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Allan Fraser

XMAS AND NEW-YEAR GIFT SPECIALIST. 1 DRUMMOND STREET, INVERNESS.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS. At the Schoolhouse, Lurebo, Stormway, on the 8th inst., the wife of D. Gunn of a daughter...

MARRIAGES. At the Station Hotel, Perth, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. B. Campbell...

At the U.F.C. Manse, Kingussie, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. A. B. Macleod...

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HIGHLAND NEWS

PRICE ONE PENNY.

No. 1315.—26TH YEAR INVERNESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1908.

(REGISTERED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AS A NEWSPAPER.)

(Concert Notices, Situations Vacant, etc., will be found on Page 8.)

Colds, Coughs, Consumption.

These ailments in the order named attack us in the changing conditions of the weather...

Balsam of Linseed is no new remedy, but a tried, proved and efficacious cure...

T. MACKENZIE & CO.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

Y.M.C.A.—Evangelistic Meeting on Sunday Evening at 8.15 p.m. Speaker—Mr. C. MASON.

CROWN UNITED FREE CHURCH.—To-morrow (Sabbath), 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Rev. JOHN D. MACGILL, M.A.

UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH.—To-morrow (Sabbath)—Forenoon and Evening—Rev. ROBERT COWAN, M.A., Elgin. Evening Subject—"The Making of a Young Man."

T-O-N-I-G-H-T.—Eight p.m.—N.E.S.S. BANK CHURCH HALL. GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING. Attractive Programme. All invited.

SPECIAL REVIVAL SERVICES.—Conducted by MAJOR COWHAM, IN THE SALVATION ARMY HALL, 124 ACADEMY STREET, FRIDAY TO MONDAY, December 18 to 21. Week-Nights, 8 p.m.; Sabbath, 7 and 11 a.m., 3 and 6.30 p.m. All are Welcome.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—INGLIS STREET.

TO-MORROW (SABBATH), Dec. 13, 1908. Preacher—Rev. H. HOWARD MAY.

11.0 Subject—"Great Moments in the Lives of Men and Churches!"

8.15—PEOPLE'S SERVICE IN MUSIC HALL. Subject—"Unhappy Marriages!" (ii) Causes and Cures.

This is the Concluding Address on this Subject. Doors Open 7.45. Praise & Meeting 8.15.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST. Last Night, opposite the Royal Academy, Small Sum of Money, with Account. Finder apply Highland News Office.

LOST. Gig Lamp Socket between Boghain and Road, Inverness. Apply John Munro, 12 Southside Road, Inverness.

LOST. Last Night, in vicinity of New Bank, Castle Street and Drummond Road, Antique Brilliant Pendant, with Blue Centre Stone. Reward Police Office.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CHEMISTS' EARLY CLOSING. OCTOBER TO MAY. Week-Days at 9 p.m. (Saturdays excepted). Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

PROPOSED CLUB IN INVERNESS.—A General Meeting will be held in the Caledonian Hotel on Tuesday, 15th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving Committee's Report. All interested are specially requested to attend. Provost Gossip, Chairman.

2ND LOVAT SCOUTS, H SQUADRON (INVERNESS TROOP). ANNUAL DANCE. Will be held in NORTHERN MEETING ROOMS on FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1909. Tickets—Civilians, 10s 6d; Territorials, 7s 6d—may be had from S.M.S. C. W. ROBERTSON, Troopier; J. D. DAVIDSON, Joint-Secys.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL TREAT AT THE American Gem Photo Coy., 27 BRIDGE STREET, AND 37 EASTGATE. All Children presenting this ticket TO-DAY (Saturday), from 12 till 5, will get their own Photo taken and Mounted in Pretty Art Mounts, suitable for Christmas and New-Year Gifts. 12 for 6d—Don't Forget. No extra charge, but 12 of your OWN PHOTOS taken and mounted in Cards, 12 for 6d. This is a special treat for School Children. 12 PHOTOS beautifully mounted for 6d. Don't forget TO-MORROW (Sabbath), from 12 till 5 at 27 BRIDGE STREET and 37 EASTGATE. BRING THIS TICKET.

TOMNAHURICH CEMETERY. IF YOU ARE AN ASS—idiotous person, and you want to purchase a really good Pair of Boots; if you are cautious in your endeavours to find the right establishment for Footwear, we have no fear that you will Go Elsewhere for Boots. Our Selection of Winter Footwear is unparalleled in the town, and ought to be inspected without further delay. CALL AT OUR WORKS—ACADEMY STREET. ORDERS NOW WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. J. & A. FRASER, SCULPTORS—INVERNESS.

FOR SALE, Bay Mare, 16 Hands, rising 5 years old, just broken to Single and Double Harness, and free from vice. Also, Bay Pony Mare, 3 years old, 13 Hands high. Been driven by a Lady all summer. To be seen at Macrae & Dick's, 41 High Street, Inverness.

ARLY Leggings, as good as new, 10s 6d; post 4d extra; worth 2s 6d; chequer rubbush, not stocked. Macmillan's, Lombard Street.

GENT'S Ties—All Shilling Quality, the Newest Shapes and Patterns. For 6d. Why pay more? See them. Macmillan's, Lombard Street.

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TO-DAY. TO-DAY. BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL SALE OF WORK

In Aid of CHURCH FUNDS. Will be held in THE HALL, QUEENSGATE HOTEL. LAST DAY OF SALE. Commencing 3 p.m. ADMISSION FREE.

DO YOU WANT THE BEST VALUE

IN MEN'S and BOYS' SUITS, MEN'S and BOYS' WARM WINTER OVERCOATS, ALL KINDS of UNDERCLOTHING, SHIRTS, TIES, BRACES, MUFFLERS, Etc., Etc?

THEN GIVE THE EXPERT CLOIHERS A TRIAL.

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LOCAL XMAS CARDS. For Invernessians Abroad, with descriptive Local Verses and Sprig of Heather. 2d to 6d each.

PRIVATE XMAS CARDS. Printed with your own greeting, name and address complete, from 2s per doz. Sample Books sent to any address.

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PACKETS AND BOXES at all prices. Xmas Post Cards. Humorous Cards. Calendars for 1909, &c., &c.

ADDRESS—THE XMAS CARD SHOP 19 YOUNG STREET, INVERNESS. Just Over Suspension Bridge.

Latest Designs OF Xmas .: Cards. GREAT VARIETY. MACLEAN, STATIONER, Drummond St., INVERNESS.

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GIVERS OF GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS. EVERY WANT SUPPLIED AT K.B.S.

See Special Display in our Windows before deciding.

WE SUGGEST AMONG OTHER THINGS GLOVES. Lined and Unlined. Always Acceptable to Ladies and Gentlemen. Best Makers only. Prices—2s 6d to 10s 6d

DRESSING CASES. Ladies' and Gentlemen's—Useful and Artistic—from 5s upwards.

UMBRELLAS. Ladies' and Gentlemen's—Silver-mounted—Finest Selection ever shown. All Prices.

Silk Hankerchiefs and Mufflers. Ladies' and Gentlemen's.

Brush Cases, Collar Boxes. Handkerchief Boxes. Ladies' and Gentlemen's.

Ladies' Work Boxes. Gent's Knitted Waistcoats. Sure to Please Giver and Getter

KELLY BROS., ACADEMY BUILDINGS. Post Orders Promptly attended to. Telephone 8 x 1.

Concerning Furniture and Furnishings. Special Offer TO PARTIES FURNISHING COTTAGES, VILLAS, MANSION HOUSES. AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. For a Few Weeks or Until Sold. WHY GO TO LONDON? WHY GO SOUTH? You Pay 75 to 50 per cent. more there.

BECAUSE—RENTS and WORKING EXPENSES are double, and in many cases ten times more. PURCHASERS have got to pay for these extra costs and heavy expenses. Now, we give some of the reasons why Messrs FRASER & CO. claim the patronage of those requiring Furniture in the Highlands.

WE MANUFACTURE on a large scale, and in our Showrooms hold one of the largest Stocks in the Kingdom.

WE PURCHASE Timber and Raw Material in the best Home and Colonial Markets.

WE are centrally situated for Road, Rail, and Water.

LASTLY—WE SELL Cheaper than any other House in Scotland, and have secured Orders for House Furnishings all over the world.

