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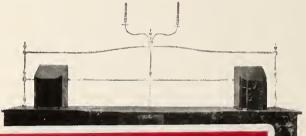
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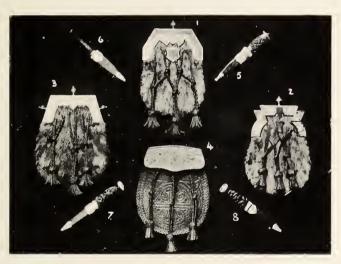
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-Shakespeare.

NVERNESS, as its name indicates (Inbhir-Nis "the inver of the Ness"), is situated at the mouth of the river Ness, the town, which originally lay entirely on the east side of the river, being now extended to the west side, where indeed a large proportion of the most prosperous of the citizens reside. For beauty and variety of surroundings it is unsurpassed in Scotland. In the summer and autumn seasons it is a highly popular resort of tourists, sportsmen and excursionists, its attractions, natural, artificial, and historical, giving it a conspicuous place among the pleasure resorts of the kingdom. Its climate too, is mild, temperate and healthy. To its natural attractions. Inverness in modern times has added the advantages of railway and steamboat communication with all parts of the kingdom.

It is of importance to intending residents to know that Inverness is well provided with schools. The Royal Academy, founded in 1793, is a handsome new building



INVERNESS FROM THE RIVER.

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on the Crown lands, and is equipped on the most approved principles, and thoroughly staffed for the work of higher education. The Inverness College, a spacious quadrangular building, is situated in Ardross Street, and gives education after the model of the English public schools. The College is a centre for army preliminary examinations. There is ample accommodation for boarders. The Board Schools are the High School (a higher grade school), the Farraline Park School, the Central School, the Merkinch School and Clachnaharry School. Other schools are: the Burgh Technical and Art School, the Kindergarten School, the Cathedral School, Bishop Eden's Mission School, the Roman Catholic School, and a number of excellent private seminaries. The Inverness dialect of English, noticed by Johnson and Defoe, still enjoys its character of great purity and beauty.

The streets of the town are substantially built, its drainage system is most com-

plete, its shops are large and its hotels numerous and well appointed.

THE EXCHANGE.

The most convenient starting point for the visitor who desires to see the principal places of interest in the town, is the Exchange, as the "planestanes" in front of the Town Hall are called. In the centre of this flagged space stands the Forbes Fountain, presented to the town by the late Dr. George F. Forbes, of Millburn. In close proximity is the ancient Mercat Cross of the burgh, recently restored through the generosity of Sir Robert B. Finlay, K.C., while Member of Parliament for the Inverness District of burghs. At the foot of the Cross will be seen Clach-na-Cudainn, or the Stone of the Tubs, the palladium of the burgh. It received this name from the circumstance that it formed the resting place of the servants and lasses of the olden time as they carried their tubs or stoups of water from the river, before the era of gravitation water.

The Town House, whose front wall extends the whole length of the Exchange, is quite a modern building, in the decorated Gothic style. It contains besides the Town Hall, the Council Chamber and Committee Rooms, the offices of the Town Clerk, the Town Chamberlain, the Burgh Surveyor, the Sanitary Inspector, and the Burgh Assessor.



THE TOWN HALL.

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The Town Hall contains a number of windows filled in with stained glass figures and emblems, while the ceiling is enamelled with shields and heraldic devices. Inside are to be seen busts and portraits of former Provosts of the town, of Flora Macdonald, and of various personages of distinction connected with Inverness burgh or county.

The Council Chamber, which occupies the west end of the building, is an apartment admirably

adapted for its pur-poses.

As one passes out of the Town House the elegant town steeple, which stands at the head of



CATHEDRAL FONT.

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Bridge Street, meets the eye. It is over 150 feet in height and of fine graceful proportions. It was built in 1789 at a cost of £1,600. In the early years of last century it was struck by lightning and is slightly twisted in consequence.

Turning up the Castle Wynd we pass on the right the Public Library and Museum. The former contains about 0,000 volumes.

