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"Purchase of the Lochore and Capledrae Company's Works" - a report of the Directors of the Fife Coal Company purchasing the Lochore and Capledrae Coal Company's works at Lochore for the sum of £125,000

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"Opening of a New School at Cardenden" - a brief report of the formal opening of a new public school at Cardenden with accommodation for some 250 pupils - contains a description and sketch of the new school.

"Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath" - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath burgh, such as, - 'A Nights Lodgings' - 'Disorderlies' - 'Special Meeting of the Burgh Commissioners' - etc.

"Jottings From Kelty" - Snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - 'Improvements in the Village' - 'A Proposed Cycle Match'

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“Dunfermline City and West Fife Echoes” - snippets of news from the Dunfermline and West Fife Districts.

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - Snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Co-operative Society (report of the quarterly meeting) - ‘The New Station’ (the railway station) - ‘The Gas Company’ - ‘Meeting of the Curling Club’ - ‘The Parishes of Beath and Ballingry’ - etc.

“Jottings from Kelty” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The Co-operative Society’ (the quarterly report) - ‘Meeting to Promote Ambulance Work’ - ‘New Buildings’ - ‘Proposal to Form a Special Scavenging District’

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“West Fife Miners and the Election” - a long article which urges the miners employed in West Fife to withhold their support for the Liberal candidate in the coming general election.

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“Dunfermline Burgh Minerals” - ‘A New Lease of Life For Muircockhall Colliery’ - this interesting article contains a table showing the revenue that has been received by the City of Dunfermline in respect of Burgh Mineral rates for the period 1870 - 1900.

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“Cowdenbeath Post Office” - a brief article which highlights Cowdenbeath’s need for a new Post Office to be erected in Cowdenbeath.

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“Sir Walter Scott and the Blairadam Antiquarian Club” - an article by the Rev. W. Stephen, Kelty, about Sir Walter Scott and the Blairadam Antiquarian Club (1817-1831)

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“The Workmen’s Compensation Act” - ‘How the Fife Miners Have Benefited by it’ - a brief article about the benefits that have been derived by the Fife miners from the 1898 Workmen’s Compensation Act.

“The Western Division of Fife” - ‘Declaration of the Poll’ - the local results of the recent General Election. Contains photographs of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr John D. Hope, M.P.

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“Light For Cowdenbeath” - an article decrying the fact that there is not a supply of gas in Cowdenbeath, Kelty, or Lumphinnans.

“The Cycle Racing Dangers of Fife” - ‘A Minister Expects to be Killed Some day’ - ‘Parliament To Be Called Upon to Intervene’ - a brief article about a meeting of the members of Fife County Council, during which the Rev. A. McNeil Houston, Auchterderran, complained of the irresponsibility of the cyclists of the day.

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Notes on the Free Church’ - ‘Meeting of the School Board’ - ‘The New Station’ - etc.

“Jottings From Kelty” snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The Kirk of Beath’ - ‘The Proposed Special Scavenging District’ - etc.

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“Inverkeithing and Other Parts of West Fife” - snippets of news from: - Inverkeithing - Saline - Townhill - and Lochore

“Letter From The Front” - ‘Soldiers Half Starved’ - a letter from a soldier serving in South Africa complaining about the conditions at the front.

“Obstruction in a Lumphinnans Pit Bottom” - ‘A Squad of Men Who Wanted up the Shaft’ - the report of a court action that was brought against a group of miners by the Colliery Company because the miners wanted to go up to the pithead early.

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“An Old Time West Fife Election” Part I - ‘How Dunfermline Councillors Were Kidnapped’ - ‘The Provost of Dunfermline in Inverkeithing “Black Hole”’. - An article about an incident that occurred in 1796 in connection with the local elections of that time.

“The Fife Coal and the Lochore and Capletrae Companies” - ‘The Proposed Purchase of the Lochore Company’s Subjects’ - a report of the meeting that was held by the shareholders of the Lochore and Capletrae Cannel Coal Company to discuss the proposed sale of their works to the Fife Coal Company.

“Wilson and Clyde Coal Company” - ‘The Row on the Board’ - a report of Wilson and Clyde Coal Company shareholders attempting to remove Mr John Wilson, M.P., from his position as Chairman of the Company.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Pigeon Stealers in the Burgh’ - ‘The Proposal to Enlarge the Gas Works’ - ‘Assault with a Hot Potato’ - etc.

“Jottings From Kelty” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The Loch Glow Disaster’ - ‘The Aitken Ward of the Royal Infirmary’ - etc.

“Above-Ground Workers Conference at Cowdenbeath” - ‘Measures to be taken to Strengthen the Union’ - the report of a conference of the Workers Union which was held at Cowdenbeath.

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“An Old West Fife Election’ - Part II - ‘How They Were Relieved From The Meshes’

“The Gothenburg System in Beath Parish” - ‘Proposed House for Cowdenbeath’ - a fairly long article about the meeting that was held in Brunton’s Hall, Cowdenbeath, to discuss the proposal of establishing a Public House Society in Cowdenbeath - contains the views of those for and against the proposal.

“Wilson and Clyde Coal Company” - ‘The Row at the Board’ - ‘The Profits of Glenraig Colliery’ - further reporting of the shareholders of Wilson and Clyde Coal Company displeasure with their Company Chairman, Mr J. Wilson, M.P.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Rabbit Coursing’ - ‘Fixing the Rates for the Year’ - ‘Clothing Pauper Children’ - ‘The New Water Works’ - Etc.

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“Wilson & Clyde Coal Company” - ‘The Row on the Board’ - the shareholders of the Wilson & Clyde Coal Company continue their endeavours to remove their Company Chairman.

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“The Sale of Capletrae and Lochore Coal Company’s Works” - a brief report of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Lochore and Capletrae Coal Company which was held to discuss the sale of their Company’s works to the Fife Coal Company.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Beath School Board’ - ‘Raith Sick Society’ - ‘The Lighting of the Burgh’ - Etc.

“Jottings From Kelty” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Library and Institute’ - ‘Re-naming the Churches’ - ‘Sick Nursing Lectures’ - ‘Nigger Entertainment’ - Etc.

“Bowhill” - ‘A New Property Company’ - a brief report of the formal registration of the Bowhill Property Company.

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“The Dunfermline “Cabinet” - photographs and pen-pictures of: - Provost Scobie - Baileys Davidson, Weir, Macbeth, Harley and Treasurer Husband, Dunfermline.

“Fatal Fall Down a Kingseat Pit” - a brief report of the death of Alexander Ferguson, blacksmith, Halbeath, Dunfermline, who was killed as a result of an accident in No. 3 Pit, Kingseat Colliery.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Meeting of the burgh Commissioners’ - ‘Opposition to Gothenburg System’ - ‘Proposed New Curling Pond’ - Etc.

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“Beath and Inverkeithing Poor” - ‘More beds wanted in the Poorhouse’ - a report of Beath and Inverkeithing Parishes applying for 5 and 3 extra beds respectively in Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse.

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“The United Free Churches of West Fife” - photographs and brief pen-pictures of 16 ministers of the United Free Churches of West Fife.

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“The Aitken Baths at Kelty” - a sketch of the new baths recently erected in Kelty.

“Day by Day In the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Meeting of Beath Parish Council’ - ‘Clothing of Poor Children’ - ‘The Proposed Fife Cafe Company Limited’ - ‘The Gothenburg Scheme’ - Etc.

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“Lumphinnans” - ‘Extension of the School’ - a brief report of plans being passed for an extension to Lumphinnans Public School which will see the present accommodation for some 200 children extended so as to accommodate some 700 children at an estimated cost of.

“How a Miner, a Brusher, and a Blacksmith Were Killed” - brief reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Adamson, miner, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Colliery, Lochgelly - James Bannigan, Brusher, Ballingry, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Glenraig Colliery - and Alexander Ferguson, Blacksmith, Halbeath, who was killed at No. 3 Pit, Kingseat Colliery.

“Among the Miners” - snippets of news about the mining industry, such as: - ‘Billy Fairplay at Leven’ - ‘The Eight Hours Day in Fife’ - ‘Non-unionists Among Fife Miners’ - ‘Fife Coal Shipping Trade’.

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“Day by Day in the burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Cowdenbeath Baptist Church’ - ‘The Post-Office’ - ‘The Lighting of the Burgh’ - Etc.

“Jottings From Kelty” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The New Kelty Public House’ - ‘The Water Supply for the Aitken Baths’ - ‘The Sanitary Condition of the Village’

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“The New Headmaster of North Queensferry” - a photograph and pen-picture of Mr John Cuthel, the newly appointed Headmaster of North Queensferry Public School.

“Vital Statistics For November” - statistics of births and deaths as supplied by Dr. Morris, Medical Officer of Health for the Burgh.

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“The Gothenburg at Cowdenbeath” - ‘Purchase of a House For £7,000 - a brief report of a Licensed House being bought by the Cowdenbeath Gothenburg Society.

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Gothenburg Public-House’ - ‘Burgh Court Cases’ - ‘The Cowdenbeath Brass Band - Proposed Brass Band League’ - ‘Meeting of Beath Parish Council’

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“The Staple Industry of Dunfermline and West Fife” - a glimpse at the Linen Trade for the year 1900 - contains a table of the linen and cotton exported from Dunfermline to America from 1887 - 1900.

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath. Such as: - ‘Meeting of Burgh Commissioners’ - ‘The Lighting Question’ - ‘Meeting of Beath School Board’

“Truth Stranger Than Fiction” - ‘Mining in Scotland Sixty Years Ago’ a fairly long report of a lecture that was given by Mr A.S. Cunningham titled “Glimpses of Pit Life From an Old Blue Book”

“Dunfermline Town Band and Fordell Band” - a brief report of these two bands being disbanded (no pun intended)

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“Lest We Forget” - a retrospect for Dunfermline for the year 1900.

“Meeting of Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee” - ‘The Price of Beds in the Poorhouse’ - a report of the special meeting of the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee which was held to consider a proposed increase in respect of Cowdenbeath Parish’s share for their allocated beds in the Combination Poorhouse.

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“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The Co-operative Society’s Quarterly Meeting’ - ‘Electric Lighting Scheme Afoot’ - ‘A New Slaughterhouse to be Built’ - a long report of Kelty Co-operative Society’s quarterly meeting.

“Lochgelly” - ‘1900’ - a brief retrospect of Lochgelly for the year 1900.

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“Mark Light in Parish of Beath” - an article about Hill of Beath Village being the only village in the parish of Beath to have the village streets lighted by electric lighting.

“The Old Century and the New” - a brief glimpse of what life was like in Dunfermline in the late 1700’s - early 1800’s.

“The Scottish Central Rubber Company’s Works in Dunfermline” - a brief look at the new Scottish Central Rubber Company’s Works recently opened in Dunfermline.

“Hogmany Hymn” - a poem by Josh MacRae, Tinker.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Beath Parish Council and the Beds Question’ (Combination Poorhouse) - ‘At The Burgh Courts’ - Etc.

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“Exports of Coal From Scotland” - the statistics of the coal exported from Scotland during the year 1900, and the various destinations of the exported coal.

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“Meeting of Town Council” - a report of the regular meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council which discussed: - ‘The Question of Lighting’ - ‘The Years Crime’ - Etc.

“Quarterly Meeting of the Co-operative Society” - a report of the quarterly meeting of Cowdenbeath Co-operative Society.

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“The Coal Trade of the Kingdom” - ‘The Shipments, Selling Prices, Output, and Wages’ - some interesting statistics regarding the Coal Mining Industry in Fife which covers the period 1880 - 1900 - an informative article.

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“Accidents in Mines” - a synopsis of the Fatal Accidents in and about the mines and quarries of the United Kingdom during the year 1900

“Kelty Notes” - snippets of news from Kelty, such as: - ‘The Curling Club’ - ‘Established Church Sunday School Soiree’

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“The Poorhouse Committee and the Beds” - a report of the meeting of the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee regarding Cowdenbeath Parish’s inquiry as to the terms on which additional beds in the Combination Poorhouse could be obtained for the poor of Cowdenbeath Parish.

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“Mourning Sunday in the United Kingdom” - ‘What the Ministers of Dunfermline and West Fife had to say of Queen Victoria’ - reports of the various tributes that were paid to the late Queen Victoria throughout the districts - continues on to P3

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“King Edward VII” - ‘Proclaimed at Dunfermline, Inverkeithing, and Culross’ - a report of King Edward VII being proclaimed King throughout the Dunfermline districts.

“A Cowdenbeath “Hutch-Pinning” Case” - ‘How a Miner was “Trapped” - A Smart Sentence’ - a fairly long report of a Dunfermline Sheriff Court case that was brought against a Cowdenbeath miner who was charged with “Hutch-Pining” (stealing another miners hutches of coal and claiming them as his own)

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“A Tinkler’s Tribute” - a poem by Josh MacRae, Tinkler, in memory of the late Queen Victoria

“The Funeral of Queen Victoria” - a long report on the funeral of the late Queen Victoria - continues on to P3

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“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Annual Meeting of Kelty Friendly Society’ - ‘The Roads at Kelty’ - ‘The Water Supply of Kelty’

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Meeting of the Town Council’, a report of the monthly meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council during which the following were discussed: - ‘The Sanitary Conditions of the Burgh’ - etc. ‘Meeting of Beath School Board’.

“Lassodie” - ‘Opening of a Hall’ - a report of the opening of an “Iron Hall, seated to accommodate 300 people” - in the village of Lassodie

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“Disaster At Hill of Beath Colliery” - ‘Seven Men Suffocated by Carbon Monoxide’ - ‘Rescuers’ Terrible Struggle to Protect and Save Life’ - ‘Graphic Accounts by Rescuers’ - ‘Mourning Saturday at Crossgates and Hill of Beath’ - a long report of the mining disaster which occurred in the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath Colliery, in which seven men lost their lives.

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“The Miners Wages Question” - a report of the coalmasters pressing their claim for a reduction in the wages of the miners.

“The Kelty Gothenburg Public-House” - ‘The Profits of 1900 - How They are to be Spent’ - a report of the profits that were made by the Kelty Gothenburg Public-House during 1900 and of how the committee of the Gothenburg Society have decided to distribute the profits made to various organisations within the village of Kelty.

“Another Gothenburg Defeat” - a report of Kirkcaldy Town Council turning down an application for a licence to operate a Gothenburg Public-House in Kirkcaldy.

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“Extraordinary Scene in Beath Cemetery” - ‘Gravedigger and Joiner Fall Out and Fight’ - ‘Dispute About Burial of Hill of Beath Victims’ - a fairly long report of an incident which occurred at Beath Cemetery.

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“Annual Meeting of the Fife Coal Company” - ‘The Dividend For 1900’ - ‘The Hill of Beath Disaster’ - a brief report of the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Fife Coal Company.

“Among the Miners” - snippets of news regarding the mining industry, such as: - ‘The Fife and Clackmannan Notices’ - ‘Conference of Miners Delegates - Representatives Advise Acceptance on the Reduction of Wages’ - ‘Fife and Kinross Miners and the Wages Question’ - ‘Mr John Weir on the Wages Question’ - ‘The Miners Wages Ballot’.

Mar 6 P2

“Gothenburg Public-Houses” - ‘Allegations by Mr Henry Younger’ - ‘He gets a Trouncing From Mr Carlow’ - an article which puts forward the arguments for and against the Gothenburg Public-House System. For: - Mr C. Carlow, Director of the Fife Coal Company. Against: - Mr Henry Younger, President of the Scottish Licensed Trade Defence Association.

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“The Rev. Jas. Gilmour’s Tract on “The New Public-House Experiments” - an interesting and informative article on the subject of the introduction of the Gothenburg System of Public-Houses in Fife.

“The Hill of Beath Disaster” - ‘A Permanent Memorial Fund’ - a report of the public meeting that was held in the Old School, Hill of Beath, where the decision was made that, after relief being afforded to the widows and children of the men killed in the recent disaster in the Engine Pit, that a Permanent Relief Fund be set up to help other mining families in need of assistance.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Burgh Court Cases’ - ‘From The Pithead’ - ‘The Gas Works Sold’ - ‘Retirement of Sergeant Findlay’ -, ‘Extension of the Library’ - ‘Another “Gothenburg” Opposition Meeting’ - Etc.

“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Trinity United Free Church’ - ‘Formation of a Football Club (the Kelty Co-operative Football Club) - ‘The Evening Classes’ - Etc.

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“West Fife Temperance Notes” - snippets of news from the Temperance Lodges at: - Kelty - Lochore - and Lassodie

“The Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee” - ‘Beath and the Beds Question’ - the report of a meeting of the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee, which gives the reader a good indication as to the cost involved to the Parish in respect of maintaining beds in the Combination Poorhouse.

“Dunfermline Volunteers For the Front” - a report - (with photograph) of the send-off that was given to the four members of the Dunfermline Volunteer Corps: - Messrs Gibson - Suttie - Meldrum - and Couper, who went out to South Africa to relieve the previous contingent from A and B Coys. (A long article)

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“Sad Fatality in the Aitken Pit” - ‘One Man Killed and Another Injured’ - a brief report of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty, when John Bell Heggie, Heggie’s Building, Kelty, lost his life and James Currence, Glenburn, Cowdenbeath, was badly injured by two runaway hutches in the Aitken Pit.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Meeting of the Town Council - The Slaughter House - Precautions in Regard to Smallpox - The Sanitary Inspectorship - The lighting Question Again - Meeting of Beath School Board - Resignations and Appointments - Applications for Increases - Report on Kelty School - Etc.

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“The Hill of Beath Colliery Disaster” - ‘An Inquiry At Dunfermline’ ‘The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide’ - ‘How to Test the Presence of the Obnoxious Gas’ - a report of the Fatal Inquiry into the Hill of Beath Colliery Disaster.

“Kingseat” - ‘Lighting of the Village’ - a report of the street light of the village of Kingseat being lighted for the first time by: - “eleven paraffin Duplex Lamps, of substantial construction, and of good appearance, fixed at convenient distances, so as to give light in the most advantageous manner.”

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“Gothenburg in Kirkcaldy” - ‘System Condemned’ - a report of the public meeting that was held in the Adam Smith Hall, Kirkcaldy, to consider the proposed “Gothenburg” Public-House system in Kirkcaldy.

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“Among the Miners” - ‘The Coal Output of the United Kingdom’ - a synopsis of the statistics of the coal output of the United Kingdom for the year 1900

“Miners Five Days Policy” - ‘Proposal to Terminate Contracts in Fife’ - ‘The Attitude of the Coalmasters’ - a report of the Fife and Clackmannan miners trying to alter their present contract with the Coalmasters so that they can alter their ‘Eleven Days a Fortnight’ policy.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Literary Social’ - ‘Burgh Court Cases’ - ‘Rabbit Coursing’ - ‘A New Railway Siding and Signal Cabin’ - Etc.

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“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Service of Song’ - ‘Legislative Reform’ - ‘Extension of the Public Library’ - ‘Doctors and “Soul and Conscience” Certificates’.

“Among The Miners” - ‘Fife Miners Five Days’ Policy - The Lodgings of the Fife Warnings’ - a brief report of the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association being expected to lodge notices with the coalmasters to terminate the miners existing contracts in favour of their five working days per week policy.

“A Considerable Number of Dissentients” - ‘A Strike Thought to be Impossible’ - a brief report of the confusion that exists throughout the Fife Districts as to the question regarding the Fife miners Five Days Policy

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“The Gothenburg Public-House Question” - ‘Meeting in Dunfermline’ - Mr John Ross, Dunfermline, on His Critics’ - a report of a meeting that was attended by various people who were favourable to the idea of establishing a Gothenburg Public-House system in Dunfermline - the article also contains a letter from the Rev. James Gilmour, who opposed the scheme.

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“The Culross and Valleyfield Coalfield” - a brief report of the results of the test boring that has been carried out testing for coal fields in the Culross and Torryburn areas.

Apr 3 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Management of Co-operative Societies’ - ‘Special Meeting of Beath School Board (HM Inspector of Schools reports on: - Lassodie Public School & Hill of Beath Public School) - ‘The Lighting Question’ - Etc.

“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The Golf Club (AGM)’ - ‘Lord Elgin on the State of Kelty Roads’ - ‘The Gothenburg Public-House’ - Etc.

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“The Miners Five Days Policy” - ‘Meeting of the Fife Wages’ Committee’ - ‘The Federation Policy Discarded’ - ‘Recommendation to Withdraw the Warnings’ - a long report of the Scottish Miners’ Federation’s plans to impose a Five Days working week policy being rejected by the Fife miners.

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“The Health of the County of Fife” - ‘Ten Years of Sanitary Supervision’ - a synopsis of Fife County Council Medical Officer’s report for 1900 - contains a record of the general death rate for the districts of Cupar - Dunfermline - Kirkcaldy - and St Andrews for the years 1892 - 1900.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Public Library (Gift of Books) - ‘The Baptist Church’ - ‘Co-operative Society Meeting’ - ‘The Gothenburg Public-House’ - Etc.

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“Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee” - a report of a meeting of the Combination Poorhouse Committee which discussed, among others, the following: - ‘The Inmates of the House’ (Numbers and from which parish) - ‘Clothing Contracts’ - ‘The Inspecting Officer’s report’

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“Dunfermline Co-operative Society” - ‘Opening of the New Premises in High Street’ - a report of the formal opening of the Society’s new premises in High Street, Dunfermline.

“Dunfermline Carnegie Baths and Gymnasium” - the report that a start is soon to be made with the erection of new Public Baths and a Gymnasium in Pilmuir Street, Dunfermline, thanks to the generosity of Mr Andrew Carnegie.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Beath School Board (Monthly Meeting) - ‘The Berry Bequest Bursaries’ - ‘The County Council Grants’ - ‘Reports on the Schools’ - ‘An Institute of Boys’ - ‘The Additions to Cowdenbeath Schools’ - Etc. - ‘Town Council Meeting’ (Monthly Meeting) - ‘The Cleansing Contractor and his Dues’ - ‘The Food and Drug Act’ - ‘The Drainage Scheme’ - ‘The Paving of Foulford Street’ - ‘The Census Returns’ - Etc.

“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Semi-Jubilee of the Rev. W. Stephen’ - ‘The Village Nurse’ - Etc.

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“The Poorhouse Beds Situation” - a fairly long report of the monthly meeting of the Beath Parish Council during which the main topic reported was the question of the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Beds for which Beath Parish is responsible for maintaining.

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“Census Returns For West Fife” - tables showing the Census returns for Dunfermline and other burghs and villages in West Fife.

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“The Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Beds” - a letter from Mr John Devlin, secretary of the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee, which gives the reader a very clear description of the Bed situation in the Combination Poorhouse.

