

southern town with far more pretensions than this, the capital of the fishing world of the west coast of Scotland.

The two main streets parallel the sea front and the bay head or esplanade of the harbour is the spot where the fishing fleet arrives and exemplifies the vast value of the fishing interests which have added so much to the importance and wealth of this island and its capital town.

At the north end of the harbour is the mansion of the Matheson family, built by the late Sir James Matheson, and known as The Castle. It is a handsome modern building in the Tudor style, an attractive piece of architecture, built on elevated ground and is the conspicuous edifice of the place. In the grounds is a monument to the late Sir James Matheson, who died in 1878. His widow, Lady Matheson, died in 1896, and the property then devolved in virtue of the entail upon Sir James Matheson's nephew, Mr. Donald Mathe-



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son, who in 1899 handed over the estate to his son, Major Duncan Matheson, the present proprietor of the island.

The grounds are extensive and admirably laid out at a cost of many thousands of pounds. The grounds surrounding the mansion have been planted with trees, which add to the beauty of this northern home, protected by the range of hills which practically separate Stornoway from the rest of the island.

On the seashore near the present wharf stood the "Rock Welcome," before referred to, used as a landing place by the natives of the olden times when they welcomed their relatives returning from a visit to the mainland with the greeting "Se do dheatha dhachaidh," the Gaelic for "Ye are welcome home."

Thirty years ago on the rock called "Welcome," there was the remains of Lewis Castle, an old fort of centuries ago. This castle was