with some token of the esteem and regard in which he has been held during his stay here.

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STORNOWAY.

TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER—SEPTEMBER. Morning. Evening. Sunday 38. Monday 39. Tuesday 30. Wednesday 31. Thursday 32. Friday 33. Saturday 34.

Articles of interest to Stornoway readers will be found on page 6. Mr David Clark, Laxdale Schoolhouse, has been made a Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland.

VITAL STATISTICS.—The Registrar's returns for the parish for the week ending Thursday are: Births, 15 (9 males and 6 females); marriages, 1; deaths, 5 (3 males and 2 females).

SCHOLASTIC.—Miss C. Macleod, late assistant teacher in Airdhunnant School, has been successful in passing the Acting Teachers' Certificate Examination—2nd year's papers. Miss C. Matheson, P.T., has also passed in 2nd year P.T. papers.

LEWIS HOSPITAL.—The Hon. Secretary acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the following contributions, being proceeds from sale of shells and pincheons, viz., Miss Rosa, Caldonian Bank House, £10 10s; Master Roderick E. Ross, £1; Miss Isobel E. Ross, £1. He further acknowledges receipt of £1 from a friend.

TEMPERANCE.—Among the list of speakers at the forthcoming meetings of the Permissive Bill Association at Glasgow we observe the name of Provost Anderson. At one of the meetings Lord Provost Chalmers, Glasgow, is to preside, and will be supported by a large number of the abstaining provosts of Scotland, several of whom are to address the meeting, including Provost Ross of Inverness and Provost Anderson of Stornoway.

SMART SENTENCE FOR HEARSELESS FATHER.—Before Sheriff Principal Guthrie at Stornoway on Thursday Donald Macleod, labourer, was charged under the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act with neglecting and ill-treating his 9 young children. He pled not guilty, but was convicted on evidence, and sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment. The children have been handed over to the Parish Council, who hope to place them in Quarters' Homes.

THE SCOTTISH HOME INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—During the King's visit to the Lewis His Majesty expressed a desire to visit the Scottish Home Industries twice shewn there; but owing to all places of business in Stornoway being closed for a time on that date His Majesty was not able to visit this rapidly rising industry. Patrons being sent on board the Royal yacht by Mr Macleod the manager of the Association there. His Majesty has been pleased to order from Balmoral Castle a consignment of selected Lewis tweeds, to be sent on to Buckingham Palace.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT AT ISLIVIG, UTO.—On Friday, the 19th inst., while two young men, John Macaulay and Donald Macdonald, were bathing some distance from Islivig beach Macdonald was seen by his companion to sink. Macaulay went to the rescue of his friend at once, and made a gallant attempt to save him, but was unable to do so. Macaulay sinking from his exertions. The body was recovered. Deceased had been in Cairo with the Militia, afterwards joining the Glasgow Police Force, from which he was home on sick leave. He was the son of a well-known merchant, and his death has cast a gloom over the village.

U.F. HIGH VACANCY.—UNANIMOUS CALL. A meeting of the U.F. Presbytery of Lewis was held within the United Free High Church, Stornoway on Wednesday. Rev. J. H. S. Hunter, moderator, presided, and Rev. J. Mackay, Kinloch, preached, after which the Presbytery proceeded to moderate in a call to the Rev. W. Skinner of Kinloch, Forres, who was proposed and unanimously elected. The call was signed by 12 members and 133 adherents, and was left in the hands of the office-bearers for further signatures. The following Commissioners were appointed to present the call:—Representing the Session, Mr Murdoch Macleod, Deacon, Mr Macleod, and Mr Macleod, and congregation, Mr Angus Macleod.

