A Glance at Life in Great Britain---Happenings in England, Ireland and Scotland Briefly Chronicled

TUNNELING ASCOT

Improvement-Making at Old London Race Course.

Hitherto ticket-holder at Ascot have been able to get to the opposite side of the racecourse only by crossing between the races; but next year they will be able to do so by means of tunnels which are being made. A hospital is also to be erected by the telegraph office.

It was reported to the Kensington borough council that a large number of cases of cartridges had been found in refuse collected by dustmen just as it was about to be burned in the Wood Lane destroyer.

Delayed at Covent Garden on Saturday evening, Mr. John McCormack, the celebrated Irish tenor, missed the boat train to Ireland, and 1,500 people vainly awaited his appearance at a sacred concert at Portrush on Sunday. Entrance money was returned.

While proclamations of marriage were being read at a Kilmarnock church a woman rose in her pew and cried, "I object." She explained in the vestry later that "The Lord in a vision" had commanded her to take this course.

When three schoolboys were charged at Enfield with stealing apples from an orchard, the property of the Metropolitan water board, it was stated that 4,000 gooseberry bushes and 700 currant bushes had been raided. The boys stated that they were told it was a free orchard.

A well-known Worcester farmer, Mr. Robert Harris, of Manor House, Hartlebury, was assisting in the thatching of a clover rick, and while trimming the edges with a pair of sheep shears, he fell. The shears pierced his chest and heart, death being instantaneous.

Mr. Will Crooks, who is sailing for his round-the-world tour early in September, has been the recipient of a most kindly letter from Mr. W. R. Trotter, the organizer of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The member for Woolwich will reach Quebec on Sept. 17.

"Six shillings!" exclaimed Michael Clarke when he was told at the Bray sessions the amount of the fine inflicted for working a horse in an unfit state. "That's a power of money. Why, I can't settle with you till I get the old age pension."

Dressed in scarlet and a Phrygian cap, a chauffeur entered the sea at Ostend with the inflated inner tube of a motor car tire. First he trundled it as a child would a hoop; then, sitting in it as one sits in a lifebuoy, he paddled about, propelling himself with his hands, or lay basking in the sun. His enjoyment was so manifest that in joke a party of lady swimmers borrowed the tire, and amid shrieks of laughter, imitated his antics. Now the idea has caught on, and a score of bathers can be seen disporting in the sea on the tubes of their motor cars.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

More Than $10,000,000 Paid Out First Quarter.

Mr. Hobhouse, M.P., financial secretary to the treasury, states that the amount paid for old-age pensions in the first quarter of the present financial year was approximately $10,-230,000.

At East Lexham Mr. John Pike, who has a small holding, has conducted some most successful experiments with Canadian cereals. A friend sent him a few ears of corn, from which in 1907 he sowed 778 selected grains of barley. He has now nearly half an acre of some of the finest barley in the district, the largest ears containing over 70 grains each.

"Don't let her blow off steam too much at Wellingboro," were the last words of Driver William Rust to his fireman, immediately before he fell back and died of apoplexy on the footplate of the Midland express he was driving from St. Pancras to Manchester. The fireman told the jury how he stopped the train without mishap. The jury returned a verdict of "natural causes."

Returns of some of the largest spirit merchants prove that the higher duty has diminished the consumption of spirits. In some cases the decline is between 20 and 30 per cent.

A combined Lancashire and Yorkshire team on the 20th ult. scored 261 for four wickets against the Australians. In the county competition Kent put on 440 for nine wickets against Essex.

A small exhibition, illustrative of the art and ceremonial observances of the Egyptians and of life 5,000 years before the birth of Christ, has been opened at King's College, Strand.

Mr. Henry T. Wallace, whose gift of £5,000 to the Liverpool presbytery on behalf of the poor, has been received with so much satisfaction, is a well-known elder of Canning street congregation.

It is stated in a parliamentary question that the amount paid for old-age pensions in the first quarter of the present financial year was approximately £2,046,000, being an average of £157,385 per week.