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“The Census For Beath Parish” - a brief report of the population changes that have taken place in Beath Parish from 1801 to 1901 - contains also a glimpse at Beath’s progress since 1790.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Presentation to Ex-Sergeant Findlay’ - ‘Beath Board and the Blacklist’ - ‘The Golf Club’ - ‘A Cowdenbeath Soldier’s Bravery Recognised by the Authorities (Private John McCue, 1st Cameron Highlanders)

“Kelty Notes” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Semi-Jubilee of the Rev. W. Stephen.

“Donibristle” - ‘Fatal Pit Accident’ - a brief report of the death of William Archibald, miner, Toll Row, Donibristle, who died as a result of an accident in the Marion Pit, Donibristle Colliery.

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“ The Tax on Coal” - ‘How Fife is Affected’ - ‘Confusion at the Fife Shipping Ports’ - ‘Interviews With Coalmasters and Men’ - a long article about how the Governments new Tax of one shilling per ton on coal is affecting Fife and other parts of the Nation.

“The Fife and Kinross Coal Company” - ‘The Dunfermline Splint Struck’ - a report of the Fife and Kinross Coal Company reaching the Dunfermline Splint seam of coal at a depth of 86 fathoms in their Blairenbathie field near Kelty.

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“Census of the Parish of Beath” - some census returns regarding numbers of population and houses for the parish of Beath - includes Kelty - Lassodie - Hill of Beath - and Cowdenbeath.

“Mr Carnegie’s Great Wealth” - an article about the great wealth of Mr Andrew Carnegie, with some suggestions as to how he might dispose of it.

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“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Re-Arrangement of the Wards of the Parish’ - ‘Golf’ - ‘The Dispute Between Cowdenbeath and Hill of Beath Co-operative Societies’ - ‘Police Court Cases’ - Etc.

“The Gothenburg Public-House System” - ‘Opening of a Shop at Cowdenbeath’ - a brief report (with a sketch of the building) of Cowdenbeath Public-House Society purchasing premises in the High Street, Cowdenbeath, for the sum of £7000 .

May 1 P2

“Sunday Shebeening at Kelty” - ‘A Newsagent Heavily Fined’ - a report of a Kelty Newsagent being fined for Shebeening (illegally selling excisable liquors) at Kelty.

May 1 P3

“Semi-Jubilee of the Rev. W. Stephen, Kelty” - ‘Social Meeting in the Church’ - ‘Handsome Gifts to Mr & Mrs Stephen’ - a fairly long report of the social evening and presentation that was held in the United Free Church, Kelty, to mark the occasion of the semi-jubilee of Pastor the Rev. W. Stephen, Kelty - contains a sketch of the Moray United Free Church, Kelty.

May 8 P2

“Day by Day in the burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Fatal Accident at Lumphinnans’ - a report of the death of Mr Walter Brown, 1 Sligo Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans. - ‘The Town Councillors Visit the New Water Works’ - Etc.

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“The Tax on Coal” - ‘Debate in the House of Commons’ - a report of the debate that was held in the House of Commons regarding the proposed Tax on Coal.

May 8 P3

“West of Scotland Mining District” - ‘Mr J.M. Ronaldson’s Report’ - a glimpse at the Inspector of Mines report for the mines in the West of Scotland District. - Contains some informative and useful statistics.

“Dunfermline Cricket Club” - ‘The New Pavilion’ - a sketch of Dunfermline Cricket Club’s new Pavilion at Lady’s Mill, Dunfermline, and a report that it is to be formally opened next Saturday.

May 8 P4

“The ‘Gothenburg’ For Dunfermline” - ‘Purchase of St Margaret’s Hotel’ - the report of a bargain being concluded between Mr J.B. McIntyre (owner of the St Margaret’s Hotel) and the Dunfermline Public-House Society, to purchase the St Margaret’s Hotel and operate it on the Gothenburg system of Public-House.

May 15 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Building Trade in the Burgh’ - ‘Meeting of the Town Council’ - ‘The Regulation of Pig-Sty’s’ - ‘Meeting of Beath School Board’ - ‘A Playground For Kelty School’ - Etc.

May 15 P3

“Public Inquiries At Dunfermline” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Archibald, miner, who died as a result of an accident in the Marion Pit, Donibristle Colliery - and Walter Brown, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans.

“Dunfermline Cricket Club Pavilion” - ‘The Opening Ceremony’ - a report of the formal opening of the new Cricket Club Pavilion at Dunfermline Cricket Club.

“Fire at Dunfermline Sawmills” - ‘Buildings and Machinery Wrecked’ - a report of the disastrous fire which occurred at Messrs Alex Morton & Son’s Dunfermline Sawmills, Rumblingwell.

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May 21 P2

“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Golf Tournament - A Golf Match at Leslie’ - ‘Dr. Day Leaves The Village’.

May 21 P3

“Brass Band Contest at Cowdenbeath” - a report of, and results of, the Brass Band Contest which was held in the North End Park, Cowdenbeath, under the auspices of the County of Fife Brass Band League.

“Home From Active Service” - ‘Enthusiastic Welcome To Dunfermline Soldier Volunteers’ - ‘Drumhead Service in the Abbey’ - a report of the enthusiastic welcome home that was given to Sergeant C. Bell, Corporal D. Millar, and Privates J. Beveridge, D. Moodie, and J. Brown on their return home to Dunfermline after active service in South Africa.

May 21 P4

“The Fortifications At North Queensferry” - ‘Work Nearly Completed’ - ‘Landing of Big Guns on Sunday’ - a report of the fortifications at North Queensferry being almost completed - contains a brief description of the Carlingnose Fort and a report of the great six-inch guns being delivered to the fort.

May 29 P2

“The Census For Scotland” - some statistics as gleaned from the recent census returns

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Measles Epidemic’ - ‘Cricket Match’ - ‘A Joiner Crushed to Death (Mr Daniel Bain, (19 yr.) who was killed on the pithead of No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath) - ‘Meeting of Beath Parish Council’ - ‘The Poorhouse Charges’ - ‘The Moss-side Right of Way’ - ‘The New Boundaries’ - ‘Cowdenbeath Town Council and the Water Supply’ - Etc.

“Kelty Notes” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘The New Angling Club’ - ‘Death of the Manager of Kelty Co-operative Society (Mr Alex Mill) - ‘The Telegraph into the Oakfield Post Office’.

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“A Fatal Pitshaft Accident at Lumphinnans” - a brief report of the court case that was brought before the Dunfermline Sheriff Court by the widow of Adam Graham, Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Lumphinnans No. 11 Pit on the 26th December, 1900, against the Coal Company for damages for the loss of her husband.

May 29 P3

“The Late Mr William Inglis, Manufacturer, Dunfermline” - a photograph and report of the tribute that was paid to the late Mr Inglis, by the Rev. Robert Alexander of Queen Street United Church, Dunfermline.

May 29 P4

“Sequel To A Fainting Fit” - ‘A Man Falls Down The Aitken Pit’ - a report of the death of Mr James Gray, Naysmith Place, Kelty, who fell to his death from the cage in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

“Man Killed and Another Injured At Lassodie” - ‘A big Stone Falls From The Roof’ - a brief report of William Taylor, miner, being killed and William Anderson being injured by a huge stone falling upon them in No. 11 Pit, Lassodie.

“The Welsh Pit Disaster” - ‘Loss of 82 Lives’ - ‘Rescuers Battle With After-Damp’ - a brief report of the explosion which occurred at the Universal Colliery in the Aber Valley, about six miles from Caerphilly, in which 82 men died.

Jun 5 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Scarcity of Water’ - ‘The Lighting Question’ - ‘Cowdenbeath Football Club’ - ‘Lumphinnans Annual Games (a report of the games)’ - ‘Death of Mr George Bickerton, Draper’ - Etc.

“Kelty Jottings” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Water Supply for New Houses’ - ‘The Gala Day’ - Etc.

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Jun 5 P3

“The Fife and Kinross Miners’ Gala” - ‘Great Gathering on the North Inch, Perth’ - ‘Speeches By Mr Hope, M.P., Mr Keir Hardie, M.P., and The Miners’ Officials’ - a long report of the Fife and Kinross Miners Annual Gala Day which was held in Perth, and of the speeches that were made.

June 12 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Meeting of Beath School Board’ - ‘Appointments’ - ‘Six Weeks to Clear Cowdenbeath of Measles Etc.’ - ‘The Damage To Lassodie School’ - ‘Pony Gallop and Horse Trot (in a field near Lumphinnans)’ - ‘The “National Guardian” on The Kelty Gothenburg’

June 12 P3

“Public Inquiries at Dunfermline” - ‘How a Drawer, Two Brushers and a Joiner Were Killed’ - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Bell, Drawer, Glencreig, who died as a result of an accident in Glencreig Pit: - William Springthorpe, Brusher, Lassodie, who died as a result of an accident in Lassodie Colliery: - James Gray, Brusher, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty: - and Daniel Bain, Joiner, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident at No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

“The Townhill Colliery Houses Question” - ‘Lively Discussion At Dunfermline Town Council’ - a report of the monthly Dunfermline Town Council meeting during which discussed the future of two rows of condemned houses in Townhill, namely the School Row and Water Row.

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“Cowdenbeath Public School” - ‘Sketch Showing The Additions’ - a sketch and description of the extensions that are to be made to the Public School in Broad Street, Cowdenbeath.

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June 19 P3

“The Aitken Baths at Kelty” - ‘Opening Ceremony’ - a report of the formal opening ceremony of the Aitken Baths at Kelty - contains sketches of the new Baths and of Mr Thomas Aitken.

“The Gothenburg Scheme For Dunfermline” - ‘Numerous Objections’ - ‘Application For St Margaret’s Hotel Licence’ - ‘The Magistrates Refuse by a Majority’ - a long report of Dunfermline Public-House Society having their application for a transfer of the licence for St Margaret’s Hotel to themselves to enable them to operate the Hotel on the ‘Gothenburg’ system, turned down by the Dunfermline Magistrates.

June 19 P3

“The Threatened Water Famine At Cowdenbeath” - ‘Fife Coal Company Comes to the Rescue’ - a brief report of Fife Coal Company offering to supply Cowdenbeath with some 100,000 gallons of water from a point 30 fathoms down Dalbeath Pit at a ‘reasonable cost’.

“The Mines of Scotland” - ‘HM Inspectors Reports’ - ‘Mr J.B. Aitkinson’s report for the east of Scotland’ - a brief synopsis of some statistics appertaining to mining in the east of Scotland during 1900.

June 26 P2

“Day by Day in the burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath burgh, such as: —~~‘A’~~—~~‘A’~~ sketch of Mr David Reid, who was murdered in the USA (see June 2 P2) - ‘Accident to a Female Pithead Worker’ - ‘Street Improvements’ - Etc.

“Kelty Notes” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘Pit Accident’ - Co-operative Meeting and Balance Sheets’ - Etc.

“The Water Supply of Cowdenbeath” - an article describing the present water supply of Cowdenbeath.

June 26 P2

“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 1 - ‘The Linen of the Bible’ - the first of a long series of articles that appear most weeks from now on the subject of

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the Linen Trade which played a **very** important part in the industrial history of Dunfermline.

“Destructive Fire at Inverkeithing Railway Station” - ‘A Goods Shed and Eight Loaded Wagons Wrecked’ - a brief report of a fire at Inverkeithing Railway Station’s goods shed.

June 26 P3

“Kelty and Hill of Beath Public-House Experiments” - a fairly long and very informative article which gives the results of a Special Commissioner’s Inquiry which was set up to investigate into the Fife “Gothenburg” Public-House experiment.

June 26 P3

“Vagrants in Dunfermline and West Fife” - a synopsis of a recent census that was taken by the police in the City of Dunfermline and the Dunfermline Constabulary Division on the amount of vagrants in the Dunfermline area.

June 16 P4

“Pit-Brow Girls Near Wigan” - a sketch of two pithead lassies and a synopsis of a mining Inspector’s report on the working conditions of “Pit-Brow” girls in Lancashire.

July 3 P2

“The Scotch Census Returns” - some statistics from the last census taken in Scotland.

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“The Water Supply of Cowdenbeath” - “Description of the Roscobie Reservoir’ - as in heading

“Notes From The Village of Kelty” - ‘The Growth of the Villages’

“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 2 - “Linen in Foreign Countries In Ancient and Modern Times’.

“Ambulance Work at Fife Collieries” - a report of the second annual competition to be held among the colliery teams of First-Aid Men competing for the Fife and Kinross

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Miners' Association Cup and Medals - contains a sketch of the cup and the results of the competition.

July 10 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘The Building Boom Still Continues’ - ‘The Lighting Question’ (Lighting the town of Cowdenbeath with electricity’ - ‘Dalbeath Water Analysed’ - ‘Medical Officer’s Report. - Etc.

“The Miners” - ‘The Lochgelly Iron & Coal Company’ - a synopsis of the Directors of the Lochgelly Iron & Coal Company’s annual report to their shareholders.

July 10 P3

“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 3 - ‘English and Irish Linens in Far off and Modern days’.

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“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 4 - ‘Scotch Linens of the Olden Time’.

July 17 P3

“Donibristle Colliery” - a sketch of the Countess Pit, which formed part of the Donibristle Colliery Company’s works with a brief description of the pit. - Also contains a list of other pits that were sunk by the Donibristle Colliery Company.

“Kelty Jottings” - ‘The Water Works At Loch Glow’ - a brief report of the water works at Loch Glow now being completed.

Jul 24 P2

“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 5 - ‘The Tariffs of the Olden Time’

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from Cowdenbeath, such as, ‘The Water Supply’ - ‘Beath Parish And Dunfermline Poorhouse’ - Etc.

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“The Railway Accidents of 1899 and 1900” - some statistics of the numbers of peoples killed and injured in Railway Accidents in the UK

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“Our Coal Supply” - some statistics of the coal production in the United Kingdom and other countries.

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Jul 31 P2

“Hutch-Pinning at Blairadam” - the report of a miner being found guilty of the crime of ‘Hutch-pinning’. (Removing a tally or identifying pin from a hutch of coal that had been filled by another miner and replacing it with his own, thereby claiming the filled hutch as his own for which he will be paid the going rate for digging and filling).

Aug 7 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as, - ‘Meeting of Factory Workers’ - ‘Burgh Court Cases’ Etc.

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“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 8

Aug 14 P3

“The Gothenburg in Dunfermline” - ‘Purchase of the Old Inn’ - a brief report of the Dunfermline Public-House Society purchasing the Old Inn, which is situated in Kirkgate Street, Dunfermline, for the sum of £2,600 with the view of operating it on the Gothenburg system of Public-House.

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“Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade” - Part 9

“Kelty Notes” - snippets of news from the village of Kelty, such as: - ‘A New Football Trophy’ - ‘Building Operations’ - Etc.

Aug 28 P3

“Terrible Catastrophe at Donibristle Colliery” - ‘Moss Morran Bursts into the Workings’ - ‘Fourteen Men Entombed’ - Little Hope of any Rescues Alive’ - a long report of fourteen men being entombed in No. 12 pit of the Donibristle Colliery by an inflow of peat and moss.

“Five Men Rescued Alive” - ‘One Still Alive in the Mine’ - ‘Eight Known to be Suffocated’ - further reports of the above disaster in Donibristle Colliery.

Sept 4 P2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - ‘Another name for the Roll of Honour’ - ‘Jones Intends to take a Holiday’ - further information regarding the recent Donibristle Colliery disaster.

“The Catastrophe at Donibristle Colliery” - ‘Eight Men Entombed in a Pit and Eight Men Rescued’ - further reports concerning the recent Donibristle Colliery disaster - contains a sketch of the section of the mine where the moss came in - continues onto P 3, which contains sketches of John Sheddon, John Jones, John Colville, and John Farquhar.

Sep 4 P 3

“Pulpit and Platform References to the ~~Catastrophe~~—Catastrophe” - reports of the sermons that were delivered in the various churches in the district with regards to the Donibristle Disaster.

Sep 11 P 3

“The Donibristle Disaster” - ‘Formidable Difficulties to be Overcome’ - Further reports of the recent Donibristle Disaster. (Contains a sketch of Mr J.B. Aitkinson, Inspector of Mines.)

Sep 18 P 2

“Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district, such as reports from the Burgh Court, Meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council, which discussed the Donibristle Disaster - Housing the Electric Lighting Engine - Lighting of the Slaughter House - etc.

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‘Water Famine in Cowdenbeath’ - ‘An Acute State of Matters. - Can No Remedy be Found?’ - a report of Cowdenbeath and District experiencing an acute water shortage as a result of the recent long spell of dry weather.

Sep 18 P 3

‘Donibristle Colliery Disaster’ -Section Plan of the workings - Where Hutchinson Was Working, and Where His Body Was Found’ - further reports of the recent Donibristle Disaster.

Sep 25 P 2

‘~~Kelty~~ Kelty Notes’ - Snippets of news from Kelty - ‘Golf Club’ a brief report of Kelty Golf club’s successful year.

‘Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade’ - Part XII. - ‘Dunfermline From the Earliest Times’.

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‘History of the Linen Trade’ - Part XIII.

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‘Donibristle Colliery Disaster’ - ‘Where the Three Bodies Were Found’ - ‘Five Bodies Yet in the Mine. Where are ~~they:they?~~’ - Further reports of the recent Donibristle Disaster with a sketch of the workings showing where various aspects of the disaster.

‘The Public Inquiry At Dunfermline’. - ‘How the “Hole” Was Made.’ - a brief report of the Fatal Accidents Inquiry that was held in Dunfermline Sheriff Court into the circumstances of the Donibristle Colliery Disaster.

Oct 9 P 2

‘Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath’ - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district such as - ‘The “Store” Dividend’ - ‘Rabbit Coursing at Lochgelly’ - ‘Electric and Gas Lighting’ - ‘Proposed Free Library’ - ‘The Water Supply’ - ‘Police Court Cases’ - etc.

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'Kelty Notes' - snippets of news from the Kelty district such as - [Scavenging](#) - [Scavenging](#) - 'Alleged Theft of a Greyhound' - 'A Tremendous Improvement' - 'The Additions to the School'.

Oct 9 P 3

'Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade' - Part XIV.

'British Gothenburg Experiments' - 'The Fife Houses.' - a synopsis of Messrs Rowantree and Sherwell's recently published book "British Gothenburg Experiments and Public-House Trusts." regarding the Gothenburg Houses at Hill of Beath and Kelty.

Oct 9 P3

'West Fife Feeing Market' - 'Young Hands Scarce.' - A brief report of the annual feeing market for the Western District of Fife, which was held at Dunfermline showing the wages, that was to be paid for the year.

Oct 16 P 2

'Cowdenbeath Railway Station' - an editorial decrying the fact that the North British Railway have chosen a site for their new railway station at Cowdenbeath that is situated about 100 feet above the level of the street.

'Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath' - snippets of news about Cowdenbeath and district, such as, - 'Education in Cowdenbeath' - Meeting of Beath School Board' at which the following was discussed - 'Increases of Salary' - 'The Cowdenbeath School Additions' - 'A Choral Union for Kelty' - etc.

Oct 16 P2

'Fatal Accident Inquiries at Dunfermline' - a report of the public inquiries into the deaths of - William Duncan, labourer or wood cutter, Park Avenue, Springhill, Crossgates, who died as a result of an accident at Fordell Colliery. - John Hodge, pit inspector, Lower Oakfield who was killed by a fall of material from the roof of the Aitken Pit, Kelty Colliery. -

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‘The Donibristle Colliery Disaster.’ - ‘The Task of Recovering The Bodies’ - ‘The Formidable Nature of the Work’ - ‘How I Descended The Shaft and Incline.’” (By one of our Representatives) - an informative article by a reporter who went into the workings to view the scene of the Donibristle Disaster.

Oct 23 P 3

‘Honouring The Donibristle Heroes.’ - ‘Presentation of Gold Badges and Watches’ - ‘Interesting Ceremony at Cowdenbeath’ - a report of the presentation of Gold Watches to five of the heroes of the Donibristle Disaster as well as the presentation of Gold Badges to eighteen men who had distinguished themselves during the rescue attempts.

Oct 30 P 3

‘Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade’ - ‘Part XV.

Nov 6 P 3

‘Trinity United Free Church, Kelty.’ - ‘Ordination of the Rev. James Dinwoodie’ - a report of the ordination of the Rev. Dinwoodie to the pastorate of Kelty.

‘Two Sides to a Picture’ - ~~‘Cost’~~ **‘Cost’** £40,000 or £50,000; offered for £15,000’ - a report of the sale of Blairenbathie Colliery, Blairadam, Fife.

‘Accidents at Hill of Beath and Bowhill’ - **‘Public Inquiries at Dunfermline’** - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of - William Wallace, wagon shunter, Hill of Beath Colliery, who died as a result of an accident at the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath Colliery, and William Rankine Junior, miner, Bowhill colliery, who died as a result of a fall of material from the roof of Bowhill Colliery.

‘Some Chapters in the History of the Linen Trade’ - ‘Part XVI.

Nov 13 P 2

‘Let There be Light’ - ‘Cowdenbeath Streets Lit by Electricity’ - a report of the formal switching on of the current to provide street lighting at Cowdenbeath.

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‘The “Gothenburg” At Hill of Beath’ - Spacious Recreation and Reading Rooms’ - ‘Speeches by Mr C. Carlow, Sheriff Gillespie, and Others’ - a report of the formal opening of a new building that was erected out of the profits of the Hill of Beath

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“Gothenburg” - contains a brief synopsis of the Gothenburg style of Public House management in Hill of Beath.

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‘Railway Smash At Kelty’ - “Damage to Rolling Stock” - a report of the smash that occurred at Kelty Railway Station which resulted in some considerable damage to the rolling stock.

‘Public Inquiries at Dunfermline’ - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Drummond, slater, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of falling from a house at Lochgelly. : - Robert Paterson, Ale Carter, James Place, Dunfermline, who died as a result of a driving accident. : - James Dow, Pithead labourer, Old Back Causeway, Kinross, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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‘Distressing Fatality at a Fife Colliery’ - the report of an accident at the Julian Pit, of the Balgonie Colliery Company in which James Smart, roadsman, Markinch, was killed.

Dec 11 P2

‘The Donibristle Compensation Claims’ - “The Cases Settled” - a brief report of the five men who were entombed in No. 12 Pit of Donibristle Collier agreeing to accept forty pounds each in respect of damages.

‘The Donibristle Colliery Disaster’ - “Clearing the Workings of Moss” - “The Bottom of the Big Wheel Brae Almost Reached” - a report of the progress that is being made in the clearing of the moss from the workings of NO. 12 Pit of Donibristle Colliery.

Dec 11 P3

‘Mining in The “Kingdom” - “The Fife and Clackmannan Coalowners Association” - No. III - “The Managing Director Of the Fife Coal Company” a photograph and brief pen picture of Mr Charles Carlow, Managing Director of the Fife Coal Company and the beginning of the Company.

‘Mining By The Monks Of Old’ - “The Quarrying of the Olden Time” - a brief glimpse of coal mining in the 1200’s by the monks of Newbattle Abbey and the Monks of Dunfermline. - Article contains an extract from some old records dating back to 1744.

