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(3) Lochs Ness, Loch, Lochy, Linna, together with the whole area lying within five miles of any part of the shores of any of said Lochs within the County of Inverness;

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INEVERNESS TOWN COUNCIL AND GARDEN ALLOTMENTS.

A variety of subjects was discussed at Monday's meeting of Inverness Town Council—Provost Birnie presiding.

With regard to the arrangement of work in the Cleansing Department, it was reported that on 14th February the Committee, after general discussion, agreed that nothing further could be done, other than what the Committee has already arranged, to curtail expenses in the working of the Department.

With regard to the suggestion that various articles sent to the Cleansing Depot among house and shop refuse should be utilised as fuel, the Committee were of opinion that in no case would such sale of material pay for the labour involved, and therefore recommended that nothing should be done in regard to the proposal.

Councillor Maclean said that the matter ought to be remitted back to the Committee. Although he had been added to the Cleansing Committee he had received no notice to attend the meeting on 14th February. He had some suggestions to suggest with regard to effecting economies in the Cleansing Department. The city of York was reducing the rates by 6d per £. What was Inverness doing in this respect?

Dean of Guild Fraser agreed that the matter be re-remitted. He believed that something could be done in the direction of the utilisation of old tins.

The matter was re-remitted back to the Cleansing Committee, the Dean and Mr Maclean being added to the Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH. It was reported at a meeting of the Public Health Committee, held on 21st February, and the Council agreed to the minutes on Monday evening, that Dr Reid, who is at present in charge of the Fever Hospital during the absence of Dr Mitchell, and who is in receipt of Dr Mitchell's salary for the work, had stated that he thought he was entitled to receive additional remuneration in respect of extra patients treated in the hospital.

The Committee, however, were of opinion that Dr Reid should not be allowed any additional remuneration in respect of these cases. With regard to the proposal to treat naval patients at the New Pavilion at Culduithel, it was stated that Dr Reid had declined to undertake the medical work in connection with these cases, but that Dr Lang, the Acting Medical Officer of Health, was willing to accept the duties.

Superintendent meantime, and the Committee agreed to recommend that in the event of Dr Lang being required to undertake the duties, he should be paid at the rate of £2 2s per week during the time he so acted.

REDUCED TELEPHONE SERVICE. Treasurer D. F. Macdonald, convener of the Finance Committee, moved approval of the finding of the Special Committee held on 22nd February, in which it was agreed to discontinue the following telephone connections, viz.—Town Chamberlain's office, Burgh Surveyor's office, Burgh Assessor's office, Cemetery office, Land Agent's office, Sanitary Inspector's office, Citadel, and Lady Health Visitor.

The Treasurer pointed out that a sum of £123 6s was spent annually to meet the cost of these connections. By adopting the proposal of the Special Economy Committee they would only spend a sum of £7 3s. They were passing through the hands of Mr Macdonald said, they must look at every shilling, and he had no hesitation in saying that while the carrying out of this proposal would mean a little inconvenience it certainly was a proposal which they ought to carry out.

On the other hand, the Council are of opinion that the cutting off of the various telephones would not be done immediately. He confessed that he should like to have seen some of the phones done away with, war or no war. Some of them were unnecessary, and others were convenient but not indispensable.

Councillor Maclean seconded. He was pleased to find that the Town Council of Inverness had got such a treasurer as Mr D. F. Macdonald.

Councillor W. C. Young moved that the matter be remitted back. While appreciating arguments for economy, he felt that there was a number of telephones included in the list which, to his mind, were indispensable. For example, he should like to see the phone in the Town Chamberlain's department retained, while there were others which they could do without.

The Provost seconded Councillor Young's motion, and the Treasurer consented to the matter being sent back to the Committee.

LET OF LOTLANDS. The minutes of the Common Good Committee, dated 22nd February, bore that consideration was given to the remit from the Council in regard to the lands of Lotlands. It was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Mackay, seconded by the Provost, to recommend that the Council accept the offer of Mr William Munro, Citadel Farm, who offered an annual rent of £90 for the lands on the condition stated in the offer, namely, that the fencing in front of the target and line of firing at the various ranges be kept in order either by those using the ranges, or by the Town Council, and also on similar conditions to those contained in the lease between the Town Council and Mr Alexander Munro, who lately tenanted the ground, the let to be for one year as from Whitsunday next.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor George Gallon, the convener, and the Council agreed.

THE JANITORSHIP. The Council dealt with the resignation of the Janitor in consequence of the state of his health. It was remitted to the Magistrates to draw up a list of the duties and emoluments connected with the post.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

INEVERNESS PARISH COUNCIL AND AN INCREASE. A demand for an increase in the old-age pensions was made by Inverness Parish Council at a special meeting held on Monday—Mr Hector Macvinish, chairman, presiding.

The Clerk said that from correspondence received he found that most of the important parishes in Scotland were taking some action or other in this matter. This action varied from a request by the various parishes to the Local Government Board to approach the Government to increase the present pension of 5s, to a request by the Councils to permit them as local authorities to augment, where necessary, the pension in exceptional cases. He considered that Inverness should be in the forefront of this demand for an increase, because there was a greater proportion of old-age pensioners than in any other town in Scotland.

The Chairman said this was a matter which deserved the best attention of the Parish Council. It could be said that the duties to increase the old-age pension was pretty general throughout the country. As to whether the increase should be half-a-crown he did not think it would be better to leave that an open question with the authorities who had charge of the matter. They would like very much if they could get an increase of half-a-crown to the payment of five shillings, as they knew that the demands made upon all classes just now were proving very trying.

He suggested that Inverness Parish Council should adopt the resolution of Govan Parish Council, viz.—"That this Council make representation to the Local Government Board, as the Old-Age Pensions Authority of Scotland, to approach His Majesty's Government to increase the allowance to old-age pensioners owing to the increase in the cost of living."

Mr Alex. Lindsay—Does that embrace all old-age pensioners? The Chairman—Yes. Mr Lindsay—I think we should make a representation on behalf of those who are dependent more or less on the old-age pension.

Mr Duffy thought the Council ought to adopt the more comprehensive motion of the Parish Councils' Association, which was of an alternative character—to approve the Local Government Board urging the necessity of taking steps to provide funds either from the Treasury or from local rates by way of supplementing the old-age pension.

Mr F. G. Fraser said he was not inclined to differ from the views expressed in either of the resolutions submitted, but he would have preferred that they were more comprehensive. It was generally admitted that it was very desirable that the Old Age Pensions should be increased to some extent if financially possible and equitable. The increased cost of living affected all, and the view of the heavy—excessively heavy—taxation that is to be imposed on the country in a few weeks it would be well to introduce a re-guarding clause in the resolution adopted recommending that in any event no suspension or reduction be made on the existing pension allowance.

For the financial year ending March 31st the Old Age Pension will have cost the country over 13 million pounds, which is more than double the original estimate when the scheme was introduced. If it was decided to increase the Pension from 5s to 7s 6d a week, it would mean an additional cost of 7 millions, or about 20 millions a year. The War Savings Committee, appointed by the Government, have recommended the temporary suspension or modification of the Old Age Pensions—a fact that should not be overlooked. They have also suggested reductions in the salaries of Civil Servants. In this connection it is pointed out that the postmasters' salaries would not bear reduction, as at the best they were never much above the vanishing point.

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HOW TO ENAMEL A CYCLE. There are very few cyclists who have not essayed at one time or another to improve their mounts either by touching up with enamel or re-enamelling the whole machine. Ninety-nine out of a hundred do so easily afterwards that they ever attempted the job. Very seldom indeed does it prove to be a success. As a rule the defects are merely aggravated, and the machine looks worse after the work is finished than before.

While as good a finish can be produced at home as by the professional man—owing to the fact that the important part of the process, namely, stoving, has to be omitted—an amateur can add greatly to the appearance of the machine if he goes to work in the right way. Failure is generally due not to the painter or to the material, but to lack of knowledge as to how to proceed. The machine should be taken to pieces in the first place, and the frame must be stripped of the old paint. This can be done easily by scraping off the old enamel by the aid of a sharp knife, or similar instrument.

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REPAIR OUTFITS AND TROUSER CLIPS. The part of the repair outfit which generally goes first in the tube of solution. This is the motor outfit. It can be purchased, but it is sometimes difficult to find out where they are stocked. There is little profit on the 1d, 2d, or 3d tubes, and they depreciate in value so quickly that many ordinary cycle outfits are stock items. Those who have purchased, however, at nearly all the larger shops. Be sure always securely to screw on the top; otherwise a few days will suffice to spoil the solution. The trouser clips I like best, and the ones I always use, are those in the shape of a metal bar. The trousers should be turned up, folded neatly round the ankle, and the band pressed over the turned up portion. These are cheap and reliable. Hooks have the disadvantage that they tear the cloth.

CARBONISATION HINTS. One of the wisest rules ever made—and the one most frequently ignored by the motorist—is that the engine should be decarbonised after every thousand miles. An engine that is allowed to become really dirty inside never runs so sweetly as one that is periodically cleaned. It is a sluggish, inefficient, and expensive machine. A turn of speed that a straight stretch tempts one to try, and is altogether an unpleasant beast to drive. With modern machines it is such a simple matter to remove the petrol pump, carburettor, plug and compression cap, loosen the exhaust pipe and scrape the cylinder head and piston top clean (with the aid of a sharp screw-driver) and grind in the valves with carburettor powder (this is much safer and quicker than the old method of using emery). Scrape the piston grooves. If they are loose in their grooves there is no need to disturb them, but if they have stuck, remove them with the aid of three strips of tin slipped beneath them, taking great care not to top the grooves. Then use a fine file to clean the piston grooves. If they are loose in their grooves there is no need to disturb them, but if they have stuck, remove them with the aid of three strips of tin slipped beneath them, taking great care not to top the grooves. Then use a fine file to clean the piston grooves.

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THE LOCHS OF HALLADALE.

AN ANGLERS' MECCA. Loch Slattil.—This loch is by far the most famous loch in the Halladale district. It is situated on a high elevation in a moorland surrounding, near to the Caithness and Sutherland boundary march. It is a somewhat circular loch, about five hundred or six hundred yards diameter in the widest part, the water of which join the Forsnaid burn and drop into the Halladale at Forsnaid. This loch contains beautiful sporting trout, and is fished exclusively by the shooting tenants of Forsnaid and Bighouse. Along with being an excellent boating loch, it gives the angler the advantage of wading as well. The south and west sides are the best sides for wading. Like all good lochs this one has its fishing peculiarities, and to the most experienced angler it might be a difficult problem to solve which would give the best kind of day for obtaining a good basket. A very fine mild day, with a rising barometer, a dull grey sky, with a gentle breeze, and a nice fishing "roll" on the water generally brings about good results. The trout here are of a silvery colour, not unlike sea trout, and on good days are "rollers" giving great sport, many of the trout average about 1 lb. weight. The nearest approach to this loch is from the top of the Forsnaid Parks, about one hour's walk from the top of the Parks at Forsnaid. It can also be approached from Forsnaid by following the pony path leading that way.

Loch Leir.—Is a smaller loch situated a few hundreds yards to the south of Loch Slattil, and exclusively follows the shooting of Forsnaid. Here again the trout are of a similar class to that of Slattil, and good baskets can be had by wading. On the North-west side the angler must not forget to carefully feel his way as large boulders of stones get submerged with high water. The route to this loch is much the same as Slattil.

Loch Talar.—To the north of Slattil is Loch Talahull, and like most hill lochs it has a muddy bottom, which, with strong winds, gets stirred up and which to a certain extent spoils the effect of a good fishing. However, under ordinary fishing conditions, an excellent little loch yielding some very fine trout. Here again the angler can resort to boating or wading as the case may suit him. Nearest route, Forsnaid.

Loch Gleann Gail.—This is an ideal wading loch, within twenty-five minutes' walk from the top of the Parks at Forsnaid. Magnificent sporting trout are to be got and they give the angler great play. The fishing conditions here are much the same as that of the other lochs. It is well for the angler to avoid a bright gleaming sun and a cool wind. Dull days with a drizzle of rain have been known to do well.

Loch Sarg.—Is another fine wading loch, where nice baskets of trout can be had, so is Loch Saing, which is also in that neighbourhood, the trout being a shade smaller in size. Both lochs are about an hour's walk from Forsnaid. Loch Saing can be approached from Trantebeg in much about the same time as from Forsnaid. There are other small lochs in that vicinity containing trout, such as Lochs Barbochan and Presnel, but these are seldom fished.

Loch Na Sealg.—Further down the valley is an excellent sporting loch and is let with Bighouse shooting. It is a large sheet of water nearly a mile long by about half a mile wide in some parts, and has a small inlet from the south side where the gulls and other birds are fond of nesting. This is a splendid boating loch, and can afford ample sport for two rods in a day. It has been known to yield very fine baskets. Its superlative waters fall into Loch na Coarach.