SCHOOLING NOTES.—ESSAYS ON CANADA.—It may be remembered that some time ago the Canadian Government, in order to familiarise the British public with the resources of wealth of the Dominion, offered prizes for the best essays dealing with this subject. Results are now to hand, and medals have been granted to Miss Jessie Hamilton Kerr, P.T., and Mr Malcolm Macleod, ex-P.T., both belonging to Planisker School. Accompanying the medals was a card with the following inscription:—'Presented, on behalf of the Government of Canada, with the compliments and best wishes of the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada. Cockney ignorance regarding Canada is well known. A cardinal sin is going round just now on this very point. The Postmaster-General of Canada was walking down the Strand the other day along with a famous lawyer. The Postmaster was declining about the ignorance of people in regard to Canada. The lawyer only laughed an unbelieving laugh. The Postmaster-General, to convince this doubting member of the English Bar, resolved to question the first three people they met. To the first man the question was put, viz., 'Do you know where Canada is?' Promptly the answer came—'No.' The second said he had lived all his life in London, and he was sure it was nowhere about the Strand. The third party to be asked happened to be a flower girl. As the Postmaster-General thought she had the look of having been at a board school, he varied the question somewhat, and said—'My good girl, are you familiar with Ottawa? Familiar with that? You get along out of it or I'll slap your dirty face for you.' Needless to say the Postmaster-General, by his clever remarks, rather surprised his friend. Recent blunders in connection with localities visited by the King, and reported by the southern press, go to prove that geography should be made a test subject.'

THE KING AND LOYAL PORTREE. ["HIGHLAND NEWS" SPECIAL]. On 26th June, the day originally fixed for the Coronation, the people of Portree held a great demonstration. Somerled Square, presided over by Sheriff Campbell, when a loyal message of sympathy with His Majesty the King in his serious illness was telegraphed to the Secretary for Scotland. Before the day's proceedings were finished the Sheriff received a cordial telegraphic acknowledgment from the Scotch Secretary. As is well known, the King and Queen, on their recent yachting cruise in the West Highlands, visited Skye and anchored for a night in the beautiful Bay of Gair. Here they landed, and were delighted with the charming scenery under the shadow of the famous Quiraing and in the immediate vicinity of the last resting-place of the immortal Flora Macdonald. Sheriff Campbell has now received the following official acknowledgment from Lord Balfour of Burleigh:—'Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W. "27th September, 1902. "Sir,—I am commanded by the King to ask you to convey to the inhabitants of Portree His Majesty's thanks for their loyal message of sympathy on the occasion of His Majesty's recent illness.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant. "BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH. "Sheriff Campbell, Portree."

MOTOR STEAM FIRE ENGINE.—The Portsmouth Corporation, after a practical test, has just placed an order for a self-propelling steam fire engine with Messrs. Merryweather, of London, who are also building a similar machine for Leyland, Lancs.

HONOURING A NESS (LEWIS) AUTHOR.—Mr Roderick Campbell, F.R.G.S., author of "The Fathers of St Kilda," who by a stroke of diplomacy having forwarded to His Majesty the King a copy of the book for his acceptance, during their Majesties visit to the author's native island in the Western Highlands of Scotland, has received the following letter from the Right Hon. Lord Knollys, Private Secretary to His Majesty the King:—'Balmoral Castle, "16th September, 1902. "Dear Sir,—I have had the honour of submitting your letter to the King, and I am commanded, in reply to inform you that he is happy to accept the copy of your work which you have forwarded to him.—Yours faithfully, "KNOLLYS, Private Secretary. "Roderick Campbell, Esq., "Ness Villa, Buskay, Hants."

NESS—BAPTIST MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL TRUST.—On the afternoon of Friday, 19th inst., the children attending the singing services conducted at Lionel by Mr Nicholson for the past three months gathered in a body to the school building and were treated to a substantial tea, provided for them on the occasion of closing the mission for the past few months. The attendance of the young people at the services this season have been most gratifying, there being over two hundred enrolled. The building in which the services are held had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the walls were bright with texts and large coloured pictures illustrative of Scripture subjects. After the children had been seated and the services opened with prayer, Mrs Nicholson led the school in the singing of several well-known English hymns, in the singing of which the children take great delight. Thereafter tea and other good things were dispensed to the satisfaction of all present. The service was closed shortly after six o'clock, when the Lord on the 34th Psalm was given by the Superintendent, followed by the singing of a hymn, in which all present heartily joined. The children received a donation of sweets as they left the building.

