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Sketches of Islay, &c.

Part I.—DESCRIPTION OF ISLAY.

This Island is large and in many parts fertile; and from its great beauty is known as 'The Queen of the Hebrides.' The natives generally suppose the name to have been derived from ELLA, the daughter of one of the Norwegian Viceroys who resided on the Island when in the possession of the Danes. A more probable derivation (because supported by the structure of the word and the history of the place) is here offered. It is well known that I, in Gaelic, signifies Island. It is equally true that the Great McDonald Lord of the Isles, or his predecessor, the Norwegian Lord Lieutenant of Islay, established a Council there of fourteen of the heads of the principal families of the Island; and that the said, fourteen Judges or Arminun assisted their Lord with advice in his deliberations, and administered the Law among his subjects. Hence this seat of Judgment—this centre of wisdom, came to be called, "Iagh," that is the Island of Law, Jurisprudence, or Legislation—lagh being the Gaelic for law—but convenience and refinement caused the guttural agh to give place to the vowel sound which now terminates the word Ie.

Islay lies about 20 miles from the peninsula of Kintyre, and is separated towards the north from Jura by the Sound of Islay, which is about 1 mile broad and 14 long. The extreme length of this Island, from the southern point of Oa to the northern projection of Ru'mhail, is nearly 31 English miles and its breadth, from Ardmore point to the east to Sanaig, is nearly 25 miles. It is penetrated by Lochindaul and Lochgrunair, which nearly divide it into two halves. The coast is generally bound by low rocks, or by flat shores and sandy bays; and the melancholy wrecks which occur here, especially on the north and west parts, give it, justly, the name of being a dangerous coast. The violence of the sea here can easily be accounted for, when it is taken into consideration that the heavy swell which beats upon the windward coast meets with no land on this side of America to break its force.

The surface is hilly on the east side, and in some places wooded to the water's edge. The mountains here attain to an elevation of nearly 1500 feet. The greater part of the Island however, is so flat as to be susceptible of cultivation to the summit of the highest hill.

The chief rivers are the Lorn and the Laggan, the chief lakes are Finlagan, Skerrols, Gorm, Fand, and Ballingran, most of them abounding in excellent trout, and salmon in the rivers. Its minerals are, gold, silver, copper, and lead. Quartz rock abounds and several other species of minerals.

Almost every variety of soil is found and though much idle land exists there is reason to believe it will yet be reclaimed and produce abundantly.

The climate is mild; the air moist, and subject to but little variation, being neither extremely cold in winter nor the opposite in summer. There are excellent crops of Oats, Bear, and Peas grown; also some wheat, and almost unequalled Potatoes, Turnips, Carrots, and other green crops for which Islay seems specially adapted, and which even now it exports in considerable quantities. It yields excellent Hay and Straw with which Cattle are fed in winter. The most of the Barley is used in the Distilleries, of which there are eleven at work, producing the far famed "Islay Whisky," which, together with black cattle, are the chief articles of exportation; of the latter there are nearly 8,500 sold annually. There are sheep also exported in great numbers; and until the potatoes became so precarious very considerable number of pigs were reared and disposed of, though now they are but scarce.

Fish abound on the Islay coast, and its shores are a favorite place for Eagles, Falcons and such birds.

Emigration has not only drained away numbers, but actually the choice of the people, who now seek in other countries the success which did not seem to attend the possession and exercise of energy, skill, intelligence and generosity; but which meet their reward wherever else the genuine Islay man gets a footing. The full character of the real Islay people can scarcely now be ascertained; as the present population consists chiefly of remnants of emigrated families, and immigrants from other parts of the Highlands and Lowlands, and also from Ireland. Hospitality, contentment, and patience are traits, however, which are easily discerned, and which visitors and strangers always experience and for ever remember with admiration and gratitude. Whilst the people remained entire and unmixed, they were remarkable for their ample dimensions and handsome proportions, as well as for their courage and magnanimity. Even in 1845, when the proprietor, accompanied by about 300 of his retainers fully equipped in the Highland Garb, met with several other Highland Chiefs at Inverary Castle to celebrate

the nuptials of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne, now Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the Islaymen were the admiration and delight of all who were present; and those of them who appeared at the same place in the summer of 1847, to give our Sovereign and the other royal visitors a real Highland Welcome to the Duca's residence of "Mac Cailloin Mor," left an impression equally favorable; and the daughters of Islay were, as they are to this day, marked and famed for their beauty, frankness, affection, and many other amiable qualities, which are abundant vouches by the numerous elegant poetical compositions in their praise, by the other sex, which are still extant. Dr. McCulloch himself, who was anything but partial to the Highlanders could not withhold his meed of praise from the Islay ladies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Senate.