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Lochs na Eaglais, "Beg," and "More" are in a southerly direction from Loch Balligell and are about an hour's walk over a moor from Melvich Hotel. These lochs have been stocked by Mr Morrison, Melvich, and are really two very fine lochs. There is a boat on each loch, which comprises an



An Incident of the Trenches

Tommy—Look here boys, someone's dropped a cake of Pears' Soap. What a quick answer to my letter home of last night, asking for some to be sent in the next parcel. Line up we must have it. It'll do for the lot of us, and by George! we need it

They got it, and had the wash of their lives

Pears' Soap

is doing capital work at the Front. The boys give a cheer when they see it. There is nothing like it for freshening up the skin and keeping it in a healthy condition. It is the most economical of toilet soaps, therefore

always make a point of including Pears in your parcels

NATIONAL EGG COLLECTION.

FOR THE WOUNDED.

The following donations have been gratefully received at the Agricultural College Office, Inverness, for the week ending March 6th:— Eggs Received.—Bainain P.S., per Mr Piddis, 2 dozen and 2 eggs; Eriogie, per Mrs Macgillivray, 2 dozen; Leschkin P.S., per Mr Tough, 1 dozen and 9; Aldourie P.S., per Mr Mackintosh, 1 dozen; Teanastee P.S., per Mr Peace, 1 dozen and 8; Abriachan P.S., per Mr Neil, 3 dozen; Dulaish Bridge P.S., per Mr Stewart, 6 dozen; Tomnacross P.S., per Mr Cameron Ferguson, 6 dozen; Glencovinth P.S., per Mr Ross, 1 dozen and 7; Culburnie P.S., per Mr Macrae, 1 dozen and 4; Invermoriston P.S., per Dorothy Barclay, 4 dozen; Tulloch P.S., per Miss Nicholson, 3 dozen; Inchmore P.S., per Mr Donald, 3 dozen; Inverness R.C. School, per Miss Chisholm, 6 eggs; Clava P.S., per Miss Macdonald, 3 dozen and 4; Moy, per Miss Watson, 2 dozen; Inverness Royal Academy, per Miss Middleton, 1 dozen and 7; Daviot P.S., per Miss Macintosh, 2 dozen and 6; Raibeig P.S., per Miss Maclean, 9 eggs; Dununglass P.S., per Miss Davidson, 3 dozen; received at Inverness office, 6; in hand from last collection, 12 dozen and 10—total, 63 dozen and 6.

CORRECTION.—Eggs received last week from the following should read:—Inverness Royal Academy, per Miss Middleton, 31 dozen and 3; Drumadrochit H.G. and P.S., from Mr Robertson, 21 dozen and 10; Glencovinth P.S., per Mr Ross, 3 dozen and 7.

CASH DONATIONS.—Bainain P.S., per Mr Piddis, 6d; Leschkin P.S., per Mr Tough, 6s; Teanastee P.S., per Mr Peace, 1s 6d; Abriachan P.S., per Mr Neil, 6d; Tomnacross P.S., per Mr Cameron Ferguson, 6s 11d; Culburnie P.S., per Mr Macrae, 1s 9d; Culduithel P.S., per Miss Thomson, 21 15s; Invermore P.S., per Mr Donald, 1s; Daviot P.S., per Miss Mackintosh, 1s 6d total £217 6d.

EGGS DISPATCHED.—Headquarters Auxiliary Hospital, 10 dozen; Military Hospital, Inverness, 11 dozen; Royal Infirmary, Inverness, 2 dozen; Headquarters, Aberdeen, 35 dozen in hand, 3 dozen and 6—total, 66 dozen and 6.

Many of the donations sent in this week are the result of the "Children's Special" collection last week. The grateful thanks of the British Red Cross are due to one and all for their generous gifts and assistance in collecting and carrying.

PRESENTATION AT CROY

POPULAR POSTMAN GETS PURSE OF MONEY. On Wednesday, 1st March, a large and representative gathering of friends and the general public met in the Hall, Croy, and presented Mr Finlay H. Macdonald, postman, on the occasion of his leaving to join the colours, with a purse well filled with notes. Mr Swanney, headmaster, presided and in eulogistic terms referred to Mr Macdonald's excellent qualities, his unflinching courtesy, cheerful manner, and obliging disposition. For the long period of 13 years he discharged his onerous and exacting duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. Every-one regretted his going away while the courtsey, cheerful manner, and obliging disposition, for the long period of 13 years he discharged his onerous and exacting duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. Every-one regretted his going away while the courtsey, cheerful manner, and obliging disposition, for the long period of 13 years he discharged his onerous and exacting duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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STOP A COUGH IN ONE NIGHT.

VENO'S LIGHTNING COUGH CURE. A cough may be due to any of the following:— CATARRHAL COLDS ENLARGED TONSILS BRONCHITIS INFLAMMATION OF THE THROAT AND CROUP ENLARGED UTERUS STOMACH DISORDERS AND CONSTIPATION. A cough may be dry and hard, or loose with much expectoration; it may be accompanied by partial stoppage of the nostrils and shortage of breath. Veno's Lightning Cough Cure removes the cause of the cough, not smothering it but curing the diseased conditions which produce it. Leading British Analysts speak in the highest terms of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, and unflinching reliability has won for it the largest sale of its class in the whole world. Veno's Lightning Cough Cure not only radically cures the most stubborn coughs, but strengthens the lungs and gives perfect ease in breathing. Ask for Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, prices 11/4d, 1s 3d, and 3s, of all chemists.

LONDON GAELIC SERVICES.—The Rev. Donald F. Macleod, Gardner Street U.F. Church, Barwick, will conduct a Gaelic Service of the Scottish National Church, Crown Court, Convent Garden, W.C., on 12th inst. at 3.30 afternoon.

"BAN RIGH" IN SINKING CONDITION.—Lloyd's announced on Monday that the schooner "Ban Righ" of Inverness, on a voyage from Inverness to Sunderland with sleepers, put into Peterhead Harbour in a sinking condition.

INVERNESS BURGH TRIBUNAL.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

ALL CLAIMS REFUSED.

A great deal of the time of Inverness Burgh Tribunal appointed under the Military Service Act was occupied on Tuesday afternoon in the hearing of appeals by conscientious objectors. The applicants were subjected to a rigorous examination.

WIDOW'S ONLY SON.

Mr K. J. Brand, solicitor, appeared on behalf of a baker who is the sole support of his widowed mother. He stated that applicant's mother had been an invalid for ten years. Her son sacrificed a good position in order to be near his mother, who was in Fochabers. Inverness was the nearest place that the son could find, taking into account his work. This was a case that came within the category of serious hardship. In addition, applicant was engaged with a baker who had a Government contract.

The Military Representative—Is not the applicant more a confectioner than a baker? Mr Brand—He never learned confectionery.

The Military Representative—Does not your mother own the house she's in? Applicant—Yes.

The Military Representative—She's not completely dependent upon him.

Applicant—She does not pay rent.

Treasurer Macdonald—Nor does he live with her.

Applicant—I give her ten shillings per week.

The Chairman—Who looks after her? Applicant—A servant, for whom I pay. My wages are £2 5s per week.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Including everything, how much do you contribute each week? Applicant—Sixteen shillings.

Applicant—Sixteen shillings. Temporary exemption for two months.

AN ONLY SON.

A young butcher claimed exemption on the ground that he was the only son; the main support of his parents, his father being disabled.

The Military Representative asked that the case be declined.

Applicant—My father sometimes did a little work.

The Chairman—The appeal is refused.

RUSHED INTO THE ARMY.

Consideration was resumed in the case of a young shopman, who is now doing duty on Salisbury Plain.

The Clerk said the case had been postponed from the last sitting of the Tribunal so as to enable them to write the War Office.

Mr J. J. Ross—Did you write the War Office? The Clerk—Yes.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Mr Tennant?

The Clerk—The letter was addressed to the Secretary, War Office, but we have only had a bare acknowledgment. This was a case in which it was alleged that the applicant had been rushed into the Army.

The Military Representative—Adjourn the case to ascertain the present position. Agreed.

CAME BACK TO ATTEST.

It was stated regarding the appeal of a young Invernessian employed in a Blackpool hotel that he had come back to town to attest. His applicant stated that his mother is entirely dependent upon him, and that he has two brothers serving.

Mr J. J. Ross—Are you the only brother that is left now? Applicant—Yes.

Rev. Mr MacGill—The circumstances should be taken into account.

Two months exemption was granted.

A TEMPORARY RESIDENT.

A young shoemaker, the only son and support of his widowed mother, applied for exemption. He said that Inverness is only his temporary abode, and that his mother is in residence on the East Coast.

Mr J. J. Ross—In the circumstances we should give him exemption.

The Tribunal refused to exempt the applicant.

The Chairman—You can appeal.

TOO HEAVY FOR FEMALES.

The claim of an assistant to a grocer who is laid aside through illness was next considered. The applicant said he was indispensable, and pointed out that the work was too heavy to be undertaken by females.

The Military Representative said the claim should be declined.

The Clerk—You have already received postponement.

Applicant—Yes.

The Chairman—Are you the only assistant? Applicant—Yes.

The Chairman—Nobody else? Applicant—No.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Your employer is not in a fit state of health to attend to business just now? Applicant—No.

Rev. Mr MacGill—In ordinary circumstances is he there himself? Applicant—Yes.

Rev. Mr MacGill—You only want exemption till he returns? Applicant—Yes.

The Provost—The business might suffer if any females are brought in. You are quite anxious to go when your time comes? Applicant—Yes.

A month was given in which to make arrangements to find a substitute.

APPEALS BY EMPLOYERS.

Several appeals for exemption by employers on behalf of members of their staffs whom they considered indispensable were dealt with.

A firm of butchers who are Government contractors, and who have given every facility to their staff to enlist, applied on behalf of one of their employees.

It was stated that the staff was now considerably reduced.

Further consideration of the claim was postponed.

A firm of cabinetmakers and undertakers applied for exemption for two of their employees. Applicant stated that of the staff nine had enlisted directly, three had since been called up, and six were in the later groups.

The Chairman—How many single men have you? Applicant—Six.

The Chairman—Including the two for whom you are now appealing? Applicant—Yes.

Mr J. J. Ross—Do any of them appeal on personal grounds? Applicant—No.

The Chairman—You're only appealing for three? Applicant—Yes.

The Military Representative—This application is for two.

Applicant—There is an application lodged on behalf of the third.

Rev. Mr MacGill—By you or by the man himself? Applicant—By myself.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Do you consider that the services of those three men are absolutely indispensable? Applicant—Yes.

The Military Representative—I move that the application be declined.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Is there any special reason for that, Colonel Forsyth? The Military Representative—On the ground that the three men referred to are not indispensable. The work can be carried on without them.

Mr J. J. Ross—Who is going to get the work carried on? The Chairman (to applicant)—Of course you can't expect to carry on business to the same extent as in normal times.

One of the applicants got three months' exemption, the other was refused, while it was stated that the position of the third

employee would be discussed when his appeal came before the Tribunal.

AN EVANGELIST.

A lengthy debate ensued over the claim for exemption by an evangelist whose case was supported by a co-worker in the cause. Treasurer Macdonald—Does he belong to any sect? The Clerk—No.

The Chairman—When did you first form the opinion as to conscientious objections? Applicant—When I got converted seven years ago.

The Chairman—Did you express those views in connection with war? Applicant—Lately?

The Chairman—During the last few years? Applicant—When the war broke out.

The Chairman—Can you tell of anyone to whom you expressed these views apart from your own class of thinkers before August, 1914? Applicant—I don't know of anyone at the moment.

The Chairman—Have you in any place in public expressed those views? Applicant—Not that I am aware of.

The Chairman—Not before August? Applicant—Not that I am aware of.

The Chairman—It is only since the introduction of the conscience clause in the Act? Applicant—Yes.

Treasurer Macdonald—I move that the appeal be declined.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Do you do nothing else but evangelistic work? Applicant—Nothing else.

Rev. Mr MacGill—What were you before? Applicant—A roadman.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Do you consider that you are a minister of religion in Holy Orders? Applicant—That position has been discussed by many and of late. Some say I am exempt, while others question it.

Dr Mackay—Are you attached to any religious body? Applicant—Yes, sir; the Christian Brethren.

Rev. Mr MacGill—You say you are an evangelist. What does that mean exactly? Applicant—I am not mainly settled down in one place; I go here, there, and everywhere preaching the Gospel.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Are you paid for the work? Applicant—No.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Then how do you live? Applicant—I make my way. The Lord has never failed to provide for me yet.

Dr Mackay—Supposing you want a new coat? Applicant still adhered to his faith in the Deity to see him through.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Do you desire to appeal on the ground that you are an official of a recognised religious denomination? Applicant was understood to reply that he was in the same position as a member of the Salvation Army.

