

Sinclair. It is said that the men of that clan used to have considerable strife amongst themselves, but that when any section of the clan fought an outsider, the clan united, conquered the outsider, and then resumed their internal strife where they left off.

My grandfather carefully prepared his case and after reaching the mainland in a fishing boat, started for Edinburgh to consult his counsel, the late Lord Chief Justice Cockburn, then practising law in that city.

After a weary journey, the first half of which was on foot, my grandfather reached the historic city and was gratified by having a most favourable opinion and advice that right was on his side.



THE WEST END OF THE LODGE ROOM.

He brought back the proper papers and served them on the Earl, which meant trial at Edinburgh.

A few months later he was again in Edinburgh and the trial took place, resulting as his solicitor had anticipated, in a favorable verdict for my grandfather. A Mr. Adam was his attorney and Mr. Cockburn his counsel. As he left the solicitor's office on his way home, Cockburn congratulated him, saying, "I never had a case so well prepared for me by a client, as that which you have just won."

Mr. Cockburn was many years later Lord Chief Justice of England.

After this suit my grandfather gave up the farm at Goathill at the end of his term, and made arrangements to remove to the farm of