Other two serious fires took place in cotton warehouses in Liverpool on the 25th ult., bringing up the number for the week to five. The damage done by the two latest fires is estimated at from £20,000 to £30,000.

The season has been the most disastrous one ever experienced by strawberry growers in the Wisbech district of Cambridgeshire, the losses being assessed at from £30,000 to $40,000 within a fifteen to twenty-mile radius.

Steps are being taken in Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Halifax, Huddersfield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Dewsbury and other Yorkshire centres, to raise a regiment of Scottish Territorials, to be called "The Yorkshire Scottish," on the lines of the London and Liverpool Scottish.

A naval court-martial at Chatham sentenced William Thomas Palmer, an officer's steward on H.M.S. Tyne, convicted of misappropriation, to be confined in a cell or behind a canvas screen for fourteen days, kept on low diet during the last three days, and then dismissed from the service.

Louis Julius Harrison told the official receiver on his public examination at Yarmouth bankruptcy court, that he became rabbi at Dunedin, New Zealand, at a salary of $2,-500. Subsequently, owing to two companies with which he was connected failing, he was obliged to start as a rag merchant.

There were recently seven suicides in twelve days at Leicester.

It is proposed to raise a memorial to the late Sir W. H. Curzon-Wyllie.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Leslie Rundle has been appointed governor and commander-in-chief at Malta.

Thousands of eggs were destroyed in a fire which damaged a chicken incubator establishment at Plymouth recently.

A HORSE'S PROTEST

Climbed Up Into Motor Car and Kicked Chauffeur.

Frightened by a motor car in Oxford street, London, a horse smashed the shafts of its own cart and climbed on to the bonnet of the motor, smashing the wind screen and, it is stated, kicking the chauffeur on the head. The latter was taken to a hospital.

Drinks served in tumblers made of ice are the invention of a Dutchman, Mr. Huizer. Water is introduced into a mould and is then frozen. As soon as the contents of the tumbler have been drunk it can be thrown away, and thus ideal hygienic conditions are obtained. The ice tumblers only cost a twentieth of a penny to make.

To guard against suffragist interruptions no women were admitted to Mr. Samuel's meeting at Rochester Corn Exchange. Search was according made before the meeting, and two suffragists were found locked in the basement of the building. They were promptly ejected.

At Seven Sisters road, London, a red-hot spark from a railway engine dropped from a bridge on to a young lady's hat, which was quickly ablaze. A young man passing managed to tear the hat from the young woman's head before she was seriously burned, but she had to be attended by a doctor.

When it was stated that a boy brought before him for stealing sweets had obtained a school prize for good conduct, the Thames police court magistrate on Tuesday remarked—"It is getting a dangerous thing for a boy to have a good character at school. How is it that only the good boys come here?"

Major-General Arthur Tulloch, who joined the East Indian forces in 1853 and served throughout the Mutiny, has died at his residence, St. Saviour's, aged seventy-six.

A competitor at the Soham (Cambs) flower show secured a first prize with the same fuchsia that gained for him the first prize at the village show twenty-one years ago.

A definite step has been taken in regard to the probable existence of a coal field in close proximity to Bridgwater by the acquirement of mineral rights over the De Mauley, the Puritan Manor, and other adjoining estates. Trial borings will take place at an early dote.

"Heart failure caused by blood poisoning, the result of the sting or bite of an insect," was the verdict returned on Wednesday at a Northwich inquest on Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Detchon, fifty-three, the wife of a local draper. On July 25 deceased's lips became very swollen and painful, and a doctor found two small punctured wounds in the lip, the result of a sting by some insect. The lip was bathed, and the deceased took some medicine," but death resulted from syncope, brought on by the blood-poisoning.

OLD GOSPEL OAK

Historic Tree Known to be 2,000 Years Old.

Two thousand years is the officially ascertained age of the Gospel oak tree at the Suffolk village of Polstead. Under it the first Christian missionaries preached to the heathen Saxons. It has a girth of 36 feet.