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'Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath' -snippets of news from the parish of Beath (a weekly article) - such as: - Beath Parish Council (Annual Statutory Meeting) - Beath School Board (Monthly Meeting) - Meeting of Town Council (Monthly Meeting).

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'The Donibristle Colliery Disaster' - "Recovery of the Last of The Bodies" - "A Weird Scene In The Workings" - "The Last Moment of the Rescue Party" - a fairly long report of the recovery of the last of the victims of the Donibristle Colliery Disaster.

Dec 25 P2

'The Donibristle Colliery Disaster' - "Diary of the Rescuers" - "Their Last Moments" - "Pathetic Messages to Relatives" - a glimpse at the messages that were left to their loved ones by the entombed rescue workers.

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'Some Fife Mining Customs' - "Accidents, Early Yokes, and Resumptions After Holidays" - and article about some old customs connected with mining in Fife.

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'The Old Pittencrieff Coal Work's - "The Monks' Charter" - a translation of the Charter that was given by William de Oberwill to the abbots of Dunfermline in 1291 granting them permission to dig the "black stanes".

Jan 14 P3

'The Late Mr James A. Nasmyth' - a report of the death of Mr James Nasmyth, a director of the Donibristle Colliery.

Jan 21 P2

'Fatal Accident Inquiries At Dunfermline' - "Peculiar Fatalities At Lochgelly, Dalbeath, and Cowdenbeath" - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Wilson, jun., pitsinker, Lochgelly, who was killed at the Minto Colliery, Lochgelly. -: - James Ditchburn, jun. miner, who was killed in No. 2 Dalbeath Pit. : - James Trail, Slater, Cowdenbeath, who fell from the roof of a house in Cowdenbeath.

'Fatal Accidents in Mines' - an editorial regarding a recent statement issued by the Home office giving details of the fatalities connected with the Mines and Quarries of the United Kingdom. Gives the number of deaths in coal mines for the years 1901 and 1902.

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'The Fife Coalfields' - "Extraordinary Developments." - a brief glimpse at the history of coal mining in Fife. Gives a table showing the coals shipped from Burntisland, Methil, and Charlestown from the year 1893 until 1902.

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‘Chronicles Of Fife From 1649 To 1651’ - a glimpse at life in Fife during the 1649/51 period, from the “Chronicles of Fife” a—a “Diary from 1649 to 1672” by John Lamont

Feb 4 P3

‘Day by Day in the Burgh of Cowdenbeath’ - snippets of news about Cowdenbeath district, such as: - “The Gothenburg; Balance Sheet” - a brief report of the first balance sheet of the Cowdenbeath Public House, Limited.

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‘Shocking Affair At Windygates’ - “Terrific Explosion of “Gelignite” - “A Miner’s House Wrecked” - “A Girl Occupant Killed” - the report of a terrible explosion that occurred in a Windygates miner’s home as he was preparing his explosives for his next days work.

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‘Day by Day in The Burgh of Cowdenbeath’ - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district, such as: - “Meeting of Beath School Board” - a report of the monthly meeting of Beath School Board - “Meeting of Town Council” - a report of the monthly meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council which discussed, among others ‘The Sanitary Condition of the Burgh’ - ‘Paving’ - etc. - “High Birth Rate In Beath Parish”

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‘Day By Day In The Burgh of Cowdenbeath’ - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district such as: - “Improvements at Beath Cemetery” - “Police Court Cases” - etc.

‘The Miners’ snippets of news about the mining industry, such as: - “Sad Fatality At A Leven Pit” - a report of the death of Richard Fullarton, joiner Innerleven, who was killed at the Durie Colliery. - “Scottish Coal Shipments” a comparative table of the Scottish coal shipments to the end of last week.

‘The West Fife Gothenburg Public-Houses’ - a statement showing the drawings and profits for the years 1901 and 1902 for the Hill of Beath - Kelty - Cowdenbeath - and Dunfermline Gothenburg’s.

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'Kirkcaldy Tramways' - a brief report of Kirkcaldy's "new electric tramways" being now formally open for public use.

'A Record Output For The Fife Coal Company' - "Nearly 2 1/2 Million Tons." - a very brief report of the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Fife Coal Company Limited.

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'Kelty Notes' - snippets of news from the Kelty district, such as: - "Fatal Accident To A Miner" - a report of the death of James King, miner, Lower Oakfield, who was killed in Blairinbathie Pit.

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'Day By Day In The Burgh of Cowdenbeath' - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district, such as: - "Miner's Death By Blood Poisoning" - a report of the Fatal Accident Inquiry into the death of William Martin, miner, Shand's Buildings, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident at No. 1 Kinnaird Colliery.

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'The Naval Base At St. Margaret's Hope' - an article giving a glimpse of the history of the district where the new naval base is to be erected, and what likely affect it will have on the county.

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'The Site Of The Naval Base' — — "The Old Keep Of Rosyth" - a photograph of the old keep of Rosyth with a potted history of Rosyth Castle.

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'The Forth Naval Base' - a good clear photograph of the location where the new Naval Base is to be erected.

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'Infantile Mortality In Fife' - "Interesting Statistics by the Medical Officer" - part of Dr. Nasmyth's annual report which covers the subject of "*Infantile Mortality, 1901*". Also covers the year 1902.

Mar 25 P3

'Kelty Notes' - snippets of news from the Kelty district, such as: - "Fatal Accidents Inquiry" - a brief report of the public Inquiry into the death of James King, miner, Lower Oakfield, Kelty, who was killed in Blairinbathie Colliery

'The Forth Naval Base' - "The Question of Water Supply" - "The Acquisition of More Land" - "Anticipation's At Inverkeithing" - etc. - reports of the preparations for the commencement of the new Naval Base at Rosyth.

'Beath School Board Election' - "Meeting of Electors at Kelty" - a report of the meeting of the ratepayers in Kelty which took place in the Public School to hear Messrs. James Terris, and Archibald Adam address the meeting.

'Fatal Accident At Glencairg Colliery' - a report of the death of David Carver, (26), miner, Auchterderran, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Glencairg Colliery.

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'The Census' - some interesting extracts from the recent census.

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'Day by Day in The Burgh of Cowdenbeath' - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district: - 'Cowdenbeath New Hall' - a sketch of the new building that has been erected in Cowdenbeath High Street by Mr John Pollock. - "Beath School Board" - a report of the monthly meeting of Beath School Board that discussed: - The Kelty School Feu. - Lassodie School - H.M. Inspector's Reports. (For Cowdenbeath; Lassodie; and Hill of Beath Schools. - Census of Children of School Age.

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'The Forth Naval Base' - "Important Statement By Lord Elgin" - a report of the preparations that are being made to accommodate the new Naval Base.

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‘Action Against The Fife Coal Company’ - “Action of Damages For A Son’s Life” - a report of John Bruce, miner, Crossgates claiming damages from the Fife Coal Company for the death of his son William (14 years of age) who was killed in the West Pit, Hill of Beath, whilst in their employ. (See July 22 P2)

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‘Beath School Board Election’ - a report and results of the recent Beath School Board elections.

‘A Proposed “Gothenburg” For Bowhill’ - “An Enthusiastic Meeting” - a report of the public meeting that was held in Auchterderran Public School to discuss the establishment of a “Gothenburg” Public-House for the village of Bowhill.

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‘Glencraig and Lochore New Church’ - “An Appeal For Funds” - a copy of the circular appealing for funds for the proposed Glencraig and Lochore Church (Lochraig).

Apr 22 P2

‘Accident In A Lochgelly Pit’ - “Miner Crushed to Death” - a report of the death of James Bowman, (22), miner, West Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Lochgelly Iron and Coal Company’s pit at Lochhead, near Lochgelly.

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‘Fatal Accident Inquiries at Dunfermline’ - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Andrew Hamilton Wood, ticket collector. : - David Carver, miner, Glencraig, who was killed in Glencraig Pit: - George Lindsay, miner Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Mossbeath Pit.

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‘Fatal Pit Accident’ - a report of the death of Charles Izatt, miner, Thistle Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath.

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‘Glimpses At The Parish of Dalgety’ - No. 1 - the first of a series of articles giving a synopsis of the History of Dalgety.

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‘Glimpses At The Parish of Dalgety’ - No. 2. - “How The Lands Became Alienated”.

May 13 P2

‘Canada or South Africa’ - an editorial about the number of people that are now emigrating from Dunfermline and the Western District of Fife.

‘Tragic Death of a Colliery Manager’ - “Mr Andrew Nisbet, Lochgelly” - a brief report of the death of Mr Andrew Nisbet, General Manager of the Lochgelly Iron & Coal Company.

May 20 P3

‘Freemasonry In Kelty’ - “Lodge Oak Holds a Two Day Bazaar” - a report of the two day bazaar which was organised by Lodge Oak, Kelty, to help raise funds for the building of a hall of their own.

May 20 P3

‘Fatal Accident Inquiries At Dunfermline’ - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Woods, miner, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at Kirkford Pit. : - Charles Izatt, miner, Thistle Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath Colliery. : - William Bowman, miner, West Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Lochhead Pit.

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‘Kelty Notes.’ -snippets of news from the Kelty district, such as: - “The New ‘Gothenburg’” - a progress report of the new “Gothenburg” which is at present being built in Kelty.

‘Kelty a Troublesome Place’ - “Special Punishment To Be Adopted” - Sheriff Gillespie states that he intends to double the sentences on any Kelty people brought before him in an effort to make them behave themselves.

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'Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Miners' - "Eight Hours Demonstration At Stirling" - "About 12,000 people In The City Of The 'Rock'" - a report of the 33rd miners gala day, which was this year held at Stirling.

'The Typhoid Outbreak At Lochore' - "Official Report By The Medical Officer" - "Strong Speaking By Members" - a report of the meeting of the Kirkcaldy District Committee of Fife County Council, during which the recent outbreak of Typhoid which has occurred at the Mary Row, Lochore, was discussed.

June 10 P3

'The Mining Centre of Fife' - "Extraordinary Development Of The Coalfield" - "Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly, Kelty, Cardenden, and Lochore" - a brief report of the activity that is at present going on in the mining industry in the above mentioned districts.

'Beath Parish Burying Grounds' - "Impressions Of A Visit" - an interesting article about Beath's burying-ground and new cemetery.

'East Of Scotland Public-House Trust' - "Meeting at Lochgelly" - "The "Gothenburg" System Favoured" - a report of the public meeting that was held in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, to discuss the proposal for the establishment of a "Gothenburg" style of Public-House in Lochgelly.

'Sports At Lumphinnans' - "The Annual Fair" - a report of the annual Lumphinnans Games.

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'Rosyth Castle And The Naval Base' - a brief history of Rosyth Castle, contains a photograph of Rosyth Castle, and two scenes of the site for the naval base.

June 24 P2

'The Forth Naval Base' - "Some Historic Incidents" - a glimpse at the history of the Rosyth district.

'Alleged Furious Motoring In Cowdenbeath' - "The First Trial In West Fife" - a report of Cowdenbeath Burgh being the first burgh in the Western District of Fife to try a case of "furious driving".

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‘The Typhoid Epidemic At Lochore’ - “An Outbreak At Kelty” - a brief report of the Typhoid fever in Lochore beginning to spread to Kelty.

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‘The Village of Lochore’ - “Some Historical Notes” - a brief glimpse at the history of Lochore village.

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‘The Typhoid Outbreak at Lochore’ - “The Causes of the Outbreak” - “Who Was To Blame?” - further reports of the recent outbreak of Typhoid at Lochore.

July 8 P3

‘The Forth Naval Base’ - “Plan of the Proposed Works” - a sketch map of the proposed Naval Base, showing probable arrangement of Docks and Quays.

‘Dunfermline Half-A-Century Ago’ - some snippets from a diary of 1852.

‘Kelty Notes’ snippets of news from the Kelty district, such as: - “Fatal Pit Accident” - a report of the death of David Rennie, (35) labourer Croall Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore. - “The Drainage Scheme” - a report of the tenders that have been received in respect of the proposed Kelty drainage scheme. - Etc.

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‘The Death Bell Of Dunfermline’ - “Old Funeral Customs” - a glimpse at some old Dunfermline customs.

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‘Interesting Mining Damages Case’ - “A Crossgates Miner v. The Fife Coal Company” - “How A Pony Driver Was Killed” - a fairly long report of the case that was heard in the Court of Session regarding an action raised by John Bruce, miner, Crossgates, against the Fife Coal Company, for damages in respect of the death of his son, William Bruce, (14), who was killed in the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath, while in the employ of the Fife Coal Company.

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‘Crossgates Annual Market And Games’ - “A Record Gathering” - a report of the annual Crossgates Market and Games.

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‘Oatmeal And Culross Girdles’ - “How The Girdle Industry Collapsed” - a glimpse at part of Culross’s interesting history, and how they lost their monopoly on girdle making.

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‘Water For Ballingry And Auchterderran’ - “The Lochore Fever Epidemic” - a report that parts of the parishes of Auchterderran and Ballingry are to be made a special water district.

‘Windfall To Auchterderran Parish’ - “Overlooked Mineral Rights” - a report that the Clerk to Auchterderran Parish Council was of the opinion that the minerals underneath the grounds of Bowhill cemetery (the coal) belonged to the Parish Council. (The Bowhill Coal Company had worked these coal deposits for years).

July 29 P3

‘Marriage Rejoicings At Dundonald Colliery’ - a report of the celebrations that took place in the village of Dundonald due to: - (1) - The inauguration of the holidays. - (2) - The fact that Mr J. Hamilton (one of the three partners of the Dundonald Colliery) was about to be married.

‘The Forth Naval Base’ - “The Commons And The Cost” - “Strong Criticism By Scotch Members” - a report of the House of Commons vote regarding the ~~£200,000 pounds~~ for the acquisition of land at Rosyth for the proposed new Naval Base.

Aug 5 P2

‘Kelty Moray Institute And Baths’ - “Notes Of A Visit” - a description and background information of the Moray Institute and Aitken Baths, Kelty. Contains sketches of the Moray Institute and the Aitken Baths.

‘Sequel To Lochore Fever Epidemic’ - “The Formation of Water District” - a brief report that a portion of the parish of Ballingry is to be made a special water supply district as a direct result of the typhoid epidemic there.

‘Fatal Accidents Inquiries At Dunfermline’ - reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - James Ogilvie, pumpman, Mary Place, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary

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Pit, Lochore. : - David Rennie, labourer, Victoria Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

'The Collieries In Fife' - "Number of Collieries And Persons Employed" - a complete list of the collieries worked in Fife (51), and the number of persons employed in them both under and above ground.

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'Fatal Accident At Blairadam Colliery' - a report of the death of William Scott, Woodend Park, Kelty, who was killed in Blairadam Colliery.

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'Dunfermline Palace Ruins' - "How They Became Crown Property" - "How The Lairds Of Pittencrieff Preserved Them" - a report of the court action which was raised in the Court of Session in 1851 by the Lord Advocate against the proprietor of Pittencrieff, declaring that the Royal Palace of Dunfermline rightfully belonged to the Crown.

'Fatal Pit Accident At Bowhill' - a brief report of the death of David Nairn, (40), underground fireman, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 pit, Bowhill Colliery.

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'Walking Competition From Kinross To Lochgelly' - "Lochgelly Man Wins The Stakes" - a brief report of the walking match which took place between Graham of Lochgelly and Hynd of Cowdenbeath, from Kinross to Lochgelly, a distance slightly less than nine miles. (Graham won in a time of 58 minutes.)

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'The Representation Of West Fife' - "The Miners And A Labour Candidate" - a brief article about the West Fife Miners raising the question as to whether a Labour candidate should be brought forward for West Fife.

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'Fatal Accident Inquiries At Dunfermline' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Scott, miner, Kelty, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Blairadam Colliery. -: - David Nairn, pit inspector, Bowhill, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

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'Kelty Notes' - "Fatal Pit Accident" - a very brief report of the death of James McCabe, Lochore, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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'The Bed of The Forth At Rosyth' - "Some Data Collected in 1806-07" - a brief description of some of the workings that have taken place under the bed of the River Forth.

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'St. Leonard's Hospital, Dunfermline' - an interesting article describing the Chapel and Hospital of St. Leonards, Dunfermline.

'The Representation Of West Fife' - "The Miners And A Labour Candidate" - the move to have a miner's Labour Candidate gathers strength.

'The Proposed Ferry Passage To The Naval Base' - an extract from an old charter dated 1211 bestowing the rights to a Ferry passage between North Queensferry and South Queensferry.

'Valuation Of Fifeshire' - an abstract of the valuation of the various districts of Fifeshire for the year 1903-4.

'The Late Mr. Andrew Landale, Coalmaster' - a report of the death of Mr Andrew Landale, a late Managing Director of the Lochgelly Iron and Coal Company. and ex-Provost of Lochgelly.

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'Glencraig And Lochore New United Free Church.' - "Laying the Memorial Stone" - "Speech By Mr. John Wilson, M.P." - a fairly long report of the laying of the memorial stone of the Glencraig and Lochore New United Free Church (Lochcraig).

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'Lochore Water Supply' - "Difficulty Confronting District Committee" - a brief report of the difficulty being presented to Fife County Council in their effort to provide the Lochore district with a satisfactory supply of good water, by the objections being raised by the Fife Coal Company.

Oct 7 P3

'Church Bazaar At Kelty' - "Fife Coalmaster And Church Indifference" - a report of the two day bazaar which was held in Kelty in connection with the Trinity United Free Church, with the object of raising funds for the building of a Manse and repairs to the church.

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'Lochgelly's Good Fortune' - "Opinions As To The Proposed Public Park" - a report of the late ex-Provost Landale leaving the burgh of Lochgelly the sum of one thousand pounds in his will for the purpose of providing the burgh with a Public Park.

'Bowhill' - "Proposed "Gothenburg" - a brief report of Bowhill Hotel being provisionally purchased by the Bowhill Gothenburg Public-House Society.

'Colliery Fatality At Lochore' - "A Pit Sinker's Terrible Death" - a brief report of the death of James Brown, pit sinker, Mary Pit, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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'Dunfermline Abbey Church Door' - "Opening Out of An Old Doorway." - "Discovery of Two Skeletons." - a report of an interesting discovery being made by workmen in the Old Abbey Church at Dunfermline when they discovered 'a finely ornamented doorway of Norman architecture of the period and the style of the ancient church', and the skeletons of what was believed to be two young people.

'Fatal Accidents Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - David Hunted, Hanger-on, Dunfermline Road, Crossgates, who was killed as a result of an accident in the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath. -: - James McCabe, miner, Back Caravan Row,

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Lochore, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. -: - Samuel Ramage, miner, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Sunnybraes Colliery, Saline.

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'The Brave Dead.' - "Memorial To West Fife Soldiers" - "Unveiling Ceremony In The Abbey" - a report of the unveiling ceremony of the Memorial which was erected in Dunfermline Abbey in memory of the soldiers from Dunfermline and District connected with the Black Watch and other Regiments who were killed during the South African War. (Gives a brief pen-picture of those named on the memorial)

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'The Miners' Worm' - an editorial describing the cause and treatment of a disease more commonly related to miners. (Ankylostomiasis)

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'Carnegie Day.' - "Opening Of The Glen" - a long article (continuing onto page 3) describing the events and speeches connected with the grand opening of the Pittencrieff Glen to the public.

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'Old Scottish Funeral Customs' - an extract of a letter written in Dunfermline, and dated June the 15th, 1761, describing a funeral.

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'Pit Fatality At Kinneddar.' - a brief report of the death of Alexander MacDonald, brusher who was killed in Kinneddar Colliery.

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'Fife Miners And Labour Representation' - 'Meeting At Lochgelly' - a brief report of the meeting which was held in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly to consider the question of there being a direct Labour representative for West Fife.

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‘Mining Towns And Villages’ - an article describing the ‘remarkable changes that have taken place in the mining communities of West Fifeshire’ within the last generation.

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‘Colliery Fatality At Dundonald’ - a brief report of the death of Michael Brien, labourer, Vallance’s Lodginghouse, Kirkcaldy, was killed at Dundonald Colliery Pithead.

‘Attendance At West Of Fife Schools’ - a list of the schools in West Fife at this time with the number of scholars on the registrar of each school

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'Lochgelly' - "Trust Benefits To Glenraig" - a brief report of the East of Scotland Public-House Society purchasing three and a half acres of ground at Glenraig for the purpose of building 'a large public hall, library, and recreation rooms, the remainder to be laid out as a public park'.

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'Fatal Accident Inquiries' - reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - James Syme, Pit Inspector, Foulford Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Kirkford Pit. : - William Brien, Kirkcaldy who was killed in an accident at the sidings of Lady Helen Pit, Dundonald.

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'Kelty' - "Public Improvements" - "Public Grievances Of The Village" - the inhabitants of Kelty begin to step up their 'agitation' for improvements to be made in the village, improvements such as street lighting, a better train service, a better water supply, etc.

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'Cowdenbeath' - snippets of news from the Cowdenbeath district, such as: - "Distress in the Burgh" - a report of 'much privation' existing in the Cowdenbeath district as a result of 'exceptional of 'exceptional dullness' in the local mining industry.

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'Kelty As A Burgh' - "Public Meeting Of Ratepayers" - a fairly long report of a public meeting (the third of a series) which was held to consider the question of forming Kelty into a Burgh.

'Cowdenbeath Gothenburg' - a report of the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Cowdenbeath Gothenburg - contains a report of the profit made and the donations given for the year.

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'Dunfermline Burgh Minerals' - "Hallbeath, Kingseat, Muirbeath, and Townhill Fields" - a report of the current situation with regards to the above Burgh Coalfields.

'Blairadam New Post Office' - "The Opening Ceremony" - a brief report of the formal opening of the new Post Office which had been built to replace the old one at Blairadam.

'Cowdenbeath' - "Presentation" - a brief report of the presentation that was made to honour Mr James ~~Rattray~~ Rattray (Son of Thomas Rattray, who lost his life trying to rescue the men trapped in No. 12 Pit during the Donibristle Disaster) on the occasion of his leaving the Donibristle Colliery.

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'The Fife Coal Company' - "The New Director" - a report of Mr. A.H. Nasmyth, of Middlebank, Dunfermline, and the head of the Donibristle Colliery Company, being appointed Director of the Fife Coal Company. (Contains a brief sketch of the working life of Mr. Nasmyth.)

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'Representation Of West Fife' - "Ballot of the Miners" - a report on the ballot that is to be taken this week of the members of the Fife and Kinross Miners' Association on the question of Direct Labour representation for West Fife. (Also contains a report of the meeting that was held in Kelty at which Mr John D. Hope, M.P. for West Fife addressed the public during which the above subject was the main topic of conversation.)

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‘West Of Fife Infectious Hospital’ - “Medical Superintendent’s Report” - Dr. Macgregor, the medical superintendent of the West of Fife Infectious Hospital, gives his ninth annual report.