INEXPENSIVE FURNITURE. The undernoted Quotations for Special Clearing of Furniture offered that the object is not profit, but to reduce an immense Surplus Stock of New and Second-hand Furnishings, which must be cleared on account of the large and extended space allotted this year to the GREAT XMAS BAZAAR.

We can only enumerate a few of the Inexpensive Lots offered, which should attract the attention of intending Purchasers—

500 Good KITCHEN WINDSOR CHAIRS at 3s 10d.

200 BENTWOOD CHAIRS at 3s 11d and 5s 0d.

83 Upholstered WICKER EASY CHAIRS at 3s 6d and 12s 6d.

70 CHESTS OF DRAWERS at 17s 6d.

50 Larger CHESTS OF DRAWERS at 24s.

100 Superior Make, Large Size, at 35s and 47s 6d.

100 PARLOUR SUITES, covered in Velvet, Leather or Plush, ranging in price from 45s, 75s, 24 10s; 25 15s, 25 10s, and upwards.

35 Handsome DINING-ROOM SUITES of—Couch, 2 Easy Chairs and 6 Single Chairs, in Walnut, Oak and Mahogany, covered in Velvet, Leather and Moquette, offered at 125 15s up to 222 10s, and upwards.

35 Walnut, Oak and Mahogany SIDEBOARDS at 23 12s, 25, 28, and 212.

DRAWING-ROOM. The Selection of DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, including several hundred Occasional Chairs, Tables, etc., is offered at prices within the reach of all.

CHIPPENDALE and SHERATON CABINETS from 23 15s (with Bevelled Mirror).

COMPLETE SUITES in Tapestry from 25 15s.

OCCASIONAL CHAIRS, Upholstered with Odd Pieces of expensive Brocades, from 7s 6d.

60 Larger sized BEDROOM SUITES at 25 10s and 212.

50 Very Handsome SUITES at Greatly Reduced Prices.

NOTE—About 22 Special Solid Oak BEDROOM SUITES of—Wardrobe with Mirror Door, Dressing Table and Glass Washstand, with Marble Top and Tilt Back, Cupboard, Rail and Chair, clearing out at 23 15s 6d. Nothing in the market of such exceptional value.

BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING. Hundreds of BEDSTEADS from 12s 6d upwards. PURE BEDDING made in our Factory at Special Prices.

CARPETS AND RUGS. Several Hundred SCOTCH CARPET SQUARES, to be sold from 7s 6d up to 35s.

Several Thousand Yards of BRUSSELS, AMSTER, and WILTON CARPETS to be reduced to Wholesale Prices.

800 ORIENTAL RUGS, 4 ft. by 2 ft., at 2s 6d; 5 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in., at 4s 10d; 6 ft. by 3 ft., 5s 11d.

A Quantity of Large, Thick MADRAS RUGS to be cleared at 6s 10d; worth 12s 9d.

COUCHES, SOFAS, EASY CHAIRS. About 200 EASY CHAIRS, COUCHES, SOFAS, odd and slightly soiled, to be cleared.

LINOLEUMS, CORK CARPETS AND FLOORCLOTHS. The remainder of a very Extensive Stock, including all Short Piece Lengths, will be sold cheap at Remarkable Prices.

MISCELLANEOUS FURNISHINGS. Including ORTONES, TAFFETAS, CHINTZES, ART and WOOL SERGES, TAPESTRIES, TABLE COVERS, CURTAINS, VELVETS, DOWN QUILTS, Etc.

BED & TABLE LINEN, BLANKETS, &c. The remainder of the BED and TABLE LINEN returned from Shooting Lodges, and which is being rapidly sold, will be cleared at further large Reductions; also a large Quantity of the best ENGLISH and SCOTCH BLANKETS (some only shop-soiled).

SECOND-HAND FURNITURE. The whole of the SECOND-HAND FURNITURE and Articles slightly soiled will be sold for inspection in the Baron Taylor's Lane Sale Rooms.

Inspection and Comparison Invited. COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS and FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS, INVERNESS.

NOW OPEN! THE GREAT NOW OPEN!! CHRISTMAS CAVE. THE FAIRY WONDERLAND THE HALL OF GAMES. A. FRASER & CO. Union Street, Inverness.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STATIONER, Greig Street Post Office, INVERNESS.

MONEY LENT on Gold, Silver, Curio, China, and other Goods. Address—INVERNESS LOAN OFFICE, Nicol's Alley (off Academy Street). Next to Noble's Store.

From a Friend TO A Friend... CHRISTMAS is the season of goodwill, and ever since this time-honoured festival began to be observed in the second century it has always proved an occasion of expressions of friendship one to another. Christmas Cards were introduced in 1843, but the "Christmas Tree" presents were first used in 1851. You wish, no doubt, to give a Present to your friend, but you have no desire to give a gift symbolical of the time referred to. For useful

Christmas Gifts... see our Windows. There is a veritable forest of Reliable and Up-to-date Articles shown in them. Since we will not allow our mentioning them in detail, only come and see them for yourselves. For SEEING is BELIEVING. During the year that has gone we have established our reputation as Specialists in Christmas Presents, and this year we have surpassed all previous efforts.

A. Fraser & Co., THE ACKNOWLEDGED SPECIALISTS IN CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, 47 CHURCH STREET, WHERE YOU GET CHRISTY'S HATS.

To Seekers After Health FARMER'S OLIVE-MALT

WILL come as a distinct blessing. Olive Oil and Malt separately have for many years been recommended by the most eminent medical men, but it is only within the past few months that their full benefit, when taken

IN COMBINATION has been discovered. That combination is named

OLIVE-MALT

In these days of innumerable Patent Medicines, good, bad and indifferent, the public have grown weary of reading about and taking "kill troubles," the composition of which they are quite ignorant, and the results of which they were often in doubt as to whether the remedy or the trouble was most troublesome. Of the composition of

OLIVE-MALT however, there can be no doubt. Olive-Malt is not a drug; it is a nutritive food, and it contains only two ingredients—OLIVE OIL and MALT.

BRIEFLY PUT, OLIVE-MALT IS I.—A VALUABLE FOOD. II.—A DIGESTIVE AGENT. III.—A GASTRO-INTESTINAL TONIC. IV.—A LAXATIVE FOR CONSTIPATION. V.—A REMEDY FOR GALL STONES. VI.—SOOTHING IN ULCERATION AND INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS.

All the Local Medical Men have been supplied with Samples. ASK FOR YOUR DOCTOR'S OPINION ON

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TO BE RECOMMENDED. Sold in Bottles. PRICE—1s 6d and 2s 8d each. By post, 1s 6d size 4d extra; and 2s 8d size 5d.

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MEN'S and Boys' Heavy Scotch Tweed Suits, guaranteed to wear well, but value obtainable. Noble's Store.

MEN'S and Boys' Winter Overcoats, large Stock. Prices reasonable. Noble's Store, 117 Academy Street.

ENGINEERS'—Ingers, Bruce Kersey, Jacket, Trowsers, Vests, Frocks, etc., made to order, strong Jean Furnishings. Noble's Store.

ENGINEERS' Pure Indigo Blueette Overalls, guaranteed best Cloth made. Noble's Store.

AMERICAN Overall, Serge and Gaiters Overall, Noble's Store.

SUPERIOR Woven Flannel Shirts, Samos, Grandall, Kinkaid, etc., made to order. Heavy Tweed, Woollen Serges and other shirtings. Noble's Store.

ORLE'S Famed Shirts, specially made for Engineers, Firemen, Blacksmiths, and other Mechanics. Noble's Store.

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SHIRTS of special Heavy Cloth and large size, suitable for very tall men. Noble's Store.

SCOTCH Flannel Pants, Grey or White, Lamb's Wool, Heavy, Wheeling Ribbed Winter Pants. Price most reasonable. Noble's Store.

WELSH Flannel Undershirts, very large size, long and short sleeves, Lamb's Wool Samos, American Flannel Samos. Noble's Store.

NOBLE'S Famed Stout Kip Stalks' Boots, stitched Welt, Standard secured Watertight, best Workmen's Boots sold. Noble's Store.

NOBLE'S Chrome Calf Derby Shoe Boots, Leather-lined Watertight, wide-fitting, with or without Tacks. Noble's Store.