The first big catch of herrings this season was landed at Scarborough by a Lowestoft steam herring drifter. The catch totalled sixty crans, or 60,000 herrings, realizing £90 at auction.

A bride-to-be and her friends waited in vain at St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday, for the attendance of the bridegroom. No explanation of the young man's non-attendance was forthcoming.

Two prefects at a Dover educational establishment have been punished by losing their prefect's caps for climbing to the top of the school tower and wrapping the suffragists' colors around the clock hands. The incident occurred at breaking-up time, and two lads "owned up" so that the entire school should not suffer on their account.

Through the kindness of the Dean of Wells, replicas of portraits of late Rev. Arthur G. Butler, formerly tutor to Rugby School, and afterwards headmaster of Haileybury, and of the late Mr. Arnold-Foster, formerly secretary of state of war, have been subscribed for by Old Rugbeians and others.

The English new apple season has opened well, the first fruits being literally snapped up directly they were put on sale. They consisted of Keswick Codlin, a cooking variety of fine quality, which fetched from 10s to 15s a cwt., according to size and quality.

A new orchid, white with a green and purple centre, was exhibited at the flower and fruit show held at the horticultural hall on Tuesday.

THEFT OF A SMACK

Tramps' Unique Pretext for Larceny.

Thomas King and John Harrison, tramps, stole a fishing smack at Bognor and set sail for France, only to be overtaken by the Selsey coastguards and sentenced at Chichester to three months' hard labor. Their excuse was that they were tired of walking about night after night, so took the boat for "devilment."

A ten-year-old boy named Edward McBride, belonging to Field street, Birkenhead, was electrocuted on the Mersey Railway at Birkenhead Park. He was found on a live rail unconscious and suffering from severe electric shock and burns. Artificial respiration was tried, but the doctor soon pronounced life extinct. It is surmised that he stumbled whilst stepping over the line.

Lord Roseberry is to be presented with the honorary freedom of Lichfield in September.

Of 12,000 people relieved by the Manchester medical mission last year, 33 per cent were Jews.

The funeral of Mr. Albert Craig, "the Surrey poet," took place at Nunhead Cemetery.

The officials of the Cunard Line announce that two of their steamships, the Etruria and the Umbria, are for sale.

Lady Treloar, wife of Sir Wm. Treloar, a former lord mayor of London, died lately at Upper Norwood, London.

The King has approved of the appointment of the Earl of Selborne to be Knight of the Garter in place of the Marquis of Ripon, deceased.

A male doctor is much more sympathetic towards both men and women than a woman doctor is, said Miss Flowerman at Derby.

Steam has by no means made sailing vessels obsolete. The total number of them in the world is still 65,934, as against only 30,561 steamers.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry McDowall, late managing director of the brewing firm of Truman Hanbury and Buxton.

Valued at $500, a necklace and pendant have been placed in the box provided for contributions towards the redecoration of Christ Church, Westminster Bridge.

Sir Theodore Martin, who is 93 years of age, and enjoying excellent health, has been re-elected for the eleventh year in succession president of the Dante society.

The late Dr. Wilkinson, Roman Catholic bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, left estate valued at $203,155 net, almost all being left to Roman Catholic charities in his diocese.

George Herbert Jones, a tram conductor, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labor for cheating the Cardiff Corporation out of a penny. He issued to a passenger a ticket that had been used by another passenger on the previous journey. The stipendiary imposed this penalty as a warning to others.

BRAVERY HONORED

A Ghost Keeps Tramps Away From Workhouse.

The priests of West Clare have held a meeting at Kilrush in the hope of securing unanimity in regard to the choice of a candidate for the vacant seat in Parliament. Colonel Arthur Lynch, Mr. Michael Mescall (chairman of the Kilrush rural district council), Mr. Barry O'Brien, Mr. James Comyn, and Mr. Valentine (Bristol), are all mentioned as possible candidates.