Editor Review,

DEAR SIR:—An attempt is being made to undermine and destroy the Liberal Government of Ottawa by a united concert of misrepresentation, slander and abuse. The Conservative press from one end of the Dominion to the other repeat the stale charges and absolute lies by which the party hope to defeat the Liberals. This was the policy that assisted to defeat the McKenzie Administration in 1878 and is the same old Tory policy still. The Senate too is lending its valuable assistance to the same end. This indeed is considered the only value that august body renders to the country or which is the same thing the conservative party. Your local contemporary, as an echo from the higher voices, declares that the Senate's usefulness really dates from the 23rd of June 1890.

Now, I would not for a moment be guilty of that "piece of insolence to insinuate that members of the Senate disregard the estate of office and are governed by their original proclivities." No; these worthy Senators are far removed from petty feelings and temptations of ordinary mortals; and their every word and act is absolutely true, pure and without prejudice; and if others can not see them so, it is simply because their vision is obscured and distorted by the murky moral atmosphere in which they exist!

The Senators, too, owing to the fact of their living in so high and clear an atmosphere have a keener and deeper insight into political matters than men of common clay. They can see that it is the Liberals Will that the conservatives should govern this country and of obedience to this Will is the only way this Dominion can fulfill its destined mission among the nations of the earth. And if the people of this country in their shortsighted folly decree that for a time the Liberals should hold the reins of government, then it becomes the sacred duty of the High and Honorable Senators to oppose and embarrass the Liberal Government by every means in their power. Seeing that the government is the very essence of evil, it follows that its every action is wrong. If a Liberal Government propose to extend the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal, it is better to allow that railway to be worked at a loss to the country than to let the Liberals have their way.

If the same government propose to open up the Yukon country and divert the trade of that region into Canadian channels; better far to send the trade of the Klondike to American cities, to hinder the development of that country, to run the risk of causing untold misery and death by famine, to greatly increase the difficulties and cost of administering justice in that part of the Dominion; better do all that and much more, rather than lose an opportunity to embarrass a Liberal Government, and no doubt they are honorable men, all of them. In doing what they can to get rid of the Grits they sincerely believe they are doing God service, and performing a duty to their country of incalculable value and in doing this they are cheered on by all the gaping political rustics from Halifax to Vancouver, who fail to find words to express their admiration of this aggregation of wisdom and honesty.

REX.

HAMPDEN.

Mr. John Whiteford is at present on the sick list.

We are sorry to state that Mr. George Henderson who has been sick for some time is not improving.

The grim reaper, death, entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stenck last Sunday and carried off their only daughter, Lillie, a winsome little maid of three. The funeral, which took place to Ayton cemetery, on Wednesday, was well attended. The parents have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

Miss J. Little is home from Walkerton for the holidays.

Miss E. Martlock of Allan Park, spent part of last week with friends here.

HOPEVILLE.

Our Proton weather here has been cold and the ground frozen up. Farmers are beginning to think we will not have a very early spring.

We thought the election talk was over but now we hear of the protest, a few from this neighborhood went to Durham last Friday to hear the news and have a voice in the meeting called to discuss it.

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Wm. McGruther moved from here to the Luther townline last week.

George and William Deans have a lot of barns to frame and raise this summer, they are going to raise this summer with rope and tackle and have purchased a good outfit.

Proton farmers have sold off too many of their young cattle, consequently there has been a large quantity of hay and straw left over from last winter.

Quite a number of our young men have left here some for Manitoba and elsewhere. The Church building committee have commenced to build the church on the old ground.

Mr. Lockart the student is retained for another three months.

Our neighborhood was visited some few days ago by an Inland Revenue Officer from Owen Sound, he made a search but not nothing.