A few yards further up we come to the Burgh Police buildings, which embrace the Police

office and the Burgh Court House. On the opposite of the Castle Wynd is the Fire Station.

On the top of the hill is situated



VIEW FROM THE CASTLE HILL.

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THE CASTLE.

which gives the hill its name. It is a massive pile. The front portion, built in 1834-35, contains the Sheriff Court House, the offices of the Sheriff clerk and the County Police Station. The back half of the Castle building was erected in 1846-48, and was for many years the County Prison. It has recently, however, been converted into offices for the use of the County Council, the prison being removed to Porterfield, a short distance to the east. Right in front of the Castle stands a striking monument erected in 1899 in honour of Flora Macdonald, the Highland heroine who befriended Prince Charlie in his wanderings and contrived the means of his escape to France.

The view from the Castle Hill is one of surpassing beauty and variety. It commands a wide sweep reaching from the hills of Ross-shire round by the Beauly Firth, Craig Phadraig, with its vitrified fort, the northern terminus of the Caledonian Canal, the Leacainn, where stands the Northern Counties Lunatic Asylum, Tomnahurich Cemetery and away to the south the Great Glen of Albyn, which extends from the Moray Firth on the north-east to the waters of the Atlantic on the south-west.

Retracing our steps downhill, we reach High Street, and proceeding eastward pass on the left the handsome head offices of the Caledonian Banking Company, and on the right the Young Men's Christian Association buildings. Turning down Inglis Street we pass on the right the Wesleyan Chapel. Further down we come to the Railway Station Square in which stands a statue commemorating the officers and men of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders who fell in the war in Egypt.

Facing the Station Square is Union Street, which has been well designated Inverness's "street of the world." It is a comparatively modern street, and contains a number of substantial and imposing buildings. Here is one of the entrances to the New Market erected by the Town Council in 1870 at a cost of over \$\ifm 7.000\$.

Further down and to the left a new street named Queensgate stretches towards the west. All its buildings are of recent construction. The principal one is the GENERAL POST OFFICE.

It is interesting at this point to recall the amazing progress made in postal matters in Inverness within living memory. The floor-space of the modest little room



THE STATION AND HOTEL.

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in Church Street which served all the postal purposes of the town at the time of Queen Victoria's Coronation was 110 square feet. Now the postal sorting carriage on the Highland Railway which runs twice a day to Perth is three times this area, while the spacious new Post Office before us has an area of 15,300 square feet. In 1839 the letters received in Inverness numbered only 2,770, while now they reach



THE ACADEMY.

50,000 per month, besides newspapers, book packets, and post cards. building was erected by Government in 1889-90 at a cost of £14,000.

On the east side of Academy Street, at the corner of Margaret Street. stands the East United Free Church. a handsome building surmounted by a pretty lantern tower.

Proceeding northwest we pass the [D. Whyte. Gas Works on the right and enter

Chapei Street, where we come upon the Chapel-yard burying ground. It is an ancient place of sepulture, being mentioned in Queen Mary's Charter of date 1557, as well as in other records as early as 1361. St. Mary's Chapel, which stood here, the Greyfriars' Church, Beauly Priory and Kinloss Abbey, and the Ecclesiastical buildings of Chanonry, were plundered to build Cromwell's Fort, the



GENERAL'S WALK.

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remains of which we come to after passing the Railway Bridge and the Harbour. The fort was begun in 1653 and cost £80,000. It was demolished in 1662 to appease the Highland chiefs, who had little regard for the old Protector. Some portions of the fort still remain.

Returning townwards we pass on our right the massive Waterloo Bridge built about twelve years ago to replace an old wooden structure known as the Black Bridge. A little further upwards we come to the end of Friars Lane, and from there we pass into Friars Street, where is situated The Greyfriars' Churchyard.

A few interesting relics are to be seen here, among others the shaft of a red granite column which belongs to the old Greyfriars' Monastery. The Monastery was demolished by Colonel Lilburn in order to obtain stones for the building of Cromwell's Fort. Here also may be seen built in the south wall a recumbent figure in armour, believed to represent John Stuart, Prior of Coldingham, who died at Inverness in 1563, or Alexander Stuart, Earl of Mar, who died at Inverness in 1435.