St. John of Jerusalem medals were presented by the lord mayor of Belfast to two youths named McClure and Reid, for a gallant act at Lurgan railway station last Christmas Day. The platform was thronged, and just as the train was steaming towards the station a man was seen lying across the rails. Reid and McClure jumped down, seized the unconscious man, and pitched him upon the platform just as the train swept past. The slightest slip or hesitation would have meant death to all three. In forwarding the medals, the Prince of Wales intimated his special interest in such examples of heroism.

Father Campion, parish priest of Kildare, made a clever capture of an alleged burglar. During the night Father Campion was awakened by a noise in his bedroom, and, switching on the electric light, he saw the man, who gave the name of Christopher Hughes, standing over him. Asked what he was doing, he replied that he had been looking for lodgings, but could not find them, and then came to lie down. The priest said that he would provide a place for him, and left the room and sent for the police. The prisoner was later remanded at the police court.

In connection with the Irish Industrial Development Association, an exhibition of all Irish manufacturers and products, the first of the kind ever promoted in the north of Ireland, was held in Belfast, both Ulster Halls being utilized for the purpose. In addition, all the leading shops in Belfast made a special all-Irish display during the week. The exhibtion comprised 70 stands, representative of Irish industries, the smaller hall being allotted to special exhibits of the Irish agricultural and fisheries department. The formal opening took place at noon, the ceremony being performed by Lady Anderson, wife of the lord mayor. She said it was her candid opinion that none of the sister countries could make a better or more representative show. In the words of the Scottish toast she could proudly exclaim, "Here's to oorsels; wha's like us?" (Laughter). During susequent proceedings a message of congratulation was read from Sir Horace Plunkett. In connection with the exhibition the fifth All-Ireland industrial three-day conference will be held in Belfast, delegates attending from every county in Ireland.

The Belfast Board of Guardians are making quite a good thing of their farming operations on the workhouse estate, according to the memorandum which they have just issued for the last year. They have gone in principally for pig-rearing, with excellent results. The refuse from the house supplies a good part of the food for the pigs. Nothing is charged for labor or maintenance, nor for rent and taxes, so that the expenses of the ordinary pigkeepers do not trouble them. On a turnover of £1,718, the guardians report a profit of £814 for the pigs and crops on the farm.

Thos. Sammon was leading a stallion on the road near Galway a few days ago. When meeting a motor car the animal became unmanageable, and knocked Sammon down, and trampled upon him.

Michael Forde, a porter at Tipperary railway station, who saved a man from being run over by a train, is the first man in Ireland to receive the Carnegie hero award and medal.

SHOT FROM HEDGE

An Outrage Near Ennis—Boy Riddled With Shot.

A man named Michael McKey and his nephew, a schoolboy, named Dan Custy, were returning from Lisdoonvarna to Toonagh, near Ennis, when a volley of gunshot, about eight in all, was fired in quick succession from a shrubbery on the Toonagh road. The boy was riddled along the back and side with pellets, while the horse he rode was wounded, and McKey received nearly a dozen pellets on the back and shoulder. The horse dashed along the road for a considerable distance before the boy, wounded as he was, could stop it. It is believed that the outrage is due to a laborer's cottage placed on a farm, which it was sought to divide amongst the people.

Belfast corporation have adopted a proposal to put concrete flags on the footways where the rioters pulled up the paving stones. It was stated that only 600 yards of the footway were pulled up recently, as against 22,600 in the previous riots.

At a meeting of the joint branches of the United Irish League, held in Derry, a resolution was adopted expelling five Nationalist members of the Derry corporation, who attended the recent festivities in connection with the Irish Society's reception in Derry, when the king's health was drunk.

During revolver practice in a bedroom in a house in Temple street, Dublin, Patrick O'Byrne was accidentally shot dead. George Lyons, who rushed up to a policeman in the street, saying he had fired the shot, was taken into custody.