Rev. Mr MacGill—I am not quite sure that this applicant is appealing as a conscientious objector. Officers of the Salvation Army are to be exempted.

The Chairman—He is not in the same position. Councillor Gallon—Officials of the Salvation Army get paid.

The Chairman—And they are under the supervision of officers. Here the applicant goes where he likes, and nobody can call him in question.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Are you under any jurisdiction of any kind? Applicant—No.

Treasurer Macdonald—Are you willing to fight? Applicant—Provided I don't break the law of God.

Treasurer Macdonald—A man who is not willing to fight for his country has no right to live in it.

Applicant—According to the word of God, we are journeying to another country.

The Chairman—reminded that according to the attitude of applicant all the people in the country, with the exception of this class, were wrong, and they were right, the appeal ought to be dismissed.

The Tribunal agreed.

Rev. Mr MacGill—I would be inclined to suggest that we ought to inquire whether an evangelist is to be recognised as a minister of religion in the sense of the particular part of the Act which exempts certain people because it seems to me that this applicant is not taking the ordinary ground of conscientious objection.

The Tribunal adhered to its decision.

Rev. Mr MacGill—If he desires he can make an appeal to a higher court.

Councillor Gallon—By all means.

DYING FOR HIS COUNTRY!

First on the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that he should be kept at his present work, and second, on the ground of conscientious objection to combatant service, did a foreman dyer apply for exemption.

It was explained that applicant was engaged in the production of tartans for Highland regiments.

The Military Representative—His employers have sent in a separate appeal.

The Chairman—Are you the only dyer? Applicant—Yes.

Dr Mackay—Our soldiers require uniforms. They cannot go without the tartan. Why do you produce that seeing that you object to combatant service? Applicant—I make my bread and butter at it.

Treasurer Macdonald—Would you produce a gun in the same way? Applicant—No.

The Chairman—You wouldn't produce a gun? Applicant—No.

Treasurer Macdonald—You produce uniforms, but you would not produce guns? Applicant—I have nothing to do with guns—(laughter).

The Chairman—Then why produce tartans? Applicant—I was in the trade before.

Inquiry was then made as to the time at which applicant took up the attitude that he could not engage in combatant service.

The Chairman—When did the conscientious objection occur to you? Applicant—When the war began, and when things began to turn over in my mind.

The Chairman—But when did you come to the conclusion that it is wrong to fight? Applicant—About eight years ago, when I was converted. I can't give day or date.

The Chairman—Since the war broke out is there any individual, apart from your own sect, to whom you have expressed these views? Applicant—I cannot say, but I acted upon the Word of God.

The Chairman—Give us any occasion on which you expressed those views apart from your own sect. Applicant—I expressed my views in connection with the war.

The Chairman—When? To whom? Applicant—About a fortnight ago to my landlady—(some laughter). I also expressed my mind to my employer.

The Provost—That is lately. Applicant refused.

CAMERON OFFICER WOUNDED.

A motor engineer aged 29 applied for exemption on the ground that he was the only remaining one on the staff.

The Chairman—You did not attest? Applicant—No.

The Chairman—Why not? Applicant—I have no love for the job—(laughter).

The Chairman—You think that. Applicant refused.

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from the appellants when and where they discovered their antipathy to taking up arms.

One of the young men revealed that in 1913 his time expired as a member of the 4th Cameron. He wrote asking for his discharge, which was not quite due. He was told by the Quartermaster that he need not fear as there was no likelihood of war breaking out—(laughter). Eventually he secured his discharge and sent in his kit. He confessed that he was shocked at the blasphemy of some of the young men at the "Camp."

The Chairman—You should have stayed on and tried to convert them—(laughter).

COULD NOT BE HAPPY.

Treasurer Macdonald pointed out to the appellants that millions of free Britons had gone in the defence of their King and Country. Did the position of the five young men who said it was wrong for them on Christian principles to fight, mean that these millions are not Christians?

An Objector—No, sir; not by any means.

Treasurer Macdonald—And yet that is the logical conclusion of your remarks.

Another applicant—I cannot fight because I am a Christian. I am not going to stand in judgment on others if they are hurried to go, while I have a conscience in the matter. If they are happy in it let them go, but I cannot be happy in it.

Another applicant quoted St John's Gospel, and, in reply to Rev. Mr MacGill, said he had no interest in politics.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Did you ever vote at elections? Applicant—No.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Have you a vote? Applicant—Yes.

Rev. Mr MacGill—But you never exercised it? Applicant—No.

Rev. Mr MacGill—Is that true of you all? Applicant—Yes.

The applicants had nothing to say in reply to another question as to the injunction: "If you are counselled to go a mile you must go two." Applicant—Have you got a written creed? An Applicant—The Bible.

Treasurer Macdonald—You have no written creed that you can intone in five minutes? The Applicant—We content ourselves with the Scriptures.

The Clerk—You interpret the Scriptures? Applicant—No, the Spirit of God.

The Clerk—But you're not the Spirit of God. Mr J. J. Ross—Only the mouthpiece.

The Chairman—Supposing all the gentlemen here interpreted the Scriptures against you, applicants you would still say "we're right and you're wrong." An Applicant—Yes.

Dr Mackay—Supposing every man in this country said "I'm not going to fight," what would it do? An Applicant—We believe God would protect them.

Dr Mackay—Now supposing the Germans came here and murdered women and children, what would you do? Applicant—I would try to act by Scripture—(laughter).

After further argument the Tribunal declined to entertain any of the appeals, and the appellants gave notice that they would go to a higher court.

AN ANTI-MILITARIST.

The last contentious case was one in which a tailor claimed exemption on moral and ethical grounds. He told the Tribunal that he had arrived at this conclusion over a dozen years ago.

The Chairman—You would not assist in connection with the war? Applicant—No.

The Chairman—That's why you did not attest? Applicant—Yes.

By Treasurer Macdonald—He has expressed his views in public.

The Chairman—Do you believe in Government these days? Applicant—I do.

The Chairman—Government by the majority? Applicant—Yes, provided it does not interfere with a religious and moral convictions. I object to fighting and killing.

Councillor Gallon—You were very anxious to obtain kilts for the tailors when they were out of work? Applicant—I did that in my capacity as secretary of the Tailors' Society.

Councillor Gallon—But was that not against your convictions? Applicant—I wanted to help these men. It put nothing in my pockets.

Mr J. J. Ross—Mr Fraser is the secretary of the local Tailors' Society, and he was anxious to get work for the men.

Treasurer Macdonald—At the expense of his conscience—(laughter).

Dr Mackay—He is explaining his position. Applicant said he was not prepared to undertake any military duties, and he would take the consequences.

Appeal refused.

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The Highland News. INVERNESS, Saturday, March 11, 1916. THE "STAR" CHAMBER.

There is a great deal of hub-bub these days over the claims of starred men, exempted men, reserved occupations, conscientious objectors, and what-not, for the local Tribunals have got to work.

In the case of the conscientious objectors the torture applied is frequently refined and efficient to a degree. This is hardly the kind of weather to spread one's metaphysical wings and attempt a flight into the spiritual world; however, when a conscientious objector comes before his Local Tribunal he is ordered to start his engine and get up.

The first shot generally brings the man down. "Are you up all right?" shouts the chairman, or president, or chancellor, or whatever he's called. "Yes, sir!" sings out the aviator, setting his teeth to maintain his certain equilibrium. Then the order "fire" is given. "If a man attempted to kill your mother, would you resist?" This is the first gun and it's generally sufficient.

The whole thing might be called—the noble art of bringing down the conscientious objector. Parsons not only look on at the game; they are expected to take part in it, and not a few get in surprisingly good shots, too.

The times, it will be admitted, are ripe for the sort of procedure which goes on at the Tribunals. In war time it is the kind of thing we ought to expect. What is wanted to-day are men; and questions of conscience, justice, fair-play, and the like are of quite secondary importance.

We are simply getting a taste of what Militarism means, and were it not that we constrain ourselves to accept it to-day, just as in time of bodily crisis we accept medicine, the nasty stuff would be contemptuously rejected. It's enough to turn anybody's stomach.

The thing that perhaps riles most is the inequality of treatment. The Act of Parliament is interpreted a hundred different ways at a hundred different Tribunals. The fate of private citizens is in the hands of half a dozen men whose decision is governed not by the letter of the law but by their own mentality—the most normal thing about which is its mediocrity.

In one part of the country 90 per cent. of the applicants obtain exemption. A few leagues away not one per cent. have the prayer of their petition granted. Here, any one with a glimmer of a "conscience" is told to go home and mind the baby; there, you may have a conscience as fine-spun as gossamer, with a halo round it as big as a harvest moon, but if you so much as blush at the thought of anyone murdering your mother, or wife, or child, you've got to do the khaki just as though you had no more conscience than an Inverness lawyer.

At one Tribunal the president is a man who might be expected not to give a month's grace to his own son, albeit a man badged, starred, conscience-ridden, blind of an eye and lame of a leg. At another—a case occurred "east the country" a bit—the dominating mind on the Tribunal said—"Well, I don't think this man has any real case for exemption, but I know him very well personally, and I knew his father before him. He's a nice fellow and doesn't want to go; I'm prepared to move that he be exempted."

And what possibly could the most hard-hearted Star Chamber say to that! At a time like this justice and fair-play have to give place to "business" methods. The men have to be got. How, matters not. We are witnessing what the Prussians call organisation and efficiency, and when we see them in real life it must be confessed they're not bonnie things to look at.

STORNOWAY TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER. MARCH. Date, Morning—h. m., Evening—h. m.

WAR SEWING MEETING.—The hon. secretaries acknowledge with thanks a contribution of socks, gloves, and mittens from Miss Macleod, Quay Street.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—As will be observed from our advertising columns, the Roll of Honour for "Loyal Lewis" will be on sale at the end of next week. For particulars see advertisement.

LEWREWAY.—ROLL OF HONOUR.—The following names have been added to the above Roll: Malcolm Maclean, 2 Lewreway, R.N.R.; Peter Chisholm, 8 do.; Malcolm Carmichael, 16 do.; Neil Nicholson, 20 do.; John Kennedy, 33 do.; Murdoch Kennedy, 33 do.; Malcolm Macmillan, 4 do.; Macmillan, 4 Lewreway, have attended under the Derby Scheme.

KESSHADER ROLL OF HONOUR.—A correspondent writes:—Please add to the Kershader Roll of Honour the name of John Macleod, son of the late John Macleod, merchant, Kershader, who heard his country's call in August, 1914, and was killed in Egypt with the Australians, and his many friends at home wish him every success.

OUR DAY.—Lance-Corporal John Maciver is sincerely thanked for the very pretty embroidered French Post Card he sent, the subject of his parcel. It will certainly be kept as one of the few pleasant souvenirs of this great war. Another acknowledgement received by the same packer comes from the wife of one of the recipients in Barvas as follows:—"I want to thank you ever so much for sending a parcel to my husband in France."

AGNISH R.N.R. DROWNED.—Alexander Macrae, a young Royal Naval Reservist, son of Mr. Evander Macrae, 10 Agnish, was drowned on Saturday during the patrol boat in which he was serving being run into and sunk by a Norwegian cargo steamer. The remainder of the crew were rescued by the Norwegian. Macrae was 25 years of age, and had joined the patrol boat on the day of the mishap. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

WAR SEWING MEETING.—Mrs John Mackenzie, acknowledging with thanks, the following contributions:—From the Free Church congregation, Ness, per Mrs Maciver, missionary, 96 pairs socks; Miss Pauline Helm, Conchra, Lochalsh, 5 pairs socks, 2 pairs hose-tops; a Friend, 6 pairs socks; Mrs Gibson, 1 pair socks. An exhibition of comforts for soldiers will be held in the sewing room, Town Hall buildings, on Wednesday, 15th March, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served during the afternoon.

S. AND S. TEA AND REST ROOMS.—The Hon. Secretary and Ladies' Committee acknowledge with many thanks the following contributions:—From Mrs Griessman, 42, Miss H. Mackay, 20s; Miss Mackay, 20s, per Mrs Orrock; from Mr J. Macleod, Kershader, Lochs, per Provost Mackenzie, 1st Officer, Transport, 20s; from pupils, Leursch, 20s; from Mr Gurr, headmaster, 10s; from War Sewing Meeting, per Mrs John Mackenzie, 9 pair of socks, 1 spindle wool for knitting, 1 dozen pairs socks; half dozen navy blue mufflers from Mr Duff, West Coast Mission, per Mrs J. Mackenzie; 1 dozen pair of socks from Well-wishers; 42 from Mr Crampin, Grimsby, per Vice-Admiral Tupper, and 49 8s 3d from the staff and children of Aird School, per Miss Macdonald, The Schoolhouse.