Proceeding up Church Street we come to the Gaelic Church, where there is an interesting old oak pulpit, which came originally from Holland, and was gifted to

the Gaelic Church by William Robertson of Inshes.

A few yards further on we enter the Churchyard, wherein stands the High Church, for many years ministered in by the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, and afterwards, until very recently, by the Very Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod, now resident in Edinburgh.

Near the top of Church Street on the left hand, will be seen the plain unpretentious

building known as the Northern Meeting Rooms.

Its leading purpose is to accommodate the annual fashionable dances which form part of the Northern Meeting, to which gather in the season most of the rank and fashion of the North. The ''Meeting'' was instituted in 1789, and the games and balls take place yearly in the month of September. The event is regarded in Inverness as the close of the tourist season, when the town passes into winter quarters. Time was when this meant a half year of dulness and social quietude. In recent years however, Inverness, like other towns, has its winter round of entertainments, and the residents need not by any means spend their long evenings in dreary monotony. Musically the town holds a high place and is in a great measure able to furnish its own concert rooms with local talent of no mean order.



THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

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We are now once again back to the Exchange, from which we pass into Bridge Street, where on the right hand we come to a building known as

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE.

The house received its name from the fact that it is said to have been occupied

by Queen Mary when she was refused entrance to the Castle. The front wall of the house is believed to have been rebuilt since Oueen Mary's date, but the basement rooms, now used as wine vaults of Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., are undoubtedly old. This firm was founded in 1726 and their premises have been the principal seat of the wine trade in the North since that date: The Suspension Bridge which we have now arrived at. was built by Government in 1850-55 at a cost of £26,000. Crossing the river the visitor proceeding up stream will on the right, ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, which is unquestionably Inverness's finest specimen of Church architecture. It was built in 1866-60 at a cost of £20,000, the Bishop's residence, Eden Court, which stands



CAIRN AT CULLODEN MOOR. [D. Whyte.

behind it, costing £8,000. The baptismal font in the Cathedral is much admired. It is a copy from that of Thorwaldsen in the Cathedral at Copenhagen, and is carved out of one solid block of white marble.

Inverness is well supplied with churches, a number of which are situated on either bank of the river and visible from the Suspension Bridge. The other churches of



THE CATHEDRAL.

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the town besides the Cathedral are: five of the Established Church, six United Free Churches, one Free Church, one Free Presbyterian, a Baptist, a Wesleyan, an Episcopal Church, an Episcopal Mission Church, and a Roman Catholic Church.

The most direct road to Tomnahurich Cemetery, one of the sights of the town, is by Ardross Street, passing the front entrance of the Cathedral, but as no visitor to the town should miss seeing the Islands we will rather take them first and reach the Cemetery by way of the Bught Mill.

Following the river bank we see on the right the Northern Infirmary. Before reaching it, however, we come to the Haugh Foot Bridge by which we re-cross the river

and proceed by the Ladies' Walk to The Islands.

These are connected with each other and with the river banks by a series of little bridges. They are otherwise very much in their natural condition and form a place of resort of unsurpassable sylvan beauty.

The river Ness affords excellent rod fishing and is free to the residents every eighth

day. Trout fishing may be had from the Islands any day.

On reaching the south bank of the river we turn to the left past a refreshing spring called the General's well, and following the road by the Bught Mill we reach the Glen-Urquhart Road almost at the gate of Tomnahurich Cemetery, which occupies a wooded earth mound on the bank of the Caledonian Canal. The "Tom" or hillock, which rises to a height of 220 feet above the sea level, is closely studded with costly headstones and monuments. The top of the mound can be reached by a footpath from the base to the top. It is however rather steep, and consequently visitors generally prefer to follow the winding carriage road to the summit. The view from here is one of rare beauty.

Descending at the northern end of the Cemetery we reach the direct road to Inverness, passing along the side of The Victoria Public Park, in one corner of which is the New Cemetery. The centre of the Park is occupied by a handsome band stand, where during the summer months the Town Band and other bands perform. Near by is a Pavilion for the convenience of players using the Park, and cricket and other pitches have been laid out.