REV. P. MACDONALD AND THE SCHOOL BOARD.—The following is a copy of the minute drawn out by a Committee of the School Board, and an extract from the letter which has been forwarded to Mr Macdonald:—'The Board and Managers accept Rev. Peter Macdonald's resignation with deep regret. They desire at the same time to place on record their appreciation of the requirements and of the courtesy and fairness with which he discharged the duties of Chairman. They recognise that his early experience as a member of the teaching profession, combined with his intimate knowledge of the people and their requirements, has fitted him for taking a leading and honourable part in every movement for the development of the educational interests of the parish. Since his appointment to the office of chairman nearly six years ago his relationship with every member and manager have been of the most cordial and pleasant character, and during these years which have been marked by substantial progress in educational affairs, his guidance and his administration with wisdom and ability, an efficiency and experience which the Board cannot hope to see excelled. His fact and energy in conducting the business of the Board, his readiness—although much pressed by other engagements—to devote himself to the onerous duties devolving upon him as chairman were much appreciated, while his judgment, always based on the most careful and conscientious inquiry and his regard for the welfare of his colleagues, commanded their respect and confidence. The Board and Managers desire to express the hope that Mr Macdonald will have great comfort and happiness along with the success he has achieved in his new sphere of ministerial labours.'

E.I.S.—LEWIS BRANCH.—A meeting of the Educational Institute of Scotland was held in the Nicolson Institute on Saturday last. There was a large turn-out of members. J. Galloway, Esq., M.P., addressed the meeting, and promised to do everything in his power to help on educational matters. Mr Kerr, Phunassar, read an able and interesting paper on the "Rural Teacher," and Mr Clark, Laxdale, one on "School Sports." In concluding his paper, Mr Kerr made a stirring appeal to members to join the local Institute. We quote the closing remarks:—"The Institute has lofty aims and noble purposes. It is worthy of the great powers with which it is endowed. It can boast of members from all parts of the country, from every grade of the teaching profession, while it represents every phase of thought and every variety of educational power. The Institute is not a trade union except that the members are banded together for the welfare of the education of the country. Speaking on behalf of the Lewis Branch of E.I.S., I wish to say that our earnest endeavour is to show to all and sundry that we, members of the E.I.S., and builders up a character are ever desirous of showing in our own public work what proper and upright character means. Our E.I.S. advocates this, and we in Lewis uphold this. The Institute has before it, I believe, a great career of moment and public beneficence. By means of its quarterly meetings, its public conferences, it can do much to encourage younger teachers in their efforts after self-improvement, and to make them familiar with the best experience of their predecessors. It seeks to give us suggestions, if they diffuse right principles, it helps to make the work of teaching easier, more delightful, and more efficient. It also sustains in the teaching profession, and out of it, a loftier purpose and a nobler ideal than has ever yet been realised, of what a complete and glorious education ought to be. What more can I say? A great number of our Lewis teachers stand upon the ranks. I trust that before the session closes every one of the teaching profession in Lewis will have become a member of our local branch. They are needed. They will be welcomed as brothers and sisters, and I trust that they will be benefited, and what is of greater importance, that the education of the district of rural Lewis, by the enlightenment of the teachers, be brightened and improved. I confidently appeal to all teachers who are forward at once, and by their presence help on the good work."