OY'S Strong Kip Watertight School Boots, 12 Tackets or Sparaballs, only best quality kept. Noble's Store.

PELODONS, Concessions, Valises, Trunks, etc. Strings, special low prices. Noble's Store.

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CAPTURE THE LOCAL COUNCILS.

Am bheil sgòilean Gàidhealach, for-Chaidhealach ri n' faighinn air a' Ghaidhealachaid idir? No am bi gu brath? Is gann gu'm bheil sgòilean for-Ghaidhealach...

Old Folk's Coughs

which are usually accompanied with loss of appetite and impaired constitutional vigour, require something more for relief and cure than ordinary soothing cough syrups.

ANGIER'S Emulsion

make it incomparably the best remedy in these cases. It soothes the lungs and air passages, relieves the cough and breathing and promotes easy expectoration.

A Free Sample on receipt of 3d. postage. Mention this paper. ANGIER CHEMICAL CO., 32 Snow Hill, London.

GUTHANAN BEAG O CHUIL A' CHUIIL.

There is another very pretty song by William Ross, which does not appear to be half so well known as it should be.

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A good version of the words appears at pages 281 and 282 of "The Beauties," and we now submit therefrom the following verses:

"Ann an madainn chluin chéitinn, 'S an spridh air an lòn, Agus callan na bu'le 'Gabhail nuallan mu'n coir; Do bhí gathanan Phocbus 'A' cur an ceill treimh nan neòil, Letha bundach, geòl, dibhinn, 'S las na spòran, le ròs."

LITERARY NOTES.

The Christmas number of "The Lady's World," price 6d (Horace Marshall & Son, 125 Fleet Street, London, E.C.), contains eight Christmas stories, along with a continuation of the exciting serial story by Alice and Glad Askew, entitled "The Runaways."

The "Scottish Field" December issue provides a wealth of varied reading of healthy, out of door sort which will be appreciated by all lovers of sport and of country life.

The Christmas Number of "The Northern Scot" is in every way a very fine one—matter, views, printing and general get-up.

"DIAIDHEAN AGUS DAIN SPÒRDAIL," le Macneil Macleod (Macleod maircraon). Norman Macleod, Edinburgh. We desire to acknowledge the services rendered to the cause of Gaelic by those who have superintended the publication of the above attractively-bound and beautifully-printed volume.

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A gentleman who has cured himself after suffering for fourteen years from deafness and noises in the head will be pleased to forward full particulars of this remedy to all readers of "The Highland News" post free.

MEETING OF HARRIS PARISH COUNCIL.

The December statutory meeting of the Parish Council was held at Tarbert on 2nd inst.—Councillor Archibald Ross presiding.

My little boy, just three years old, suffered terribly for over 9 months from whooping-cough. He coughed continuously all that time, and we did not know what was to have a good night's rest with him, and we thought he would not live.

VENO'S LIGHTNING COUGH CURE. The extraordinary efficacy of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure in children's cough troubles is once more to the fore.

ALDORIE.—Fruit in Winter.—A specimen of ripe raspberries was gathered this week in the garden at Pier Cottage.

THE GREAT SKIN CURE. I have been used for over 30 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success.

"LINED COMPOUND" for Coughs and Colds. Of proven efficacy. Of Chemists only, 9/6, 1s 1/2, 2s 3/4.

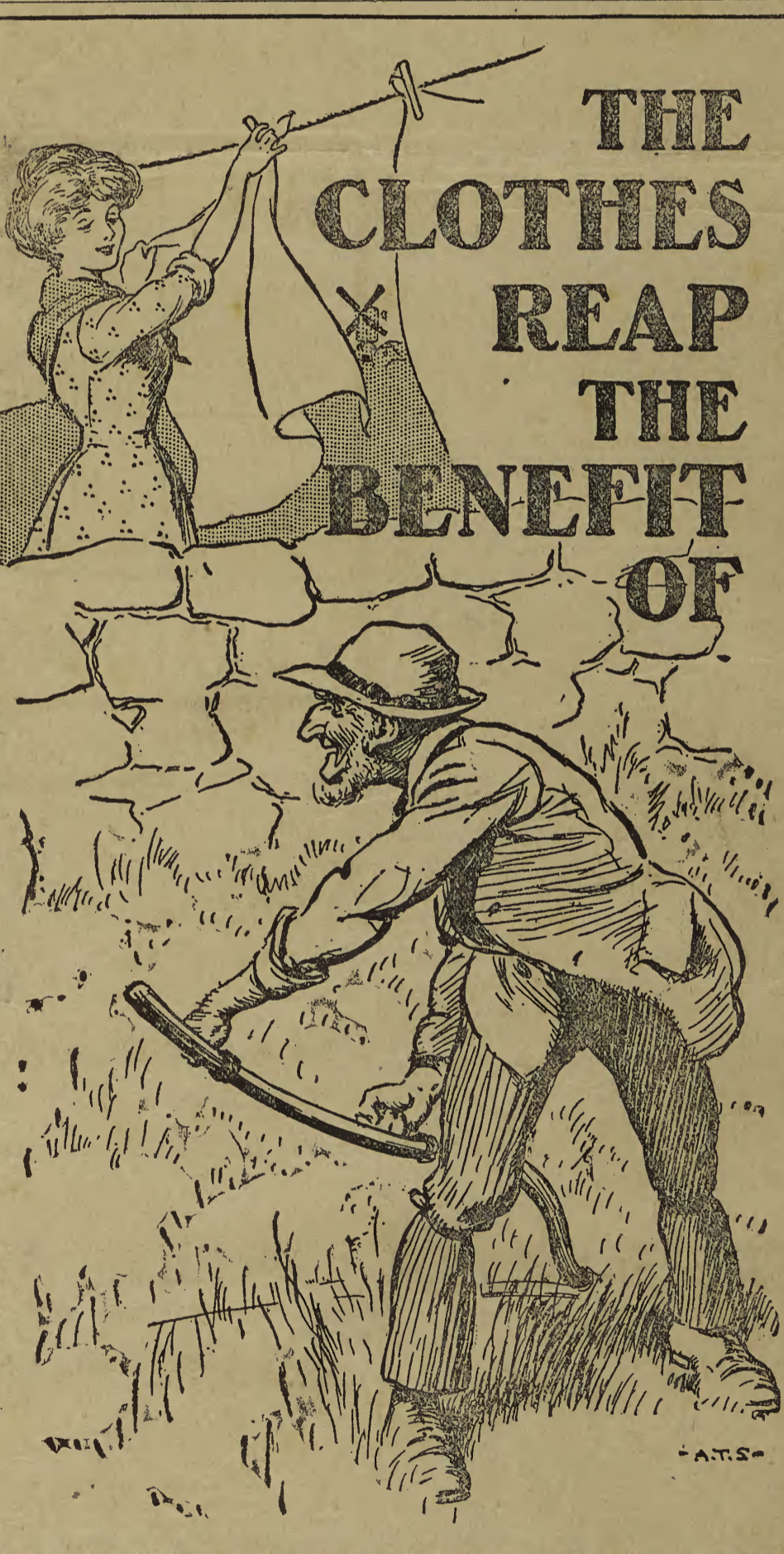
"HOW TIRED I AM"



Do You Get up with a Bad Back? Are You Dropsical? Rheumatic? Always Tired? Read this Inverness Woman's Experience.

No one knows the suffering some women naturally endure. They think it is only natural for them to have pain in the back, throbbing headaches, dizzy spells, rheumatic twinges, irregular heart, and to feel tired and worn out before the day is half through.

DOAN'S Backache PILLS. Kidney



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For Indigestion.

Eating carelessly frequently causes stomach troubles, but careful eating will never right them. When your stomach is out of order, it needs help which no food can supply.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

are the greatest corrective medicine human skill ever compounded. Don't attempt to cure yourself by dieting; you will half-starve and get little or no benefit.

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Made into Tweeds, Costumes, Towels, Blankets, Shawls, Sheetings, Rugs, Yarns, Etc.

WOOL! WOOL!

Send Postcard for Patterns of these hard-wearing, fashionable, all-wool Tweeds, Ladies', Gent's, Girls' or Boys' wear.

WOOL! WOOL!

Doors to thank his numerous customers for the very liberal support given since starting business, and assures them that further orders will be carefully and promptly executed.