A Central News message states that in the king's bench division at Dublin, before Mr. Justice Boyd, Mr. Wallace, a barrister, attempted to renew an application which he had made on former days in reference to the disappearance of the crown jewels from Dublin Castle, and which imputed perjury and conspiracy on the part of Mr. Justice Boyd, Mr. Justice Dodd, the lord chief baron, Mr. Justice Andrews, and Mr. O'Brien (one of the court registrars). Mr. Justice Boyd refused to hear the application, and Mr. Wallace, after protesting, left the court. Mr. Justice Boyd later on announced that he deemed it his duty to bring before the benchers the conduct of a gentleman of the Irish bar in persisting in applications of this description. It was disgraceful that this sort of conduct on the part of any member of the bar should be allowed.

A firkin of butter was unearthed in a bog near Curramoe, Mayo. The flavor of the butter was distinctly preserved, though it is believed to have been buried for three hundred years.

During a thunderstorm at Fennor, Meath County, five cattle belonging to a farmer were found dead under the trees, where they had sought shelter.

The county court of Galway awarded $3,500 damages to the father of Constable Goldrick, shot dead while protecting "emergency men" at Craughwell.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr. J. B. Clery, manager of the Birr branch of the National Bank, King's County, on a charge of embezzlement.

A caretaker at Killeevan Glebe, County Monaghan, dug up a curious stone weighing about two pounds, and studded with sparkling pebbles of various colors.

Constable Patrick Burke, a county Clare man, was presented at the Glasgow police headquarters with a check for $15 for his bravery at a fire in that city.

A grazing farm at Dromtrasna, Limerick, has been divided among the principal occupiers and a number of smaller tenants. It has been a point in dispute in that district for many years.

Mrs. Mary Connor was awarded $1,-500 as compensation for the death of her husband, an engineer, in the employ of the Dublin and Southeastern Railway Company. He was killed by his head colliding with a signal lamp while bringing his engine into the station.

A young man named Edward Loughran, of Barrisoleigh, Tipperary, missing for the last two years, was discovered concealed in a house in Limekilnlane, in a terribly emaciated condition. The police are investigating.

The police of Gengariffe, Cork, seized a quantity of stout and beer at a mountainside dwelling. It afterwards transpired that the liquor was not for sale, but to celebrate the return of an American friend, and it was restored.

Members of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Union of Cork, have, in connection with the Cork strikes, decided to shave and cut the hair free of all the men in Cork city who are idle owing to the strikes.

WOMAN IN WHITE

Unconscious Man Snatched From Terrible Fate.

The latest visitor to the casual wards of the Clogheen Workhouse is an apparition in the form of a woman. At a recent meeting of the Clogheen guardians some amusement was created by a report from the clerk that there had been a very sharp decrease in the number of tramps, a ghost having been seen in the female tramps' ward, where it paraded the room on several nights recently, causing great disturbance to the inmates by tramping loudly up the stairs. Several inmates had complained that the ghost, in the form of a woman in white, approached their beds in a threatening attitude, and then suddenly disappeared through a window 70 feet from the ground. The master said he had been called out of his bed on two occasions on account of the uproar occasioned by the ghostly visitor. The clerk said the ghost has been better than the shower bath for hunting casuals.

Two thousand persons are assembled at Ballinamallard, County Fermanagh, waiting for the millennium.

Belfast manufacturers are offered more business than they can take, and a considerable number of orders are held back till looms are available.

Denis Horgan, the world's champion weight-thrower, has been seriously injured at Cork by a jaunting car knocking him down and the horse tramping on him.

At Belfast assizes on the 22nd ult., Mr. Justice Wright sentenced Richard Justin, a middle-aged man, to death for the murder of his 4-year-old illegitimate child.

At Belfast assizes on the 27th ult., fifteen prisoners convicted of riot in connection with recent disturbances, were sentenced to one year's imprisonment, and three to eight months. The judge said there was evidence that the riots were premeditated.

"I rejoice to be in a position to inform you that there is no business to go before you," said the lord chief justice in discharging the grand jury at the assizes for the County Kilkenny on the 26th ult. His lordship added: "Your county is in a very satisfactory condition indeed."