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‘A Kelty Engineman’s Terrible Death’ - a brief report of the death of William Kennedy, (40) electric engineman, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

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‘Kelty Burgh Proposal’ - “The Case Before The Sheriff” - a fairly lengthily report of the petition for the formation of Kelty (including Grievesland, Oakfield, and Cantsdam) into a burgh, which was heard in the Dunfermline Sheriff Court.

‘Kelty’ - “The Village School” - a description of the schooling facilities in Kelty at this time.

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‘The Mary Pit’ - a description of the new Mary Pit at Lochore which is at present being sunk by the Fife Coal Company.

‘Fatal Accident To A Pit Bottomer’ - a brief report of the death of Joseph Young, pit bottomer, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in the Wallsend Pit, Rosebank Colliery.

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'The Kelty Burgh Proposal' - a very brief report of the petition to have Kelty raised to the status of Burgh being withdrawn.

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'The Way And Work Of Reform' - "The Village of Crossgates" - a glimpse at the progress that has been made in the village of Crossgates.

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'Fife And Kinross Miner's Gala' - a report of the thirty-fourth annual miner's Gala which was held in Kirkcaldy on this year, with a report of the speeches that were made.

'Lumphinnans Highland Games' - a report of the Lumphinnans Highland Games, with results of some of the competitions.

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'The Way And Work Of Reform' - "Hill of Beath" - a glimpse at the progress that has been made in the village of Hill of Beath.

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‘Cowdenbeath’ - “New Roman Catholic School” - a brief report of the newly erected Roman Catholic school in Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath being opened.

‘The minimum Wage’ - “How The Miner’s Pay Has Fluctuated” - a table showing how the wages of the miners have altered, up and down, since June 1893.

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‘Fatal Accident Inquiries’ - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Andrew Baird, pit drawer, Melville Street, Lochgelly, who died as an accident in the No. 1 Josephine Pit, Bowhill Colliery. : - Andrew Innes, miner, Beveridge Place, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit, North Lumphinnans. : - Andrew Rungay, jnr., brusher, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Patrick Bolan, pitsinker, Auchterderran, who was killed in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly. : - William Gray, roadsman, Landale Street, Lochgelly, who was suffocated by blackdamp in the Melgund Pit, Lochgelly. : - James Mitchell, pitsinker, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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‘Chapter Of Mining Accidents’ - a report of an exceptionally large number of accidents connected with the mining industry occurring in the West Fife district: - “More Blackdamp At Lochgelly” - “Miner Crushed At Donibristle” - “Fall Of Rock At Lochgelly” - “Kirkford Accident” - “A Fractured Skull At Mossbeath” - “Fatality At Lassodie Mill” - John Cummings, miner, Millar’s Buildings, Lower Oakfield, died as a result of an accident in Lassodie Mill Colliery (this was the only fatality in this block of accidents.)

‘West Fife Feeing Market’ - a brief report of the annual feeing market for farm servants in the Western District of Fife, which was held at Dunfermline. - Gives a list of the various wages to be paid.

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‘Margaret: Queen And Saint’ - Part IV. - “The Reforming Queen”

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‘The Tramway Scheme’ - an editorial about the benefits that can be had by all by the introduction of the proposed electric tramway scheme for West Fife.

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‘Margaret: Queen And Saint’ - Part V. - “Kingly Sons”

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‘Cowdenbeath’ - “Miner Crushed To Death” - a brief report of the death of William Russell, brusher, Moss-side Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Dora Pit, Raith Colliery.

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‘Margaret: Queen And Saint’ - Part V. - Continued.

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‘Fatalities At Cowdenbeath’ - brief reports of the deaths of: - Thomas Fernie (64), railway surfaceman, Old Farm, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident close to Foulford Pit. -: - John Gorman, miner, (28), Kirkford, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Kirkford Pit.

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‘Fatalities In The District’ - a brief report of the death of James Penman, jun., pit sinker, Milton of Balgonie, who died as a result of an accident in Lochgelly Coal Company’s Minto Pit, Lochgelly.

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‘The Earl Of Moray’ - “History of the Family” - a brief synopsis of the history of the Earl’s of Moray.

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‘The Miner’s Anaemia.’ - a report of the lecture that was given to the students at Fife Mining School, Cowdenbeath, by Mr Joseph Parker, dealing with the disease of Anaemia, its cause and prevention

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'The Importation Of Lanarkshire Miners' - "Protest By Fife Men" - a brief report of the meeting that was held at Buckhaven to consider the "importation of undesirables", which resulted in a resolution being adopted against the Wemyss Coal Company's decision to import men from the Lanarkshire coalfields to work in their pits.

'Miner Killed At Wemyss' - a brief report of the death of John Mitchell (17), miner, Edington Place, Dysart, who was killed in the Michael Pit, East Wemyss.

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'The Importation Of Lanarkshire Miners Into Fife' - "Interview With Mr. Wemyss" a report of the meeting that took place between Mr John Weir and William Adamson of the Fife and Kinross Miners' Association and Mr R.E. Wemyss and Mr Burgess of the Wemyss Coal Company, regarding the importation of labour from Lanarkshire and other districts in Scotland to work in Wemyss Coal Company Pits.

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'Fatal Accident At Lochgelly' - a brief report of the death of John Stewart, labourer, Mid Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident on the pithead of the Minto Pit.

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'The British Coal Supply' - "Enormous Reserves" - "No Need For Restriction Of Exports" - an interesting article on the statistics provided by the Royal Commissioners on Coal Supplies - give an approximate consumption of coal for the year 1903 by the various users (some 167,000,000 tons)

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'Fatal Pit Accident At Glencraig' - a brief report of the death of Bernard Hulskramar, miner, who was killed in Glencraig Colliery.

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'Fife And Kinross Miners' Association' - "The State Of The Funds" - a report of the monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Fife and Kinross Miners' Association - contains a table showing the variations that have taken place in the income of the Association and its growth since 1882.

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'Kelty' - "A Brusher Killed" - a brief report of the death of Andrew Black (27), brusher, Lindsay Road, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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'Our Coal Resources' - "The Scottish Areas" - "Leading Position Of Fife" - a report of the various coal resources that are available in Scotland at a depth of 4000 feet or less.

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'The Way And Work Of Reform' - an editorial on the progress that has been made in West Fife.

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'Kelty Gas Company' - a brief report of the formation of Kelty Gas Company, Limited.

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'Pit Fatalities In West Fife' - brief reports of the deaths of: - Robert Beveridge, jun. (16), miner, Lawson's Buildings, Great North Road, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Lochhead Pit, of the Lochgelly Coal & Iron Company. -: - George Cooper, (39) miner, Miller's Buildings, Oakfield, who was killed in Lassodie Mill Colliery.

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'Kelty' - "The Lighting Scheme" - a copy of the report that was read to the Dunfermline District Committee of the Fife County Council by the Kelty Local Committee in their endeavour to have street lighting introduced to Kelty.

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'Kelty' - "The Roper Bard" - "The Rose O' Lochore" - two poems, one by anon and the latter by ~~Theby~~ **'The Roper Bard'** (pen name of George Watson, Kelty.) - N.B. poems by **'The Roper Bard'** were a fairly regular item in the newspaper at this time, and can be found in a great many of the weekly editions.

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'Fatal Pit Accident At Lochgelly' - a brief report of the death of William Drummond, pitwright, Mary Cottages, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident at the Mary Pit, Lochgelly.

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'Visit To The Aitken Pit' - "The New Pumping Machinery" - a report by a representative of the "Echo" who was taken down the shaft of the Aitken Pit, Kelty, to observe the working of the pit.

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'Fife Miners And The Eight Hours Day' - "Thirty-Fifth Annual Gala" - a report of the Fife, Clackmannan, and Kinross miners annual meeting, which this year was held in Dunfermline. - Contains reports of the various speeches that were made.

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'The Miners' Secretary' - a editorial about the good work that Mr John Weir, the secretary of the Fife and Kinross Miners' Union has done during his twenty-five years service to the Union.

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'The Townhill Electric Works.' - an editorial about the new Townhill Electric works which is now nearing completion.

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‘The Doctor Dispute At Bowhill’ - “Ballot Of The Men To Be Taken” - a report of the meeting that was held by the miners in Bowhill and Cardenden to discuss the question of who should be the miners doctor in place of Dr. Rorrie.

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‘The Miners Of Europe’ - “International Congress At Liege.” - a report of the Sixteenth International Congress Of Miners.

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‘A Drawer Killed At East Wemyss’ - a brief report of the death of Bernard Thomson (15), drawer, Buckhaven, who was killed in the Rosie Pit, East Wemyss.

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The Title Of The Newspaper Changes From ‘Cowdenbeath And Kelty Echo’ to ‘West Fife Echo’ from this dates issue.

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‘The Miner’ - a short article on the coal miner and his place of work at this particular time.

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‘Life In A Model Lodging-House’ —“—“A Saturday Night Visit And Survey” - because of the shortage of houses at this particular time in West Fife, lodging-houses were in great demand by the workers who were coming into the district in search of work, this article sets out to give the reader a glimpse at what life was like in a common lodging-house.

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‘Lumphinnans’ - ‘Brilliantly Lighted Streets’ - a brief report of the Lumphinnans Public-House Society introducing 15 street lights in the streets of Lumphinnans from the profits of the “Gothenburg”.

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'Lochgelly Public Park' - "The Landale Bequest" - a report of the opening ceremony of the formal opening of Lochgelly's new Public Park.

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'Railway Service In Former Days' - "Dunfermline Driver's Reminiscences" - "The Bad Ways Of Forty Years Ago" - a glimpse, through the reminiscences of a retired railway servant, of what life as a railway servant was like in the "good old days".

Nov 29 P3

'Fife Coal Company' - "Contemplated Large Development" - a brief report of Fife Coal Company concluding negotiations to acquire the right to work the minerals on the estates of Capletrae, Redwells, Pitkinnie, and Inchdairnie.

'Miner Killed At East Wemyss' - a brief report of the death of William Cairns, miner, Galloway's Buildings, Methil, who was killed in the Rosie Pit, East Wemyss.

Dec 13 P3

'Lumphinnans' - "Miner Killed" - a brief report of the death of James Bond Gillchrist, miner, 118 Main Street Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans.

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'Workmen's Compensation Decision' - "Claim For A Fatal Accident" - a report of the Sheriff Court action that was raised on behalf of Mrs Janet Smith or Christie, Old Rows, Dundonald, Cardenden, against the Lochgelly Iron & Coal Company, Limited, for compensation in respect of the death of her Husband, George Christie, machineman, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Minto Colliery, Lochgelly.

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Jan 10 P2

'Women Workers At Pit Head' - a brief article taken from the "Glasgow Herald" defending the custom of employing women at a Pit Head.

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'Fatal Accident' - a brief report of the death of Patrick Dignan, (26), brusher, Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

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'Miner Killed At Dunnikier' - a brief report of the death of George Tomlie Campbell, (20), miner, Rosebank, Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy, who was killed in No. 1 Pannie Pit, Dunnikier Collieries, Smeaton Road, Pathhead, Kirkcaldy.

Jan 31 P3

'Hill of Beath; - "Miner Killed" - a brief report of the death of William Patterson, (52), miner, School Row, Hill of Beath, who was killed in No. 7 Dalbeath Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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'The Tramway Scheme' - "Sharp Criticism Of District Committee Methods" - "Strictures on The Railway Company" - a long report of the 'large and enthusiastic' Public meeting that was held in Lochgelly to consider the introduction of a tramway scheme in West Fife.

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‘Sanitary Condition Of The Burgh’ - the annual report on the health of the Burgh of Cowdenbeath, for the year 1905, by Dr. William Craig. - Also contains the annual report for 1905, by the Burgh Sanitary Inspector, Mr James Findlay.

Feb 14 P3

‘Cowdenbeath’ - “Fatal Accident” - a brief report of the death of Alexander Michie, (27), shunter Bleachfield, Cowdenbeath, who was killed on the pit head of Kirkford pit.

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‘The Greatest Of All Industries’ - “Lecture By The Manager Of Bowhill Company” - a report of the lecture that was delivered to the Young Men and Young Women’s Association by Mr Robert Anstruther Muir, manager of the Bowhill Coal Company, on the subject of Coal Mining.

‘Fatal Accident Inquiries’ - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - David Flockhart, miner, Gladstone Terrace, Kinross, who died as a result of an accident in Benarty Colliery. -: - James Whyte, miner, Rose Crescent, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in Muirbeath Pit, Townhill. -: - William Terris, miner, Old Rows, Lassodie, who was killed in No. 10 Pit, Lassodie. -: - William Shaw, miner, Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. -: - William Paterson, miner, School Row, Hill of Beath, who was killed in Dalbeath pit, Cowdenbeath. -: - Patrick Danigan, junr. miner, Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

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‘A Miner’s Secretary’s Semi-Jubilee’ - “Handsome Gifts To Mr And Mrs John Weir” - a fairly long report of the dinner that was held by the Executive Board of the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association and friends, in order to celebrate the semi-jubilee of the Secretary of the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association, Mr John Weir. - Contains a photograph of Mr Weir, along with some interesting reminiscences and various speeches.

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'Bowhill' - "The Colliery - Its Extent and its Equipment" - a description of the progress that has been made at Bowhill Colliery.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "School Board" - a fairly long report of the last monthly meeting of Beath Parish School Board previous to the election for a new School Board in April. - Contains a report by H.M. Inspector of Education on Cowdenbeath School, and a draft copy of the proposed new regulations in connection with the training and certification of teachers for the various grades of school work.

'Fife Pit Disasters' - "Serious Blasting Accident - Two Men Blinded" - a report of two men, John Clark, miner, Adam's Terrace, Kelty, and John Murrie, miner, Dick's Buildings, Kelty, both being seriously injured in an explosion in Blair Bathie pit. - "Fatality At The Mary Pit" - a brief report of the death of James McCall, (33), pit sinker, Crosshill, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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'Townhill Library And Baths' - "Opening Ceremony On Saturday" - a long report of the formal opening of the newly built Public Library and Baths at the village of Townhill.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "Municipal Buildings" - a short article about Cowdenbeath's new municipal building (Town House) - with a sketch of the new building.

'Kelty' - "Introduction Of Gas Light." - a brief report of Kelty streets being lighted up with gas street lights for the first time.

'Glencraig' - "The Public-House And The Institute" - a brief report of the Directors of the East of Scotland Public-House Trust annual report, in which they report on the success of the Institute at Glencraig.

Apr 11 P4

'Dunfermline And District Tramways' - "Application For Provisional Order" - "Second Day's Hearing" - a long report of the hearing in support of the application that was made by the Dunfermline and District Tramway Company to the High Court of Justiciary for a tramway system for West Fife District.

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'The Earl And Countess Of Buckinghamshire' - "Birth of an Heir" - a report of a son being born to the Earl and Countess of Buckinghamshire. - What is of interest to the local history in this article is that it contains a synopsis of the history of the Henderson's of Fordell.

May 2 P2

'The Pewit Pit Disaster' - "Two Men Suffocated By White Damp" - "Recovery of the Bodies" - "Eleven Ponies Lost" - "Narratives by Workmen" - a fairly long report of the pit disaster that occurred in the No. 11 Pit of the Lumphinnans Colliery (known locally by the miners as the "Peesweep Pit") in which two men, Alexander Black, miner, 98 Main Street, Lumphinnans and Thomas Seary, miner, 42 Hall Street, Cowdenbeath, lost their lives.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "Opening of the Corporation Buildings." - a report of the formal opening of the new Town House of Cowdenbeath Burgh.

'Fatal Accident Inquiries' - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James McCall, pit sinker, Crosshill, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore. -: - Alexander Michie, colliery wagon shunter, Lily Place, Beath Parish, who was killed on No. 3 mineral sidings, Kirkford Pit, Cowdenbeath. -: - David Todd, goods guard, Rowan Cottages, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at Ballingry sidings on the branch mineral railway.

'Bowhill' - "Miner Killed" - a brief report of the death of George Ross, pit bottomer, Bowhill, who was killed in Bowhill Pit.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "Mining Fatality" - a brief report of the death of Thomas A. Porteous, hanger-on, South Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Dora Pit, Little Raith Colliery.

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'Perils Of The Pit' - a brief report of an outbreak of 'fire damp' in Glencraig Colliery. -
'Fatality At Lumphinnans No.1 Pit' - a brief report of the death of Alexander Bremner, winding engineman, Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "Killed By A Falling Stone" - a brief report of the death of David Campbell, miner, Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 12 Pit of the Donibristle Colliery.

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'Fife Miners' Gala' - "Demonstration At Alloa" - a long report of the annual Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Miners Gala Day, which this year was held at Alloa. - Contains photographs of Mr John Weir, Secretary of the Fife and Kinross Miners Association, Mr William Adamson, Assistant Secretary, and Mr J.D. Hope, M.P.

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'Fatal Accident Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery, (the Peewit), disaster in which two men, Alexander Hynd Black, oncost worker, 89 Main Street, Lumphinnans, and Thomas Serrie, oncost worker, 42 Hall Street, Cowdenbeath, lost their lives. (This is a fairly lengthily report). - Also contains reports into the deaths of: - Alexander Bremner, engineman, 133 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 7 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. -: - Thomas Archibald Porteous, miner, Watson's Buildings, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Dora Pit, Cowdenbeath.

'Kelty' - "fatal Accident Inquiries" - brief reports of deaths of John Murie, miner, Forrest's Buildings, Kelty, and William Haxton, miner, Norris Cottage, Kelty, who died as a result of injuries received in the course of their employment.

'Bowhill' - "Crushed Between Hutches" a brief report of the death of Alexander Mathieson, Jamphlars, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

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'Lochgelly' - "Oversman Killed" - a brief report of the death of George Bremner, oversman, who died as a result of an accident in the Minto Colliery.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "Town Council" - a report of the monthly meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council which discussed, among others, the following: - 'Medical Officer's And Sanitary Inspector's Duties' - 'Jubilee Park' - 'The Roads' - etc.

'Kelty' - "Gas Manager Appointed" a brief report of Mr R.A. Napier, Lennoxton, being appointed manager of Kelty's new gas works, at a salary of one hundred pounds with free house.

"Fatal Pit Accident" - a brief report of the death of Thomas Stark, brusher, Millar's Buildings, Kelty, who was killed in Blairadam New Pit.

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'Cowdenbeath Lad's Death' - a brief report of the death of Daniel Costello, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Moss-side Pit, Cowdenbeath.

'Fall Down a Shaft' - a brief report of the death of Daniel McPherson, pithead worker, Outerly, Leslie, who was killed by falling down the shaft of Kinninmount Pit.

'Simple Accident's Sad Ending' - a brief report of the death of Richard Sneddon, 32 Beveridge Place, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

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'Ballingry Cemetery Extension' - a report of the petition that was presented in the Sheriff Court at Kirkcaldy by Ballingry Parish Council for a portion of the glebe joining the present cemetery designated for the purpose of a burial ground, being passed.

'Kelty' - "The New Gas Manager" - a brief report of Mr James Dickson, works manager of Dunfermline Corporation Gas Works, being appointed manager of Kelty Gas Works at a commencement salary of one hundred pound with free house.

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'Kelty' - "The New Gas Manager" - a photograph of the newly appointed manager of Kelty Gas Works.

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'Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse' - "The New Additions" - a good description of the newly extended Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse.

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'Lumphinnans' - "Died Under Chloroform" - a brief report of Mr John Wallace, miner, Main Street, Lumphinnans, dying in Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital during an operation to remove what was thought to be the cause of his disability to work. (n.b. the reason Wallace went for the operation was because of a court action raised by the Fife Coal Company to have his compensation reduced.)

Aug 29 P2

'Opening Of Wemyss And District Tramways.' - a report of the opening of a tramway line from the top of Gallatown, Kirkcaldy to the east end of Leven.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "Fatality At Kirkford" - a grief report of the death of William Muir, miner, 41 Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 10 Pit, Kirkford, Cowdenbeath.

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'The Fife Coal Company's Mary Pit' - "Completion Of Sinking Works" - a report of the sinking operations at the Mary Pit, Lochore, reaching its desired objective, namely the Dunfermline Splint seam of coal. - The article contains a brief description of the works.

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'New Pits At Blairhall' - "Work Of Sinking Commenced" - a report of the Coltness Iron & Coal Company sinking two new shafts at their Blairhall Colliery.

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'Lochgelly' - "Miner Killed" - a brief report of the death of James Henderson, miner, Stationhead, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly.

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'Fatal Accident Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Lawson, brusher, The Pleasants, Hallbeath, who was killed in the William Pit, Fordell. -: - Robert Muir, miner, 41 Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 10 Pit, Kirkford, Cowdenbeath. -: - George Leitch, pit drawer, Station Road, Cardenden, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Bowhill Colliery. -: - John McEwan, junior, miner, Anderson's Buildings, Station Road, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Minto Pit, Lochgelly. -: - Robert Hoey, pit repairer, The Kilns, Lassodie, who was killed in Lassodie Colliery.

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'Jubilee Services At Lochgelly' - "Tributes to Rev. P. Macainsh" - a report of the pulpit testimonies and congregational soiree that was paid to mark the jubilee of the Rev. P. Macainsh, senior minister of Macainsh C.F. Church, Lochgelly.

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'Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee' - a report of the monthly meeting of the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse Committee, during which they discussed, among others, the application from Aberdour and Ballingry Parishes for admission to the combination.

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'The Municipal Elections' —“ “Polling at Cowdenbeath” - a report of the municipal elections held at Cowdenbeath - also contains photographs of J. Marshall, H. Kelso, David Keir, A. Roxburgh, and C. Barclay.

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'The Municipal Elections' - "Results Of The Polls" - the result of the recent municipal elections that were held in Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly, and Inverkeithing.

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'The Tramp In West Fife' - "His Character And His Ways" - and article which looks at the character and way of life of the tramps found in Dunfermline and the West of Fife Police district.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "A Pit Sinker Killed" - a brief report of the death of Andrew Clark, no fixed abode, but believed to come from the Hamilton district, who was killed at No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

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'Fatal Accident Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Andrew Clark, pit sinker, 65 Union Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. -: - George Ritchie, miner, Mid Beveridgewell, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Lochside Pit, Townhill. -: - James Johnstone, miner, 62 Turbayne's Row, Townhill, who was killed at Kingseat Colliery. -: - Elizabeth Innes, brick-field worker, 24 Twelfth Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident at Bowhill Coal Company's brickworks.

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'Bowhill' - "The Golf Club - Presentation Of Prizes" - a report of the first annual dance of the Auchterderran Golf Club

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'A Class Advanced' - "Miners' Leaders And Unions." - No. 1. - The first of a series of article on the progress that has been made in the living and social standards of the coal miners.

