

Bitesize Newsletter

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MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF CONYNGHAM 1877



On the top of one of the highest peaks of the Renfrew hills, near the Muirshiel, Lochwinnoch, there has this week been completed the erection of what will be a striking landmark in the landscape for centuries to come. Lord Francis N. Conyngham, M.P., proprietor of the estate of Muirshiel, has placed a handsome red Aberdeen granite polished obelisk — which, with substructure, rises to the height of twenty feet above the top of the hill. The obelisk with its die and base weighed over three tons. It bears the following inscription:

*“Erected by Lord Francis N. Conyngham, M.P., in loving memory of his beloved parents— Francis Nathaniel, Marquis of Conyngham, K.P., G.C.H., P.C., born June 11, 1797, died July 17 1876; Jane, Marchioness of Conyngham, born 13th — October, 1798, died 26th January, 1876
‘Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out’”*

The whole is enclosed by a handsome bronzed and glided rail, and the work was carried out and erected by Mr Legge, sculptor, Aberdeen.



**Kaim Dam
Showing the old
original wall
2009**



**Foundations for the
footbridge over the
River Calder
2005**



**Advert for
ENO'S “Fruit Salt”
To combat 3 o'clock
tiredness**

1897

SKATING IN SCOTLAND

ON SATURDAY 8,000 SPECTATORS WERE PRESENT AT LOCHWINNOCH TO WITNESS THE RENFREWSHIRE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1903

SOMEONE EAGER TO ADD TO THE GAIETY OF THE NATION PERHAPS, CIRCULATED A RUMOUR THAT A SALMON HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN CASTLE SEMPLE LOCH

1888

LOCHWINNOCH CASTLE STROLLERS v BEITH VICTORIA

RESULT:

HOME TEAM WON BY 13 GOALS TO 3

Wonderful phenomena at the Lochwinnoch Cattle Show 1852

The annual show of cattle, by members of the Lochwinnoch Agricultural Society, for the present year, was duly held at that respectable village on Tuesday the 25th ult.; and we have reason to believe that the whole affair passed off in a creditable manner, not excepting the dinner in the Eagle [Inn] at 4 o'clock. We beg to call the attention to one or two remarkable items at the Lochwinnoch bill of fare at the Show, which, we must frankly confess, have puzzled us not a little, but which, we presume, simply demonstrate that the members of the Lochwinnoch Society are much in advance of similar societies in other parts of the world. The show-bill or play-bill or whatever it may be called, is lying before us at this moment, having been kindly sent us by a correspondent for our special edification on the subject of fat and dairy stock, and we find that the fifth premium on the list is as follows:-

*“for the best one year old cow, in calf or milk, £1. 0 0
For the second best ditto ditto ditto 0 10 0”*

Now we must give it as our humble opinion that a premium of £1 was too little for such an extraordinary animal as a one year-old cow in milk. It must have been exceedingly difficult to rear such a phenomenon, although in this wonderful days of precocious green pease, premature potatoes, winter grown strawberries, and chicken hatching by steam, we do not assert that a one year-old cow in milk, with or without a calf, was not actually produced at the Lochwinnoch Cattle Show.

The next item is, if possible, still more extraordinary:-

*“For the best one year old quey in calf or milk, £0 15 0
For the second best ditto ditto ditto 0 7 6”*

“Well, we never!” Is the only reply which we can make to the very natural query of our correspondent, “Did you ever” These one-year-old milk kine and queys, with calves to boot, are probably indigenous to Lochwinnoch.

Glossary: ult. = previous month. quey = young cow. kine = domesticated bovine animal.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER'S RETURN 1901

Private William Gilmour Logan, son of Mr Alexander Logan, Postmaster, and one of the Active Service Company of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders returned to Lochwinnoch on Monday night. A large crowd of villagers awaited his arrival at the railway station and gave him a most enthusiastic welcome. Accompanied by the local flute band he was carried shoulder-high from the station to the Court Hall, where it had been arranged to hold a meeting in honour of his return. Mr McDowell, who presided, paid a high tribute to the Volunteers who had obeyed the call of their country and had undergone the arduous experiences of campaigning in South Africa. He also referred to the good work done by the company of which Private Logan was a member and expressed his great pleasure and that of the inhabitants of Lochwinnoch at his safe return. Mr Shand Harvey and Mr Joseph Johnstone also joined in the cordial welcome to Mr Logan.