BIG SHAM FIGHT

Near Dundonald Hills—Some 8,000 Men Engaged.

A big inter-brigade sham fight was engaged in recently on ground in the vicinity of the Dundonald Hills, the action involving about seven or eight thousand men.

A 9-year-old Fifeshire laddie has rescued an 8-year-old chum from the River Eden.

Alloa's Parish Kirk bell is now rung by electricity. The vibration caused by hand ringing was endangering the beautiful tower.

The curators of Edinburgh University unanimously appointed Professor Robinson, of Birmingham, to the chair of anatomy, vacant through the death of Professor Cunningham.

The Rev. W. A. Gillies, B.D., Tiree, was recently inducted to the charge of Duncansburgh, Fort William, in succession to Rev. G. M. MacLean, recently translated to Dundee.

Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart, Bart., of Ardgowan, has intimated his intention of giving ground, extending to eleven acres, on Bridgend Farm, as a public park for the East End of Greenock.

The Countess of Glasgow on Thursday opened the Ayr Deaf and Dumb Girls' Home in Fort street, Ayr, and Mrs. Hess presented her ladyship with a gold key in commemmoration of the event.

The third of the "Courant" Fund trips for poor children took place from Edinburgh to Springfield House, Potton. The children, who numbered 1,200, were drawn from the St. Leonard's district of the city.

Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson, St. Cuthbert's, has, it is understood, accepted an invitation to become minister of St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees, resigned.

In Glasgow sheriff court, James Milne was fined £2, with the option of 30 days' imprisonment, for failing to give notice to the Glasgow parish authorities that he had an infant under his care for reward.

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A Glasgow graduate, Mr. W. C. Houston, has been appointed head of the department of mechanical and civil engineering of the Southwestern Polytechnic, London University.

At Bisley England beat Scotland by one point for the twenty match trophy.

LIGHTS O' SCOTLAND

Year's Surplus on Electric Accounts, $10,010.

The surplus last year in the city's electric lighting accounts is over £2,182.

The Glasgow distress committee's relief works at Palacerigg have been resumed.

Dr. William Wallace, on account of long-continued ill-health, has resigned the editorship of the Glasgow Herald.

A very rare specimen of the spineous shark has been offered by Mr. David Ross, Edinburgh, to the Glasgow Museum.

Since the new year about 50 boys have been helped into regular work through the medium of the Newsboys' League.

The imperial service medal has been presented to Miss Sarah Shanks, sorting clerk and telegraphist here, in recognition of long and meritorious ser-

James Dow, dairyman, Dalkeith, has been fined $50 for selling adulterated milk.

The estimated expenditure of the city of Edinburgh next year is £431,-265, an increase of £3,660.

The Edinburgh town council have by 21 to 20 adhered to their resolution to give a preference to British manufactured goods.

In the week ending 24th ult., there were nine joint stock companies registered in Edinburgh with a total capital of $956,255.

In connection with the Courant Fund, 8,000 children of the poorer classes were lately presented with tickets for their annual day's outing at Springfield House grounds, Bolton.

A petition against Sunday music in the Meadows has been sent by the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh to the lord provost, magistrates, and town council. These entertainments, they submit, constitute a violation of the Fourth Commandment, and as such are repugnant to the feelings of a large number of the citizens.

Boring operations for coal are shortly to be commenced at Lamberton.

Hawick children held their annual picnic and sports on the Vertish Hill on the 17th ult., 2,100 boys and girls taking part in the procession.

Edinburgh is not to open its free library on Sundays; so the Edinburgh man who desires to revel in literature on Sundays will buy a 4½d novel as heretofore.

GREAT ROSE SHOW

Dunfermline Had the Finest in Britain.

The rose show at Pittencrief Park, Dunfermline, recently, was the finest display of bloom seen at any exhibition in Britain this year.

Lochelly (Fifeshire) school board is to spend $75,000 on new buildings. In this county the fruit crop promises to be an exceptionally fine one.