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If you do not use one of our many famous blends . . .

They anticipate the most exacting demands of discriminating drinkers. They are full of character and embody the pick of the Eastern Gardens. Their reputation for uniformity, strength, fragrance, has been tried by time, an attainment for which most dealers strive in vain.

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REDUCTIONS FOR 5, 10 OR 20 LBS.

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RAILWAY BUILDINGS, INVERNESS.  
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**ARTISTIC POSTICHES.**  
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**CHARGES MODERATE.**  
MARCEL and WATER WAVING  
BY  
PARISIAN SPECIALIST.  
SHAMPOOING AND SINGING.  
WE HAVE INSTALLED A SPECIAL  
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Capable of drying the Heaviest  
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**The Highland News**  
INVERNESS, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1908.  
**THE FUTURE OF LIBERALISM.**

One week only remains of the third session of the Liberal Government. Half the life of the present Parliament is spent, even should an appeal to the constituencies be delayed until the Septennial Act proclaims the end. Indeed, it is unlikely, except under very special circumstances, that a Liberal Government will ever remain in office longer than five years. The Party is practically committed to this limit to the duration of Parliaments. It is evident, therefore, that in the short time remaining the policy of the Government will be shaped with an eye to the General Election. There are peculiar reasons why the Government should look ahead at the present time. The three sessions that are past are strewn with the wreckage of Liberal legislation. The mind dwells more on the measures that have been lost than on the work accomplished. This partial failure is not due to want of zeal on the part of the Government; neither is it due to lack of individual capacity. Never in modern times has a Government accepted office so enthusiastically as the Liberal Government. Never has there been witnessed such earnestness of purpose, nor such a high general standard of ability in the men who hold the great responsible posts. The failure lies not in the men nor in their measures, but is caused by a wanton abuse of power on the part of the House of Lords. A Liberal Government is in office; the Tory Party is in power. This is a grave defect in the Constitution of a country which has always prided itself in its democratic institutions. To those who believe in representative government the position of affairs is intolerable. A constitutional issue has been raised, and until the people regain again the power to direct and control the legislation of the country no progress can be possible. At present the country is at the mercy of one political Party. No more dangerous situation could arise in our political life. As things stand now it matters nothing that the constituencies approve a Liberal Government. It matters nothing that they resent Tory policy and have dismissed the Tory Party from office. They cannot dismiss it from power. Liberal policy may be approved and the Party returned at the polls time and again, yet Liberal measures cannot be passed into law without the approval, or at least the consent, of their opponents. It is not a question whether the Liberal measures which have been rejected during the past three sessions by the House of Lords were worthy legislative proposals in themselves. The danger lies in leaving the Tory Party in the Lords the final arbiters of what is wise legislation and what is foolish. The House of Lords, as at present constituted, is no check on hasty legislation, if, indeed, any check is needed. It is merely a barrier—an effective barrier—against legislation that does not commend itself to the Tory Party. Liberal Government under such conditions is a farce, and we are glad to note that the "Nation" urges the Liberal Party never to accept office again unless they receive an assurance from the King that he will not refuse his consent to the creating of sufficient Liberal Peers to secure the passage of Liberal Bills. We warmly commend this attitude. It is only by taking such a firm stand that Liberalism can ever become a potent force in practical politics again. When next the Liberal Party triumphs at the polls the predominance of the Commons must be secured. If they refuse office until they receive the necessary assurance from the King the Lords will quickly be brought to their senses. Until they get that assurance they can refuse supply and bring the Government of the country to a standstill. It is an extreme policy to adopt, but, under the circumstances, the only practical one. It is conceived in the true spirit of historic Liberalism, and simply means that the precious right of self-government, hard-won in the past after long and strenuous conflict with the forces of privilege, shall not be allowed to lapse. The Liberal Party could not go down, if the worst were to happen, fighting for any greater cause. In any case, if they go under, it will only be for a time. When again they regain office they will be free to direct the legislation of the country and shape the destiny of the people as in the fulness of their wisdom they may think right. We cannot conceive of the Tory Party facing the electorate with any chance of success under the plea of the need for safeguards against hasty legislation, not, at least, such safeguards as an irresponsible body like the House of Lords can effect. The people must accept responsibility for their actions. If they are so reckless and so ill-advised as to return a bad Government to power they must be prepared to suffer for their weakness. It is the height of childishness to trust to the House of Lords, and expect them to stand between the people and the consequences of their short-sighted political vision. We cannot imagine a Tory candidate coming before his constituents and addressing them thus:—"Vote for me. It is true I have no confidence in myself. In a moment of weakness or excitement it is quite possible I may pass hasty legislation, but the House of Lords will keep me right. You are quite safe to vote for me." Yet this will be the attitude of the Tory Party at the next

General Election. The present working of the Constitution is a national danger, and at all costs it must be remedied and the liberties of the people restored. It will be strange indeed if the people refuse to accept responsibility for their action, and this is the issue the Liberal Party will place before the country at the next election. There is no reason why it should be unduly delayed. The record of the past three years has shown that only on suffrage is Liberal Government possible. It is a humiliating position and one the Government cannot, in justice to Liberal traditions, continue to occupy. They have still the power to frame a Radical budget, but once that is introduced and passed the power for good of the present Ministry will have been exhausted, and the sooner an appeal to the country takes place the better.

Last night Mr Asquith made an important declaration at a banquet given in his honour. His speech fully bears out what we have written above, and shows that the Liberal Party is quite alive to the seriousness of the situation. The Budget is to deal drastically with the liquor traffic. By the Budget of next year the Liberal Party is prepared to be judged. There is a deficiency of nearly £20,000,000 to be met, and Mr Lloyd-George prepared to meet it. It is evident from the tone of the Prime Minister's speech that an early appeal will be made to the country after the Budget has been submitted. The appeal is to be on the relationship between the two Houses of Parliament, and the Liberal Party will stand for the predominance of the Commons. We may look for the General Election early next summer.

**FAILURE OF LAND PURCHASE.**

Striking testimony against the settlement of the land question on the lines of purchase comes from the Outer Isles. On Thursday actions were raised by the Congested Districts Board at Lochmaddy against nine of their tenants on the new purchase settlements in Barra. Sheriff Campbell had no alternative but to grant decree. Yet sympathy will be all on the side of the crofters. The facts submitted in the statement for the defence stand out as a grave indictment of the purchase system. The whole proceedings are eloquent testimony to the unbearable burden which purchase places on the tenant. The landlord, on the other hand, is relieved of his care and responsibility, and at the same time receives more than the value of his land. It is a one-sided transaction under which nobody benefits but the landlord. Small wonder the Tory "reformers" are so keen on purchase and so averse to fixity of tenure under a fair rent. The object lesson from Barra will serve to inspire additional confidence in Mr Sinclair's proposals for the settlement of the land question, and should encourage the Government to persevere in the policy they have adopted for Scotland. The small measure of success following on the English Land Act affords further proof that the principles underlying the Crofters Act must form the basis of all practical legislation for the encouragement of small holdings. Note how, with the best intentions, an impossible situation has been brought about under the purchase scheme favoured by the Congested Districts Board. Some little time ago the lands of North-bay and Eoligarry were acquired by the Board from Lady Gordon Cathcart at thirty-eight years' purchase. This has been stated, on good authority, to have worked out at a price more than double the true worth of the land. The land was then re-sold to the crofters, who were compelled, under forfeiture, to erect substantial cottages, the loan for which was repayable in instalments of £1 per year. The payment of this loan, the interest on the enhanced purchase price, the rates and taxes (owner's and occupier's), amounting to 15s in the £t, and other charges which the transaction entailed placed the purchasers in a most unfortunate position. The lot of the crofter is, by comparison, an ideal one. The total amount payable is a drain which the natural resources of the holdings are unable to stand. The consequence is that the men are unable to pay, and ruin stares them in the face. It must be remembered that these people were led into their present impossible position through the agency of the State. It follows that they must be rescued from their present predicament by the State. The public exchequer may suffer slightly, but a valuable experience will have been gained. Henceforth there must be no inflated prices paid for a Land Valuation Bill to be passed. We then should have reliable data on which to base the purchase price, if purchase should ever be deemed advisable. Once the capital value of the land, apart from improvements, is found a tenant may well be called upon to pay an annual rent, based on the capital value, for the use of it. To ask him to pay more is in all cases robbery. To demand it were, as in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, it is with difficulty that a bare subsistence can be winnowed from the soil adds gross cruelty to the injustice. Rather should men who serve their country so well by harvesting their scant treasures from such a grudging soil receive substantial relief from the wealthier citizens of the commonwealth, who are able to reap more abundantly the riches that national stability alone renders possible.