WHIST DRIVE.—A very enjoyable whist drive was held on Friday last, March 3rd, in the Lecture Room at the Nicolson Institute. About 80 players took part, and the Navy and fish trade were well represented. It is most gratifying to the committee to find their drives and entertainments so well attended by friends in the country. The gross takings were 49, and the expenses amounted to 43 15s. The net profit will be spent in connection with the Soldiers' and Sailors Tea and Rest Rooms in hiring conveyances for taking our brave soldiers and sailors to their homes in the country on arrival at Stornoway for short leave. The committee beg to thank the School Board of Stornoway for their kindness in allowing them the use of the schoolroom for such a good cause.

RABBITING—WAR LOSSES.—This township continues to pay a heavy toll to the cruel Moloch of war. During the week news has reached the village of two additional deaths. Colin Mackinnon, of the Royal Naval Reserve, son of Mr Kenneth Mackinnon, was drowned off Dover on the 21st February. He had just returned to duty after a short leave at home. He was a young man of quiet habits, and of a sober and even grave turn of mind. His elder brother was reported missing a week ago, but, happily, this turns out to be incorrect. The second death is that of John Macleod, of the Seaforths, killed in Mesopotamia. He was the only son of his widowed mother, who resides at 14 Raerinish. He was called up in August, 1914, and had been at the front from that time until he met his death. In him his mother has lost her chief hope and her main support. The only consolation can be in the recollection of his loving and dutiful conduct as a son, and in the thought that he has fallen on the field of honour doing his duty and giving his life for his country. May the Avenger of the widow and the fatherless be her comfort and protector!

FERRING FISHING.—The fishing continues to be prosecuted with much success, although the fleet is diminishing. A number of boats left for home this week owing to members of their crews being called out under the Military Service Act. The total for the week to Saturday was roughly 12,000 crabs, the total for the week ending on Saturday when 70 boats had an average of 56 crabs. Prices were 30s to 38s a cran. The King, Cullen, and Dorothy, Peterhead, had each 150 crabs; Bue, Stornoway, and Boy Willie, Peterhead, 140 each; Parvete, Methel, and Yarmouth, Portknockie, 130 crabs each; Petunia, Peterhead, Nellie, Macduff, Kitty, Peterhead, and Nancy, Shields, 120 each; Invergelie, Gardinstown, and Glesneice, Peterhead, 110 each; Great Hay, Lossie, mouth, and Frigate Bird, Aberdeen, 100 crabs each. The current week opened with a very heavy catch on Tuesday, the total being 3900 crabs from 66 boats. Prices were 28s to 29s a cran. The Nancy, Shields, Resolve, Peterhead, and Dorothy, Peterhead, had 140 to 160 crabs each; Nellie, Macduff, Glenbarry, Aberdeen, and Ethelbald, Shields, 120 to 130 crabs each; Stornoway, Peterhead, Yarmouth, Glenbarry, and Gardenstown, Invergelie, Gardenstown, Frigate Bird, Aberdeen, Lady Hill, Bure, and Surprise, all Stornoway, 100 crabs each; King, Cullen, Alexandra Maid, Peterhead, and Kitty, Caledonia, and Mary, all Peterhead, 80 to 90 crabs each.

AIRBATHNATHUM—PRESENTATION.—On the 25th January, previous to her departure to take up residence in Stornoway, Mrs Mackenzie, Airbathnathum Public School, Barvas, was waited upon by the local managers of the school, who, on behalf of the Local Committee, handed over to her a handsome gift.—In Exchange bond and cash—in recognition of her late husband's services to the district and island.—The committee committed gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to collectors and subscribers alike in all parts of Lewis, and to natives of Lewis resident in the south for ensuring the success of this presentation. The list of subscribers is in the hand of Mr Grant, Highland News Office, and can be seen there by anyone interested.

LEWIS AND HARRIS ASSOCIATION.—The Committee appointed to take charge of the fund recently raised for providing comforts for Lewis and Harris Soldiers and Sailors have now had the matter brought to a point. In all, the total sum collected amounted to 265 6s, which, considering the numerous other calls of the present, must be taken as very satisfactory. The entire sum has been spent on comforts for Lewis and Harris soldiers in the following regiments, namely:—1st and 2nd Seaforth's, 1st and 2nd Cameron's, 1st and 2nd Gordons, and the Ross Mountain Battery. The intended Lewis and Harris section in Holland, which was included in the distribution. The Association desires to thank all those who contributed to the fund and also to express their gratitude to Messrs John Mackay and Malcolm Maclean; two of the Directors, who have taken the purchasing and despatching of the comforts, a matter that involved not a little time and trouble.

ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED TONG SOLDIER.—In a recent issue we chronicled the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sergeant Alex. Matheson, Ross Mountain Battery, son of Mr Alex. Matheson, Tong. Very early in the war Private Alex. Thomson, 4th Seaforth's, son of Mr James Thomson, at Tong, earned the D.C.M., and judging from the following note it would seem probable that Tong will have to its credit another of these coveted decorations. After the engagement at Hill 60, in May last, Sergeant Thomson, 2nd Seaforth's, received the following:—"Fourth Division, British Expeditionary Force—9212 Sergeant J. Thomson, 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Four Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read their report with much pleasure.—Major-General Commanding 4th Division."

LEWIS HOSPITAL.—At a meeting of the subscribers to the Lewis Hospital, held last week—ex-Provost Anderson presiding—Mr William J. Mackenzie, and Mr Norman Forbes, were reappointed to represent the subscribers on the Board of Governors. A meeting of the Governors was held thereafter—Provost Mackenzie in the chair. There were also present ex-Provost Anderson, Rev. Roderick Macleod, Garrabost; Mr Ranald Macdonald, Carloway; Mr Ebenezer Ross, Dr Mackenzie, Mr W. J. Mackenzie, Dr Murchison, Rev. H. Anderson Meaden, Major Angus Bain, and Mr W. A. Ross, hon. secretary. The treasurer's report for the past year with a detailed account was submitted and approved.—It was stated that the late Mrs Macdonald left a legacy of £300 to the Hospital.—On the motion of ex-Provost Anderson, seconded by the Chairman, the hon. medical superintendent, hon. joint treasurer, and hon. secretary were thanked for their able and valuable services during the past year, and were re-elected.—Rev. Mr Meaden called attention to the fact that the Hon. Secretary had not sent an intimation of the Governors' meeting in terms of the Secretary's constitution be upheld. Mr Meaden, seconded by Dr Mackenzie, moved that Mr Cox should be invited to the Governors' meetings. On being put to the meeting the motion was carried by 5 votes to 3.

BURGH TRIBUNAL.—The first sitting of the Stornoway Tribunal, under the Military Service Act, was held on Thursday in the Town Council Conventing Room. There were present:—Provost Mackenzie, Bailie Maciver, Councillors Peter Macleod and Keith Macdonald, with Mr Munro, town clerk, and Major Bain, the hon. secretary. Presentative Provost Mackenzie was appointed chairman and Mr Munro clerk of the Tribunal. Two public officials applied for exemptions for their clerks on the ground of the difficulty of getting qualified clerical assistance for the particular work in their offices. In each case a month's delay was granted. A leading merchant asked for exemption for his manager. All his men, he stated, had left to serve, and his only son of military age had been called up. The man whose exemption was asked for is the only support of his father and mother, and all his brothers are serving. Application refused. A young man, presently engaged on war work, was granted exemption so long as he continues to be employed as at present; and another, who is the only man of his trade in the town, and whose employer is serving, was granted conditional exemption. Two merchants applied for exemption, and three months were allowed in each case to give them an opportunity to make the necessary arrangements for carrying on their business. Short postponements were also allowed in several other cases. The most interesting application was that of a conscientious objector, who asked for absolute and unconditional exemption. As a Christian, he stated, he held human life to be sacred, and every man's body the temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore he could not take the responsibility of inflicting death. In answer to Major Bain, the applicant stated that he objected equally to accepting non-combatant service. He could not accept service on a mine-sweeper either. To do so he would have to take the military oath, and he could not do that. Besides, mine-sweeping was not done as a philanthropic work, but to assist in the war. He would not be allowed, for instance, to sweep up mines on his own property. It was a question of motive rather than of the actual work done. Mr Peter Macleod—Are you a British subject? A.—Yes, Mr Macleod—And do you owe your country any allegiance? A.—I admit I have certain duties. Mr Macleod—What are they? A.—To serve my country to the best of my ability except in such things as conflict with my conscience. Mr Macleod—Don't you owe some service to the country that gave you birth and that protects you? A.—I did not ask for protection. Mr Macleod—You do so passively every day of your life. If a man met you on the street and assaulted you, would you do A.—I hope I should not hit him back in revenge. Bailie Maciver—Would you ask for protection from the police? Provost Mackenzie—If a German met you and tried to take your life, what would you do? A.—I should try to defend myself, but I should not consider myself justified in taking his life. Bailie Maciver—Would you rather be killed yourself than kill the German? A.—I admit that is a difficult point. I don't think I would be justified in killing him. The Provost—Then if the German killed you that would end the matter so far as you were concerned? A.—I suppose so. Mr Macleod—With all due deference to the applicant, I don't believe he can justify himself to be killed even though he had to take the German's life; human nature is human nature. The application was refused, and the applicant recommended for service in the R.A.M.C.

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A HIGHLAND CONTRACTOR

THE LATE MR D. CHISHOLM. Many friends in Ross-shire and the North will regret to hear of the death of Mr Donald Chisholm, late of Larchfield, Conon-Bridge, which took place on Sunday at the residence of his son, W. M. Chisholm, of Glasgow...

CAMERON PRISONER OF WAR

RETURNS THANKS TO CITIZENS' COMMITTEE. Some months ago several parcels of clothing, etc., were sent by the Inverness Citizens' Committee to a number of prisoners of war in Germany...

HARDSHIP ON MARRIED MEN.

A PROBLEM TO SOLVE. Sir, I shall feel very much obliged if you can spare me the space to have a few words with the attention of the public...

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

SCRIPTURES THEY SHOULD REMEMBER. Sir, Will you allow me space to reply to the Nairn barber who quoted so much Scripture to the Christian believer...

INVERNESS DERBYITES AND MR ASQUITH.

PROPOSED PROTEST MEETING. Sir, I have just been studying the many letters in the different papers regarding the call on the married men...

FREIGHT RATES IN HEBRIDES.

QUESTION RAISED IN PARLIAMENT. In the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr Ian Macpherson, M.P., asked the President of the Board of Trade...

ENLISTMENT OF TEACHERS.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TAKES ACTION. It is understood that the Scotch Education Department has a close arrangement with the Army Council...

HIGHLAND LAND LEAGUE.

LONDON DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT. The following are some extracts taken from the report presented at the annual general meeting of the London Division of the Highland Land League...

THE DISCUSSION.

Rev. Mr Macleod, Croy, in moving adoption of the report, said that as the ministers were largely responsible for the statements on which the Moderator had founded his report...

TOTAL PROHIBITION.

The Moderator then moved a resolution that they petition the Central Control Board in favour of immediate total prohibition...

DEATH OF MR WILLIAM SMITH, STRATHNAIRN.

News of the death of Mr William Smith, for many years tenant of Dalreich Farm, Strathairn, was received...

ARE WE "DEADER" THAN BEFORE THE WAR?

INVERNESS U.F. PRESBYTERY DISCUSSES RELIGION AND MORALS. The monthly meeting of Inverness United Free Church Presbytery was held within the Session House of the United Free High Church on Tuesday forenoon...

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The principal item of business on the agenda was consideration of a report on Religion and Morals, which was submitted by the Moderator. At the outset Mr Murray motioned several resolutions...

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A BRAVE YOUNG LEWISMAN

KILLED IN FRANCE. We regret to intimate that Private Murdoch Norman Macaulay, 10th Middlesex Public Schools Battalion, eldest son of Mr John Macaulay, late of Uig and Slornoway, has been killed in action on 5th February in France...

POSTERIOR MISIONS.

The Clerk submitted reports with reference to Mission Misions and the Women's Foreign Missions. The Women's Foreign Missions had contributed £331 3s 7d for Foreign Missions as against £337 16s 6d in 1914...

THE CENTRAL FUND.

Rev. J. D. MacGill reported on the state of the Central Fund for the first two months of the financial year. The contributions over the whole Church, he said, showed a decrease of £1159 16s 2d...

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EIGHT SONS SERVING.

SUTHERLAND MAN GETS LETTER FROM THE KING. Mr A. C. Morton's attention having been called to the fact that Mr K. Ross, of Embo, had eight sons serving with the Forces, he wrote to Buckingham Palace asking that His Majesty might be informed of it...

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UNIONIST CANDIDATE PROMOTED.