At Springfield Lady Cochrane, Crawford Priory, opened the public park which her husband presented.

At Cupar, Captain John McGregor, Leith, was fined $100 for illegal trawling.

At the closing of Viewforth School, Sinclairtown, a silver watch was presented to Joan Findlay, a pupil, who had never been absent from school for over ten years.

At Peterhead, on the 27th ult., 100 steamers and 40 sailing vessels went out in a storm to the herring fishing.

Peterhead still holds the record for the herring fishing of 1909. On the 27th ult 29 trawlers lander 191 tons of fish.

Submarines of the newest type are to be stationed at Dundee.

There were 104 marriages in Dundee during the recent holidays there.

Aberdeen bakers have increased the price of the 4-pound load to 6½d.

It is understood that Professor George Adam Smith will be the new principal of the University of Aberdeen.

Last year about £7,700 was contributed to the Dunoon (Argyllshire) seaside homes. About 5,000 persons were benefitted by their stay there.

Kilchoan folk are protesting against the proposal of the county council to levy dues at Mingary Pier at the rate of 2d per capita on passengers, and to increase the dues on goods and live stock by nearly 100 per cent.

Rothesay is worried over the Sunday selling of newspapers by an enterprising vendor, who trips there by the Sunday steamer.

Brodick U. F. congregation have now followed the lead of their Lamlash brethren, and introduced instrumental music in their service of praise. The organ of the public hall is being utilized.

There was recently unearthed at Kirkcudbright a copper coin of the reign of Louis XIII. of France, bearing the date 1638.

In the town hall, Castle Douglas, on the 26th ult., Provost McVane unveiled a memorial to Joseph Train, the Galloway antiquarian and the friend of Sir Walter Scott, who supplied the novelist with much material for the Waverley novels.

Selkirk Gas Company has increased their share capital from £4,535 to £20,000, and declared a dividend of 10 per cent, with a 2½ per cent bonus.

CLYDE SHIPYARDS

Turned Out About 20,000 Tons in July.

The output of the Clyde shipbuilding yards for the month of July consisted of 19 vessels, having an aggregate measurement of a little over 20,000 tons.

At the last general meeting of the Anchor Line on the 28th ult., the chairman, Mr. Richard Henderson, said they contemplated adding at an early date a fourth and larger vessel to those engaged in the express Glasgow-New York service.

Mr. Martin Harvey, the well-known actor, has consented to open the session of the Scottish National Song Society (Glasgow Centre), on Sept. 23, with a short address on "National Song."

An extension of the premises of the Edinburgh and East of Scotland College of Agriculture is contemplated.

A site of eight acres for a drydock has been secured in Burntisland.

The search for Spanish gold in the Armada hulk at Tobermory was resumed recently.

Kirkwall has resolved to offer its freedom to Mr. Carnegie and Mr. James Coats, jun., of Paisley.

Lady Dalkeith has given an impetus to the revival of an old fashion by accepting a pair of diamond earrings.

John Webster, Grant street, Wick, one of the crew of the Wick fishing boat Emerald, recently lost his life by drowning.

The Greenock corporation bill passed through committee of the House of Lords, and was ordered to be reported to the House.

Captain D. Harvey, M.B., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, has been appointed honorary surgeon to the Viceroy of India.

MONEY IN PAPER

Dalmarnock Mills Cleared $30,000 Last Year.

The profits of Brown, Stewart & Co., Greenock, and Dalmarnock Paper Mills, for last year reached nearly $30,000.

The wet and cold weather has had a disastrous effect on the fruit crop of Clydesdale.

At Blantyre and other mining towns the Fair holidays were overshadowed by the threatened strike.

Mr. James Paterson, manager for Neill, Dempster & Neill, sugar refiners, Greenock, is dead. Mr. Paterson was in the service of that firm for over 40 years, and his father and also a brother were managers before him.

Port Glasgow school rate has been increased 9d per pound, and the poor rate 1d.