At the upper end of Ardross Street we pass on the right the Inverness College

already referred to.

A short distance down the street, on the same side, is situated the Park, with its grand stands, where are annually held the great Northern Meeting games. A few



FLORA MACDONALD STATUE. [D. Whyte.

the great Northern Meeting games. A few yards further onwards we are once again at the Cathedral

The town is supplied with excellent Public Swimming Baths, which are situated in Montague Row.

Craig Phadraig, a thickly wooded rocky hill about a mile and a half to the west of the town, and reached by Fairfield Road and the road past the farm of Balnafettack, will well repay a visit. The view from the top is not inferior to that from Tomnahurich Cemetery, while the crown of the hill itself is one of the finest specimens of a pre-historic vitrified fort in the Kingdom.

About a mile and a quarter from the centre of the town in a southerly direction is the Culcabock Golf Course, recently enlarged to 18 holes. Its situation is elevated, the air invigorating and the view extensive and pleasant. The course is of a varied character and presents hazards and bunkers enough to satisfy the most fastidious. A scale of fees is arranged suited to visitors as well as permanent residents.

In reference to the CLIMATE OF INVERNESS, Mr. W. G. Macconnachie, M.A., who

prepares monthly meteorological returns to the Town Council, has kindly supplied us with the following observations: "I have often thought that the climate of



THE CANAL FROM THE CEMETERY.

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VIEW FROM HEATHERLEY HOUSE.

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Inverness might be used to more purpose in advertising the town as a holiday resort. Our rainfall is among the lowest in Scotland; our temperature, especially in winter is high, while our freedom from thunderstorms is remarkable."

Mr. Macconnachie has supplied the following statistics:—

Rainfall of Inverness.

1901	-	23.45 inches	1
1902	-	25.84 ,,	During these years there were no severe snow-
1903	-	36.41 ,,	storms. The maximum depth was 8 inches and
1904	-	25°37 ,,	the longest duration was five days.
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January	-	2.21	-	39*2	-	63.0	-	8·o	-	42.8		
February	-	2'12	-	38.1	-	60.0	-	5.0	-	66.4		
March	-	1.92	-	41.7	-	68.4	-	17 . 0	-	87.5		
April	-	1.32	-	44.6	-	79.0	-	25.0		113.4		
May	-	1.01	-	49'1	-	78 · 0	-	30.0	-	137.0		
June		1.66	-	54.7	-	85.0	-	34.0	-	149*3		
July	-	2*40	-	57.8	-	80.0	-	39.0	-	146.0		
August	-	2.96	-	57°0	-	85°o	-	38 · o	-	114.2		
September	-	2.56	-	54.2	-	80.2	-	32.0	-	101.8		
October	-	2.48	-	46.9	-	71 ' 0	-	24.0	-	73°1		
November	-	2.23	-	42.2	-	60.0	-	15.8	-	38•9		
December	-	2.92	-	38,4	-	58°o	-	17.0	-	31.1		

EXCURSIONS FROM INVERNESS.

The excursions which may be run from Inverness are very numerous and the spots to be visited are many of them of great interest. Probably the most absorbing one is Culloden Battlefield, about five miles distant to the east. It may be

reached by coach, or by train or on foot. There is a railway station within three quarters of a mile of the spot. At the time of the battle the place was a bare moorland. It is now surmounted by thick plantations. In an open space alongside of the highway, the late Mr. Duncan Forbes, of Culloden, erected a monumental cairn of stones some 20 feet in height, and 18 feet diameter. The same patriotic gentleman placed head stones at the end of the graves or pits in which the Highlanders are



TRAINING SHIP ON CALEDONIAN CANAL.

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buried, with inscriptions giving the names of the clans whose members lie beneath. It is interesting to observe that while the surrounding ground is heathery moorland the grave mounds are green and grassy. The battle—the last fought on British soil—took place on the 16th April, 1746.

Proceeding eastward, we pass on the right a field called "the Field of the



NESSBANK CHURCH.