**The New Club.**—At a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, the Committee appointed to inquire as to the accommodation, etc., will report the result of their deliberations, which, it is understood, are favourable to the formation of a club.

(TELEPHONE No. 255)

LOVAT SCOUTS' DANCE.—The 2nd Lovat Scouts (II Squadron) will hold their annual dance on January 23, 1909.

A SUCCESSFUL TOWNSMAN.—His friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Wm. Barclay has passed his examination as chief engineer. Mr. Barclay, who is a son of Mr. Jas. Barclay, farm manager, Balmuccia, is well known in Inverness. He served his apprenticeship in the Rose Street Foundry.

PROMISING YOUNG ENGINEER.—Mr. Donald F. Roberts, eldest son of Mr. W. Roberts, engineer-in-chief, Highland Railway, has received an important engineering appointment on the Central Argentine Railway. Mr. Roberts has been an assistant on the North Eastern Railway for six years, and his many friends will be glad to learn of his well-merited promotion.

COAL PURN.—Provost Gossip begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following subscriptions:—Mr. J. Annan Byre, M.P., £15; Mr. Alex. Macdonald, 9 Gilbert Street, £2; Mr. John Mackay, Ellandhu, per Messrs A. Maclean & Sons, Union Street, £1; Sir Henry Munro, Nessmount, £1; Mr. James Wimerley, Ardross Terrace, £1; Mr. David Fraser, Brantford Lodge, 10s; Miss Munro, 4 Water Street, 10s.

WATER MAIN BURST.—Yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, the water main at the top of the brae on Calton Road, between Old Edinburgh Road and Mayfield Road, burst. The water spouted out just as a cab was passing over the spot, and down the brae it gurgled, filling the gutter on the riverside like a turn of pea water. It took the turn down to the Haugh beautifully, skipping the grating without diminution, and made a short cut across the footpath almost with design. A hurley standing with its stilt in the gutter stood fast in spite of the torrent, and a wheelbarrow at the foot of the Haugh Brae held its ground against the stream. When a Corporation cart, loaded with rubbish, attempted to cross over the broken section of the pipe the apparently solid earth gave way and it sunk to the axle.

THE ISSUE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION.

IMPORTANT DECLARATION.—The Prime Minister was last night the guest of his supporters in the House of Commons, who entertained the right hon. gentleman at the National Liberal Club in acknowledgment of his conduct in connection with the Licensing Bill. Responding to the toast of his health, Mr. Asquith, who was received with loud and prolonged cheering, said they met in no penitential mood, nor to acknowledge their unprofitableness, or take upon their lips language either of remorse or apology (hear, hear). They were met to celebrate a failure, but a failure of pregnant meaning. Before a word had been uttered in the House of Lords on the Licensing Bill its fate was sealed. The question he wanted to put to them and to his fellow-Liberals was—Is this state of things to continue? We say it must be put an end to (loud and continued cheering). Gentlemen, added the Premier, I invite the Liberal Party tonight to treat the veto of the House of Lords as the dominant issue in politics (renewed demonstration)—the dominant issue—because in the long run it absorbs and overshadows every other. Proceeding, the right hon. gentleman said he might be asked why he did not advise Her Majesty to dissolve Parliament. That would be to admit a new claim on the part of the House of Lords. He wished to make two assertions—first, such a claim was historically untenable; and secondly, from a practical point of view, it was inadvisable. He (loud cheers). He did not want to create such a precedent. In conclusion, the Premier said that by the Budget of next year they would be judged by the present and by posterity. He indicated pretty plainly that by means of the Budget they were to solve the licensing problem by methods with which the Lords could not interfere.

SHEPHERDS' CONCERT LAST NIGHT.—A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.—From the point of view of talent, the concert held in the Music Hall last night under the auspices of the Valley of the Ness Lodge of the Royal Order of Ancient Shepherds was a distinct success. The attendance by previous years was large, and the artists were enthusiastically received. While the audience was assembling Mr. Morris Reid gave pleasing selections on the gramophone. Miss Lucy Macdonald, who is a popular favourite with the ladies, was the first to appear, and she was recalled for her singing of "Blue Bonnets over the Border." Mr. Douglas Young is a vocalist who will yet be heard of, and his contributions last night consisted of "The Rose Tree" and "The Song of 'Anchored'." He was so well received that he had to respond to an encore. We cannot speak too highly of the funniness of Mr. Tom Torrance, who has the faculty of making the most sad-souled laugh. His "all" stories were exceedingly funny, while his singing was distinctly "catchy." Mr. Torrance is also a clever dancer. "Lochnagar" was pleasingly rendered by Miss Mary A. Murray, who had to respond to an encore. What the younger generation of the British Women's Temperance Association held in the Bank Street Hall on Thursday night—ex-Provost A. D. Ross presiding.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BOAT SHELTER.—A meeting of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the Secretary's office yesterday afternoon—Mr. R. L. Mackintosh presiding. Mr. Gibson, who replied which he had received to his enquiries as to the extent to which advantage would be taken of a suitable shelter for drifters and sailing boats if such were established at Inverness. The replies received were chiefly from insurers of fishing craft from Peterhead westward and they were almost unanimous in the opinion that Inverness is the most suitable place in the Firth for the establishment of such a shelter, and that, provided the charges were not too great, it would be largely patronised. The chief factor in the matter is the absence of safe accommodation elsewhere, but, besides this, it is recognised that the patent slip just opened will prove a great attraction for drifters and other boats coming to Inverness to lay up, as it will be so much more convenient to effect repairs. The consideration of the question was adjourned till the annual meeting of the Chamber next month.

Y.M.C.A. MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—PULPIT AND PRESS.—The members of the above Society had a very interesting debate on Thursday night, the discussion being as to which would be of greater influence for good, the Pulpit or the Press. The leaders were Messrs Mackenzie and Simpson, both of whom put forward strong arguments bearing on the subject. Mr. Mackenzie reviewed the influence for good exercised by the Pulpit, and showed how that influence permeated society morally and spiritually. Mr. Simpson, on the other hand, limited the power of the Pulpit to the immediate hearers of the Word, whose numbers were lost in insignificance before the gigantic audiences of the press. Mr. Simpson had a thorough grasp of his subject, and in an excellent speech described the good influence the press exerted on the people politically, socially and morally. A free and lively discussion followed indulged in by the members. On a vote being taken on the debate, the "Pulpit" won by a small majority. On next Thursday the debate "Shakespeare v. Burns" will be taken up. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

HAVE ANIMALS IMMORTAL SPIRITS? [To the Editor.] Sir,—I wish to ask, through your kindness, the assistance of your readers in proving a matter of great interest to animal lovers. A retired navy officer in the West of England took great interest in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A dog which had been in the habit of attending the meetings of the Society for many years had died, and when the officer was paying an afternoon call one day he was surprised to hear his hostess say—"I am glad you brought your dog with you, captain. I have not brought my dog, he replied. "Why do you say so?" "Because there it is sitting beside you," replied the lady. The dog was dead—had been dead some time. Was the remark the result of an optical delusion? If any of your readers have had similar experiences with regard to any dumb animals I will feel greatly obliged by receiving the particulars, as I am most deeply interested in the question, and am collecting authentic instances of the kind for my country.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

ESTHER DOREEN.—ACTION AGAINST A LOVAT SCOUT.—Interesting questions are likely to be raised by the action at the instance of a minor child against a Lovat Scout, who seeks to have it declared that he is his father. Paternity is denied, and the plea of "no title to sue" and "mora" are raised by the defender. The latter plea means that the action is precluded through the long delay in bringing the same.

THE CASE WAS again called on Thursday, when Mr. C. O. Morris (of Messrs Morris & Macdonald), who appeared for the pursuer, asked the leave of the Court to alter the instance of the action, and to join the mother of the pursuer, "for her own interest."