THE DEFENCE. Mr Geo. Moffat, H.M. Customs, Stornoway, was examined to prove from the Leven's Crew's Agreement that both Casson and the Leven were on board the cutter on the 12th and 13th July. Mr W. R. Nowell, secretary of the Great Northern Steam Fishing Company, Hull, explained the method of fishing adopted by the company's fleet of trawlers, and also by Leyman & Co.'s trawlers, in sending their catches daily to London by the cutters from the fishing grounds. His company had a contract with Leyman's to carry the fish caught by their trawlers. Witness put in a large quantity of documentary evidence to prove that the Leven was fishing on the Dogger Bank on 12th and 13th July, and on several days prior and subsequently to those dates. She had sent fish to market with every cutter. The Leven was not adapted for fishing at a distance from the markets. She had no means of procuring supplies. She had an open bridge, but a witness stated that Charles Bickerdike, mate of the Leven, swore that the Leven was not off the Dogger Bank fishing during the voyage which commenced on 17th June, and ended on 23rd July. He identified the fish notes written by himself as mate and handed on board the cutter Colonel Smith on 11th and 12th July. Alfred Howe, clerk, London, deposed to receiving quantities of fish at Billingsgate from the Leven per Colonel Smith exactly as he had done on previous occasions, and agreeing with the quantities said to have been sent on board by Bickerdike. John Cooper, master of the trawler Mersey, said he brought off a parcel for one of the crew of the Leven about 14th July. Bickerdike came on board the Leven for the vessel met on the Dogger Bank. He was speaking to Casson on the 11th July when the ships were sending their fish on board the cutter, and he had seen him every day about that time. The Leven was fishing at the Dogger, and it was impossible for her to have been at Broadbay on 12th or 13th July. William Casson (accused) said he absolutely denied the charge. He did not even know who Broadbay was till he had gone to see it the day before last. Casson had a daughter. On 11th, 12th, and 13th July he was on board the Leven fishing at the Dogger Bank. He was not at Broadbay. He could not have been, for his boat would not carry coal enough to take her to Lewis and back; and, besides, it would be useless for him to come, as he carried no ice. He thought it would take the Leven over 50 hours to steam to Lewis from the Dogger, and 50 hours to return.

TRAWLING TRIAL AT STORNOWAY.

THE POACHER'S LATEST DODGE. BORROWED PLUMES.

Considerable public interest was taken in a case tried before Sheriff Square, Stornoway, on Wednesday, in which William Casson, master of the steam trawler Leven of Hull No. 489, was charged with illegally trawling in Broadbay on 12th July, and also with having at the same time and place after sunset failed to carry the prescribed mesh and side lights. Before panel was asked to plead, Mr C. G. Mackenzie, Procurator Fiscal, asked permission to alter the complaint to read 12th or 13th July. Mr W. A. Ross, solicitor for defender, objected on the score that the prosecution should state definitely what they were to prove. The Sheriff allowed the amendment remarking that the words "on or about" were implied in the complaint in any case. Casson pled not guilty.

Suprintendent Smith, Stornoway, stated that he proceeded to Hull to bring accused to Stornoway. Casson was in custody when he arrived in Hull. He charged him in the usual way with illegal trawling. He admitted that he was the person described in the warrant but declined to make any other further statement.

John N. Milne, principal keeper at Tiumpnam Head Lighthouse, deposed that at 11.30 on the morning of July 12th he saw a trawler whose operations seemed somewhat suspicious. With his telescope he read "H. 489," and he could also see her trawling warp over her stern. There was a drizzling rain at the time, but notwithstanding he was able to read the number and see the warp distinctly, which fact convinced him that the vessel was well within the 3 mile limit. She was about 2 miles from the lighthouse when he saw the same trawler pass into the Bay as far as Gress. She had no lights up. On the following day (Sunday) about 5 o'clock in the evening he saw the same trawler come down from Collar Head. She let down her trawling warp and took three sweeps and then steamed away. He estimated that she was within 2 miles of the lighthouse. It was part of his duty to look out for illegal trawling and he kept a book into which he entered the numbers of all the trawlers he observed within the limit. He produced the book to show that he entered the Leven as stated, and the entries were initiated by his assistant.

James F. Thomson, assistant lighthouse-keeper, and Arthur Horsham, Coastguard, who was stationed at Tiumpnam signal station July, both corroborated generally. Horsham observed that the vessel had a closed wheel-house, not an open bridge.