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English '' and a little further on we come upon a huge boulder stone from the top of which the Duke of Cumberland is said to have viewed the battle.

The CLAVA STONE CIRCLES, about a mile further on by the road which turns to the right of the Cumberland Stone, are well worth visiting. These ancient monuments are on the other side of the river Nairn, which is here spanned by a large railway viaduct. The stones cover a whole plain and form splendid examples of ancient



KESSOCK FERRY.

[D. Whyte.

so - called Druidical circles.

Passing asstward from the Cumberland Stone we come after a drive of a few miles to Kilravock Castle, the seat of the family of Rose, one of the oldest in the North.

A few miles further on is CAWDOR CASTLE, the residence of the Earls of Cawdor, the birthplace of Muriel Campbell, daughter of Thane John, who was carried away when a child and afterwards married to Sir John

Campbell, third son of Archibald, Earl of Argyll. The castle is historically of great interest.

DALCROSS CASTLE, built in 1620, by Simon, eighth Lord Lovat, may be visited on the return journey. It is situated near the Dalcross Railway station, and is now the property of Mackintosh of Mackintosh. A drive of some half dozen miles brings us back to Inverness.

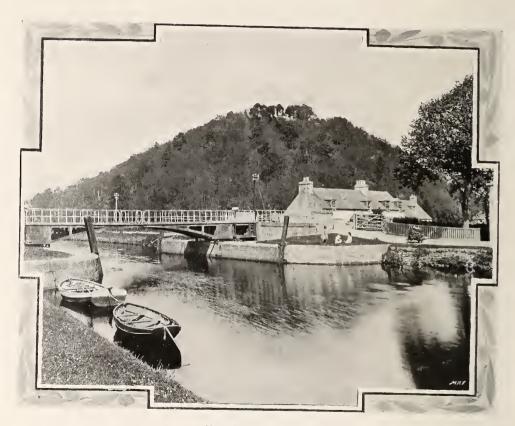
The Beauly, Strathglass, and Lovat districts are within easy distance of Inverness by rail, and contain many spots of surpassing physical and historic interest. Among some of them may be mentioned Beauly Priory, situated on the outskirts of the town of Beauly; Beaufort Castle, the residence of the Lovat family; and the Falls of Kilmorack, a short distance up Strathglass.



CUMBERLAND STONE, CULLODEN.

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Taking steamer at Muirtown, Inverness, the tourist can pass a pleasant day visiting Glen-Urquhart, and the ancient Castle of Urquhart, situated on the west side of Loch Ness and the Falls of Foyers further on, on the east side. Here are situated the works of the Foyers Aluminium works, for whose purposes part of the water of the Foyers river has been diverted from the Falls. The cataract is still an object well worthy of a visit.



THE CANAL BRIDGE.

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By the Black Isle Railway, a branch of the Highland Railway, the tourist may reach Kilcoy Castle, Avoch Castle, Fortrose with its cathedral and castle, the ancient Chanonrie and the burgh of Rosemarkie with its beautiful fairy glen.

Within easy reach of Inverness by rail are DINGWALL, the capital of Ross-shire, and STRATHPEFFER with its Spa noted for the efficacy of its mineral waters, Knockfarrel with its vitrified fort, and the famous gorge known as the Black Rock.

To the east of Inverness, at a distance of fifteen miles by rail, is situated the town of Nairn known as "the Brighton of the North." Nairn is fast rising into prominence as a health resort, and in the season is crowded with tourists and seekers after health. It is possessed of numerous attractions, such as convenient sea bathing and an excellent golf course. Places of interest in the vicinity are Auldearn, the "Blasted Heath" of Macbeth's witches, Darnaway Castle, and Fort George.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

Inverness College was founded in 1873, and had from the first a strong connection with the Army and India. It aims at providing in the Northern Counties, at moderate fees, an up-to-date English Public School Education, with due regard for soul and body as well as mind. The school has commodious, well-drained buildings, and excellent playing-fields, with gymnasium, fives-courts, workshop and dark-room. Boarders and day boys are taken from 8 to 18 (Preparatory Department, 8 to 12), and prepared for Army, Navy, English or Scotch Universities, &c., &c. Special tuition may also be had in several additional subjects and languages.