Reports from the sugar camps around here state that the run this year has not been good.

It appears that the partnership between James McDonald and Norman McAuley is dissolved.

Some of our young people have been away attending weddings in Egremont and Osprey, but it appears we cannot get up here, our boys are slow this winter.

Tom.

SCOTCH TOWN.

Nice weather again after a week cold snap.

Mr. G. K. Heartwell received a telegram from Hamilton on Monday evening of last week stating that her brother-in-law was dead, Mr. Joe Heartwell, a young man of 34 years. He leaves a wife and three small children to mourn his loss. Mrs. G. K. left on Tuesday morning to attend the funeral.

Mr. Angus McDonald (Real) is putting in a crop on Mr. Alex. McMillen's farm on shares for '98. We welcome Mr. McDonald in our midst, while we will be sorry to lose Alex, as it is rumored that he is going to part-unknown.

Mr. Thos. Derby from Durham is in the employ of Mr. Duncan McArthur at present digging the digging the foundation of his new residence.

A thundering noise startled a couple of the fourth line boys one evening last week when on their way home after spending the evening pleasantly with one of their neighbors. The first sounds appeared to them as if there might be a runaway on the Queen's highway. In a few seconds Michael, Johnnie and their new driving pony hit into a buggy, met the lady's face to face in the neighbor's lane. The occupants of the vehicle allows they had no intention of calling at so late an hour for if they had they certainly would have let the bars down. However we learn that the pony in the past frequently made this turn and probably the idea struck it that its new master had also been a caller at one time and all would be well. A little talk with lots of laughter the boys got turned and proceeded westward.

While on the way home from Fisherton Station on Wednesday evening Mr. John J. Black's team took a fright by a loose board on the wagon working its way forward, till touching one of the horses

they at once got unmanageable and ran the balance of the way home a distance of 5 miles. Mr. Black got his arm severely hurt, while Mr. Angus Morrison got his ankle somewhat more or less hurt. On arriving home the team stood at the stable with the front wheels the horses escaped without a mark.

Miss Kate Martin with her two little nieces Jessie and Edith Peters are visiting friends here this week. Miss Martin's host of friends are pleased to see her improving so nicely after her long illness.

Mr. Archie McPhee has returned from Danfries on the sick list, a relapse of a fever that he is subject to is supposed to be the ailment. Mr. Joe Black sympathizes with Mr. McPhee, as he had several severe attacks of the same disease.

Mr. James White spent his Easter holidays in Durham.

Mrs. Neil McDougall and her sister Miss Maggie McQuarrie from Batchlor's Corners visited friends in this burg on Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall intend leaving for their home in Duluth this week, having spent the winter months with their parents. We join their many friends in wishing them a safe trip and that they may again in future visit old Glenelg friends.

We are informed that Pomona Jack is a licensed detective for Pomona vicinity. Allow us to congratulate you.

Mr. Archibald Beaton Sr., has regained his footsteps again after a sprained foot received while skidding logs in the bush.

Mr. Patrick John gets his mail at Pomona P. O. nowadays.

Did Mike get the wire bit yet? Got barb wire Mike.

Misses Sallie Black and Mable Hyndman from the Mirdaugh House were callers in our town last week. Come again ladies.

Miss Maggie Black from Pomona spent Saturday and Sunday at her uncle's, Mr. Neil Black.

Mr. Alex. McMillen has returned from loading timber.

Mr. Tohey was a caller on Friday evening.

ROB ROY.

The McFadden families from Egremont have moved into the two vacant houses down the road.

Miss Mary Firth, of Toronto, is at present visiting her parents at Lake Cottage.

Mr. Wm. Britton bought a young horse from his brother Mr. Robert Britton of Bentinck.

Mr. Chas. Kennedy of Milton, a Bunesau boy, reports good times down below this year if the crops are good. Charlie will be missed around here this summer, more especially by the fair one who lives in the cottage on the hill.

Mr. John McCoskey and family of Georgetown, are at present visiting at Mrs. McCoskey's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart of Bunesau.

Quite a number of the people around here are engaged in sugar making at present, some have made several gallons already.

Mr. Sandy Bell of the corners, left last Monday for the lower settlements where he intends to remain for the summer.