Sheriff Grant—Is that a procedure which is contemplated under the new Act? Mr. Morris—Yes.

For the defender, Mr. Forsyth referred his lordship to the correspondence, and remarked that the boy was claiming arrears of aliment, which some one else had supplied to him, and he now asked another party to be enjoined. It had been the boy's mother who raised the action he would have no objection.

Sheriff Grant—Is it the real question of controversy? Mr. Forsyth—If your lordship takes that view I would at any rate be entitled my expenses up to date. Besides, the pursuer may have to alter his consendence.

Mr. Morris—That is quite easily done. You have no power to object to my adjustments. It is my business to do it and my work.

Sheriff Grant (to Mr. Forsyth)—I shall reserve the question of expenses if you can show me that by this alteration your defences require to be recast.

Mr. Forsyth—Will the letter founded upon by the pursuer be produced? Mr. Morris—We have got it here.

Sheriff Grant read the letter, in which the writer referred to the birth of "a nice boy."

Sheriff Grant (to Mr. Forsyth)—It will tax your ingenuity to show that he does not admit the paternity.

Mr. Forsyth was understood to say that if they had then that the expenses of the action might have been saved.

Mr. Morris—You might have told the truth if you had seen that letter (laughter).

"HIGHLAND TIMES" CARTOON.

"PLAYING HIS LITTLE GAME."—The cartoon to appear in the "Highland Times" of Thursday first depicts a well-known "Highland-Spirited" Town Councillor "playing his little game." Although this week's cartoon was admitted to be a very good one, first Thursday's will entirely eclipse it.

We have arranged with a local artist to give a cartoon all the Town Councillors—once each week. This feature of the "Highland Times" is sure to be appreciated by a wide circle of our readers.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.—THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.—The Local Government Board for Scotland have issued the following decisions under the Old Age Pensions Act:—

1. Where the claimant is in receipt of clearly disqualified under section 3 (1) a) parochial relief on his own behalf, he is of the age provided for relief under the Act, and the exceptions mentioned in that subsection.

2. Where the claimant receives relief for himself alone, the dependant is not disqualified.

3. Where the claimant receives relief on behalf of a dependant, both are disqualified.

INCOME OF MARRIED COUPLES.—Interpretation of Section 4 (2) of the Act which provides:—"In calculating the means of a person being one of married couple living together in the same house, the means shall not in any case be taken to be a less amount than half the total means of the couple."

The effect of this enactment in the Board's opinion is that the means of a person being one of a married couple living together in the same house are calculated in precisely the same way as the means of a person who is not married, namely, the amount received or enjoyed by him or her individually, with this exception, that the means of such a person cannot be taken as being less than half the joint means of the couple. Thus, if the means of the husband are £50 a year, and the means of the wife are £20 a year, the means are to be taken at £25 a year and the wife's at not less than £25 a year.

INCOME FROM HERITABLE PROPERTY.—In estimating a claimant's means from heritable property, the net income should be taken after deducting interest on bonds, feu-duties, and ground annals, owners' rates, fire insurance, repairs, etc. That is the sum of money which the claimant actually derives from the property and has available for subsistence.

WOMEN TO FIGHT THE DRINK DEMON.—MEETING AT INVERNESS.—Mrs. Milne, Aberdeen, was the principal speaker at a well attended meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association held in the Bank Street Hall on Thursday night—ex-Provost A. D. Ross presiding.

The Chairman, in introducing the speaker, said that Mrs. Milne was high in the councils of the British Women's Temperance Association, especially in any Parliamentary work the Association might take up. The temperance question had been before the House of Commons, and were the Lords wise in their own counsel, it would have been before them too. The fates decided upon by the Government's Temperance Bill, upon which the wisest statesmen had spent so much valuable time, was now among the things that were.

In the course of an eloquent speech, Mrs. Milne said they were gathered together once more in connection with the great question of temperance reform. There was no day as before, such a burning question of the temperance reform, that they were not. She thought they were all agreed upon that it was a very singular fact that the whole world seemed agreed upon that question. The traffic had wrought such misery and degradation and crime that it ought to be abolished (applause). The national aspect of the question was very important. Very often they spoke of the question from the domestic side; from the Christian side; from the social side, and so many other aspects. And they dare not neglect these aspects. They were all agreed upon that it was a very singular fact that the whole world seemed agreed upon that question. The traffic had wrought such misery and degradation and crime that it ought to be abolished (applause). The national aspect of the question was very important. 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STORNOWAY.

TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER.

Table with tide data for December. Columns: Date, Morning, Evening, Evening, Evening.

For report of Gaelic Concert see page 3.

COALING.—The Swedish steamer Svenske, bound from Sweden to Preston with paper pulp, called at the hulk Biora this week.

BARVAS PARISH COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the Parish Council of Barvas, held there on Thursday, Rev. Lachlan MacKinnon was elected chairman.

LOCHS PARISH COUNCIL.—This Council held its statutory meeting at Keose on Tuesday, and re-appointed the Rev. D. MacCallum as chairman.

SONG WANTED.—Can any of your readers kindly favour me through the columns of the "Highland News" with the words of the popular song "An' t'ell that team a ribbin' m'haik'."

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVE SEASON.—The Chairman of the Poorhouse Board and the members of the House Committee are, we understand, making arrangements to give the inmates a Christmas dinner as in former years. Any donations which friends may wish to give will be received and acknowledged by Mr. Sime, Chairman of the Board, or by the Governor, Mr. Drummond.

FISHING.—On Friday last 18 boats landed 720 crans, and on Saturday one boat had 25 crans. Prices were 10s 2d to 13s 6d a cran. The only herrings landed this week were 56 crans by the local boat Murrag on Wednesday for which 14s a cran was paid. The season's catch from 1st September to Saturday was 7577 crans valued at £2343, as compared with 5882 crans valued at £2705 for the same period last year.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Students' Association was held in the Library Room, Municipal Buildings, last Monday evening. Mr. MacArthur, vice-president, presided. Mr. Wm. Grant read an Essay on "The Spanish Armada." The essay was much appreciated, and Mr. Grant was heartily thanked for the excellent fare he had provided.

COLLISION CLAIM SETTLED.—In a previous issue we referred to the fact that the large steamer African Monarch, while coming to anchor in the harbour, collided with the Manx schooner Progress. The claim for damages has now been settled through Provost Anderson on behalf of the owners of the steamer, who pay the owners of the Progress £100 in full of all their claims, including the recovery of anchors and chains, which had been damaged by the schooner at the time of the collision in order to avoid further damage.

NICOLSON INSTITUTE.—At a meeting of the School Board, held on Tuesday—Dr. Murray, chairman, presiding—a letter was submitted from Mr. Gibson suggesting that it would be desirable if some personal interest were taken in the pupils attending the Institute from parts of the Lewis outside Stornoway as well as from Skye, Harris, Uist, Barra and West Mainland. There are 83 such pupils in the school at present. It was remitted to the managers to confer with the rector and consider the matter and report to the Board. The Board has received £309 from the Council of the Institute for bursaries for the Junior Students and others attending the Nicolson Institute.

DEPARTURE OF THE KILBY.—The steamer Kirby, of West Hartlepool, which came into Stornoway last week after a lengthy experience in the Atlantic, with all her life-boats gone, her navigation bridge completely wrecked, and three men injured, was temporarily repaired here and supplied with new life-boats, etc. On Tuesday morning she proceeded a few miles out in order to have her compasses adjusted, and in the afternoon returned off the harbour and landed the adjuster. Thereafter she proceeded to her destination. She was laden with phosphate rock, and was bound from Tampa (Gulf of Florida) to Stettin. Provost Anderson acted as agent for the steamer.

MARRIAGE OF STORNOWAY LADY IN ONTARIO.—The "Napanee Beaver," Ontario, of date November 13th, has the following:—"The Presbyterian Manse of Knox church, Iroquois, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday evening, November 7th, 1908, when Mr. Albert H. McCullough, of Lonsdale, was united in marriage to Miss Bella Macleod, of Marysville, Rev. D. O. MacArthur, B.D., a former pastor of the contracting parties, officiating. Mr. McCullough is a prosperous farmer, and is well and favourably known in the community where he resides. The bride, whose home is in the vicinity of Marysville, is well known and deservedly popular as a worker in Lindsay school and church circles. Miss Macleod has been for a number of years secretary of the Tyendinage and Deseronto S.S. Association. She has also held the position of organist in the Lonsdale Presbyterian Church for the past seven years. After spending a few days in and about Iroquois and Ogdensburg, the happy couple returned home, where a hearty reception was given them by their many relatives and friends. We extend our hearty congratulations." Miss Macleod is a native of Stornoway, and grand-daughter of the late Mr. George Mackenzie, contractor.