The "London Gazette" of 2nd March contains intimation of the promotion of Dr A. D. Mackinnon, C.M.G., of Dunningell, Kyleakin, prospective Unionist candidate for Inverness-shire, to the rank of Major. Captain Mackinnon went on military duty in October, 1914, and since then has occupied the important and responsible position of Garrison Staff Officer.

OBJECT IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HELENBURGH BOYS' PIPE BAND.

The object is to raise funds for Helenburgh Boys' Pipe Band, almost the whole of the senior combination being now with the colours. One more Highland estate for Glasgow! The new Loch Lomond Park, which was acquired by the Corporation some time ago, is to be formally opened on the King's Birthday Holiday. The park has an area of 200 acres.

UNLOCKED FOR RESULT HAS COME TO LIGHT.

If a phrase including the word "light" be permissible—in this matter of the darkening of the cars in a city like Glasgow, there is always a quantity of counterfeit money in circulation. Where is it can be tested the risk of victimisation is small, but in a tramcar, darkened as these now are, had half-crowns, florins, shillings, and sixpences are difficult to detect. The evil has grown so rampant in the last few days that the tramway authorities are at present considering the advisability of issuing instructions to their conductors to accept nothing but coppers in payment of fares.

AT LAST MEETING OF THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY OSSEANIC SOCIETY.

An interesting paper on "Osseanic History and Folklore" was read by Mr N. Shaw, Secretary of the An Comunn Gaidhealach. A juvenile Highland competition, which will attract some attention, is now which has been arranged to be held in Helenburgh on Saturday, 19th inst. The events comprise amateur piping, juvenile dancing, drumming, and a contest for pipe bands, confined to seven players under 19 years of age, for the Colquhoun Challenge Shield. The

SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

ARDGAY-RED CROSS CONCERT.—The Red Cross Concert Fund has been further increased by a handsome donation of sweets (arrived late, but readily sold) from Lady Lo Marchant.

GOLSPIE-PARCELS FOR FRANCE.—As the result of the untiring efforts of the members of the local Ladies' Work Party, they have been able to forward to the Millicent Duchess of Sutherland hospital in France and other needful sources the following:—To Millicent Duchess hospital, 12 bed jackets and 10 pairs pyjamas. A parcel of useful new garments were sent to the Seabirds. To the 15th Seaforth Highlanders the following goods were forwarded:—400 pairs socks, 11 pairs mitts, 4 pairs cuffs, 15 scarves, and 50 shirts.

SIVERE SNOWSTORM.—The heaviest snow-storm experienced in Sutherlandshire during the past twenty-five years set in on Friday morning, and has continued intermittently ever since. Fortunately there was drifting to speak of near the sea level, so that snow-ploughs were able to keep the roads open; but in the higher inland districts of Ross and Sutherland the roads were blocked on several routes. On the mountains snow lies to a great depth all over, while in corries and hollows immense wreaths have accumulated, causing anxiety to flockmasters.

GOLSPIE—A PATRIOTIC SCHOOL.—The teaching staff and pupils of the Golspie Higher Grade School have subscribed well to the various relief funds. The latest contribution is one of £2 6s 6d from the teaching staff, which on this occasion goes to the Belgian Relief Funds. Since the outbreak of war £40 19s 10d has been contributed by the school staff toward relief funds. For the same purpose the pupils have helped to raise £50. The collection of eggs made last week numbered 25 dozen. A sum of £1 9s 4d was also subscribed for the object. Altogether, then, the school has contributed in money and kind, over £100.

ARDGAY—MR NEWLAND'S HEALTH.—People in this district were sorry to learn that Mr D. J. Newlands, for some years local officer of Customs and Excise, had had to go south on account of ill health. Mr Newlands was among the earliest candidates to attest, and it is as the result of the verdict that he is now under specialist's treatment. Mr Newlands has come into personal touch with the local community, and his discharging the strenuous work that has fallen to his department, and his official ability and kindly courtesy in dealing with claims have been much appreciated. Meantime Mr F. Clayton is officiating in his absence.

DUKE TO CLOSE HIS GAS-WORKS.—Owing, he says, to the large yearly deficit which is incurred in supplying the consumers of the parish with gas, the Duke of Sutherland was reluctantly compelled to put out notices that the gas works would have to be closed on June 30. This means, of course, if no other light-giving system is introduced, that the "lesser light" of the old-time paraffin lamp for the inhabitants. To see if some arrangement could be come to in an endeavour to get the gas supply, a meeting of the consumers was held in the N.M.O.A. Hall on Friday evening, over which Mr J. Matheson, chairman of the Parish Council, presided. The question was discussed at some length, the unanimous finding of the meeting being that £200 20s per 1000 feet of gas would consent to continue the supply.

LATE MRS MACLEOD, OMAN.—At the close of the forenoon service in Oban Free Church on 27th February, the Rev. S. MacCune made sympathetic reference to the death of Mrs Macleod, wife of the Rev. E. Macleod, of Oban, Dornoch Free Church, and formerly of Oban. Mr MacCune said he had the pleasure and privilege of meeting Mrs Macleod on one occasion at the Assembly, and her gentle manner and amiable disposition had left an impression upon him which was evident from all he had heard since he came to Oban that Mrs Macleod held a high place in the esteem and love of the congregation. Those of them who knew her best loved her most. The news of Mrs Macleod's death had brought sorrow to her friends and keen sympathy went out to Mr Macleod and his bereaved family. In Mrs Macleod's death the Free Church had lost an attached member, the husband a faithful and devoted member, and the family an amiable and affectionate mother.

A SCHOOLBOY'S LETTER.—The other day an essay test was put by H.M. Inspector to the pupils in a village school in Sutherlandshire. The following is the production of one eleven-year-old youth:—"Dear Mother, I am sorry to hear you have not joined the Army yet. Excuse my impudence, but I think you should enlist at once. It would be better to go of your free will, than being forced to go. Think of the thousands of fellows who are dying for their country. It is nothing to be ashamed of to be a soldier. It is easy enough to be a soldier. The recruiting sergeant will see to that. Even though you could not be a soldier, you might be your King and country in some other way. Perhaps you would not pass, because you have not all your teeth. Even then you could make shells, or drive a transport. You could go to the front as a handman. Can't you hear the Motherland's call for more men? If Britain wins this war I would not like to be in your shoes. A slacker is a terrible name to be called. Be a man, and go and enlist. Try and do your bit, however small it may be. 'Am I not Britain's turf grown red?'—I remain, your loving nephew."

BONAR-BRIDGE—LATE MR MACKENZIE'S WILL.—The late Mr Donald Mackenzie, Inland Revenue, Bonar-Bridge, has by his will left the residue of his means and estate (after being life tenant by relative) to the death of the last survivor, to trustees who are to accumulate the interest for twenty years, which is to be called the "Donald Mackenzie Trust," the income to be paid to the Bield Cottage Hospital, Wick, subject to the condition that the Hospital Trustees shall name one of the beds the "Donald Mackenzie Bed," applicants of the surname of Mackenzie, whether by blood or marriage, having a preference for the occupation of the bed. The Hospital Trustees decline this bequest, then the funds are to be handed over to the University of Edinburgh for bursaries to be called the "Donald Mackenzie Bursaries."

By a codicil he leaves all his Gaelic collection of books to the Carnegie Public Library, Wick, but by a later codicil he states that as Gaelic is not appreciated in Wick, he therefore varies this bequest by leaving them to the Inverness Public Library, with an option to the Committee of the Wick Library. If they think that will be of use, there, to keep them. He leaves all his walking-sticks, labelled "African," to the Museum in the Carnegie Public Library, Wick.

LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Captain's Medal resulted as follows:—1 Mrs Nicol, 2 Miss Chrissy Ross, 3 Miss Elsie Ross.

CONFESSIONS.—Presentation.—At a special meeting of Tain Lodge of Oddfellows, Bro. N. G. Ross, who presided, presented Bro. Wm. Fraser with a fine certificate illuminated with the arms and shield of the Order and framed in oak. It read:—"To the G.M. of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows.—This is to certify that Bro. Wm. Fraser has served the office of Grand Master in St. Dunns Lodge of Inverness District, and in serving in this office has endeavoured to promote the prosperity of the Lodge and the welfare of the members. As witness our hands this date, 2d of March, 1916.—Jas. Ross, N.G.; M. Macdonald, Secy. In moving the presentation, the Chairman referred to the great indebtedness of the members for many years to Bro. Fraser's zeal and efforts for their good. In acknowledging, Bro. Fraser recalled that as member, then secretary, then treasurer, and later as N.G. and G.M. he had been connected with the lodge for 27 years.

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DINGWALL NEWS.

MILITARY CONCERT.—Under the auspices of the Ross-shire Red Cross Society, a popular and successful concert was held in the Masonic Hall, Dingwall, on Friday night. The program was sustained by members of the military. The hall was filled by a large and appreciative audience, the later arrivals having to be contented with standing room. Colonel Sir Hector Munro, Bart. presided. The object was to aid the general fund for fees for soldiers and sailors travelling by rail. At the close votes of thanks were accorded with acclamation, and the singing of the National Anthem terminated a delightful entertainment. The concert realised £40 3s 6d.

EASTER ROSS NEWS.

NOVAR'S BIRTHDAY.—Sir Ronald Crauford Mudro-Ferguson, G.C.M.G., who in 1914 succeeded Lord Denman as Governor-General of Australia, having previously been for 28 years M.P. for Leigh Burghs, was 55 years of age on Monday.

EDDERTON—SMALLHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION.—In connection with the Scottish Smallholders' Association, a meeting was held in the Public Hall at Edderton on Monday night, when an address on "The Holdings and the National Outlook" was delivered by ex-Provost O. Hilson, J.P., Jedburgh, vice-president of the organisation. Mr D. Ross occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance.

ROBEY—TWO OLD INHABITANTS.—Two old and respected inhabitants have been removed in the persons of the late Mrs Mackinnon and Mrs Mackenzie (Bell), who resided at Craigharrow Cottages, near Rogie. Both deceased ladies were cradled at the foot of Torachilly, where they spent their girlhood and womanhood in the good old Highland fashion, amidst peace and Nature's splendour. Being over "four score," they could relate many interesting stories relative to the peaceful and happy days of small farming in the district, the starchy and gloom were teeming with the pink of manhood. Mrs Mackinnon leaves a family of one son and two daughters, while Mrs Mackenzie was childless.

CHAPELHILL, NIGG—PRESENTATION TO THE MINISTER.—A deputation, consisting of Messrs Cochrane, F. Skinner, D. Skinner, T. Vass, N. Vass, and Macrae, representing the congregation, waited last Friday evening on Rev. Mr Maclean at the Manse, and presented him with a purse containing a substantial sum of money, which the congregation wished to show not only its esteem and respect in which Mr Maclean, who is recovering from a severe illness, is held, Mr Maclean in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation, after which Mr Maclean suitably and feelingly read, Messrs Skinner and Vass also spoke. Afterwards the deputation was hospitably entertained.

WENTRE ROSS NEWS.

BARBUISAG—NEW TEACHER.—Miss Macrae, lately assistant in Dornie Public School, has taken up duty as head mistress of Barbusaig School under Lochalsh School Board. Mr W. T. Love, formerly headmaster of Kildonan School, has been appointed as headmaster at Barbusaig since New Year.

KYLE—MISSIONARY TAKES UP DUTY.—Mr Neil Mackillop has now taken up duty as missionary to the combined congregations of the Church of Scotland and United Free Church. Mr Mackillop received a warm and hearty reception from the people. Judging from the success of his labours in Poyers, he should do good work in his new sphere of labour.

KYLE—REST STATION.—At the monthly meeting of the Ross and Cromarty Branch of the Red Cross, held at Dingwall on Monday, the question of forming a rest station at Kyle of Lochalsh for sailors and soldiers was discussed and heartily taken up. The President was requested to communicate with the Countess of Morton, Congin, Ardour, Inverness-shire, who has this matter in hand.

POCKTON.—THE LATE MR LACHLAN MACDONALD.—On Thursday, 2nd inst., Mr Lachlan Macdonald passed away, in the 76th year of his age, at Craig, near Plockton, after a lingering illness of some weeks' duration. A native of Ardross, Mr Macdonald resided in this locality 43 years ago, and was engaged variously in constructing roads, etc., on the late Sir Alexander Matheson's (now Sir Kenneth Matheson's) estates. A man of genial and kindly disposition, and of a singularly quaint humour, he was a general favourite. The respect in which he was held was evidenced by the large number of people who travelled considerable distances to follow his remains to the place of interment in Plockton. Much sympathy is felt for his bereaved widow and family.