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'Miners' Leaders And Unions'. - No. 2 - "The Fife Awakening"

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'Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse' - "Formal Opening Of The New Block" - "Presentation To Bailie And Mrs Stewart" - a long report (practically the entire page) of the formal opening of the new hospital block, with administrative offices, which have been added to the Dunfermline Combination Poorhouse - contains a description of the new buildings.

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'Miners' Leaders And Unions' - No. 3 - "The Fruits Of Union".

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“Fatal Pit Accident” - a brief report of the death of Alexander Innes, miner, Arthur Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 12 Pit, Donibristle Colliery.

“Fatal Accident” - a brief report of the death of Mark Churchill, (55) labourer, newly arrived from Newcastle, who was killed in the pithead of the Dora Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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‘Accidents In Mines’ - “Address By A Manager” - a long report of the lecture that was delivered by Mr D. Beveridge, manager of the Aitken Pit, Kelty, under the auspices of the Kelty Co-operative Society Educational Committee.

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‘Fatal Accidents Inquiries’ - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Thomas Haddow, brushing contractor, 89 Fairfield, Lassodie, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Lassodie Colliery. -: - Adam Bower, Miner, Main Street, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 7 Pit, Townhill. -: - Alexander Innes, miner, Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the James Pit, Donibristle Colliery. -: - George Duff, miner, 32 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. -: - John Sutherland, miner, 10 South Inglis Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Arthur Pit, Dunfermline. -: - Mark Churchill, labourer, only recently arrived from Newcastle, who was killed at the colliery railway lyes of the Dora Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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‘Labour Member For West Fife’ - an editorial about the fact that the Miners’ Board for Fife and Kinross have resolved to run a Labour candidate for the district of West Fife. (The Boards’ unanimous nomination for candidate is Mr John Weir.)

Mar 13 P2

‘The Miners’ Union’ - a brief article about the members of the Executive Board of the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Union. - Give the names and districts represented by the 40 delegates on the Executive Board.

Mar 13 P3

‘Miner Killed At Buckhaven’ - a brief report of the death of John Johnstone, (16), Denbeath, who was killed in Muiredge Pit, Buckhaven.

Mar 20 P4

‘The Fife Miners’ Executive’ - a brief article giving a synopsis of the history of the miners’ union in Fife and Kinross.

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Mar 27 P2

'Kindness To Pit Ponies' - "Fife Coal Company's Successful Drivers" - a report of the "unique and interesting ceremony" which took place in the Arcade Hall, Cowdenbeath, when over 100 pit pony drivers and hostlers in the employment of Fife Coal Company's Western pits were presented with prizes "for the kind treatment of the animals under their charge."

Mar 27 P3

'Fatal Accidents Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Mary Rae, (14), pithead worker, 19 Hall Row, Hill of Beath, who died as a result of an accident at Dalbeath Pit, Cowdenbeath. -: - James Dickson McNeil, labourer, Smith's Lodging House, Station Road, Kelty, who was killed at the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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'Fatal Result of A Pit Accident' -a very brief report of the death of John Ross, Auchterderran, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

May 1 P3

'Cowdenbeath' - "The Passing of the Old Toll" - an article about the fact that one of the few remaining Cowdenbeath links with the past is soon to be demolished - contains a poem and synopsis of the history of the Cowdenbeath Toll House.

May 22 P3

'The Fifeshire Miner' - an abridged article from the "Glasgow Herald" describing the Fife miner and mining in Fife.

May 29 P3

'The Pithead Worker' - an article which gives the reader a glimpse of the working conditions of the "Pithead Lassies".

June 5 P3

Character Studies' - No. 1 - "Miners' Courtship" - the first in a series of article that take a look at the character and custom of the Fife miner and his community.

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June 12 P3

'Character Studies' - No. 3 - "A Miner's Wedding"

June 19 P3

'Fatal Accident Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Michael Thomson, miner, Belivue Place, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in Benarty Colliery. -: - Robert Gilliard, miner, 32 School Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath. -: - John Ross, miner, Auchterderran, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

'Character Studies' - No. 4 - "The Cronies"

June 26 P3

'Character Studies' - No. 5 - "Saturday Night In Cowdenbeath."

July 3 P4

'Character Studies' - "Neebors."

July 10 P2

'Character Studies' - No. VII. - "Games Day."

Jul 24 P3

'Serious Pit Accident' - "One Man Killed, Tow Injured" - a report of the accident in Mossbeath Pit, Cowdenbeath, in which Patrick McCarthland, brusher, Skelding's Building, Cowdenbeath, was killed.

Jul 31 P2

'The Perils of The Pit' - "Death Of The Mossbeath Hero" - a brief report of the death of William Ostler, (18), drawer, Foulford Place, Kirkford, who died as a result of an accident in Mossbeath Pit, Cowdenbeath. (See above).

'Heavy Damages Against Fife Coal Company' - "Sequel To Pewit White Damp Disaster" - a fairly long report of the court case that was brought against the Fife Coal Company by Mrs Elizabeth Butler or Black and her children for compensation in respect of her husband-father. (See May 2 P2, 1906).

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Aug 7 P3

'Character Studies' - No. VIII. - "A Miner's Recreation".

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'Character Studies' - No. IX. - "The House Merchants - Selling and Buying".

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'Character Studies' - No. X. - "The Tie That Binds"

'Lochgelly' - "Fatal Accident" - a brief report of the death of Thomas McLean, (31), miner, Henderson Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Minto Colliery.

Aug 21 P4

'The Late Mr Morton' - a fairly long report of the death and funeral of Mr Robert Muir Morton, Ansonhill House, Fordell, manager of the Countess of Buckingham's Collieries, (Fordell Collieries), who was killed in the Alice Pit, Fordell. - The article contains a photograph and pen-picture of Mr Morton, a description of the funeral and brief history of the burial grounds at Dalgety Churchyard.

Aug 28 P2

'Fatal Result of Pit Accident' - a brief report of the death of John Reekie, jun., Oakley, who died as a result of an accident in Kinneddar Colliery.

Aug 28 P4

'The White Damp Ogre' - an article which describes the various gases commonly found in Fife pits, i.e., "Fire Damp" — "Black Damp" - and "White Damp".

Sept. 4 P2

'Character Studies' - No. XI. - "The Commercial Traveller".

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‘Character Studies’ - No. XII - “The Old Dominic”.

Sept 18 P4

‘Fatal Accident Inquiries’ - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Cooper Gibson, yarn store overseer, 34 Rolland Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in the linen factory in Elgin Street, Dunfermline, (known as Bothwell Works). -: - John Reekie, jun., Oakley Rows, Carnock, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Kinneddar Pit, Saline. -: - Patrick McGartland, brusher, 111 Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Mossbeath Pit, and William Ostler, drawer, 23 Foulford Place, Cowdenbeath, who later died as a result of the same accident. -: - Mr Robert Morton, Colliery Manager, Ansonhill House, Fordell, who was killed in the Alice Pit, Fordell Colliery. -: - Thomas Stevenson McLean, jun., 16 Henderson Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Minto Pit, Lochgelly. -: - Robert Taylor, Factory Place, Kinglassie, who was killed on the mineral railway of the Craighend Colliery.

Oct 2 P2

‘Character Studies’ - No. XIII. - “Old Memories”

‘Inquiries At Kirkcaldy’ - very brief reports of the deaths of: - George McGillivray, shaftsman, 56 Approach Terrace, East Wemyss, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Michael Colliery, Wemyss. -: - William Thomson, miner, Mid Shore Street, Buckhaven, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Michael Colliery, Wemyss. -: - Andrew Brown, jun., miner, 4 Front Row, Methilhill, who was killed in the Pirnie Pit, Wemyss. -: - James Annan Christie, miner’s filler, High Street, Methil, who was killed in Lochhead Pit, Wemyss. -: - John Penman, miner, 44 Union Street, Sinclairtown, who was killed in the Francis Pit, Dysart.

Oct 2 P3

‘Lochgelly’ - “Dundee Man Killed” - a brief report of the death of David Donaldson, (40), miner, lodging at Launcherhead, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly.

Oct 23 P3

‘Cowdenbeath’ - “The Lighting of The Burgh” - “New Schemes Explained - Reports By Mr Parson” - a long article on the proposal to improve the lighting of Cowdenbeath Burgh by the use of electricity, cost, materials, labour, ect.

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'Cowdenbeath' - "The Lighting Of The Burgh" - "Report On Incandescent Gas Lighting Of Streets By Mr Napier" - a report of the cost of lighting the streets of Cowdenbeath by gas. Cost, materials, labour, etc.

Oct 30 P4

'Character Studies' - "The Cronies' Saturday Night".

'Young Man Killed At Dysart' - a brief report of the death of Alexander Eadie, (19), miner, South Street, Dysart, who was killed in the Lady Bianche Pit, Dysart.

'Inspector Killed At Kelty' - a brief report of the death of John Hunter, pit inspector, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

'Brusher Killed At Dalbeath' - a brief report of the death of Robert Adamson, brusher, 42 Thistle Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in No. 1 Dalbeath Pit, Hill of Beath.

Nov 20 P4

'A Curling Scene.' - "Early Curling At Bowhill" - a photograph of Bowhill Curlers playing on their new artificial bowling green, with a brief description of the game.

Nov 27 P3

'Funeral Of William Ford' - a brief description of the funeral of William Ford, pony driver, Kelty, who died as a result of injuries received in Blairadam Pit.

Dec 18 P3

'The Gas Company - Inauguration Of A Gas Holder' - a report of Cowdenbeath Gas Company extending their Gas Works so as to cope with the increased demand for gas. - Contains a brief description of early street lighting in Cowdenbeath.

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‘The Largest Bakery In Fife’ - “Opening At Lochgelly” - a report of the formal opening of Lochgelly Co-operative Society’s new bakery premises in Lochgelly. - Contains a description of the new building.

Jan 15 P3

‘Miner Killed At Bowhill’ - a brief report of the death of Andrew Kerr, miner, Balgonie Terrace, Jamphlars, who was killed in Bowhill Colliery.

Jan 22 P4

‘A Crosshill Man Killed’ - a brief report of the death of John Bauld, miner, Park Street, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

Jan 29 P 3

‘Brusher Killed In The Aitken Pit’ - a brief report of the death of Alfred Williamson, brusher, model lodging-house, Lumphinnans, who was killed in the Aitken Pit.

‘Dunfermline Miner Killed’ - a brief report of the death of George Anderson, miner, Couston Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in No. 9 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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Jan 29 P4

'Fatal Accidents Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Walker Scott, carter, Miller's Buildings East Park Street, Cowdenbeath, and Patrick Hanley, 2 Sligo Street, Lumphinnans, w, both who died as a result of an accident at an ash bin at No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. -: - John Bauld, shanksman, 14 Park Street, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. -: - Andrew Kerr, miner, 8 Balgonie Terrace, Auchterderran, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery. -: - Andrew Ritchie, electric motor pump attendant, 18 Seventeenth Street, Bowhill, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

Feb 5 P2

'Disaster At The Mary Pit' - "Three Men Killed & Five Injured" - "A New Mining Danger" - a report of an accident which occurred in the Mary Pit, Lochore, in which three men, John Stein (18), drawer, Caravan Rows, Lochore, William Gibson (17), drawer, Crosshill, and James Law (18), miner, New Colliery Houses, Lochore, were killed.

'Miners' V.C.' - a brief report of a new medal being struck to honour deeds of heroism performed by miners in the rescue of entombed colleagues. - Contains an obverse and reverse view of the new medal.

Feb 12 P4

'Coal Mining' - "Lecture By Mr R.A. Muir" - a report of the lecture that was given by Mr R.A. Muir, Colliery Manager, Bowhill.

Feb 26 P2

'Townhill Industrial Society' - "Formal Opening Of New Premises" - "The Aims Of Co-operation" - a long report of the formal opening of the newly erected premises of the Townhill Industrial Co-operative.
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'Character Studies' - "Fifty Years Syne".

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'Kelty' - "The Bowling Green - The Public and The Club" - a report of the public meeting that was held in the Co-operative Hall, Kelty, to discuss the future of the Kelty Bowling Green.

May 20 P4

'A Popular Colliery Manager' - "Presentation To Mr J.R. Thomson, Dundonald" - a long report of the presentation and supper that was held in Bowhill to mark the occasion of Mr J.R. Thomson, manager of Dundonald Colliery, being promoted to superintend Bowhill Colliery Company's new development in Dunnikier district.

June 3 P2

'Jubilee Of Crossgates School' - a report of the forthcoming celebrations that are to be held in Crossgates to mark the Jubilee of Crossgates School, contains a very brief glimpse at part of the history of the school as well as a portrait of the present headmaster.

June 10 P3

'Kelty' - "Public Park - Opening Ceremony" - a report of the ceremony which took place to mark the formal opening of the new Kelty Public Park on Cocklaw Farm, a lease on which was taken on behalf of the Kelty people by the Kelty Public-House Society.

June 17 P2

'The Mary Pit Disaster' - "Manager, Under-manager, And Oversman In The Dock." - "Important Expert Advice". - A long report of the Public Inquiry into the recent disaster that took place in the Mary Pit, Lochore, in which three men lost their lives and five others were badly injured. - Continues onto page three.

July 22 P3

'Fatal Result Of Peewit Burning Accident' - a brief report of the death of David Wallace, Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in the Peewit (Lumphinnans No. 11) Pit.

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‘Fife Miners And The King’ - a brief report of two West Wemyss miners - James Dryburgh and George Dryburgh (un-related), being honoured in London by the King for their conspicuous bravery during a recent mining accident. (I believe that these two men were the first Fife recipients of the newly struck ‘Miners V.C.’).

Aug 5 P3

‘Miner Killed At Bowhill’ - a report of the death of Robert Anderson (22), miner, Rankine’s Buildings, Kinglassie, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

Aug 12 P3

‘Hill Of Beath ‘ - “Successful Colliery Manager” - a report of the presentation that was made to Mr William Strain, manager of Nos. 1 and 2 Pit, Dalbeath, Hill of Beath, on the occasion of his appointment to manage a new colliery near Laredo, on the borders of Mexico and Texas.

Aug 19 P3

‘Miner Killed At Hill Of Beath’ - a brief report of the death of John Ferguson Baxter (23), Mid Row, Hill of Beath, who died as a result of an accident in the Engine Pit, Hill of Beath.

Sept. 9 P3

‘Pit Accident Ends Fatally’ - a brief report of the death of John Condie, Moss-side Road, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 9 Pit, Cowdenbeath Colliery.

‘Fatality At Hill Of Beath’ - a brief report of the death of Hugh Delaney, pithead worker, Glasgow, lodging in Main Street, Hill of Beath, who was killed at Dalbeath Colliery.

Sept. 16 P3

‘Lumphinnans’ - “The Bowling Green” - a report of the opening of the bowling green at Lumphinnans, which was presented to the village by the Lumphinnans Public-House Society, Limited.

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‘Mining Statistics - A Year’s Accidents’ - some interesting statistics regarding the mining industry in the United Kingdom for the year 1907.

Sept 23 P3

‘Distressing Accidents - A Miner And A Child Killed’ - brief reports of the death of: - Peter Ferns, pit machineman, Eighteenth Street, Bowhill, who was killed in the Duddy Section, Bowhill Colliery, and Charlotte Christie (10), Denside, Dundonald, who died as a result of an accident in Dundonald Den, near Cardenden Station.

Sept. 30 P2

‘The Drill Hall’ - a sketch of the newly erected Drill Hall in Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath.

Oct 28 P2

‘Two Miners Killed In Benarty Pit’ - a brief report of the death of Robert Mitchell, miner, Upper Oakfield, Kelty, and David Campbell, miner, Parkneuk, Dunfermline, who both died as a result of an accident in Benarty Pit.

Nov 4 P3

‘Killed By A Runaway Hutch’ - a brief report of the death of Robert Paton (18), hangeron, West Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 9 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

Nov 18 P2

‘Disaster At The Mary Pit - Two Men Killed’ - a brief report of the death of Daniel Wells, or Robertson (32), miner, Lindsay Row, Kelty, and John McLaren (26), fireman, Montrose Street, Lochore, who were both killed as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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‘Fireman’s Terrible Death’ - a brief report of the death of Hugh Moran (37), assistant fireman, 51 Thistle Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Gordon Pit, Little Raith Colliery.

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'Coal-Filler's Death' - a brief report of the death of Martin McKenna, coal cutting machineman, Hallbeath, who was killed in Kingseat Pit.

Dec 9 P3

'Bazaar At Glencraig' - a report of the Bazaar that was held in McMenemy's Hall, Glencraig, under the auspices of the Glencraig and Lochore U.F. Church, for the purpose of raising some six hundred pound to clear the debt that was incurred by the building of a manse at Glencraig for the Rev. Charles Mason.

'Fatality In The "Peesweep"' - a brief report of the death of James Beveridge (21), Robertson's Buildings, Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

Dec 16 P3

'Dunfermline Miner Electrocuted' - a brief report of the death of Peter Beveridge (32), brusher, 6 Gardeners Land, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

Dec 23 P3

'Death Of Ex-Bailie Weir' - "Close Of A Long Public Career" - a report of the death of Mr John Weir, Secretary of the Fife, Clackmannan, and Kinross Miner's Association. Contains a photograph of Mr. Weir, and a brief pen-picture of his life and career.

Dec 30 P2

'Overcrowding' - an editorial on the overcrowding that exists in the various mining district is West Fife.

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'The Secretaryship' - a brief report of Mr William Adamson being unanimously recommended by the Executive Board of the Fife and Clackmannan Miners' Union as a successor to Mr John Weir as Secretary of the Association

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'Old Age Pensions.' - an editorial about the fact that the old age pension begins to be paid to persons aged 70 and over.

'Facsimile Of The Pension Order' - a facsimile of the old-age pension order which comes into force with the new year, and will be supplied to persons entitled to receive the sum of five shillings.

Jan 6 P3

'The Work Underground - Plea For The Shorter Day.' - an article by "A Working Miner" which gives a 'graphic account of the work underground'.

Jan 6 P4

'Honour To Ex-Provost Wilson, Cowdenbeath' - a report of the complimentary dinner and presentation that was held in the Crown Hotel, Cowdenbeath to mark the occasion of the retiral of Ex-Provost Wilson from Council work after some eighteen years service. Article contains a photograph and pen-picture of Ex-Provost Wilson.

Feb 3 P2

'Terrible Death At Lumphinnans' - "A Fall Of 1000 Feet" - a brief report of the death of John Fowler (35), Co-operative Buildings, Lumphinnans, who was killed by a fall down the pit shaft of No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans.

Feb 3 P3

'Fatal Accidents Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Joseph Neilson, miner, Glenallan Street, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in Benarty Pit. -: - George Beveridge, miner, 79 Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans. -: - Peter Beveridge, brusher, 7 Gardeners Land, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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Feb 10 P2

'The Moral Of The Soup Kitchen' - an Editorial about the establishment of Soup Kitchens in Cowdenbeath and Lochgelly as a result of the present 'Dull Trade' that is being experienced in the mining industry.

Feb 17 P2

'Rosyth Naval Base' - "Commencement Of Operations" a report Surveying operations beginning at the site of the new Naval Yard at Rosyth.

Mar 3 P2

'The Dalbeath Colliery Accident' - a report of the causes and circumstances of the accident that occurred on the 14th November 1907 at Dalbeath Colliery, Hill of Beath, during which Robert Adamson was killed.

Mar 17 P2

'The Naval Base' - "Interview With Mr Menzies." - "No Sunday Labour" - "No Drinking Facilities" - "Three Thousand Pounds In Weekly Wages" - a report of the interview that was given to the local Newspaper by Mr Menzies, who is the superintending engineer at the new Rosyth Naval Base.

Mar 17 P3

'Cowdenbeath Water Supply' - parts of the reports that were prepared by Mr George Baxter, M. Inst. C.E., on the proposed new Water Supply for Cowdenbeath, dealing with the financial aspects of the various schemes.

Mar 24 P2

'The Naval Base' - "Activity At Rosyth" - "Lord Shaw On The Model City" - "Workshops, Railways, And Quarries"- a progress report on the new Naval Base being constructed at Rosyth.

'Miner Killed At Lumphinnans' - a brief report of the death of Andrew Lees, (56), miner, Sligo Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

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‘Three Hundred And Fifty Pound Damages’ - a brief report of Mrs Mary McGarthland, Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath, being awarded a settlement in respect of her late Husband, Patrick McGarthland, who was killed in an accident at Foulford Pit, Cowdenbeath, on the 22nd July, 1907.

‘Cowdenbeath Action’ - a brief report of Mrs Roger Dougary and her son, J.M. Dougary, Norwood Place, Cowdenbeath, widow and child of the late James Dougary, miner, Cowdenbeath, being awarded the sum of ~~£350 pounds~~ as compensation for the death of her late husband who was killed in No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

Mar 24 P4

‘Bath For Miners’ - “Proposed Experiment At Aitken Pit” - “The Old Conditions of Work and Housing” - a fairly long report about the Fife Coal Company’s proposal to experiment with the provision of baths for the use of the Aitken Pit miners.

‘Devon Valley Reminiscences’ - an article about life in the Alloa, Saline, and Ochil Hills area in the 1860’s.

Apr 7 P2

‘The Naval Base’ - “Dwelling-House Accommodation” - a report of the progress that is being made in the construction of the new Naval Base at Rosyth.

Apr 14 P3

‘Fife Colliery Combination’ - a brief report that the amalgamation of the Bowhill Coal Company with the Fife Coal Company is now practically settled.

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‘Baths For The Aitken Pit’ - a report of the Fife Coal Company’s offer to provide ‘a suite of spray baths’ at the Aitken Pit, Kelty, receiving considerable support from the men.

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'Fatal Accidents Inquiries' - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Andrew Lees, miner, 50 Sligo Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. -: - Thomas Headley, jun., miner, 104 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath. -: - James Thomson, labourer, 189 Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who was killed on the wagon lye at the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

Apr 28 P3

'Miner Killed In Benarty Pit.' - a brief report of the death of John Gulland (55), miner, Lochore Bridge Cottages, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in Benarty Pit.

May 12 P3

'A Flooded Pit - Trying Experiences Of Miners And Rescuers' - the report of the rescue of a miner from the flooded Saline Valley Colliery, Steelend.

May 26 P3

'Lochgelly Townhouse' - a long report of the formal opening of the newly erected Lochgelly Townhouse. Contains a photograph and description of the new building.

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'Co-Partnership In Coal Mining' - "Interesting Experiment In Durham" - a report of the proposed experiment that is to be undertaken at the Wingate Colliery in Durham, where the management of the colliery is to be in the form of a co-operation between "masters and men".

June 2 P2

'Jubilee Celebrations At Lassodie' - 'Handsome Gifts To Mr John Brownlie And Daughter' - "Gold Medal For The Oldest Workman" - a fairly long report of the celebrations that were held at Lassodie to mark the occasion of Mr John Brownlie's fifty years connection with Lassodie, Elgin, and Wellwood Collieries, as a manager.