THE LEWIS RATEPAYERS' BURDEN.—At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday—Baillie Mackenzie presiding—Clerk read letters from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary for Scotland, and the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of last meeting on the subject of the cost of local taxation in the parishes of the Island, in which the Council asked that the cost for pauper lunatics should be made an Imperial charge so far as the Lewis is concerned, and also that in connection with the Lewis Combination Poorhouse be paid out of the Imperial funds, as suggested in Messrs. Miller & Maxwell's report to the Local Government Board in 1906. The Chairman explained that that resolution had been followed up by a joint memorial to the Government, signed by the chairmen of the four Lewis Parish Councils, and forwarded through Provost Anderson. A letter was read from the Secretary for Scotland regarding the memorial, and letters addressed by the Local Government Board to the Parish Councils of Barvas, Lochs, and Tig on the 10th ultimo, intimating the attitude taken by the Government in regard to proposals for assistance in the present financial position of those parishes (which were to the effect that the Government did not see their way to make any special grants towards the cost of local administration). In the letter now being read the Secretary for Scotland suggested that the Lewis Combination Poorhouse Committee should provide accommodation for certain cases of harmless lunatics in the Poorhouse, which would be cheaper than sending the patients to Inverness Asylum. Such a step, he added, appeared to be a necessary preliminary to the consideration of the suggestions made in the memorial. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the effect that the question of providing lunatic wards in the Poorhouse had already been under the careful consideration of the Poorhouse Board, and after due investigation and consideration of reports submitted by the Lunacy Commissioners and an official of the Local Government Board it was found that financially the scheme would not be of any advantage to the Combination owing to the initial expenditure that would have to be incurred to make the building suitable for lunatic cases, and the number of patients it would be necessary to accommodate in excess of the number of suitable cases actually available in order to effect a saving on the cost of maintenance and extra arrangements.

EXPORTS.—The steamer "Rosebank" is mounting a cargo of cured herrings for the Baltic.

DEATH OF A STORNOWAY BANKER IN MINNESOTA.—On Tuesday intelligence reached Stornoway by cablegram that Mr. Angus R. Macfarlane, bank manager, Duluth, Minnesota, had died there the previous day at the age of sixty. He had introduced into his business the sound principles of banking he learnt in the National Bank of Scotland. Many years ago, when a great financial crash wrecked the banks in Duluth, Mr. Macfarlane stood the strain and survived. He was a business man of high capacity, and greatly honoured for his sterling qualities of head and heart. He built and led to his fellow-Presbyterian worshippers of Glenarvon suburb a handsome church. He was ailing for some months, but the death three months ago of his eldest brother, Mr. John F. Macfarlane, so heavily on him that his illness increased, and proved fatal on Monday.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.—A meeting of the Lewis Old Age Pensions Committee was held on Wednesday. Present—Provost Anderson, Messrs. Baillie Mackenzie, Macdonald, Councillors W. A. Ross, Alex. Macleaman, and Baillie Murdoch Maclean, with Mr. Hugh Miller, clerk. Altogether the meeting dealt with 119 claims, and in every instance the full pension was allowed. The number of total number of claims dealt with by the Lewis Committee up to 616, and in about 600 instances the full 5s a week was allowed. If the pensioners whose claims so far have been adjudicated upon are over 90 years of age and 151 over 80, while the average age works out at 76 years. There are already about 80 cases where married couples have been found entitled to full pensions. Among the claims dealt with there are 5 cases where 3 persons living on the same croft are being allowed full pensions.

SMALL DEBT COURT.—Before Sheriff Squire on Wednesday evidence was led in an action in which Mr. Donald Mackenzie, broker and liver, 4 Shander Point, sued Messrs. M. Langlands & Sons, shipowners, for £5 10s, being at the rate of 20s a week, for loss which he avers was sustained by pursuer in consequence of defendants' failure to deliver to him a gig with its furnishings which was conveyed by defendants' steamer from Stromness to Stornoway in the beginning of October. It emerged in the proof that the furnishings (lamps, cushions, etc.), which were placed in a bag and fastened to the seat of the machine, went amissing after the arrival of the gig in Stornoway, and were subsequently found inside a herring barrel on the wharf, having evidently been taken away and hidden as a practical joke. The proof lasted three hours, after which the Sheriff took the case to avizandum. Agents—For pursuer, Mr. J. M. Small; for defenders, Mr. J. N. Anderson.

STORNOWAY SHIPWRECKERS DIVORCE.—Evidence was led before Lord Guthrie in the Court of Session on the 1st inst. in an action of divorce by Murdoch Macdonald, ship's carpenter, North Street, Whiteinch, Glasgow (late of Stornoway), and who, when the action was called, was absent in the Clan Cameron, against his wife, Lizzie Macdonald or Macdonald, 4 Thistle Street, Glasgow, and also against Michael Grady, painter, also residing there, who was named as co-defender. In his evidence, which was taken on commission, the pursuer stated that he was married to defender in June, 1900. Three children were born of the marriage, two of whom survived. On 3rd November, 1906, when he came home in the evening he found his wife had left, informing one of the children that she would never return. He continued at home for about a month, but could find no trace of her. In December he went to sea, leaving instructions with his step-father, Mr. John Macleod, to prosecute enquiries regarding her, and endeavour to trace her. While in India in September, 1907, he received a communication from his step-father telling him that he had discovered the defender living at 97 Kidston Street, Glasgow, and on his return home from that voyage he raised the present action. John Macleod, pursuer's stepfather, examined by Mr. J. A. Christie, said that acting on instructions received from pursuer, he endeavoured to trace the whereabouts of the defender, and on 10th August, 1907, accompanied by Police-Constable Donald Macerchie and Mr. Kenneth Matheson, he visited a single-apartment house at 97 Kidston Street, Glasgow, and found the defender there as the wife of the co-defender. Shortly after his visit he learned that the defender and co-defender had removed to 4 Thistle Street, Glasgow, where they lived under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Hely. He subsequently, he said, removed to 17 South Wellington Street, Glasgow, where, on 23rd May of this year, the defender gave birth to a child, and the co-defender was registered as the father. Proceeding, he stated that he further ascertained that when defender left her husband in November, 1906, she and the co-defender went to reside at 82 Second Avenue, Kilbowie, where, on 27th December, 1906, the defender gave birth to a child, of which she declared to the Registrar of Old Kilpatrick that the pursuer was not the father. Lord Guthrie, after hearing further evidence by Police-Constable Donald Macerchie and Kenneth Matheson, granted decree of divorce.

STORNOWAY PARISH COUNCIL. INTERESTING SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN.—The annual statutory meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday. There were present—Baillie John Mackenzie (Chairman), Councillors R. Sime, A. Fraser, Colin Maciver, Rev. Angus Macleod, Torquil Macleod, John Macleod (Keith Street), James Thompson, Charles Hunter, and Donald Macleod, with Mr. George Macleod, Inspector of Poor.