DORNE PRESENTATION TO POPULAR TEACHER.—On Friday, the 3rd inst., the pupils attending Dornie School presented Miss Macrae, assistant teacher, with a beautiful gold pendant and dress case, on the occasion of her leaving to take charge of Ernsaig School. Mr Macleod, headmaster, expressed his regret at Miss Macrae's departure, and referred to her efficiency as a teacher, her obliging and cheerful disposition, which had won the esteem and regard of all, and wished her every success and happiness in her new situation. Miss Macrae, the youngest pupil in the school, then handed the gifts to Miss Macrae, who thanked the subscribers most heartily, and expressed her regret at parting with the pupils and her many friends in Dornie. Miss Macrae entertained the children to tea. Thereafter a short musical program was gone through, at the close of which Miss Macleod, in a neat little speech, thanked Miss Macrae for her kindness in entertaining the children, and Mr John Cameron, Airderry, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the evening's entertainment. The singing of "And Lang Syne" concluded a very pleasant function.

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BEAULY AND DISTRICT NEWS.

PROFESSOR MACWILLIAM.—Professor J. H. Macwilliam, Regius Professor of Physiology at Aberdeen University, who is a native of Kilmorack, and a brother of Mr W. J. Macwilliam (Culmhill), Beaully, has been elected a member of the Royal Society.

THE LATE MR JOHN BEATON.—The funeral took place on Monday last at Urray Burying-ground of the late Mr John Beaton, for many years stalker, Glen Gowie, Muir of Ork. The deceased, who was in indifferent health for some time back, retired from the Erchless Estate in May last, when he went to reside at Bridgford Cottage, Achilly, where he passed peacefully away on the 2nd inst., after much suffering, notably borne. While on the Chisholm Estate he was the recipient of many handsome presents from gentlemen of various nationalities, who appreciated his desire to satisfy their sporting instincts. The funeral was largely attended, many travelling long distances to pay their last respects to a dear friend and comrade.

KILTARLITY.—THE LATE MR MALCOLM MICHAEL.—Much regret was felt all over the parish at the news of the sudden death of Mr Malcolm Michael, son of Mr John Michael, farmer, Achnacloch. Mr Michael had not been in good health for some time past, but was able to go about his duties. On Thursday he took a chill, and contracted pneumonia, and passed away on Saturday. Mr Michael was a young man of a kindly disposition, obliging to everyone, and a great favourite with all who knew him. He was for some years tenant of the farm of Eskdale, and when he left, his departure was much regretted by all his neighbours. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday, was one of the largest in the district for many years. The service at the house was conducted by the Rev. R. MacCowan, Free Church Manse, and the Rev. A. Cameron, U.F. Killearnan. Much sympathy has been extended to Mr and Mrs Michael and family in their bereavement.

KILMAROCK SCHOOL BOARD.—The members of Kilmorack School Board met in the Phipps Hall, Beaully, on Monday evening—Rev. E. A. Rankin presiding. Two parents who had been summoned before the Board on account of the poor attendance of their children at school appeared. One explained that she had to keep her son at home occasionally to keep house while she worked for their upkeep, but that she would in future send him regularly to school. The other parent, however, agreed that as soon as he could get his son properly clad he would send him to school, and keep him there. Both parents were given another chance before being remitted to the Sheriff. The clerk reported that as the result of the negotiations, Mr Macrae, late Macrae, Brin, had been appointed interim teacher in Beaully Public School until 27th March, when Miss Macrae, Tomnacross School, expected to be able to take up duty. The Beaully Public School had, however, been closed on 28th February for a fortnight on account of scarletina, by order of the Local Authority. The compulsory reports showed 87 on the roll of Tennasie School, the average attendance being 75 per cent.; there were 38 on the roll of St. Mary's School, the average attendance being 89 per cent.; out of 8 on the roll on Cannich School there was an average attendance of 75 per cent. The repairs wanted to Cannich School had been remitted to Mr Macintyre, Erchless, one of the managers, with powers to see them carried out.

BLACK ISLE NEWS.

AVOCH—MILITARY CROSS.—Lieut. George M. Philip, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in action. Lieut. Philip was a student at Edinburgh University, and joined on the outbreak of hostilities. He is a son of the late Rev. Alfred M. Philip, parish minister, Avoch, and a cousin of Mr D. G. Philip, agent at Inverness for Messrs Langlands' steamers.

PORTROSS—METEOROLOGICAL.—The weather report for February brings out the curious fact that the rainfall was less than also mean more sunshine. The rainfall for February was 3.02 inches, as against 1.98 for last February and 1.57 for the previous one, while for the two first months of the year the rainfall was against 3.88 in 1915, 3.95 in 1914, and only 0.13 in 1913. The sunshine recorded for February was 74.5 hours, against 54 last year, and for the two months 125 against 87.1 for 1915, 120.9 for 1914, and only 81.6 for the dry year of 1913.

AVOCH—MEMORIAL CLOCK.—The officers, members, and adherents of the Parish Church at Avoch have commemorated their late respected minister, Rev. Alfred M. Philip, B.D., who was their spiritual guide and friend for fully 22 years, by placing in the gallery of the church a memorial clock with suitable inscription. In the unavoidable absence through illness of Rev. W. Scott, of Cromarty, the Rev. John Dow, Knockbain, conducted the dedicatory services, and paid high compliments to his deceased colleague and his own minister for this evidence of their mutual regard.

PORTROSS—M.I.S.—There was another crowded attendance at last week's meeting of the Mutual Improvement Society—Rev. K. Macleannan in the chair—when the program consisted of a debate on the question "Does Ill-health Improve People's Character?" The affirmative was supported by Mr Vass, N. Vass, and Mr A. Macdonald replied for the negative. Both gentlemen gave excellent expositions of their side of the question, and after several members had spoken, chiefly in support of the negative, the vote was taken. The affirmative was supported by Mr Vass, N. Vass, and Mr A. Macdonald, and the negative by Mr Vass, N. Vass, and Mr A. Macdonald. On the motion of Mr Fraser, St. Duthus, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the two leaders, who had made so much interesting matter out of a rather unobscure subject.

MULBAUR—A LINK WITH THE PAST.—An interesting link with the past has been established in the person of Mrs Mackenzie, widow of the late John Mackenzie, Drynie Park, Mulbaur. Born in the same year as the late Queen Victoria, Mrs Mackenzie was in her 97th year, and so could tell many interesting stories about the people and customs of these by-gone days which are unknown to the people of to-day. Till comparatively recently she was up and about every day, with mind bright and clear, and her feet as nimble as those of a young girl. Her husband, who she had loved by all who knew her. More recently she was confined to bed wholly, but remained cheerful as ever, being lovingly tended by her son and daughter-in-law, with whom she stayed. Her memory will ever remain a treasure to her many friends.

PORTROSS—OBITUARY.—Mr Hugh Clark, farmer, Broomhill, passed away on Wednesday last week after a lingering illness, borne with patience and Christian resignation. Two years ago deceased had a paralytic stroke, which deprived him of the use of his limbs, and the power of speech, and to him death may be said to have come as a happy release. Mr Clark had been tenant of his holding for well-nigh half-a-century, and was generally recognised as a practical farmer, and highly esteemed for his qualities as a good friend and neighbour. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral to Rosemarkie burying-ground on Saturday afternoon. Mr Clark is survived by a widow, four sons, and one daughter, who have the sympathy of all friends in their bereavement.

KINGUSSIE, AVIEMORE, ETC. NEWBORN—GOLF CLUB.—At the annual meeting of the Newborn Golf Club, Mr Robert Sellar, presiding—the secretary submitted the balance-sheet for the past year, showing income £175 15s, and balance at credit £31 6s 4d. The statement was adopted, and a part of the sum at credit was recommended to be invested in Exchequer bonds. Mr Sellar was re-appointed captain, and Mr Millar, secretary.

KINGUSSIE SCHOOL BOARD APPEAL.—Kingussie School Board have resolved to appeal to the Local Tribunal with a view to retaining the services of Mr Miller, of the Newborn School, and Mr Brevin, one of the teachers who first came to Inverness in 1914 as assistant to the Rev. Allan Cameron, and after an absence of over a year, during which time he saw service with the troops in France under the Y.M.C.A., he returned in December last. Mr Cumming is a graduate of St. Andrews University and an alumnus of Glasgow U.F. College. During his college career he held bursaries and scholarships of the total value of about £300. He was prizeman in several University classes and medalist and first prizeman in two.

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POPULAR INVERNESS MINISTER. CALLED TO DUNDEE. At a congregational meeting of Mains and Strathmartine United Free Church, Dundee, held on Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to address a call to the Rev. Andrew Cumming, M.A., assistant minister in the East Church, Inverness. We understand that it is his intention to accept the call. It will be remembered that Rev. Mr Cumming first came to Inverness in 1914 as assistant to the Rev. Allan Cameron, and after an absence of over a year, during which time he saw service with the troops in France under the Y.M.C.A., he returned in December last. Mr Cumming is a graduate of St. Andrews University and an alumnus of Glasgow U.F. College. During his college career he held bursaries and scholarships of the total value of about £300. He was prizeman in several University classes and medalist and first prizeman in two.

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SKYE AND THE ISLANDS IN MEMORIAM ACROSTIC.

NORTH UIST—ALMOST A CENTENARIAN.—There passed away the other day an old lady in the person of Mrs Finlay Morrison, Carnish, North Uist, whose age bordered on 100 years, and said to be about the oldest in North Uist. Mr James Cameron, Baleshare, is short of the 100 years by exactly fifteen months. He is able to go about, and retains his natural faculties wonderfully.

HARRIS—GALLANT RESCUE.—Malcolm Macrae, fisherman, Obbe, Harris, had a narrow escape from drowning recently through falling into the sea from a boat. He was alone at the time but the accident was observed by Roderick Mackay, Obbe, another fisherman, who was a quarter of a mile away. He made for the shore, plunged through the sea to a small boat, slipped her moorings and pushed off to the rescue. He succeeded in getting hold of Macrae and helped him to get into the boat. Macrae had drifted fully sixty yards from where he had fallen in, and would certainly have perished but for Mackay's prompt action.

NORTH UIST—MEDICAL SERVICE.—The new scheme of the Medical Service—The committee is received with much disappointment, and their grant in aid of the medical service here puts up a new system hardly believed to weigh in the balance with the old one. The check fee charged now by the doctor is equivalent to the yearly contribution under the old system, while the inadequacy of the service is quite as much, while the doctor himself will not be a whit better paid. The parish of North Uist had striven hard to get another doctor, but no result of their struggle is forthcoming. The question may be asked—What have they got from the grant? Practically nothing.

CARROSS—PRESENTATION.—On the eve of his leaving to join the colours, Mr Donald M'Casikill, clerk, Talisker Distillery, was visited upon by his fellow-employees and by his other friends in the Minginish district, who wished to show in show in tangible form the esteem in which he was held. Mr Murphy, in explaining the object of the meeting, called upon Mr Milne, distillery manager, to preside. Mr Milne spoke of his pleasure in being Chairman at such a large gathering to do honour to Mr M'Casikill, who had, during his fourteen years' service at the distillery, by his zeal, efficiency, and ability, proved himself a good servant, and he had no doubt Mr M'Casikill would also prove a good soldier. In the unavoidable absence of Dr Macdonald, he called upon Mr Mann to make the presentation. Selections on the gramophone were given by Mr Robertson, and songs were sung by the Misses Robertson and Misses Flora and Kennina M'Casikill, and by Messrs Grant, Macrimmon, Robertson, Mann, and C. M'Casikill. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs D. Gillies, Robertson, and K. Gillies, who had made the arrangements for the presentation, and after the customary votes of thanks, the singing of "And Lang Syne" brought a pleasant function to a close.

DEATH OF MAJOR CAMPION.

A POPULAR HIGHLAND OFFICER. The death of Major Edward Campion, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, which took place at Hursstierport, Sussex, last week, as the result of gas-poisoning received some time ago in the trenches in Flanders, re-creates a popular figure from the ranks of that famous regiment. He was an intense favourite with all ranks, officers and men, a stout and kindly heart in a small, wiry frame. He went out with the battalion to France at the outbreak of war, and was one of the few officers to come safely out of the retreat from Mons and the subsequent hard fighting in the trenches in Flanders. He was well-known in the North, and had been the guest in many Highland houses when the regiment was at Fort-Georg.

DEATH OF "HAMISH."

A WELL-KNOWN HIGHLAND HERMIT. "Hamish" Stewart, who was for many years familiarly known in Inverness district as "The Hermit of Old Hill and Loch-na-Sanaid" is no more.



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CROFTERS AND EXEMPTION.

WESTER ROSS TRIBUNAL DISCUSS THE QUESTION. The first meeting of the Wester Ross Tribunal under the Military Service Act was held in Dingwall last week.

IMPORTANCE OF THE LAND. John Urquhart, Muir of Ord, applied as a farmer, crofter, and cattleman to be exempted under the heading of certified occupations, and also on domestic grounds.