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June 9 P4

‘Large Colliery Amalgamation’ - the report of an agreement being signed between the directors of the Bowhill and Fife Coal Companies for the amalgamation of the two companies into the Fife Coal Company.

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‘Accidents At Cowdenbeath - Two Deaths.’ - brief reports of the deaths of James Gavin, Colliery Manager, Kirkford and No. 7 Pits, who died as a result of an accident at Kirkford Sidings, Kirkford Pit. -: - James Penman Cole, Pretoria Row, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

July 7 P2

‘Kelty Doctor Question’ - “Mr Carlow And Mr Archibald Adam” - “Introduction Of Dr Sanjana” - a long report of the various correspondences that were exchanged between Mr Charles Carlow, Managing Director of Fife Coal Company, and Mr Archibald Adam, J.P., spokesman for the Kelty Workmen, regarding the appointment of a Doctor for the village of Kelty.

July 28 P2

‘The Tramways - The Start At Cowdenbeath’ - a brief report of a train of eleven wagons being shunted into Cowdenbeath goods station loaded with workmen’s tools, huts pitch boilers, etc., in preparation for a start to the tramways system.

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‘The Doctor Question - Further Correspondence - Threatened Litigation’ - the question of a Doctor to attend the workmen employed at the Aitken and Lindsay pits continues.

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'Miner Killed At Lassodie' - a brief report of the death of Thomas Anderson, Kelty, who was killed in Lassodie Colliery

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'The Tramways' - a report of the progress that is being made in the construction of the tramway from Dunfermline to the outlying districts.

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'The Naval Base' - "The Water Supply" - a progress report on the new Naval Base at Rosyth.

'Glencraig' - "Marriage of Dr. Todd." - a brief report of the marriage of Dr. Todd and Miss Anne Beveridge Robertson. - Contains a photograph of Dr. Todd.

Aug 11 P3

'A Recreation Park - Gift By The Gothenburg' - a brief report of the Cowdenbeath Public-House Society purchasing a nineteen year lease of a park at the north end of Cowdenbeath for use as a recreation park for the inhabitants of the district.

Aug 18 P3

'The Tramway Line' - "rapid Progress" - a brief report of the progress being made with the tramway line.

Aug 25 P2

'Greater Cowdenbeath' - an article which looks at the great strides that are being made in Cowdenbeath burgh.

Sept 1 P2

'Colliery Development At Valleyfield' - "Workmen's Houses To Be Built" - "Proposed Hospital For Consumption" - a brief report of the Fife Coal Company's plans for the housing of their work force which will work the two new pits which are in the process of being sunk at Valleyfield. as well as the [proposal-asproposal as](#) to how best to utilise the mansion house at Low Valleyfield that the Fife Coal Company now own.

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Sept 1 P3

'New Wemyss Memorial Hospital' - a report of the formal opening by Lady Eva Wemyss of the hospital which she has had erected and endowed for the use of the parish, including the villages of East Wemyss, West Wemyss, Coaltown, Denbeath, Buckhaven, Methil, an Innerleven, in memory of her late husband, Mr Randolph Gordon Erskine Wemyss.

Sept 8 P3

'Fatality In Kirkford Pit' - a brief report of the death of Michael Macfarlane (42), Kirkford Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Kirkford Pit.

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'Coal Developments In West Fife' - "Supplies For The Warships" - "Culross As It Will Be" - reports of the opening up of the extreme western portion of Fife coalfields - includes reports on "Saline Valley Colliery Changes Ownership" - "Townhill And Hallbeath Minerals" - and "The Valleyfield Equipment".

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'Treatment Of Pit Ponies' - a report of the presentation of prizes to the pony drivers and ostlers employed by the Fife Coal Company - (lists the pits in which ponies were used.)

Oct 20 P3

'Lochgelly Pit Accident - Man Killed And Two Injured' - a brief report of the death of Frank Curran, miner, Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Newton Pit, Lochgelly.

'Road Subsidence At Cowdenbeath' - "Narrow Escape" - "A Horse Killed" - reports of subsidence, which occurred in Lovedale Terrace, Cowdenbeath, in which a horse that was yoked to a van fell down the hole, made by the road subsidence and had to be shot. and of the subsidence which occurred at Landale Terrace, Cowdenbeath, ~~in~~, in which a young man, J.J. Kellock, had a narrow escape.

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'In Days Of Old' - "Dunfermline, 1791 - 1812" - "The Coal Trade And The Black Slaves" - "Food And Wages" - a brief glimpse at life in and around Dunfermline between the years 1791 - 1812.

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'The Tramways - A Successful Trial' - a brief report of the progress that is being made with the Cowdenbeath to Dunfermline tramway

'Perils Of The Pit' - "4 West Fife Miners Killed" - brief reports of the deaths of: - Frank Curran, Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Newton Pit, Lochgelly: - William Dorman, brusher, Park Street, Crosshill, who was killed in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly. : - James Meiklejohn (59), miner, Nisbet's Building, Baldrigeburn Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in the Wallsend Pit. : - Andrew Meek (60), miner, 32 Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

Oct 27 P4

'Church Bazaar At Bowhill' - "Addresses by Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson and Mr Carlow" - a fairly long report of the two day bazaar which was held under the auspices of Auchterderran Parish Church, the object of which was to raise the sum of four hundred pounds to help pay for the new mission church near Cardenden.

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'The Tramways' - "Board Of Trade Inspection" - a report of the Board of Trade's inspection of the new tramway system in West Fife.

'Fresh From The Pit'. - A photograph of a collier just come from the pit.

'Kelty Pithead Worker's Death' - a brief report of the death of David Pottie, pithead worker, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the pithead of the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

Nov 10 P2

'Miners Union And The Seat' - "Nomination Of Mr Adamson" - a report of Mr William Adamson, general secretary of the Fife and Kinross Miner's Association being unanimously adopted as the Labour Candidate for West Fife. - Contains a photograph of Mr Adamson.

'The Tramways' - "Great Pressure Of Traffic" - a progress report of the new tramway in West Fife.

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'The Tramways' - "Line To Rosyth"—"—" - a progress report on the new West Fife tramway.

'A Popular Colliery Manager' - "Presentation To Mr And Mrs Muir" - a long report of the presentation that was made in the Public Hall, Bowhill, to Mr and Mrs R.A. Muir, from the employees of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Colton Pit Accident Ends Fatally” - a brief report of the death of John Wishart, miner, 25 South Square, Wellwood, who died as a result of an accident in the Colton Pit.

“The Gothenburgs” - brief reports of the annual meetings of the Cowdenbeath and Keltly Gothenburgs.

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“Reading and Recreation Rooms at Lochore” - ‘Opening Ceremony’ - a report of the formal opening of the Workmen’s Reading and Recreation Rooms in Lochore, which were erected and furnished by the Fife Coal Company for their workers employed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

March 16 P2

“Destructive Fife At Lochgelly” - a report of the Lochgelly Equitable Co-operative Society’s building in Bank Street, Lochgelly, being badly damaged by fire.

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“New Gas Works-The Opening Ceremony” - a report of the formal opening of the newly erected Gas Works at Cardenden.

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“Fatal Accident At Bowhill” - a brief report of the death of David Hunter, 15th Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in Bowhill Colliery.

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‘The Naval Base’ - a progress report on the construction of the Naval Base at Rosyth.

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‘The Coal Mining Industry’ - some interesting statistics from recent (1910) Government returns concerning the Coal Mining Industry in Scotland. (i.e. ‘there are 481 coal mines in operation in the Scottish coalfield, giving employment to 102,481 men and boys underground, and 23,417 persons above ground’ etc., etc.)

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‘Miner Killed at Lassodie’ - a brief report of the death of James Robson, (51), miner, Old Rows, Lassodie, who was killed in No. 10 Pit, Lassodie.

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‘Death of King Edward’ - a report on the death of King Edward VII. with a photograph of the King.

May 18 P2

‘The Lesson of a Kinglassie Disaster’ - a brief report of the inquiry into the death of John Duff jun., pump repairer, Springbank, West End, Kinglassie, who was killed in the Kinglassie Pit.

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‘Cowdenbeath New Golf Course’ - ‘The Opening Ceremony’ - a long report of the formal opening of Cowdenbeath’s new Golf Course, situated on the Tallo Hill.

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‘Townhill Man’s Injuries Prove Fatal’ - a report of the death of Henry Allan, pit repairer, Main Street Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in the Muirbeath Pit.

‘Prevention of Accidents’ - ‘Special Rules and Regulations; Address by Mr Ford’ - the first part of a lecture that was delivered at Kelty to officials and miners connected with Lassodie, Blairadam, and Blairenbathie collieries, and covered ‘Need For United Vigilance’ - ‘The Testimony of Statistics’ - ‘The Propping Rules’ - ‘The Duty of the Fireman’.

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“The Tramway Company” - ‘A Prosperous Start’ - a report of the first ordinary general meeting of the Fife Tramway, Light, and Power Company.

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“Prevention of Accidents” - Part II of the above.

June 8 P2

“The Fife Miners’ Gala” - a report of the fortieth annual Miners’ Gala Day to commemorate the adoption of the eight-hour working day by the Fife Miners, which this year was held at Alloa.

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“Hallbeath Park Opened” - a report of the opening of the new recreation park at Hallbeath, which was gifted to the village by Mr R.W. Watson.

“Fatal Accident At The Minto Pit” - a brief report of the death of David Buist, engineman, Grainger Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the engine room of the Minto Pit,

“Mining in the East Of Scotland.” - a brief synopsis of a report by H.M. Inspector of Mines for the East of Scotland District concerning the Coal Trade in the East of Scotland for the year 1909.

June 15 P2

“Housing of Miners in Fifeshire” - ‘Dr. Dewar on Sanitary Defects’ - ‘Testimony to Gradual Improvements’ - a synopsis of the report by The Medical Officer of Health for the County of Fife on the subject of the Housing of Miners.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries in to the deaths of: - David Maxwell Buist, haulage engineman, Grainger Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of the Minto Colliery. : - Henry Allan, miner, Main Street Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in Muirbeath Pit.

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“Fatal Accident in the Peewit Pit” - a brief report of the death of John Pringle, miner, 52 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in the No. 11 (Peewit) Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery.

“Fatal Result of Gordon Pit Accident” - a brief report of the death of John Bisset, West Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath.

July 27 P3

“Miner Killed at Blairenbathie Colliery” - a brief report of the death of Peter Downie, Kinross, who died as a result of an accident at Blairenbathie Colliery.

“The Edward Medal For Whitehaven Heroes” - a brief report of a number of the Edward Medal for Gallantry in Mines being awarded by the King to the heroes of the Whitehaven Disaster. **(Note: - mention is made in this brief article of “the King being pleased to award a bar to the Edward Medal of the first class, which he already holds, to John Henry Thorne”**

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Bissett, miner, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Gordon Pit, near Cowdenbeath. : - Henry Wilson, miner, 62 Sligo Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in the No. 11 Pit, of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - John Haldane Pringle, miner, 57 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 11 Pit of the Lumphinnans Colliery.

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“Housing of the Miners” - ‘Fife Coal Company’s Experiment’ - a brief article telling of Fife Coal Company’s decision to abandon their plans to erect baths for their miners at the Aitken Colliery as a result of the miners objection to the scheme, and to consider instead the provision of baths in the new houses they are building for their workers at Valleyfield.

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“Serious Accident At Lumphinnans” - ‘One Man Killed. Three Injured’ - a brief report of an accident at No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery, during which Joseph Allan, (17), 190 High Street, Cowdenbeath, was so seriously injured that he later died in the Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital.

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“West Fife Tramways” - ‘The Extension To Kelty’ - a brief report of a start being made with the Tramway extension from Cowdenbeath to Kelty.

Sept. 21 P2

“Kelty Public Hall” - a brief report about the opening of the new Public Hall recently erected at Kelty by the Public-House Society, which is to take place soon. - Contains a drawing of the new Hall.

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“Kelty New Hall” - ‘The Opening Ceremony’ - ‘Addresses by Dr Ross and Mr Carlow’ - a report of the formal opening of the above mentioned Public Hall. - The article contains some interesting reminiscences by both Dr Ross and Mr Carlow of the Kelty of ‘Yester-year’.

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“West Fife Feeing Market” - a brief report of the annual feeing market for the western district of Fife that was held at Dunfermline. - Gives the rates of pay that is to be paid to the various grades of farm workers.

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“Miners’ Union New Offices” - ‘The Opening Ceremony’ - ‘Mr Robert Smillie And The Osborne Judgement’ - ‘Labour Representative For West Fife’ - a report of the formal opening of the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association new offices, which have been erected in Victoria Street, Dunfermline. (Contains a photograph of the new offices).

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“Man Killed At Randolph Pit” - a brief report of the death of Walter Robertson, (21), miner, Kirkcaldy, who was killed in the Randolph Pit, Dysart.

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“The Amenities of Kingseat” - ‘The Water Supply and Drainage’ - a report of the Dunfermline Town Council meeting which discussed the following regarding the village of Kingseat: - ‘Roads and Footpaths’ - ‘Drainage’ - ‘Water Supply’ - ‘Lighting’ - and ‘Diphtheria.’

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“Valleyfield Colliery” - ‘A Celebration Supper’ - a report of the supper that was given by the Fife Coal Company to the Pit Sinkers and other workmen to mark the completion of the sinking operations at Valleyfield Colliery.

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“Wilson & Clyde Coal Company” - ‘Presentation to Mr Telfer’ - a report of the function that was held in Glenraig Institute to honour Mr William Telfer, resident manager of Glenraig Colliery on the occasion of his leaving the district to take up the position of General Manager of the Wilson & Clyde Coal Company.

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“Medical Inspection Of School Children” - a synopsis of the first annual report by the Chief School Medical Officer for the counties of Fife and Kinross on the health of the school children in the districts. - Contains some interesting statistics.

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“Miner Killed At A Kirkcaldy Pit” - a brief report of the death of James Robertson, who was killed in the Pannie Pit, Kirkcaldy.

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“Miner Killed At Valleyfield” - a brief report of the death of Phil McKenna, Back Causeway, Culross, who was killed in Valleyfield Colliery.

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“Disaster At Valleyfield Colliery” - ‘Loss of Three Lives’ - ‘A New Mining Danger’ - a report of the Valleyfield Colliery disaster in which James Jamison, Newmills; John Peden, miner, Eden Villa, Low Valleyfield and his younger brother, George Peden, of the same address, lost their lives. Contains photographs of James Jamison, John Peden, George Peden, and William Anderson, one of the rescuers.

March 22 P3

“Fatal Accident At Glenraig” - a brief report of the death of William Cox, miner, South Glenraig, who died as a result of an accident in Glenraig Pit.

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“Jubilee Of Rev. R. Alexander” - ‘The Jubilee Soiree - Presentation of Prizes’ - a report of the Rev. R. Alexander, minister of Queen Anne Street Church, Dunfermline, celebrating his Jubilee as minister. - Contains photographs of the Rev. Alexander as well as photographs of past ministers at Queen Anne Street Church from 1737 - up the present date, March 1911.

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a fairly long report of the Public Inquiry in to the deaths of James McLean Jamison, miner, Low Torrie, Torryburn; John Peden, miner, and George Peden, jun., both of Eden Villa, Low Valleyfield. (See “Disaster At Valleyfield Colliery”, March 15 P4).

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“The Convict Ship” - a photograph and potted history of the ship “Success”, the last remaining ship that was used to incarcerate transported prisoners.

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“Is Cowdenbeath Under Policed?” - an article containing some interesting statistics regarding the population in the Cowdenbeath district, which highlights the need for a larger police presence.

May 3 P2

“Blairhall Pit Disaster” - ‘Sheriff Court Inquiry’ - a report of the Public Inquiry into the death of: - Alexander McCallum, Newmills; John Boyle, Low Valleyfield; Bernard Neary, Torryburn; and Henry Newman, Culross, pit sinkers who were all killed in the shaft of the Lord Bruce pit which was being sunk at the Blairhall Colliery.

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Cox, miner, 190 South Glencaig, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Glencaig Colliery. : - Robert McAllistar, pithead worker, Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident at No. 2 Minto Pit: - William King, labourer, McGrath’s Lodging House, Jamestown, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at the Rosyth Naval Base.

May 3 P3

“Kelty Miner Killed In Mary Pit” - a brief report of the death of James Orr (26), who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“A Bowhill Engineman Killed” - a report of the death of David Robertson, (66), engineman, 16th Street, Bowhill, who was killed at Bowhill Colliery.

June 7 P2

“The Miners’ Gala” - ‘Great Gathering At Dunfermline’ - Aims and Claims of the Union’ - a long report of the annual gala of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Miners’ Association, which was held this year at Dunfermline.

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“Donibristle Library and Recreation Rooms” - a report of the formal opening of the new reading and recreation rooms at Donibristle which has been provided for the inhabitants of the village by the Fife Coal Company.

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“Fatal Accident At Blairenbathie” - a brief report of the death of James Ross, jigger engineman, 39 Adams Terrace, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in Blairenbathie Colliery.

July 5 P3

“New Church At Lumphinnans” - an article about plans now being completed for the building of a new church for the inhabitants of Lumphinnans.

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“Proposed U.F. Church For Lumphinnans” - a sketch of the proposed new church that is to be erected for the inhabitants of Lumphinnans. (See above)

“Miners’ Baths - The Continental Lesson” - Two photographs of bathing accommodation provided for the Continental miners.

July 19 P2

“The Census Testimonies” - ‘The Population of Scotland’ - some statistics from the latest Census

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“Lochore - Nursing Association” - a brief synopsis of the first annual report of the Lochore and Glenraig Nursing Association.

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“The Model Village of Fife” - ‘New U.F. Church For Cardenden’ - ‘Mr Carlow Lays Foundation Stone’ - a fairly long report of the laying of the memorial stone of the new United Free Church for Cardenden.

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“Under Manager Killed” - a brief report of the death of Alexander Laird (27), under manager, lodging at Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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“The Pit Brow Lassies” - an editorial about the attempt that is being made to ‘drive women from the pitheads’.

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“Fatal Accident At Lochgelly” - a brief report of the death of James Adamson (58), pit roadsman, South Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Crombie, machineman, Burnside Cottages, Kirkton, Burntisland, who died as a result of an accident at Cullalo Quarry. : - Michael Dignan, pit drawer, Dunfermline Road, Crossgates, who was killed in the Marion Pit of Donibristle.

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“The New Church For Lumphinnans” - ‘The Present “Tumble-Down and Tin-Pot Erection”.’ - a brief report of the discussion which took place at a meeting of the Dunfermline and Kinross U.F. Presbytery regarding the erection of a new church at Lumphinnans.

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“The Doctor Question” - a report of a ‘mass meeting’ of the Kelty workmen that took place to discuss the Fife Coal Company’s decision not to deduct from the men’s’ wages their fees for Dr. Sanjana (the Kelty miners’ fight for the right to choose their own doctor starts again)

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Peter Moyes, labourer, Hillend, who died as a result of an accident at Whinstone Quarry at Ferry Toll. : - Peter Casey, labourer, Jamestown, who was killed at Rosyth Naval Base Works. : - Thomas Sim, shaftsman, Low Valleyfield, who was killed in No. 1 Valleyfield Pit.

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“A Fatal Fall At Glenraig” - a brief report of the death of William Hughes, (30), miner, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

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“The Late Mr Mungall” - a report of the death of Mr Henry Mungall, a late director of the Cowdenbeath Coal Company and Fife Coal Company. Mr Mungall played a very active part in the affairs of Cowdenbeath. Contains a photograph and pen-picture of Mr Mungall.

“The Crossgates Explorer” - ‘drowned In The Congo’ - a brief report of the death of Mr J.P. Browne, a native of Crossgates.

“Sixty-Five Years A Miner” - ‘Early Reminiscences of Wellwood and Dunfermline’ - a glimpse at mining sixty-five years ago through the reminiscences of Mr William Penman, Cowdenbeath, undermanager of the Aitken Colliery, Kelty - (see also Dec 20 P4, for a photograph of Mr Penman, his son, grandson, and great-grandson. Jim C.)

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“Fife Coal Trade” - a brief synopsis of the Fife coal trade during the year 1911.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of Thomas Beveridge, fireman, 6 Hill Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Lassodie Mill Colliery. : - William Hughes, miner, 4 Gardeners Lane, Lochgelly, who was killed in Glenraig Colliery.

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“Colliery Rescue Work In Fife” - ‘The Equipment Of The Station’ - a long report of the lecture, “Equipment and Work of the Fife and Clackmannan Joint Colliery Rescue Station”, that was given to a gathering of Colliery Managers from all parts of Scotland, under the auspices of the Fife Mining School, Cowdenbeath.

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“The Minimum Wage” - a brief report of unrest in the coal mining industry.

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“Cowdenbeath” - snippets of news from the Burgh of Cowdenbeath, such as: - ‘Beath School Board’ - a report of the monthly meeting of Beath School Board: - ‘Town Council’ - a report of the monthly meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council, which discussed, among others, ‘Railway Facilities’ - ‘Water Consumption Statistics’ - ‘Criminal Statistics For The Year’ - etc.

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“The Minimum Wage” - the results of the ballot that was taken by the miners of Great Britain whether to strike for better wages.

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“Fife Mining School” - a report of the lecture that was given to the mining students of the Fife Mining School at Cowdenbeath, by the Principal of the School, Mr Joseph Parker. The lecture was on the origin of coal and the formation of the various British coalfields.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - Reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Thomas Nicol, drawer, White Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery. : - James Gordon, junior, brusher, Station Terrace, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Lethans Colliery. : - Mary Ann Hogg, pithead worker, who died as a result of an accident at Oakley Collieries.

“Denbeath Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of Hugh Muir, Denbeath, who was killed in the Earlseat Mines.

Feb 7 P4

“The Minimum Wage” - a brief report of a meeting of the Miners’ Federation that was held in London to discuss the miners claim for a new minimum wage.

Feb 14 P2

“Beath School Board” - a report of the monthly meeting of Beath School Board, which discussed, among others, the following: - ‘Resignations and Appointments’: - and H.M. Inspector of Schools reports on: - Broad Street School; Foulford School; Lassodie School; Hill of Beath School; and Kelty School.

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“The Coal Crisis.” - ‘Efforts of the Peacemakers’ - ‘Government Intervenes’ - Statement By The Prime Minister’ - ‘Minimum Wage and Minimum Output’ - a brief report of the growing unrest in the mining industry.

“Crime in Fife” - a brief synopsis of Fife County’s Chief-Constable (Mr J. Tennant Gordon) annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

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“The Coal Crisis” - further reports of the unease in the mining industry. - “How Fife Is Affected” - “The Miners’ Funds. Scotland” - “England and Wales”

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“The Coal Crisis” - “Peace Efforts” - ‘Prime Minister’s Statement’ -

“The Situation In Fife” - ‘Orderly Behaviour’ - ‘Evil Reports Contradicted’

“Mass Meeting” - ‘Mr Michael Lee And The Fife Coal King’.