On the motion of Councillor Sime, seconded by Councillor Fraser, Baillie Mackenzie was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Board; and on the motion of Councillor Colin Maciver, seconded by Councillor Sime, Provost Anderson was re-elected vice-chairman. Baillie Mackenzie thanked the Council for the honour they had done him in re-electing him to the chair, and for the assistance and co-operation they had given him in carrying on the work of the Council during the past twelve months. Since the Council took office in December last year, he said, they had dealt with 124 applications for relief, which was about the average number for some years past. The applications were disposed of as follows:—Granted outdoor relief permanently, 39; granted outdoor relief temporarily, 31; granted pensions relief, 20; lunatic poor, 6; offered Poorhouse and did not accept, 1; refused relief, 2; and withdrawn, 5. While the duties of the Parish Council, he continued, covered various departments of local government, their principal business was the administration of poor relief, and no person not having the experience of serving on the Parish Council could form an estimate of the importance of the work devolving upon them in dealing with the poor. The Council had to decide between the claims of applicants, and to see that the deserving and necessitous poor were provided for, and they had to protect the interests of the ratepayers in dealing with cases where the applicants were not proper subjects for relief. It was important for a Parish Council, while always having regard and sympathy to the needs of the deserving poor, to remember that they were there not to administer poor relief as if they were distributing a charity, but to deal with each case on its merits as the custodians of public funds provided for clearly defined purposes. They should also see that the conditions attaching to the relief and equitable claims of applicants for relief were within reasonable bounds fulfilled by the applicants. It was frequently a difficult

matter to determine the claims of individual cases, but it was interesting to notice in the figures he had submitted that no less than 21 cases out of the 124 who applied during last year did not accept the offer of the Poorhouse made to them, and these cases had continued to be self-supporting, or were supported by relatives whose duty it was to support them, thus proving that so far as Stornoway parish was concerned the Poorhouse was a real test to this extent, that without it nearly all of those 21 who had refused to go there would have to be admitted to out-door relief at a cost of somewhere about £160. And this was only a proportion of the annual saving effected by having the Poorhouse, as it also acted as a deterrent to undeserving cases, where application would be made but for the fact that they knew in-door relief would be offered. The total number of paupers in the parish, he said, was 274, with 266 dependents, against 289 with 259 dependents at 15th May last. This showed a decrease of 15 cases and an increase of 7 dependents. It was expected that the number of dependents of ordinary poor for this year would be less than it was last year unless there was an abnormal number of applications during the remaining months of the financial year. Unfortunately the number of lunatic poor chargeable to the parish was on the increase. At present they had 18 Asylum patients against 14 last year. While Stornoway parish was not proportionally so much burdened with lunatic cases as the other parishes in the Island, still it was a very serious item in the account, and this year it was estimated that the cost of lunacy would be about £400 in excess of last year. The number of ordinary out-door poor at present over 70 years of age was 59, and if these had been eligible for the Old Age Pensions the probable saving to the rates would be about £400. At this stage it was difficult to estimate what the actual saving to the parish would be. He understood there were 500 persons in the parish qualified by age for pensions, and it would no doubt come as a surprise to most of them that they had so large a number only an average of 5 or 6 applied for relief who were 70 years and upwards. It would thus take a considerable time before the substantial reduction in the number of aged poor on the roll would take place as those presently chargeable would probably continue so during their lifetime, unless the conditions with regard to pensions were altered in any way by any legislation. It was gratifying to the present Council that in its first year of office they were able to face a reduction in the assessments, and he hoped at the end of the financial year the accounts would be very satisfactory, and that there would be the prospect of a further reduction next year. That, however, depended on circumstances which could not be easily estimated at present and must take their course as they came.

He was sorry the efforts of the Council in endeavouring to get the Government to consider the position of the Lewis parishes with regard to excessive local taxation had not been successful, and for himself he had very little hope that anything would be done until the whole question of local taxation all over the country would fall to be dealt with after the report of the Poor Law Commission was issued and its recommendations considered. He had no doubt, however, in view of the opinions already expressed by Statesmen who had gone into the matter, that something would be done in the way to equalise the burden of local taxation in the country, and to contribute from Imperial funds towards the cost of national burdens administered locally, such as poor relief, lunacy, education, public health, etc.

DISTRICT NURSES.—Reports were read from the Secretaries of the Point and Back Nursing Associations on the work of the nurses in these districts during the past year. The reports were considered very satisfactory.

SUB-COMMITTEES.—A large number of applications for relief were dealt with, and the usual sub-committees were all re-appointed. The LUNACY COMMITTEE met immediately after the Council business was concluded, when Councillor Donald Macleod was re-elected chairman, and was also re-appointed the Council's representative on the Lewis District Committee.

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Mr. Williamson, M.P., on Licensing Bill.—At the annual meeting of the Herry and Nairn Liberal Association, held at Forres on Tuesday, Mr. Williamson described the House of Lords meeting in a private house in connection with the Licensing Bill as a scandal. Their actions notified all claims to their being a deliberate assembly. The rejection of the Bill gave the Liberal Party the right to appeal to the country, as the Party determined to have some measure of temperance reform.

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THE KILTARLITY ASSAULT CASE. JURY TRIAL ON WEDNESDAY. A good deal of interest is being manifested in the above case, which takes place in the Inverness Sheriff Court on Wednesday next before Sheriff Grant and a jury.

THE WANDERING GIRL. A NEW PHASE. The question of the maintenance of a wandering girl named Marjory Maclean still remains unsettled.

At a recent meeting of the Magistrates Chief-Constable Macnaughton brought the following facts under their notice regarding the wandering girl—That she had gone missing on the evening of the 23rd November; that enquiry had been made throughout that night, but no trace of her was got; that on inquiry being made at Clachnaharry on the 24th Sergeant Fraser, of the Burgh Police Force, learned that a girl answering to the description of Marjory Maclean had been found on the Highland Railway at Bruichan Cabin by Angus Mackay, pointsman, on 23rd inst.; that Sergeant Fraser proceeded there and found that the girl was Marjory Maclean, who had, however, given her name to Mr Mackay as Jessie Stewart, and stated that she belonged to Kiltarlity; that her mother and herself had missed the train from Inverness to Deunly; that they were to tramp there, but that she had lost her mother at Clachnaharry; and that the girl was taken in charge by Mr Mackay and handed over to her mother. The Magistrates were unanimously of opinion that while there was no ground set forth in the proceedings before the Burgh Police Court on 31st August last at the instance of the Burgh Prosecutor to justify a warrant for the commitment of Marjory Maclean to an industrial school, under Section 14 of the Industrial Schools Act, her conduct, once justified the granting of an order under Section 16 of the Act.

DEATH OF MR J. D. L. CALDER IN LONDON. Last Sunday morning there passed away suddenly in London a Scotsman whose death calls for more than a passing notice.

Mr James Donald Calder, who arrived in this country from India less than two years ago, had, since his arrival, endeared himself to a large number of Scottish friends in London. If any evidence were required to emphasize the strong hereditary love of country which is so characteristic of the Scot, it was abundantly forthcoming in the case of the late Mr Calder. His father left Thurso some eighty years ago and proceeded to India, where he became an active and well-known missionary. Mr Donald Calder was born in that country 27 years ago, and on the completion of his education entered the Public Works Department, and after a lengthy period of service, he retired upon a well-earned pension two years ago. On his retirement he resolved to visit the old country, and, as he frequently stated to his friends, his great desire was to settle and spend the remainder of his days in the land of his forefathers. On his arrival in this country, and with a view to affording certain educational facilities to his family, he remained temporarily in London, and it is much to be regretted that he did not have the opportunity of returning to his native land to the north. He looked forward with great interest to a visit to Thurso next year, and last summer he specially sent one of his sons to that town with a view to tracing some of his relatives with whom his family had lost touch owing to their long residence in the East. During his sojourn in London he made many friends, and he took an active part particularly in the work of the Scottish Clans' Association of London, of which Society he was unanimously elected a member of the Council. Although he had never set eyes upon Scotland, his heart warmed to everything connected with that country, and every object which had any connection with Scotland always received his hearty and unstinted support. Mr Calder is survived by a widow and a large family. Two of his sons occupy good positions in Central America, and a third son, who has held a commercial appointment in India for some years, was due to sail for this country on the date of his father's death. Much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved family. The genial, kindly and robust personality of good Donald Calder will be remembered and cherished for many a long day by a large number of his Scottish friends in London. His funeral took place at Hampstead Cemetery on Wednesday, and in addition to members of his family there were present a number of representatives of the Scottish Clans' Association. The Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Campbell, was unavoidably absent, and his place was taken by his predecessor, Mr James J. Mackay, who was accompanied by Messrs W. Mackenzie Fraser (president), Alex. Macdonald, O. Cameron, R. Lillico, Anderson, Mackie, Sinar and Murray. The burial service was conducted by Rev. Roderick Macleod, Freeport, whose church Mr Calder attended while he resided in Hampstead, and for whose preaching he had often expressed great admiration and interest.

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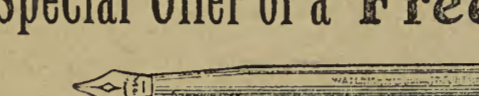
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