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INVERNESS COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE KELP INDUSTRY—PENSIONS AFTER THE WAR.

Meetings in connection with Inverness County Council were held on Friday. Mr J. T. Garrioch presided at a meeting of the Weights and Measures and Petroleum Acts Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MacIntosh of MacIntosh presided over the meeting of the Finance Committee in the unavoidable absence of Mr T. R. Biscoe, the Convener.

KELP INDUSTRY.

The Clerk said he had received a long letter from Mr Macdonald, asking him to look into the kelp industry. Mr J. T. Garrioch—You might give us the purpose of the letter.

WAR PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Statutory Committee, Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, London, as to the establishment of Local Committees under the Naval and Military War Pensions & Act, 1915.

SPINSTER VERSUS SPINSTER.

CURIOUS CASE AT POLICE COURT. A curious charge came before Inverness Police Court on Monday when Jessie Watt, a spinster, pleaded guilty to having seized hold of another lady by the hair of the head, removed her hat, pulled down her hair, showed her up against a stone wall, and endeavoured to remove the shoes from her feet.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

SCATHING DENUNCIATION AT NAIRN TRIBUNAL.

Nairn County and Burgh Tribunals met on Friday. Mr J. S. Robertson, Convener of the County, presided at the County Tribunal, and Admiral Fraser represented the Military at both Tribunals. Thirty-six appeals at the County Tribunal were disposed of as follows:—1 withdrawn, applicant being over military age; 4 exempted owing to being medically unfit; 4 working farmers were absolutely exempted and 1 temporarily to 28th May; 24 farm servants were temporarily exempted till 28th May; exemption was refused to a crofter's son who worked his father's croft of twenty acres; a miller and a blacksmith's assistant were totally exempted; a conscientious objector appealed for absolute exemption because he was a Christian.

BLACK ISLE TENANT CASE.

DECISION AGAINST CULLODEN TRUSTEES. Sheriff Harvey has now issued his judgment in the case at the instance of the Culloden Trustees against Thomas Gollan, Wellhouse, Conon-Briggs. The trustees sued Mr Gollan for £28 18s 5d being arrears of rent. Mr Gollan defended on the ground that he had never refused to pay his rents, but that he retained them as being the only way to effect a settlement between him and the Trustees regarding a piece of rough pasture ground of which he had been illegally deprived by the Trustees. The Sheriff has upheld the contention of the tenant.

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SRBIAN RELIEF FUND.—Amount already acknowledged, £70 13s 7d; Mrs Fleming, The Bangalow (3rd contribution), £1—total, £71 13s 7d.

PAINTERS GET WAR BONUS.—The operative painters of Inverness have been granted a war bonus of 3s per week on account of the increased cost of living.

Mrs BIRNIE'S RED CROSS FUND.—Amount already acknowledged, £74 2s; W. M. Saunders, The New Tomatin Distillers Coy., Ltd., per Provost Birnie, £10 10s; Little Stanley Russell, "The Boy Wonder," £1 5s; Employees, Gas Works, £1 14s 6d—total, £87 11s 6d.

ALLEGED BURGLARY.—Before Bailie A. M. Macneven, at the Police Court on Monday, John Calder, labourer, was charged with shopbreaking and attempted shopbreaking. The Chief Constable moved that the accused be remitted to the Sheriff, and the Magistrate concurred.

LABOUR REPRESENTATIVE.—At Monday's meeting of the Town Council a letter was read from Mr John Eccles resigning his post as one of the labour representatives on the Military Service Tribunal. He stated that he preferred to remain on the Advisory Committee, where he could best look after the interests of labour. The Council appointed Mr F. Stewart, Oliver Cottage, Greig Street, as Mr Eccles's successor.

COAL STEALING.—At the Police Court on Monday, three married women were charged with coal stealing at the Canal Basin. They pleaded guilty. The Chief Constable, in moving for sentence, said this class of theft was getting very common in Inverness. Bailie A. M. Macneven said that the offence was a serious one, and he ordered each of the accused to pay a fine of 10s, with the option of five days' imprisonment.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.—The following donations in aid of the Inverness Home for Refugees in Ghent were acknowledged by Mr James Maxwell, Town Chamberlain:—Amount already acknowledged, £587 0s 4d; Catholic congregation of Inverness (24th contribution), £8; High Church, per Mr Steele (6th contribution), £10; Ness Bank U.F. Church (23rd weekly contribution), £2—total, £602 0s 4d.

NINE BROTHERS WITH THE COLOURS.—The ninth son of the late Mr Morrison, tailor, Inverness, has just joined the colours under the Derby scheme. Four of the brothers are Cameron Highlanders, another is in the Highland Light Infantry, another in the Australian Navy, and other two in the Indian corps. One of the brothers has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

MORE MONEY FROM JAVA.—Provost Birnie has received another letter from Mr Jack Campbell, Sourabaya, Java, enclosing a draft for £13 18s 6d. Of this sum Mr Campbell desires that £12 should be used in purchasing bappas for any of the Cameron Battalions, and that the balance of £1 18s 6d should be handed to Mrs Birnie's Red Cross Fund. This is the third contribution which Mr Campbell has sent to Provost Birnie for purposes connected with the war, and the total amount sent by him is only a few pounds short of £300.

WAR DRESSINGS.—The Hon. Secretary of the War Dressings Association begs to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the following donations:—Anonymous, 2s; Mrs Hagonin, Tignault, Aberley, 2s 6d (2nd donation); Miss M. Mackay, Silverwell, 2s 6d (2nd); Mrs Bainbridge, 10s; Mrs Innes, Bishopthorpe, 5s (2nd donation); Miss Henderson, Ardross Street, 10s (2nd donation); Mrs Mackintosh, Killyachy, 10s; Mrs Mitchell Innes, Dunachton House, 5s (2nd donation). Further donations will be gratefully received by Mrs D. F. Macdonald, Auldcastlehill.

PARISH COUNCIL.—On Monday, at a special meeting of the Parish Council, Mr Donald Macdonald said he had prepared a plan for the local Government Board's approval showing accommodation for two pig styes, at an estimated cost of £25 to £30. As material would increase by delaying the scheme he moved that no time be lost in proceeding with it. On the last occasion the Local Government Board's objection was because the scheme was too big. Mr Alex. Lindsay seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The Council agreed to take the necessary steps to secure the exemption from military service of their clerk and inspector (Mr J. W. Macchillop).

FATHER AND FOUR SONS SERVING.—We understand that Sgt. Oliver, of the 4th Cameron Highlanders, who is himself "doing his bit" in France, has no fewer than four sons serving with the colours, all of whom were "born and bred" in the Highland Capital. B. Oliver is a sergeant in the 2nd Camerons; J. Oliver a corporal in the 3/6th Black Watch; Fred Oliver is serving with the 6th Royal Scots Fusiliers; and A. Oliver with the 3rd Battalion Royal Scots. This is quite a creditable record, and will rank among the best local contributions to the service of King and Country in the great crisis through which we are meantime passing.

REV. DONALD MACLEOD CALLED UP.—Rev. Donald Macleod, Inverness, who is a commissioned territorial chaplain, received notice recently from the Convenor of the Army and Navy Chaplains' Committee that he was liable to be called up for duty; and having been passed as physically fit by the Military Board, he is bound to serve for the period of the war. Mr Macleod has arranged, subject to the approval of the Presbytery of Inverness, for the Rev. Mr Bright, a Lowland minister, to take up the pastoral duties of the High Church in his stead, from a fortnight hence. Mr Bright is a young man, and believed to be well qualified for the duties.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT

TWO MOTOR CARS FALL DOWN THE MARKET STAIRS.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

An extraordinary accident occurred in Inverness about half-past eleven o'clock on Saturday night, which narrowly missed having very serious consequences. It appears that the manager of a local garage got somewhat bewildered in the darkened streets, and drove a motor car along Charles Street, evidently under the impression that he was on Old Edinburgh Road. Sharply turning the corner, with the intention of turning down the Castle Street Brae, the driver suddenly found himself flying over the Market Brae Stairs, and had actually reached the top of the third flight of stairs ere the vehicle came to a standstill. In endeavouring to null the car back again, a second car skidded over the steps, and both derelicts had to be recovered by a traction engine. The driver and his passenger, a local doctor, had miraculous escapes.

AT THE THEATRE.

"LADY LITTLE." There have been packed houses at Inverness Theatre this week. The chief attraction is "Lady Little." All the press comments regarding this living wonder have not exaggerated the surprise in store for old and young alike. "Lady Little" is no mere cognomen; it describes her to a nicety. She is the talk of the Continent, and her gifts include brilliant jewels given by Kings and Emperors. The remainder of the program provides plenty of mirth and interest. Charles Kemble is a talented comedian, and his impromptu "sing songs" (they are really hits at the audience) go down well. "Mys-Ti-Cas" does not belie his title, his performances being surprising at every point. He is also a veritable prodigy of some standing. Allan MacKevlin is a character comedian with plenty of originality, and this "tun" is enlivened by Beveride, a blind vocalist. Equally popular and pleasing are the Mill-rays and Miss Audrey Clive. Altogether a first-class and enjoyable variety.

GENERAL WAR NEWS

MARRIED MEN CALLED UP.

PROCLAMATIONS RECEIVED IN THE NORTH.

Copies of a Proclamation calling up eight groups of married men under the Derby scheme have been received in the North. The numbers affected are groups 25 to 32, embracing men between the ages of 19 and 25 years. The Proclamation is dated March 7, and those whom it concerns are due to report themselves on April 7. Applications for postponement to later groups must be lodged within ten days of the date of the Proclamation.

BRITISH SUCCESS AT YPRES.

A BRILLIANT OPERATION.

Now that it is possible to gather fuller details of the battle of March 2, as a result of which the international trench and the position known as the Bluff in the Ypres salient were re-occupied by our troops, it is clear that this operation was even more brilliantly and completely carried out than the first brief official intimations suggested. Our machine-gunners appear to have done terrible execution, and it is quite safe to say that the results of this two days' fighting have been more costly to the enemy than any action which has taken place upon the British front for some time.

THE GERMAN FLEET.

COMING OFFENSIVE IN THE GULF OF RIGA.

Referring to the appearance on the Riga front of German naval artillery, which was recently reported in a Main Headquarters communiqué, the "Rusky Invalid," the organ of the War Office, considers this event to be closely connected with the expected offensive of the German fleet in the Gulf of Riga in the spring. The journal writes:—When our ships fight the German ships, and are prevented from approaching the coast, the enemy's naval artillery will assist the German troops in attacking our positions on the Riga region will have to sustain two blows, one from the coast and the other from the fleet in the Gulf of Riga.

ADMIRAL BEATTY'S HOPE.

WILL THE GERMAN REFUSE THE PLEASURE?

In a telegram dated from Glasgow, a special correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" gives interesting details of a visit to the British Grand Fleet, in the course of which he speaks in the highest terms of officers and men alike. While on board the Lion the correspondent had an interview with Vice-Admiral Beatty, who declared that he still hoped to have the happiness of leading his ships into battle. "I don't think," said the Admiral, "the Germans will refuse me that pleasure."

TURKS GETTING DESPERATE.

Powerful Peace Movement. Apart from the attempted assassination of Enver Pasha, previously reported, the same reliable source reports that the town of Sebastia, situated between Erzerum and Kasariye, has been burnt to ashes. The Turks in Constantinople give out that it happened through the explosion of powder magazines caused by an earthquake. It is believed, however, that Sebastia has been set on fire and destroyed by the troops fleeing from Erzerum. The inhabitants of Konis are leaving the town and district, and 1000 have reached the region of Smyrna. Great unrest is reported in the latter town.

Rachid Bey, the Vali, is considered to be at the head of a powerful peace movement. Prominent Young Turks are leaving Smyrna precipitately, fearing a movement in favour of peace, in which they would become the first victims.

CRISIS IN TURKEY.

SEPARATE PEACE PROPOSALS.

Mr G. J. Stevens, special correspondent of the Press Association, writing from Athens on Saturday, says that according to information on which full reliance can be placed, an attempt has been made in Constantinople to assassinate Enver Pasha, who was seriously wounded. Much significance attaches to the information received from a private source that the Turks are removing the mines from the Dardanelles which appears to be a preparatory measure to the opening of the Straits. Yesterday's review of events in Turkey says that it is reported that peace negotiations are being considered. A telegram from London to the "Corriere Della Sera" states that Talaat Bey, acting in the name of the Committee of Union and Progress, has twice taken the initiative with a view to peace negotiations with the Allies. Two envoys are said to have been sent to Switzerland for that purpose.

GERMAN MUNITIONS WORKS.

OVER A MILLION EMPLOYED.