Arthur Searls, captain of the steam cutter Colonel Smith, running fish between the trawling fleet in the North Sea and the London market, stated that he received fish from the Leven, in July. Witness's own vessel was the Great Northern Steam Fishing Company, Hull, and Casson's owners were G. Leyman & Co., Hull.

Cross-examined—His cutter met the trawler on the Dogger Bank, about 12 miles E. by N. of the Humber, on 11th and 12th July he received fish from the Leven, and he identified the fish notes received by him with the fish. The Leven, he said, is a box trawler, and carried no coal, and was therefore not designed for long voyages. The Leven had an open bridge, not a wheel-house.

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THE PRO. AND CON.

Mr C. G. Mackenzie, Procurator-Fiscal, said the evidence of the witnesses for the two sides were diametrically opposed. Three witnesses for the prosecution swore that they saw the trawler H. 489 trawling within the forbidden area at Broadbay on 12th and 13th July. On the other hand, four or five witnesses for the defence swore that they saw the trawler H. 489 was at the time of the fishing in the North Sea. The question was—which set of witnesses was his lordship going to believe? The witnesses for the prosecution were in no way connected with the fishing industry, and it was of no consequence to them whether there was a conviction or not. The witnesses for the defence, on the other hand, were all directly interested in the trawling industry. He submitted that the weight of credibility was with the case for the prosecution, and he therefore asked for a conviction on the charge of illegal trawling. This was not, however, sufficient evidence to convict on a second charge, and he withdrew it.

Mr Wm. A. Ross, solicitor, for the defence, submitted that if ever there was a case of this kind established it was in the present case. He hardly thought that his friend the prosecutor meant to argue that because the witnesses for the defence were in a certain sense interested they were therefore not honest. That would be an entirely unreasonable proposition, and he maintained that the defence had proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that on the dates libelled the Leven was fishing on the Dogger Bank in the North Sea, and was not within hundreds of miles of Broadbay. He did not for a moment deny that the witnesses for the prosecution were perfectly sincere in their evidence, but he submitted that the trawler they had observed was not the Leven, but some other that had falsified her number.

Sheriff Squair, summing up, said the contention for the prosecution was that on 12th or 13th July the accused, as master of the trawler Leven, of Hull (489), was engaged trawling within the limit at Broadbay, Lewis, and the defence amounted to this—that at the time charged Casson was fishing with the Leven a great distance away—a contention which would be impossible for the steam within 50 or 60 hours. He might say at once that in his mind it was perfectly clear that some vessel had been illegally trawling as libelled by the prosecution, and the only question to be determined was whether the charge had been proved against the man placed in the dock. They had three witnesses for the prosecution—men who could be thoroughly relied upon in everything they said so far as they were able to judge—men in whose integrity and truthfulness he placed the most implicit faith, and they said that they each separately read the number of the offending vessel as H. 489; and they were also all in agreement on this point—that the vessel was of a light colour, with black top. Had the case stopped there the charge would have been proved, but the defence was complete, and that the accused was liable in the penalties which the law provides. But the defence came forward with evidence to prove an alibi. Although the defence of alibi was one which must be carefully examined, and although he was often put forward when the circumstances did not justify it, still there were times when it was justified, and he could not throw it out without carefully examining it. Unless they had on the part of the witnesses for the defence a clear conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice by distinct perjury, there was no escape from the fact that their evidence must receive very great weight indeed. He held that the defence of alibi had been made out. The witnesses for the prosecution had made a mistake as to the kind of bridge or wheel-house, and owing to the drizzling rain they had made a mistake in a matter of that kind, it was possible they had also mistaken the numbers; or it might be, as suggested by Mr Ross, that the master of the offending vessel had committed fraud or forgery, but he was not prepared to say that. He held that the prosecution was perfectly justified in bringing the complaint, but at the same time he must find the charge not proven.

Mr Ross asked for expenses in the case, as his client had been put to great expense in proving his innocence. The Sheriff, however, held that the prosecution was justified in the circumstances, and declined to entertain the application for expenses.

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