

Banffshire.

The body of Mr. William McHardy, officer of Excise, Buckie, was found in the river Spey on the 27th ult.

Rev. Dr. Scott, of the Free Church of Aberlour, has been made the recipient of a testimonial on the occasion of his jubilee as a minister.

Perthshire.

The freedom of Tain is to be offered to Sir John Pender.

The house of Angus MacRae, crofter and road contractor, Valsker, was burned to the ground on the 27th ult.

Mr. William Wallace, for ten years head steward of the Clansman, has entered upon a lease of the Strom Ferry Hotel.

Rev. Mr. Macaskill threatens to raise the Highlands, owing to the Declaratory Act having become a law of the Church.

The ceremony of turning on the new water supply for Fortrose and Avoch was performed by Mr. J. D. Fletcher of Rosehaugh on the 27th ult.

Mr. Wm. McInnes, hotel keeper, Lochmaddy, has been presented with a beautiful silver-plated tea urn, on his departure for Tongue, Sutherlandshire.

Sergeant William Murray Ross, keeper of St. Duthus Memorial Church, and librarian of Tain and Easter Ross Literary and Mechanics' Institute, died on the 27th ult.

An experiment by Mr. Fred. Schoolbred, Kilmorie, to stock the upper part of the Ales river with salmon has up to the present been very successful.

Kincardineshire.

In the hand contest at Allos, Kirkcaldy took first place, and Carriden second.

Bella Watson, a servant girl in the Village of Auchinblae, was found dead in bed on the 28th ult., supposed to have committed suicide.

Mr. Wm. Thomson, retired police sergeant, Stonehaven, has been presented with an elegant arm chair by his brother officers and other members of the force.

Ayrshire.

A Roman Catholic school is being built at Kilbirnie to accommodate 170 children.

The Marquis of Ailsa has been unanimously appointed convener of the county.

The new post office was opened in Irvine on the 29th ult.

Dr. Wylie, of Stewarton, has been appointed president of Ayrshire Medical Club.

The annual general meeting of Kilmarnock Liberal Dialect Club was held on the 30th ult.

The annual general meeting of Manclieve Agricultural Society was held there a few days ago.

New potatoes are in the Ayrshire markets and strawberries are being gathered throughout the county.

A swimming club has been started in connection with the Ayr branch of the Y. M. G. of the C. of Scotland.

Mr. James Young, farmer, Kingeneugh, Ballochmyle's oldest tenant, died on the 28th ult., aged seventy-eight years.

Mr. Thomas Armour, late of Stairland, in the Parish of Stair, has leased the farm of Dunessland, Dumfriesshire.

A splendid silver cup has been presented by the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden to Kilmarnock Union Quilting Club.

The new Common Cuckoo Race Committee held their annual meeting in a field on the farm of Castle Mains on the 25th ult.

The highest authority, that of the Commander-in-Chief and his inspecting staff, has decided that the most efficient British Infantry regiment is the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Holland House, Ardnell Bay, West Kilbride, has been opened as a sea-side home for city children, under the auspices of the Glasgow Poor Children's Fresh Air Fortnight Committee.

The officers of the Ayrshire Yeomanry Cavalry attended the levee held by the Prince of Wales at St. James' Palace, on the 29th ult., with the view of marking the occasion of the centenary of the raising of the regiment.

Forfarshire.

Messrs. Alex. Shanks & Son, engineers, Arbroath and London, are bankrupt.

The London Forfarshire Association held their annual business meeting on the 29th ult.

Mr. and Mrs. James Christie, Forfar, celebrated their golden wedding on the 2nd inst.

A new survey has been made of the Bar of Tay. The depths are the most satisfactory ever obtained.

Ann Walker or Lawson, widow, 70 years of age, residing in Forfar, committed suicide on the 29th ult.

Walter Mitchell, organist, Montrose, is suing Robert Johnston, draper, for £500 for alleged slander.

All of the Dundee fleet of whaling ships have brought back large cargoes of valuable seals from the south seas.

Mr. James Guild, first assistant in Keptie School, Arbroath, has been appointed to the vacancy in the Morgan Academy, Dundee.

After having remained unemployed for fully twenty years, the Kingoodie quarries, on the estate of Myntfield, have been let to Messrs. Jas. Morrison & Son, quartermasters, Duntroon, who will give employment to about two hundred men.

Argyleshire.

Lady Colin Campbell is entering the lists as a dramatic author.