Senator Charles Humbert, in an article in the Paris "Journal," on the importance of keeping up the supply of guns and munitions, says:—"Krupp's employed 42,000 hands at Essen before the war, and this figure now reaches 115,000. At the Germania works the number of workers has risen from 6000 to 30,000. Alfred and Gruson's works, which employed respectively 6000 and 9000 men, now employ 30,000 and 27,000, whilst the Bochum and Gelsenkirchen works now employ 25,000 hands instead of 10,000. Thyssens have 89,000 workmen, and the Ehrhardt 100,000 work-people instead of 30,000 and 40,000 respectively in peace time. There is thus an army of over 420,000 men working on the other side of the Rhine turning out war material without counting the innumerable accessory workshops employing more than double that number in the manufacture of rifles, cartridges, shells, and explosives of every kind, powder and dynamite, and so on, or a total of over 1,200,000 men employed in the various war industries, without including men who work in factories for the production of the raw material."

"MAKES ONE SHIVER"

CRY OF PAIN FROM GERMANY.

Major Morath, in the "Berliner Tageblatt," strikes a new note of pessimism; the whole tone of his comments suggesting that the French have inflicted terrible losses on and completely surprised the Germans by the tenacity of their resistance at Verdun. A week ago Major Morath advocated the opening of the road to Paris. In a whimsical mood, he writes:—"If all Germany looks with pride on its battle-tried warriors, their courage and power of holding out, and never forgets his living or dead heroes, we must also recognize fully the bravery of the enemy. In numerous counter-attacks, when they struggled to free themselves from our iron grip, the French stood up against the leaden destruction of our terrible batteries. "A generation of warriors spake into the grave before Verdun or drags its way home in a mutilated condition. That is what makes one shiver in watching this shedding of blood by two nations who, hand in hand, could dominate the world and raise culture to unknown heights. Instead, they are tearing each other to pieces. "As Germans we do not allow ourselves to be accused as a people of having brought on the war, so in honour we must not blame the people of France for such an intention. A few thousands were the original victims of war. I often hear from the mouths of our young soldiers taking part in the bloody struggle with the French how they wish to die more intensely than they did at Verdun. "Hereditary enemy," should disappear in the coming peace."

FAMOUS GERMAN RAIDER

ARRIVES HOME IN SAFETY.

The German raider Moewo has, according to the German Admiralty, returned safely to a home port. In addition to naval officers, privates, the Moewo had on board 29 British marines and 166 sailors taken from various ships which she had destroyed. In all she had sent to the bottom 15 merchantmen, aggregating 60,000 tons. She carried back to Germany 1,000,000 marks worth of goods taken from the Appan, and some of her other prizes.

IF THE CROWN PRINCE FAILS.

POSSIBLE DEATH-BLOW TO GERMAN EMPIRE.

Writing from France yesterday, a Press special correspondent says:—"Germany and the dynasty that rules Germany has been compelled by the force of circumstances to make a standing on a moral victory. The Crown Prince, who has been captured at Verdun to retrieve his military reputation and the decaying prestige of the Central Empires, since Verdun, as the result of past traditions, is a household word, and the symbol of the German invincible fortress. If the Crown Prince fails Germany has staked her all on an attempt, which if it fails, as it surely must, may well prove a death blow to the Empire."

THE GERMAN AIM

IN ATTACKING VERDUN.

A Central News correspondent, writing from Rome, says:—"I am assured by the director of a German bank in Rome (this director is an Italian who has managed the affairs of the bank since the German directors left) that the German offensive against Verdun was imposed upon the German General Staff by the leading financiers of the Empire, who predicted that unless the army scored a great success in France the failure of the new War Loan was almost inevitable. The same banker asserted that according to reports which he had received from Berlin the financial situation in Germany is now extremely critical."

"In the view of Colonel Barone, writing in the paper 'Preparazione,' the primary aim of the German General Staff in trying to score a spectacular success at Verdun was to dissipate the feeling of depression which is besetting more and more noticeable not only amongst the people but in the army also.

"In Colonel Barone's opinion, if the Germans were to succeed in taking Verdun, they would probably not attempt to go further, but would try to make the success the basis for opening definite peace negotiations."

ETERNAL MUD IN FRANCE.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM A KINGUSSIE MAN.

A Badenoch soldier, a non-commissioned officer in the 1st Scots Guards, in an interesting letter to Provost Wolfenden, Kingussie, says:—"I was glad to hear of the great success of the tea-giving at Kingussie Station. I have met many out here who had tea at Kingussie while passing through and believe me it is a great blessing to our boys when travelling, as they are as often as not penniless when on leave. Just as your letter arrived we were treated to a terrible snowstorm and frost, and to my mind the basis for opening definite peace negotiations."

We are always kept near where the Germans are expected to break through. If we did not keep changing, things would go hard with some regiments. It took the Kaiser's Prussian Guards in 1914. I see by the papers you have had the baby-killers over in Britain once again. Surely that will help recruiting. After all is said and done, you cannot blame a man who has been out here not wanting back again, but surely every young fellow fit and well feels like seeing real war for an hour or two. It will give him food for thought for the remainder of his life, waken him up bring him nearer to his God and make life sweet and worth living. The trench is the place where you can tell the staff a man is made of."

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PARISH COUNCIL AND PIGGERIES.

A LESSON FROM ENGLAND. The Finance and Law Committee of Inverness Parish Council met on Thursday—Mr E. G. Critchley, convenor, presiding. It was reported that of the old assessment arrears of £12 5s 3d a sum of £1 6s 9d fell to be recovered. The total assessment levied for this year was £18,348, and of this sum there is only outstanding £1400.

Mr Urquhart, the collector of rates, was warmly complimented upon the splendid collection revealed by these figures. The Clerk stated that this was the best collection for many years—(applause). The Convenor said it might interest the Committee that an English Board of Guardians had been able to make a clear profit of £127 6s 1d by the rearing of pigs. In this case there were only thirty pigs. He was surprised that their own Local Government Board had not sanctioned such an undertaking.

Mr Jas. S. Fraser—I don't know why the Local Government Board did not agree to our own proposal on that head. The Convenor—That is just what I say. Mr Jas. S. Fraser—If there was anything that was detrimental it might be the report of the Government Inspector. The Convenor—I don't think we should abandon the idea altogether. Mr Duffy—it is sub rosa just now. The Executive of the Parish Council's Association have got the matter in hand.

Mr Wm. Fraser, referring to the Government demand for economy, asked if the Council had really satisfied themselves that they could not effect any reduction in expenditure. Mr Hector Macvinish—The Economy Committee is still in existence. Mr Duffy said the Finance Committee of the Town Council had this week made certain recommendations on the subject of economy. With regard to the Parish Council he thought they had an opportunity at the last meeting of reducing expenditure in connection with the printing of the minutes.

Mr Macvinish—We have no such items as the Board of Advertising or the Curling Club to cut down in this Council. The Council—We have nothing that is optional. Mr Donald Macdonald said that if they had a free hand with regard to the piggery they would be able to strengthen their finances. Mr Macvinish—How many pigs did our scheme involve? The Clerk—Eighteen. The discussion then dropped.

LICENSED HOLDERS AND THE WAR.

MR JACK ON RECENT LEGISLATION.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Inverness-shire Wine, Spirit and Beer Trade Association on Thursday evening, Mr E. C. Jack, President, said that notwithstanding the many and varied activities of the Association during the year their financial position was sound—(applause). A pleasing feature of the year's report was to be found in the fact that the membership had increased. Thus the membership subscription showed an increase of £12. From 198 the membership of the Association had increased to 151—(applause). This fact reflected credit on the directors and likewise upon Mr Fraser, the secretary and treasurer. Had the year been anything but abnormal the funds would have been in a very different position. The present membership of the Association placed them 8th on the list of "Trade" Associations in Scotland—a very creditable achievement and one which gave them a status and a weight of the Central Association—(applause). When they met last year they thought that the terrible war which was still raging would be a thing of the past but unfortunately it was still going strong. Nevertheless they were all united in the belief that Britain and her Allies were more confident of victory than ever they had been—(applause). They confidently looked forward to the scouring of a glorious and satisfactory peace. Twelve months ago the "Trade" thought that they had passed through one of the most trying periods of their history. Early in the war they had a great deal of excitement. Surprise quickly followed surprise. They had excitement over the proposal for Prohibition; then came the double duties on spirits. Quickly following upon that came the Immature Spirits Bill, which sent up prices. And then they had an Order by the Competent Naval and Military Authorities restricting the hours. They had just got used to that when the Control Board (Liquor Traffic) came into existence, and which introduced drastic restrictions. Now they had to face the question of a whisky famine. The Association had from time to time protested against the action of the Control Board for including Inverness and district in the area of its restrictions. That Board was really brought into existence to deal with munitions centres, and they (the Trade) could not see why this district, where no munitions are manufactured, should be subjected to restrictions which are more drastic than those obtaining in centres where munitions are manufactured. The conduct of the citizens of Inverness and round about had been very good indeed. The only places in the North where there had been any increase in drunkenness were Ross and Caithness, and the surrounding districts, of which there had been a big influx in soldiers and sailors and in workmen of various descriptions. He considered that Inverness was a very fair index of the conduct of every other place (the North—applause). For the last three months of 1915 the cases of drunkenness, compared with the same period of the preceding year were down by fully forty-four per cent.—(applause). He considered that this fact reflected very great credit on the burgh of Inverness and the surrounding districts, added with the equally interesting fact that these parts had a record second to none in the matter of recruiting. They all knew how well Inverness and Northern lads had maintained the splendid traditions of the British Army when it came to actual fighting—(applause). Keeping these facts well in mind they failed to see why Inverness and district should be subjected to such drastic regulations—(hear, hear). By far the largest part of this area was practically agricultural, and they had hills and glens populated by those who, if they saw a shell, would not know what it was. Certain articles in the press and utterances from time to time spoke of drunkenness in Scotland, but he did not think that argument could be strongly put forth because statistics proved that Scotland consumed much less whisky per head than either England or Ireland. It was difficult to anticipate what the future would bring to them, but he thought they could say there was plenty of trouble ahead. For example they would have to contend with a whisky famine. The situation was such that it behoved them to stick together—(applause). In this connection he might refer in passing to a subject with which they were familiar—a movement in the South to cause a split in the "Trade." It appeared that the cause of such a movement had been very largely a personal one, and was due to one of the Associations, and that an "on-trade" Association. The directors of the Inverness-shire Association had the matter under the most serious consideration and protested against any such movement which would cause a split at the present time. Their Association had therefore agreed to support the present Central Association which represented them in Edinburgh—(applause). With regard to the observation of the Control Board issued by the Control Board, he should like to say that it was very desirable in the interests of the "Trade," however objectionable this Order might be, to observe it very strictly, as otherwise it would only react upon themselves generally—(applause). The President concluded by moving the adoption of the report.

Mr Ross, Gellion's Hotel, seconded. He said that having regard to the exceptional times through which they were passing the report was very satisfactory. They were fortunate in having such excellent officials as the President, Vice-President, and Secretary. He hoped the Association would continue to present a united front—(applause). New President. The President said the next business before the meeting was to appoint a President for the ensuing year. Before submitting a motion, he desired to thank the Directors and the Secretary for the kind assistance and consideration they had shown him during the past two years. The work had been heavy, but it had been very pleasant indeed. He now begged to move that Mr John Carson, of the Union Hotel vice-president, be appointed President. Mr Carson's services had been most helpful to him; while with regard to the Secretary he could say that Mr Fraser had thrown his great abilities into the work. He had no doubt but that Mr Carson, who had been vice-president for a couple of years, would show sound judgment in the performance of his duties—(applause). He had devoted a great deal of attention to the work of the Association, and the members would find in Mr Carson a very pleasant President. In his hands the affairs of the Association were safe—(applause).

Mr Wm. Macallister seconded the motion. They all regretted the resignation of Mr Jack, but they were sure that his successor would prove an excellent man for such an important post. The motion was unanimously adopted. Mr Carson, who took the chair, was received with applause. He thanked the Association for the honour they had done him in electing him to the presidency. He joined in the expressions of regret at the resignation of Mr Jack, who had put in a great amount of work during the last eighteen months. Only the Directors and the Secretary really knew the tremendous amount of work rendered by Mr Jack. He (Mr Carson) could assure the members that he would do the very best of his ability, safeguard the interests of the Association, and strive to justify the good things said of him that evening. He thanked them very cordially for electing him to the presidency—(applause).

Messrs Jack, Macandrie, Hugh Ross (Dingwall), Wm. Macallister, Robert Craig, Robert Ross, Wm. Macmillan, and Donald Urquhart were elected by ballot directors of the Association. The meeting then took up consideration of the question of increasing the retail prices of whisky, rum and gin in respect of the great increase in the cost; and it was resolved that the following should be the minimum prices:—Nip, 3d; glass, 4d; half-gill, 6d; reuted quart, 4s; the prices of special whiskies to be increased according to age and quality.

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