The aim of Craigneish School is to provide for the higher education of Girls. The course of study is carefully graduated.

The School was established in 1880, and reorganised in 1898, and is the largest private school in the town. It is the only centre in the North of Scotland for the Oxford Local Examinations.

St. Margaret's, which stands in its own extensive grounds, is situated in the highest and healthiest part of Inverness. The house, which has a S.W. aspect, has been especially adapted for a School; the rooms are large, lofty, and bright. There is a tennis lawn, and a field for cricket, hockey, &c.

St. Margaret's offers all the accomplishments of an English finishing school, combined with a sound religious, intellectual, and physical education. The course of instruction is such as to develop individual talent, and to fit the pupils to take

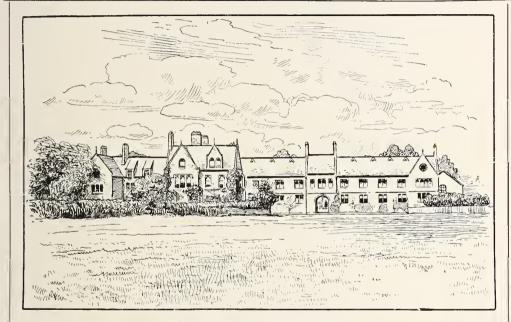
their places in the world as cultured and useful women.

The School is examined by the Associated Board of Oxford and Cambridge and pupils are prepared, when desired, for the Certificate Examinations of that Board, for the leaving Certificate Examinations of the Scottish Education Department, for the L.L.A. Diploma, for the Oxford and Cambridge Higher Local and University Preliminary Examinations. Preparation is also given for the Examinations of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., of the Incorporated Society of Musicans, and for those of the Royal Drawing Society, and the South Kensington Science and Art Department, and is the only private school inspected by Government.

Muirfield House is situated on the Hill, about eight minutes' walk from St. Margaret's. It has a southern exposure; the rooms are large and airy, and fitted with every modern convenience. There is a large garden with Tennis Lawn, and ample space for other games. Saturday is a holiday from school work; during summer excursions are made into the surrounding country, and in winter hockey is played in the morning, dancing and indoor games during the latter part of the day. Walking and cycling are also encouraged, and everything done to make the life of the girls as healthy and homelike as possible. The bracing air and open situation of the house is specially suited to girls of delicate constitution.

Besides Miss Mackintosh and Miss Crossland, there are two English Mistresses and one Foreign Mistress resident in the house. There is also on the staff a Day Mistress, and a Master from the Inverness College teaches Mathematics to the Upper School.







INVERNESS COLLEGE, founded in 1873.



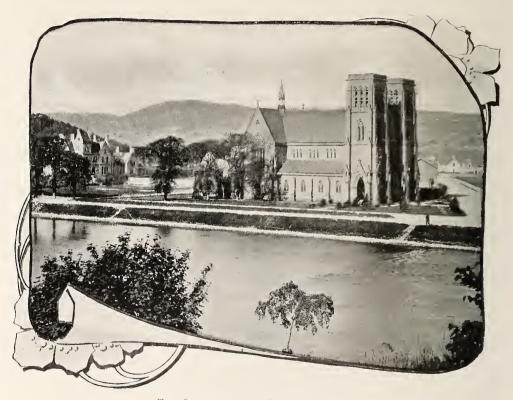
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THE CATHEDRAL AND BISHOP'S HOUSE.

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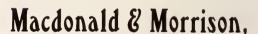
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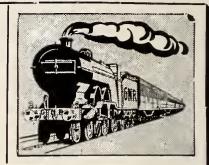
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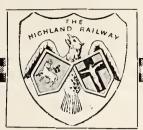
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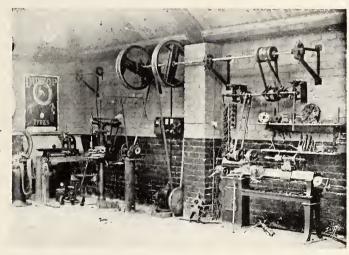
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