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“The Coal Crisis” - ‘Distribution Of Weekly Allowance’ - ‘Dunfermline Gas Supply’ - ‘The Attitude of the Federation’ - etc., etc. - various reports on how the miners strike is affecting the districts.

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“The Situation In Fife”

“Statement By Mr Carlow - To Miners’ Leaders.”

(Local and national news of the present miners strike.)

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“Taking Coal From the Tip” - and - “Amateur Miner Resting For Dinner” - two photographs of striking miners.

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Daniel Fraser, miner, 8 Second Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery. : - Terence McGuire, miner, Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly.

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“Situation In Fife”

Local and national news of the present miners strike.

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“Fife Meetings and Ballot”- the result of the recent ballot held by the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association on the question of resumption of work. - Gives the results for the various districts. - The article also contains reports of how the strike is affecting the various districts.

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“Result of the Ballot” - ‘The Federated Area’ - the national results of the recent miners ballot to return to work.

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“End Of Strike” - ‘A Five Weeks’ Stoppage’ - a report of the National Conference of the Miners’ Federation voting 440 to 125 to resume work.

“The Cowdenbeath Demonstration” - ‘Excited Meeting at the Empire’ - ‘Conflicting Resolutions’ - a report of how the above news was received by the miners of Cowdenbeath, Kirkford and Raith Collieries.

“The Disturbed Fife Colliery Districts” - ‘Large Concentration of Police’ - ‘The Sheriff At Lochgelly’ - brief reports of the unrest that existed in the district.

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“Sheep Stealing & Strike Distress” - reports of some cases that were heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court as a result of the recent miners strike. i.e., ‘Sheep Stealing’ and ‘Potato Thieving’.

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“The Titanic Disaster” - ‘Iceberg Struck. - ‘Great Loss of Life’ - a report of the sinking of the Titanic.

“Golf” - Kelty - a brief report of the formal opening of Kelty’s new Golf course

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“Ambulance Competition At Dunfermline” - ‘The Mathewson Cup’ - a photograph of the team from Cardenden who were this years winners of the Mathewson Cup. The photographs consists of: - Messrs William Hunter; Alex Beveridge; Alex Gilfillan; James Tripney; Andrew Spence; Dr. L. Bowman; and Mr David Stevenson. - (This is a good clear photograph. Jim C.)

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“The Titanic Disaster” - ‘The American Inquiry’ - further reports of the sinking of the Titanic.

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“Golf” - The Kelty Course” - a sketch of Kelty’s new Golf Course.

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“Strike Rioting” - ‘Newton Colliery Demonstration.’ - ‘Fourteen Men Sentenced At Dunfermline’ - a report of the trial which took place at Dunfermline Sheriff Court of fourteen men who were charged with rioting at the Newton Colliery, Lochgelly, during the recent miners’ strike.

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“Baptismal Service At Loch Leven” - a brief report of the Lochore and Glenraig Baptist Church congregation holding a conventicle on Loch Leven side near Fintry Farm, during which Pastor Brown, Cowdenbeath, baptised ten converts in the Loch.

May 15 P2

“Bowhill Institute” - ‘Opening Ceremony’ - ‘Mr Carlow’s Commendation and Advice’ - a report of the formal opening of a large extension to the village institute of Bowhill.

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“Lord Bruce At Bowhill” - ‘Opening Of A Church Bazaar.’ - a report of Lord Bruce opening a two-day bazaar in the Public Hall, Cardenden, in aid of funds for the U.F. Church.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - David Hempseed, junior, miner, 133 Baldrigeburn Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in No2 Dalbeath Pit. : - Andrew Scotland, pithead worker, Little Causeway, Culross, who died as a result of an accident at the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

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“A Disastrous Enterprise - Winding Up Of West Fife Coal Company” - ‘11 Years’ Heavy Losses And No Dividends’ - a report of the West Fife Coal Company (Ltd.) ceasing to trade.

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“Pit Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Samuel Thomas Jack, brusher, Woodend, Auchterderran parish, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 pit of Bowhill Colliery. : - John Allan, pit repairer, 27 Mungall Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Mossbeath Pit. : - Patrick Sheridan, drawer, McMenemy’s Buildings, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

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“Induction At Ballingry” - a report of the Rev. W.H. McDairmid, M.A., B.D., being inducted to the parish of Ballingry.

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“A Fordell Fatality” - a brief report of the death of John Pollock, miner, Wemyss Square, Fordell, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Ann Pit of Fordell Colliery.

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“Pit Accident At Kinglassie” - a brief report of the death of William Whitton, (17), miner, Leslie, and Patrick Macaulay, miner, Kinglassie, both lost their lives in the Kinglassie Colliery.

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“Eastern Approach To City” - a Dunfermline view painted by A. Westwood (Viewfield Place)

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“Fatal Coal Fall” - ‘Two Men Killed At Cowdenbeath’ - a report of an accident in No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath, in which two miners, John Bissett and Linus Muirhead, lost their lives.

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“A Miner’s Dream And Death” - a brief report of the death of Robert Stewart, miner, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly.

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“Fatal Accidents” -reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Pollock, fireman, 8 Wemyss Square, Fordell, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Ann Pit of Fordell Colliery. : - Robert Stewart, wheeler, 59 Auchterderran Road, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly. : - Thomas Drummond, 43 New Rows, Lassodie, who died as a result of an accident at No. 11 Pit of Lassodie Colliery. : - Linus Muirhead, 45 Natal Place, Cowdenbeath, and John Bruce Bissett, 49 High Street, Cowdenbeath, who were both killed in the same accident in No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - Martin Hainey, jun., New Buildings, Marshall Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Benarty Pit.

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“Kelty Pithead Worker’s Death” - a brief report of the death of Daniel McDonald, Greenside, Station Road, Kelty, how died as a result of an accident at the Flower Pit, Lassodie Mill Colliery.

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“From Gibb Street To The Cross” - and “At Monastery Street Corner” - two views of Dunfermline streets from the pen of A. Westwood.

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“Mine Air” - ‘Lecture On Dangerous Gases’ - a long report of the lecture that was given by Mr Richard Berry, colliery manager, to the members of the Colliery Firemen and Shot-Firers’ Association, on the subject of the various types of dangerous gases that are to be met with in coal mining.

Sept. 25 P3

“Views Of Aberdour” - “The Stone-Crusher At Work” - “The Bay At High Tide” - two views of Aberdour from paintings by A. Westwood.

“Boy Killed At Lumphinnans Colliery” - a brief report of the death of Henry Aitchison, 14 years of age, 109 Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed while at work at the pithead of No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans.

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“Miner Crushed In Aitken Pit” - a brief report of the death of George Fernie, pit brusher, Wilson Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Morley, miner, Ballingry Place, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Donald McDonald, junior, pit-head runner, Greenside Place, Station Road, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at Lassodie Mill Colliery. : - George Fernie, brusher, 11 Wilson Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Henry Aitcheson, aged 14 years, pithead worker, 109 Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at No. 11 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

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“School Board Amalgamation” - ‘Inquiry At Dunfermline’ - ‘Proposed Unification of Lochgelly, Auchterderran, and Ballingry Boards’ - a long report of the inquiry that was held in Dunfermline regarding the amalgamation of the School Boards of Lochgelly, Auchterderran and Ballingry, into the one School Board. - (This article contains some useful statistics regarding the schools in these respective areas. Jim C)

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“Fatal Accident At The Nellie Pit”. - A brief report of the death of James Robertson, pit wright, 7 Launcherhead, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident at the Nellie Pit.

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“Man Killed At Dalbeath Pit” - a brief report of the death of James Meldrum, hangeron, West Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Dalbeath Pit.

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“Bowhill Miner’s Death” - a brief report of the death of Walter Lauder, miner, No. 8 Third Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery.

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“Fatal Accident In Aitken Pit” - a brief report of the death of Joseph Smith, (48), a waggoner, Russell’s Row, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the Aitken Pit.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Gough, electric crane driver, 68 Brucefield Avenue, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident at the Naval Base Works at Rosyth. : - Edward Gallacher, labourer, Hill Street, Inverkeithing, who was killed at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Walter Lauder, (Louden?) miner, 8 Third Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, of Bowhill Colliery. : - Joseph Nelson, miner, Lower Oakfield, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in No. 4 Lindsay Pit at Kelty. : - Joseph Smith, waggoner, Russell’s Row, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the Aitken Pithead.

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“Fatal Result Of An Accident” - a brief report of the death of James Wilson, miner, Ballingry Place, Lochore, how died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“The Winners Of The Ambulance Cup.” - a photograph of last years winners of the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association Ambulance Cup, with a brief synopsis of their past victories. Those on the photograph are: - Henry Lister; David Taylor; Thomas Mutter; Dr. A.C. Keay; Charles Y Russell and Peter McCallum, who all hold positions in the Kelty section. (A good clear photograph)

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“Fatal Termination Of An Accident” - a brief report of the death of Henry Grossett, pithead man, Chapel Farm Cottages, who died as a result of an accident at the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“A Bowhill Disaster” - ‘Two Miners Buried Alive’ - a brief report of the death of William Simpson, (24), Tenth Street, Bowhill, and James Duncan, (28), Harris’s Buildings, Station Road, Cardenden, who were both killed in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Allan, railway surfaceman, School Wynd, Kinross, who died as a result of an accident on the North British Railway near Kelty. : - James Wilson, jun., 5 Ballingry Place, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Henry Grossett, pitheadman, Chapel of Lochore, who died as a result of an accident at the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Duncan, Harris’ Buildings, Station Road, Cardenden, and William Simpson, 5 Tenth Street, Bowhill, who were both killed in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery. : - Henry Gray, miner, 19 Miller’s Buildings, Kelty, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lassodie Mill Colliery.

“Two Miners Killed at Kelty” - a report of the deaths of John Duff, junior, Mossgreen Place, Kelty, and John Gilbert, Athole Place, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, who were both killed in No. 4 Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

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“A Lochgelly Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of Alexander Munroe, a miner, (40), who was killed in the Newton Pit.

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“The Castle Of Lochore” - a view of Lochore Castle from a painting by A. Westwood.

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“The Houses In Adam’s Terrace” - two photographs of houses in Adam’s Terrace, Kelty, that have been affected by Subsidence.

“Fatality At Kelty - Cowdenbeath Boy Crushed To Death” - a brief report of the death of John McMillan, 14 years of age, 10 Thistle Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Blair Pit, Kelty.

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“The Amenities Of Lochore” - ‘Lochore and Benarty Working Men’s Library Committee’ - a report of the formal opening of the Lochore Public Park and new Billiard and Recreation Rooms. - Contains a photograph of the members of the Lochore and Benarty Working men’s Committee.

“Downhill Castle” - two views of Downhill Castle, from paintings by A. Westwood.

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“Lochgelly Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of John Burnett, 39 Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Minto Pit, near Lochgelly.

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“Destructive Fire At Inverkeithing” - ‘The Paper Works Burned Down’ - a report of the fire at Messrs Caldwell & Company Paper Works at Inverkeithing, which almost totally destroyed the buildings.

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“A Fatal Fall At Lindsay Pit” - a brief report of the death of Thomas Fenton, a coal cutter driver, Kinross, who died as a result of an accident in the Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

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“Views Of Blairadam Village” - two views of Blairadam Village (now known as Maryburgh), from paintings by A. Westwood.

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“Terrible Accident at the Mary Pit” - ‘One Man Killed Another Injured’ - a brief report of the accident, which happened at the Mary Pit, Lochore, in which George Leadbetter, (33), lost his life, and Hamilton Bartie was reported seriously injured. (Bartie later died from his injuries, Jim C.)

“Man Killed At Moss-Side” - a brief report of the death of James Kelly, (26), Northfield, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Moss-side Colliery, Cowdenbeath.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Turnbull, pit roadsman, Bandrum Cottage, Saline, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Lethans Colliery. : - Alice Black, bleachfield worker, Main Street, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident at Woodmill Bleachfield. : - Thomas McArdle, labourer, Lodging-houses, Cruickness, Inverkeithing, who was killed at Rosyth Naval Base Works. : - David Allan Berry, carpenter, South Row, Charlestown, who was killed at the Naval Ordnance Works at Crombie. : - John Burnett, miner, 39 Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Minto Pit, near Lochgelly. : - George Leadbetter, shaftsman, Waverly Street, Lochore and Martin Baird Bartie, Shaw’s Cottages, Glenraig, both died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - James Kelly, miner, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Mossbeath Colliery. : - Thomas McMillan, (14), 10 Thistle Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at No. 1 Pit of Blairadam Colliery. : - Thomas Fenton, coal cutter driver, Lowrie’s Building’s, Kinross, who died as a result of an accident in No. 4 Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

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“Miner Killed At Bowhill” - a brief report of the death of James Dewar, miner, Orr View, Cardenden, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

“Pony Driver Killed At Lumphinnans” - a brief report of the death of John Blair, pony driver, 121 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans.

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“A Historical Bridge At Blairadam” - a view of Blairadam from a painting by A. Westwood.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Narine Purvis, miner, 37 Miller’s Buildings, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - James Todd Whyte, drawer, Greig’s Lodging House, Great North Road, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - John Blair, pony driver, 121 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - James Dewar, miner, Ore View Cottages, Bowhill, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

“Brusher Killed In Minto Pit”. -A brief report of the death of Daniel Mullan, brusher, (28), Grainger Street, Lochgelly, who was killed as a result of an accident in the Minto Pit, near Lochgelly.

“Appalling Disaster In Lanarkshire” - ‘Twenty-Two Lives Lost’ - a brief report of the disaster that happened in the Cadder No 15 and No. 17 Pits, during which the Cowdenbeath Mines Rescue teams played an active part. - Contains a list of previous colliery disaster from 1877 to 1912.

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“Miners’ Rescue Brigade” - an article describing the Miners’ Rescue Station at Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath.

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“Cadder Disaster” - ‘Demand For Searching Inquiry’ - a report of Mr William Adamson, M.P. for West Fife, putting a question to the Home Secretary, calling for a special inquiry into all the facts connected with the disaster at Cadder

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“As Others See Us - The Collier And Sport” - an article devoted to “Cowdenbeath and Its Fringe.” by a correspondent of the ‘Glasgow Herald’.

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“The Member For West Fife” - a pen-picture of Mr William Adamson, M.P. for West Fife.

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“The Town Clerk of Lochgelly” - a photograph and pen-picture of Mr Robert Small, Town Clerk of Lochgelly.

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“Burgh Chamberlain Of Lochgelly” - a photograph and pen-picture of Mr Andrew Malcolm, Burgh Chamberlain of Lochgelly.

“The Mine Firemen” - ‘Duties and Responsibilities’ - part 1 of a lecture that was given by Mr Parker, B.Sc., Principle of Fife Mining School, Cowdenbeath.

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“Scarcity Of Dwelling-Houses” - an article about the scarcity of housing accommodation in the Cowdenbeath and district area and extracts from a statement that was made by Councillor James Miller, president of the Cowdenbeath Property Owners’ Association on the reason as to why the building of houses in the Cowdenbeath and district has all but ceased.

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“The Mine Firemen” - ‘Duties and Responsibilities’ - part II of a lecture that was given by Mr Parker. B.Sc., Principle of the Fife Mining School, Cowdenbeath.

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“Fife Miner Electrocuted” - a brief report of the death of William Laurenson, (31), pit roadsman, 11 Waverly Street, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“The Keen Keen Curlers” - ‘Reminiscences of the Game and of the Club’ - a long report of the members and friends of Dunfermline Curling Club meeting in a social capacity to honour the club’s oldest member, Dr. Dow. - The article contains a synopsis of the history of the Dunfermline Curling Club.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Michael McCann, miner, Castle Street, Alloa, who died as a result of an accident in the Bruce Pit of Blairhall Colliery. : - David Stevenson, picking table overseer, 16th Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident at the Josephine Pit of Bowhill Colliery. : - William Laurenson, jun., pit roadsman, 11 Waverly Street, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“The Tramway Extension; The First Car In Woodhead Street” - a Dunfermline view from a painting by A. Westwood.

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“The Justice of Peace Clerk” - a photograph and pen-picture of Mr P.M. Connell, Clerk for the Dunfermline Justice of Peace Court.

“The Coal Trade” - ‘Retrospect and Prosperity’ - a synopsis of the fife coal mining industry for the year 1913.

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“The Road To Rosyth” - ‘Moodie Street’ - a Dunfermline view from a painting by A. Westwood.

“The Romantic Glen” - a Dunfermline view from a painting by A. Westwood.

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“A Fatal Fall At Dysart” - a brief report of the death of David Sim, a pit inspector, who died as a result of falling 840 feet down the shaft of the Francis Pit, Dysart.

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“Recognition Of Public Services” - ‘Presentation To Ex-Provost Barclay, Cowdenbeath’ - a report of the function that took place at Cowdenbeath to mark the occasion of the retiral of Ex-Provost Barclay from Cowdenbeath Council. Contains a photograph and pen-picture of Ex-Provost Barclay.

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“George Watson, The Roper Bard, Passes Away At Dundee” - a report of the death of George Watson, a workman who contributed quite a number of poems to the local newspapers under the pen-name, “The Roper Bard”. Contains a pen-picture of Mr Watson.

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“West Fife Goths” - ‘Increased Receipts and Weekly Wages’ - a very brief synopsis of the year’s business in the West Fife Goths.

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“Death of Lord Minto” - a brief report of the death of the Earl of Minto. Contains a brief pen-picture of Lord Minto.

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“Lochore Meadows” - ‘A Reclamation Scheme’ - a letter to the editor describing how the Lochore Meadows could be reclaimed.

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“Lochore” - ‘Life In A Mining Village’ - an extract of a lecture that was given to the inhabitants of Lochore by Mr David Beveridge on the subject; “50 Years’ History of Mining Village Life” -contains a brief synopsis of the education system in Lochore, etc.

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“Wireless Telephone” - ‘Installation In Lindsay Colliery’ - a report of the “wireless telephone” being introduced at the Lindsay Colliery, Kelty.

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“Principal Of Fife Mining School” - a photograph and pen-picture of Mr Joseph Parker, Principal of the Fife Mining School, Cowdenbeath.

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“Town Clerk Of Cowdenbeath” - a photograph and pen-picture of Mr George Terris, Town Clerk of Cowdenbeath.

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Scott, 230 Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, who became ill and died at the pithead of No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery. : - James McHale, miner, 44 Croall Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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“Fife Miners’ Gala” - ‘Great Gathering in Dunfermline’ - ‘Lively Scenes’ - a report of the annual gala of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan miners, which was held at Dunfermline.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Thomson Beveridge, wagon examiner, 25 Hill Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident at the railway sidings at Hill of Beath. : - William Cummings, labourer, Rosyth Village, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base Works. : - Edward Meace, rope-runner, 27 Glebe Park Terrace, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base.

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“Four Days A Week - Notices To Be Given” - a brief report that the Fife and Kinross Miners’ Association have met and decided to lodge their notice of their intention of attempting to secure for their members a four-day-week.

“Miner Killed In Lumphinnans Pit” - a brief report of the death of William Brown, (36), miner, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 11 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

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“Coal Mines Prosecution” - ‘Trial of Fife Coal Company’s Officials’ - a long report of the charges of Contravening the Coal Mines Act, that were heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court against; Henry Rowan, certificated colliery manager, Cowdenbeath and District agent of the Fife Coal Company; James Dempster, Colliery manager, Cowdenbeath; and George Shearer Christie, under manager, Cowdenbeath. The complaint was *‘that between 16 February and 19th March, in No. 10 Pit, Cowdenbeath, they neglected to have constantly produced an adequate amount of ventilation to dilute and render harmless inflammable and noxious gases to such an extent that all roads, levels and workings should be in a fit state for working and passing thereon, in consequence of which an explosion took place and Sinclair McLeod and William Millar, two brushers, received burning injuries.’*

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“The 4 Days A Week Policy” - reports from various sources regarding the miners’ attempt to win a four-day-week.

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“An International War Scare” - ‘Austrian Intimidation of Servia’ - the threat of war raises its ugly head.

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“Coal Mines Convictions” - ‘Heavy Fines On Fife Coal Company Officials’ - a long report of Sheriff Umpherston’s judgement in the case against Fife Coal Company (see also July 15 P4 “Coal Mines Prosecution”).

Aug 5 P2

“Naval Operations In The Baltic” - **“German Bombardment Of Russian Towns”** - **“Violation Of Luxembourg Treaty”** - **“British Obligations”** - **“Fleet And Army Mobilised”** - the First World War begins!

(Note: - from this point onwards in the newspaper “War News” figures prominently. If the reader is looking for information regarding relatives/friends/ etc., reported dead, wounded, or missing in the “Great War”, then there is a very good chance that you will find the information you seek in the next four years copy of the “West Fife Echo” or her sister Paper, “The Dunfermline Journal” - quite a few photographs of those reported dead, wounded or missing also appear in both these papers. The list of names become longer and longer as the years go by and the war continues, too long and too saddening to write down. Jim C.)

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Francis Frail, labourer, McGrath’s Lodging-House, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Charles Moyes, labourer, 56 Grieve Street, Dunfermline, who died while at work in the Ferry Toll Quarry, Inverkeithing. : - William Moffat Brownlie Brown, miner, 37 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

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“Gas Light For Aberdour” - a brief report of the introduction of gas to the village of Aberdour.

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“Lumphinnans Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of James Morgan (32), Beveridge Place, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

Oct 21 P4

“Lance-Corporal Alexander Milne” and **“Sergeant-Major Burt”** - photographs of two men from the West Fife district who have been reported killed in action. - **(Note: from this week on a list of the servicemen from the district who have been reported dead, wounded, or missing, is, unfortunately, a regular item in the newspaper. Jim C.)**

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“Fatal Blairhall Accident” - a brief report of the death of William Ferguson, miner, Comrie Village, who died as a result of an accident at Blairhall Colliery.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - George Fraser, 46 Holyrood Place, and Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Alfred John Fitzgerald, labourer, Rosyth Hut Village, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - James Morgan, miner, 38 Beveridge Place, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

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“In Time Of War” - ‘How Lochgelly Is Affected’ - an article by a “Special Commissioner” on what affect the present war is having on life in Lochgelly.

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“Dead, Wounded & Missing” - a list of the names of the men from the district who have been reported Dead, Wounded, and Missing since the commencement of the war

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“Obituary” - ‘Mr. George Terris; Town Clerk Of Cowdenbeath’ - the obituary of the late Mr G. Terris, Town Clerk of Cowdenbeath.

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“Electrical Machineman’s Death - Found Lying On A Switch Box” - a brief report of the death of James Hart, electrical machineman, Dundonald Den, Cardenden, who was killed in the West Mines, Dundonald.

“Fatal Accident At Minto Colliery” - a brief report of the death of William Paton, (41), bricklayer, Wellwood Road, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Minto Colliery, near Lochgelly.