Dugald McIntyre, Tobermory, committed suicide on the 27th ult.

Ripe strawberries were plucked in a garden in Oban on the 29th ult.

The removals in Oban this year have been more numerous than usual.

Mr. MacCall, Oban, has entered on his tenancy of the Ford Hotel, Lochawe.

Lochcubbin Artillery Volunteers held their annual inspection on the 27th ult.

The annual inspection of Tarbert Volunteers took place at Tarbert on the 2nd inst.

Everything promise an early and heavy yield both of field and garden produce about Inverary.

Mr. Hosack's division of the Crofters' Commission held a sitting in the court house, Oban, on the 30th ult.

Mr. Mackenzie, superintendent of the police force in Campbelltown, is about to retire on a well-earned pension.

The death is announced of Mr. John Malcolm, of Pottalloch, D. L. and J. P. for Argyleshire, at the age of 87 years.

The third exhibition of Highland Home Industries is to be held at Stirling on August under the presidency of Lady Riddell.

A cat which had been missing for eleven months, surprised her owners, who reside in Oban, by returning to them on the 29th ult.

At the forthcoming show of the Highland and Agricultural Society to be held in Edinburgh the sum of £50 will be awarded as premiums in the Highland industries and fisheries class.

Oban High School makes drawing one of the leading features of its educational system. At the recent examination the examiner certified to the excellence of the work accomplished by the five or six hundred pupils who presented themselves.

Lady Emma McNeil, widow of Sir John McNeil and sister of the Duke of Argyll, died suddenly at Bournemouth on the 30th ult.

Stirlingshire.

The body of Donald McLaren, farmer and shepherd, Easterton, Denny, has been found in Tachlin reservoir.

Arrangements are being made for a great national demonstration at the Borestone, in connection with the 579th anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn.

Dumfriesshire.

Mr. Jas. McDonald, Castle-Douglas, has been admitted a law agent.

Maxwell Davidson, Annan, joint honorary, huntsman of the Dumfriesshire Otter Hunt died on the 29th ult.

Mr. Thomas Johnstone Carlyle, of Waterbeck, Ecclefechan, died on the 26th ult. in the 84th year of his age. He was never married.

It is proposed to obtain full information concerning the Moffat bursaries and lay the same before the people of Moffat. These bursaries, bequests made by Dr. Robert Johnstone, the historian, seemed to be lost sight of.

Nairn and Elgin.

The death is announced of Mr. W. Reid Nairn, an eminent naturalist. Mr. Reid was a native of Wick. He was in his 80th years.

Perthshire.

Mr. John Carneshaan, Perth, has been appointed superintendent of Dundee cemeteries and public parks.

The estate of Titchardie, Glengaul, eighteen miles from Crieff, has been sold to Miss Campbell-Cameron, owner of the adjoining estate of Garrows.

Sergeant-Major Masterson, Captain of Perth Fire Brigade, has been presented with a gold watch on his retirement.

Sutherlandshire.

John Gordon, crofter, Helmsdale, committed suicide on the 19th ult.

Thomas MacKay, crofter, Strath-Halladale died suddenly on the 24th ult.

Mr. Finlayson, jr., Royal Hotel, Tain, has secured a lease of the Scourie Hotel, Sutherlandshire.

The annual inspection of the Helmsdale Artillery took place on the 25th ult. before Colonel Hobart, R.A., commanding artillery Scottish Division.

Mr. James Mackenzie, a native of Grinds, Lairg, and who has recently conducted the railway hotel, Tain, has taken a lease of the large farm of Invercannich, Strathglass.

Crondale Parish Church which has just been entirely remodelled was re-opened for public worship on the 21st ult. The organ was the gift of Sir Donald Smith, of Montreal.

Bute and Arran.

The Secretary for Scotland is about to investigate the case of the Arran tenants of the Duke of Hamilton, who have been served with notices of removal.

Our readers will be pleased to see the thrilling Scotch story, entitled "Life of Mansie Wauch," the opening chapter of which appears in this issue.

Roxburghshire.

Dr. Shaw, of Yarrow, has recently passed away at the age of eighty-three, after spending three-fourths of his life in his profession in the district of Ettrick, Yarrow and Tweed.

John McNaughton, a Hawick volunteer, was accidentally shot while marking a glass-firing practice on the 27th ult. His remains were interred with military honors.

The Earl of Dalkeith met his supporters in Kelso district on the 19th ult., and delivered a short address as candidate in the Conservative and Unionist interest for the county at the next election.

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