James Aitken, of Ferguslie, Paisley, has been fined 25s for refusing to have his child vaccinated.

At Paisley, on the 2th ult., Mr. James Crookston, Jun., manager of Aikenhead Colliery, was fined £10 for breach of the mines regulation act.

The Railway Mission are about to erect a hall in Kilmarnock to cost $2,000.

Manufacturers of lace curtains still find the course of business irregular and uncertain.

By the death of Mr. John McDonald, Muirkirk has lost one of its most original characters and most enthusiastic of Freemasons.

Damage to property, estimated at $15,000, was done by fire on the 20th ult. in the main street of Muirkirk. One block of buildings was practically destroyed.

A new kind of catterpillar has cleared the leaves and fruit of almost every currant and gooseberry bush in Elgin.

It is proposed to extend Cluny harbor at a cost of £100,000.

A herring was landed at Buckie, Banffshire, the other day which measured 15 inches in length and 8¼ inches in girth.

There are 110 applicants for Cromdale Parish Church vacancy.

Mr. James Murray, who accompanied Lieut. Shackleton as biologist during the recent expedition to the South Pole, was in Hamilton lately renewing the friendships he formed while resident in the burgh.

The latest report of the fishery board of Scotland on Scotch salmon fisheries shows that the fall in the supply reported in recent years continues. In 1908 90 tons less were sent to market than in the previous year.

One of the most serious mining accidents that have taken place in Midlothian for some time occurred in No. 11 pit at Niddrie, near Edmonstone. A squad of men had been repairing the roof of the incline 300 fathoms below the surface, which had collapsed a short time previously. They had finished their shift, and were just about to ascend when another portion of the roof fell in, burying three of them. Two miners lost their lives, and it was not till he had been entombed 36 hours that Andrew King, the third, was rescued.

THE OLD TOLBOOTH

Historic Aberdeen Building to be Repaired.

The old Tolbooth, of Aberdeen, which was erected early in the 17th century, is to receive some preservative treatment, the cost to be borne equally by the county and city. It was on the walls of the Tolbooth that one of the hands of the dismembered body of the great Montrose was fixed.

At Aberdeen the other day, a cask containing 100 gallons of whiskey bursted, and the contests flowed into the street. A crowd scooped up the liquor with their hands and swallowed it greedily.

Perth is to build a roller-skating rink. It will have a skating surface of 15,000 feet.

Scotland gained a magnificent victory over Ireland at cricket at Perth on the 24th ult. by an innings and 132 runs.

On the 27th ult. between $20,000 and $30,000 damage was done by fire at Dumbreck Colliery, Kilsyth.

The Highland Show at Stirling was a great success. The total drawings amounted to $23,157.

For a month the employees at the government ordnance stores, Forthside, have been working almost day and night, turning out the equipment for Territorial camps.

At Bisly, Private E. McCue, Falkirk won the bronze medal in the first stage of the king's prize, the silver cross and $75 in the grand aggregate, and the silver medal for the Territorial aggregate.

Ex-Premier Balfour, Whittingehame, was 61 years of age on the 24th ult.

Dunbar new Parish Church hall, under construction, will cost about $10,000.

In the Camlachie Institute lately, Mr. Joseph Wright gave his annual treat to the children of the show people in Glasgow in connection with the fair. There were about 300 children present.

The death at Innellan is announced of Mr. John Tatlock, who was closely identified with the scientific and commercial life of Glasgow. In the earlier part of his career he was associated with Lord Kelvin in the old college in High street and at Gilmorehill. Nearly 30 years ago he was one of the founders of the firm of Baird & Tatlock, scientific instrument makers and laboratory furnishers.

Italians and Poles are becoming a great nuisance in Motherwell district. Hardly a Monday but they appear in the police court. Knives and pokers are much in evidence.

Rev. D. Mackintosh, St. Kentigern's Lanark, having translated the National Anthem into Gaelic, set to music, sent a special copy to the King, and received a reply.