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“In Time Of War” - ‘Cowdenbeath’ - an article on the affect that the present war is having on life in Cowdenbeath

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“The Christmas Fraternisation” - ‘Dunfermline Soldier’s Description’ - part of a letter that was written by Rifleman John Erskine, 5th Scottish Rifles, to his mother in Dunfermline, describing the fraternisation of the opposing troops that took place on the battle front on Christmas day.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - David Kirk, miner, 2 Dundas Street, Lochgelly, who died after having a heart attack in the Mary Pit, Lochgelly. : - William Paton, bricklayer, 27 Well Road, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Minto Colliery. : - James Herkes, electric machineman, 18 Dundonald Den, Auchterderran, who was killed in the West Mine of Dundonald Colliery. : - Alexander Gray, mining contractor, Landale Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glenraig Colliery. : - David Stachan, pithead worker, Upper Oakfield, who was killed on the pithead of the Aitken Colliery, Kelty.

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“Mr James Terris” - ‘Recognition of His Public Service’ - ‘Mural Tablets Unveiled At Cowdenbeath and Kelty’ - a fairly long report of the two services that were held to do honour to Mr James Terris of Dullomuir, Blairadam, in recognition of the service that Mr Terris gave to the cause of education in the Beath Parish.

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“Cowdenbeath Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of James Burns, miner, Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Mossbeath Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Charles Hart, labourer, Rosyth Village, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Arthur Turvey, ganger, 35 Forth Street, Dunfermline, who died from a heart attack in a cabin at Rosyth. : - Alexander Pratt, labourer, 3 Ellen Street, Cellardyke, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Cpl. Duncan McArthur Kerr, 5th Battalion of the King’s Own Scottish Borderers, Stationed at North Queensferry, who died as a result of an accidental shooting on the shore at Port Laing, Inverkeithing. : - John Black, picking table foreman, 21 Eighteenth Street, Bowhill, who died of a heart attack while at work at Bowhill Colliery. : - Robert Simpson, miner, Rankin’s Buildings, Crossgates, who died as a result of an accident in the Alice Pit of Fordell Colliery. : - James Burns, hanger-on, 153 Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Mossbeath Colliery.

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“Glencraig Brusher Killed” - a brief report of the death of John Reilly, brusher, John Street, Crosshill, who was killed in Glencraig Colliery.

May 12 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Graham, labourer, Naval Base Mansions Lodging House, Jamestown, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base Works. : - James Cuthill, labourer, Station Lodging-House, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Francis Montador, labourer, Backgates, St, Monans, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - James Millar, slasher, Rosyth Village, who was killed at Rosyth Naval Base. : - James Kerr, pit bottomer, Main Road, Milesmark, Dunfermline, who was killed in No. 3 Pit of Rosebank Colliery (known as the Dixie Pit). : - William Reilly, brusher, 10 John Street, Crosshill, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glencraig Colliery.

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“Young Kelty Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of Robert Hardie, (17), Oakfield, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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Aug 4 P3

“Cowdenbeath Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of Thomas Ferguson, miner, Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 9 Pit of the Fife Coal Company.

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“Fatal Accident At Valleyfield Colliery” - a brief report of the death of William McDade, miner, 4 Beaumont Street, Valleyfield, who was killed in Valleyfield Colliery.

“Electrical Engineer Killed At Kinglassie” - a brief report of the death of George Fernie, (17), who was killed at Kinglassie Colliery.

Sept. 8 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Allan Cole, surfaceman, 151 Union Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident near the miners platform at No 11 pit at Lumphinnans Colliery. : - John McNiven, shunter, 27 Mungall Street, Lumphinnans who was killed on lye at No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - John Wilson, borer, of no fixed abode, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Thomas Ferguson, machineman, 107 Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 9 Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - William McDade, miner, 4 Beaumont Street, Low Valleyfield, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. : - Stephen McGuire, miner, Abbey Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery.

Sept. 15 P2

“Kelty Man Killed In Aitken Pit” - a brief report of the death of Mitchell Collins, haulage-man, Keltyhill Road Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

Sept. 15 P3

“Fatal Result Of An Accident” - a brief report of the death of Patrick Shields, 62 Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident at Donibristle Colliery.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Patrick Shields, brusher, 62 Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the James Pit of the Donibristle Colliery. : - Joseph James Baxter, engine driver, 143 Rumblingwell Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident at the Rosyth Naval Base. : - George Bowman, miner, Norwood Cottages, Jamphlars, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery. : - Mitchell Collins, haulageman, Keltyhill Road, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Thomas Young, bottomer, Coalville Terrace, Crossgates, who was killed in No. 12 Pit of Donibristle Colliery.

Nov 10 P1

“Aberdour Pictures” - a view of Aberdour from a painting by A. Westwood.

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“Aberdour Pictures” - ‘An Aberdour Lane’ - a view of Aberdour from a painting by A. Westwood.

Dec 8 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a report of the Public Inquiries in to the deaths of: - George Wells, labourer, Rosyth Village, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - John Allan, miner, 36 Park Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Foulford Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - Lawrence Duffy, (15), drawer, 192 South Glenraig, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

Dec 29 P2

“Fife Colliery Manager” - ‘Kelty’s Tribute to Mr David Beveridge’ - a report of the tribute that was paid by the inhabitants of Kelty to Mr David Beveridge, Agent for Fife Coal Company, on the occasion of his leaving the district to take up another post with the Wemyss Coal Company. Contains a pen-picture of Mr Beveridge’s time at Kelty.

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(This year's edition of the "Echo" continues to produce weekly a report of the names of the Local Casualties along with numerous photographs.)

Feb 2 P2

"Fatal Accident Inquiries" - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Thornton, labourer, Rosyth Village, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Thomas Paterson, miner, Ballingry Place, Lochore, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

Feb 9 P3

"Fatal Result of an Accident" - a brief report of the death of Andrew Peacock, Main Street, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in Lochside Coal and Fireclay mine.

"Dunfermline Miner Killed" - a brief report of the death of Alexander Clunie, brusher, Reid Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Dean Colliery, Kingseat.

March 8 P4

"Fatal Accident Inquiries" - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Alexander King, ganger, Ochil Road, Rosyth, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Andrew Peacock, miner, Main Street, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in Lochside Mine, Townhill. : - Alexander Russell, miner, 19 Nineteenth Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Bowhill Colliery. : - Andrew Wilson, labourer, Whitehouse Hotel, Inverkeithing, who was killed at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Alexander Clunie, miner, 23 Reid Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Dean Colliery, Kingseat. : - Martin Tracey, pit worker, Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery.

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“Combination Poor House Committee” - a brief report of the quarterly meeting of the Combination Poor House Committee.

May 10 P4

“Double Fatality At Lochore” - a brief report of the death of James McLachlan, Waverly Street, Lochore, and Mathew Anderson, Milton, Crosshill, who both died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

May 17 P2

“Fatal Accident Inquiries.” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Robert Thomas Gunn, drawer, 52 Waverly Street, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in Benarty Colliery. : - David Johnstone, pithead contractor, Station Road, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident at the Minto Colliery, near Lochgelly. : - Walter Easson, brusher, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - James Paterson, machineman, 3 Old Reading-room House, Hill of Beath, who was killed in No. 2 Dalbeath Pit. : - James McLachlan, 120 Waverly Street, Lochore, and Mathew Anderson, Whine (?) House, Crosshill, miners, who were both killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

June 28 P3

“Girl Fatally Injured at Valleyfield Colliery” - a brief report of the death of Annie Kelly, (19), pithead worker, 40 Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident at Valleyfield Colliery.

Sept. 13 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Hubbucks, labourer, 20 Queen Street, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Andrew Daly, miner, Abbey Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. : - James Sneddon, boiler cleaner, 98 Hospital Hill, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident at No. 12 Pit of Donibristle Colliery. : - William Mearns Sinclair, brusher, Blairhall Cottages, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery. : - George Mair, pit fireman, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in No. 4 Lindsay Pit, Kelty. : - Andrew Ritchie, brusher, High Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Mossbeath Colliery.

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Oct 25 P4

“Killed By A Fall At Glenraig Colliery” - a brief report of the death of John Dowds (70), miner, South Glenraig, who was killed in Glenraig Colliery.

Nov 1 P2

“Lochgelly Footballer Killed In Pit” - a brief report of the death of John McKinlay, (23), who was killed in the Minto Colliery.

“Cowdenbeath Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of John Drummond (17), miner, 50 Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

Nov 29 P3

“Fatal Accident In Kelty Pit” - a brief report of the death of Andrew Blair, (31), miner, Lower Oakfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Lindsay Pit.

Dec 13 P3

“Fatal Accident In The Arthur Pit.” - a brief report of the death of William Simpson (24), Randolph Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Arthur Pit, Lochgelly.

Dec 20 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Brown, labourer, 145 Ramsay Road, Kirkcaldy, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Andrew Philip Blair, miner, William Terrace, Lower Oakfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 4 Lindsay Pit, Kelty. : - Anthony Kelly, miner, McMenemy’s Buildings, South Glenraig, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

Dec 27 P4

“Local Industries” - a review of the Dunfermline Textile Industries; The Building Trade; and the Fife Coal Trade for the year 1916.

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(The ever increasing list of Local Casualties continues to be reported weekly.)

Jan 3 P2

“The White Lady Of Otterstoun” - the legend of “The White Lady” of Otterstoun.

Jan 10 P2

“Fatality In The Lady Veronica Pit” - a brief report of the death of James Todd, (50), assistant pit bottomer, 40 Russell Place, Clackmannan, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

Jan 24 P2

“Fatal Termination To Oakley Brusher’s Accident” - a brief report of the death of William Chapman, (42), brusher, 53 Oakley Rows, Carnock, who died as a result of an accident in Oakley Colliery.

Jan 24 P3

“Two Men Killed At Cowdenbeath; Others Injured” - a report of the death of two men, James Newton, Moss-side Road, Cowdenbeath, and Charles Boyd, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, as a result of an accident in the shaft of No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

Jan 24 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Todd, assistant pit bottomer, 40 Russell Place, Clackmannan, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery. : - James Kelly, miner, 40 Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Valleyfield Pit. : - William Wallace Simpson, miner, Randolph Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Arthur Pit.

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“Miner Killed At Blairhall Colliery” - a brief report of the death of Patrick Hughes, (26), miner, Red Row, near Newmills, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

“Pithead Labourer Killed” - a brief report of the death of Thomas Conoboy, (58), pithead labourer, 9 Beveridge Place, Lumphinnans, who was killed at the pithead of No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans.

Feb 28 P2

“Fatal Accident Inquiries - Heroic Fife Miners” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Chapman, brusher, 63 Oakley Rows, who died as a result of an accident in Oakley Colliery. : - James Williamson, miner, 18 Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. : - Charles Boyd, contractor, 41 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, and James Newton, pit sinker, Moss-side Road, Cowdenbeath, who both died on the same day as a result of an accident in the shaft of No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - Peter Torley, jun., drawer, 25 Milton Rows, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Patrick Hughes, miner, Red Row Cottages, Newmills, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery. : - Thomas Conoboy, pithead labourer, 9 Beveridge Place, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident at the pithead of No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans. **Note: - there is, at the end of this report, further mention of the men who displayed the utmost bravery in attempting to rescue the trapped pit sinker, James Newton, from the shaft of No. 7 Pit.**

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“Miner Killed at Townhill” - a brief report of the death of William Fleming, miner, 14 Chisolms Crescent, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in a Townhill Pit.

April 4 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the death of: - William Campbell Fleming, (23), machineman, 14 Chisolms Crescent, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 7 Pit, Townhill.

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“Three Fatal Accident” - brief reports of the deaths of: - Henry Hogarth, (36), miner 123 South Glencaig, who died as a result of an accident in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly. : - Patrick Kane, (40), miner, Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Minto Pit, near Lochgelly. : - Alexander Grey, (11), Long Row, and Denend, who fell over the stone quarry at Denend.

April 18 P3

“Bowhill - Will it be Raised to Burgher Status?” - an article which considers Bowhill’s possibility of becoming Burgh.

April 18 P4

“The Heroes Of No. 7” - ‘Awards by Carnegie Trust and Fife Coal Company’ - a report of the presentation ceremony which took place in the Arcade Hall, Cowdenbeath, to honour the men who showed such bravery during the accident which occurred in the shaft of No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

May 2 P4

“Blairhall” - ‘The Village and the Colliery’ - a glimpse at the village of Blairhall and Blairhall Colliery.

May 16 P2

“Fatal Accident At Gordon Pit” - a brief report of the death of James Bonar, miner, 63 Thistle Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“Machine Worker Killed At Cowdenbeath” - a brief report of the death of John Mitchell, 9 Union Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident at No. 9 Pit of Cowdenbeath Colliery.

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May 16 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries in to the deaths of: - Michael Dunlevey, brusher, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, who died at the James Pit of Donibristle Colliery, as a result of strain. : - Alexander Naysmith, miner, 11 Church Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Arthur Pit. : - Peter Martin, miner, Ness View, Low Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. : - Patrick O’Kane, machineman, 29 Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Minto Colliery. : - Henry Hogarth, miner, 123 South Glencraig, who was killed in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly.

June 20 P2

“Miner Killed In Minto Colliery” - a brief report of the death of David Baxter, (42), miner, Grace Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Minto Colliery.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - David Law, labourer, 14 Rosabelle Street, Kirkcaldy, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - James McIntyre, fireman, Bridge Row, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - William Edward Austin, miner, 4 Lochleven Road, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - John Mitchell, machineman, 9 Union Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 9 Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - James Bonar, miner, 63 Thistle Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - Michael Lynch, miner, 45 North Glencraig, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glencraig Colliery.

Aug 1 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Joseph Miller, oversman, 4 Rownhill Road, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in the Alice Pit of Fordell Colliery. : - Andrew Adamson, miner, 89 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - Thomas Todd, miner, Woodside Place, Townhill, Dunfermline, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - William Beattie, miner, 56 Dundonald Den, who was killed in the West Mine of Dundonald Colliery. : - David Baxter, miner, Grace Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of the Minto Colliery.

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Aug 29 P2

“Man Killed At Mossbeath” - a brief report of the death of Robert Robson, miner, 6 Bain Street, Hill of Beath, who was killed in Mossbeath Colliery, Cowdenbeath.

Sept 12 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Kelly, miner, 114 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - Samuel Anderson, White House Hotel Lodging House, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Dominic Sherry, 130 Waverly Cottages, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Robert Robson, brusher, 6 Main Street, Hill of Beath, who was killed in No. 1 Mossbeath Pit, Cowdenbeath.

Dec 19 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a report of the Public Inquiry into the death of Robert Lawson, (29), haulageman, Woodend, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Coal Trade” - a review of the Fife Coal Trade for the year 1917.

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***(The list of war casualties from the district
continues to be reported weekly)***

Feb 20 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of Colin Maxwell, miner, 372 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Foulford Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - John Paterson, wagon repairer, Arthur Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed on the railway sidings at Raith Colliery.

Feb 27 P4

“A Prosperous Enterprise.” - ‘Fife Tramway, Light, and Power Company’ - a report of the ninth general meeting of the Fife Tramway, Light, and Power Company.

May 8 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Francis McConville, jun., (between 15 and 16 years of age), 86 Bridge Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in Lochhead Pit, near Auchtertool. : - Robert Buchanan, surfaceman, 37 James Street, Dunfermline, who was killed on the railway line east from Dunfermline east.

June 19 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a report of the Public Inquiry into the deaths of: - Birrell Davidson, Jun., miner, Rosewell Drive, Lochore; William Hall, fireman, William’s Terrace, Lower Oakfield; George Davis, repairer, Manse Row, Crossgates.

July 3 P3

“Fordell Accident Ends Fatally” - a brief report of the death of Robert Spowart, pit fireman, Wemyss Square, Fordell, who died as a result of an accident in Fordell Colliery.

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July 17 P2

“Blairhall Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of James McDougal, (36), miner, Coltness Iron Company’s Village, who was killed in the Lord Bruce Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

July 31 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Robert Spowart, fireman, 4 Wemyss Square, Fordell, who died as a result of an accident in the William Pit of Fordell Colliery. : - Charles Gibson, brusher, Church Row, Crossgates, who died as a result of an accident in Foulford Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - George Cairns, miner, Cameron Cottages, Windygates, who was killed in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery. : - James McDougal, miner, 43 Blairhall Village, who was killed in the Lord Bruce Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

Sept 4 P3

“Heroism Rewarded” - a brief report of James Simpson, colliery fireman, Cowdenbeath, being awarded the Edward Medal in silver in recognition of his bravery at an accident in Glenraig Colliery.

Sept 25 P2

“Semi-Jubilee At Lochore” - ‘Congratulations and Presentation to Rev. Charles Mason.’ - a report of the congregation of the Lochore and Glenraig U.F. Church meeting to mark the semi-jubilee of their minister, the Re. Charles Mason.

Oct 9 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John White, roadsman, “The Potteries” Clackmannan, who was killed in the Lord Bruce Pit of Blairhall Collieries. : - Henry Malcolm, tail-runner, 103 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

Nov 6 P3

“Heroism In The Pit” - a brief report of the concert which was held in Glenraig Institute Hall to honour Mr James Simpson, Cowdenbeath in recognition of his bravery during a recent accident in Glenraig Colliery, and to present him with various tokens of esteem.

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“Terms Of Armistice” - a brief synopsis of the terms of the recent Armistice.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Andrew Lamb, machineman, 48 Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Marion Pit of Donibristle Colliery. : - John Burt, miner, 41 Chapel Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 19 Pit of Donibristle Colliery. : - Andrew Waterson, bogieman, 11 Well Road, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Jenny Grey Pit, Lochgelly.

Dec 18 P3

“Sergeant Hunter. V.C.” - a report of the inhabitants of Dunfermline honouring Sergeant David Ferguson Hunter, V.C., with a civic reception

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Feb 5 P2

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Walls, skilled labourer, Kinnis House, Bruce Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident on the Crombie Depot branch railway. : - James King, miner, 14 Grievesland Terrace, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Robert Clephane, brusher, 39 Overton Road, Kirkcaldy, who was killed in the Lady Helen Pit of Dundonald Colliery.

March 5 P2

“What The Miners Are Earning” - some brief statistics that show the results of the increase in miners wages since the war began - July 1914 - November 1918.

March 12 P2

“The Coal Commission; - Mr Smillie’s Passionate Inquiries” - ‘Conflict of “Property” and Humanity’ - a report of the evidence that was given to the Coal Commission

“Fatality at Brighills Colliery” - a brief report of the death of William McLaughlin, (48), bricklayer’s labourer, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Minto Pit.

March 12 P3

“Funeral of Lieut. Clydesdale” - a report of the funeral of 2nd Lieut. Robert A. Clydesdale in Ballingry Cemetery.

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March 19 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Charles Schoolbread, miner, 36 Park Street, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery. : - William Dryburgh, miner, 23 School Lane, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Arthur Pit. : - James Diak Robertson, electrical engineer, Stewart’s Buildings, Main Street, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Alexander Davidson Wright, brusher, 50 Blairhall Village, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

May 28 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Denis McLaughlin, timberman, Jamestown, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Dockyard. : - James Beveridge, tail runner, North End, Crossgates, who died as a result of an accident in the William Pit of Fordell Colliery. : - William McLaughlin, labourer, Greig’s Lodging House, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Minto Colliery.

June 11 P2

“Disastrous Colliery Fire At Kelty” - ‘Successful Rescue of Men Imprisoned in Burning Pit’ - a report of the recent fire at the Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

July 2 P4

“Return of Fife and Forfar Yeomanry” - a brief report of the return of the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry from France, where only four out of the original Fife and Forfar Yeomanry who went out in 1915 have returned.

July 16 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Elliot, miner, 142 Chalmers Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - William Craigie, miner, Kinnesswood, Kinross-shire, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - James Faichney, miner, Stirling Street, Tillicoultry, who was killed in the Lord Bruce Pit of Blairhall Colliery. : - Peter Orr, drawer, 85 Moss-side Road, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Mossbeath Pit. : - James Millar, miner, 55 Mungall Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - Joseph Birrane, brusher, 27 Waverly Street, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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Aug 13 P2

“Death of Mr Carnegie” - a report of the death of Andrew Carnegie.

Sept. 3 P3

“Valleyfield Pit Tragedy” - ‘Outbreak of Black Damp’ - a brief report of an outbreak of Black Damp in Valleyfield Colliery, during which Alexander Gordon (28), miner, Main Street, Low Valleyfield, lost his life.

Sept. 10 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - George Hall, rope-runner, 129 High Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident at the Royal Naval Ordnance Depot, Crombie. : - James Robertson, machineman, Hunter Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Helen Pit of Dundonald Colliery.

Oct 8 P2

“Death of Ex-Provost Barclay” - ‘The Father of Cowdenbeath’ - a report of the death of Ex-Provost Barclay, Cowdenbeath. Contains a photograph and brief pen-picture of Ex-Provost Barclay.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Wheelen Milne, labourer, Burnside Lodging-house, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident on the washer siding of the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - John Simpson, miner, 14 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Arthur Pit. : - William Hunter, jun., 8 Lindsay Row, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - John Colville, stone miner, 33 James Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery. : - Alexander Gordon, miner, Main Street, Low Torrie, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery.

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“Cowdenbeath Co-Operative Society Committee” - a photograph of the members of the Cowdenbeath Co-operative Society.

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“Mr Robert Smillie” - a pen-picture of Mr Robert Smillie, President of the Miners’ Federation.

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“Proposed Maternity Home” - ‘For Beath, Auchterderran, and Ballingry’ - a copy of the letter that was sent by the Scottish Board of Health, regarding the need for a Maternity Home for the District.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Robert Thornton, miner, Capledrae Road, Auchterderran Parish, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Patrick Duffy, drawer, 2 Kelty Road, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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“Fatal Accident At Dalbeath Pit” - a brief report of the death of Thomas Cowan, (45), miner, Mid Row, Hill of Beath, who was killed in Dalbeath Pit.

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“Fatal Accident At Kelty” - a brief report of the death of Robert Walkingshaw, brusher, Church Row, Kelty, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Blairenbathie Colliery.

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“Dunfermline Welcomes Field-Marshal Earl Haig” - ‘Presentation Of Freedom Of The City’ - ‘The Provost’s Address’ - a report of Field-Marshal Earl of Haig’s visit to Dunfermline.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Peter Armour, repairer, Main Street, Low Torrie, who was killed in the Lord Bruce Pit of the Blairhall Colliery. : - William Donaldson Schoolbread, brushing contractor, 37 Fairfield Rows, Lassodie, who was killed in No. 11 Pit of Lassodie Colliery. : - James Robb, fireman, 14 Minto Cottages, who was killed in the Minto Colliery, near Lochgelly. : - William Galloway, miner, 40 Francis Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Minto Pit. : - Daniel Kean miner, 17 Old Square, Hill of Beath, who was killed in No.2 Pit of Dalbeath Colliery. : - Thomas Cowan, roadsman, 11 Mid Row, Hill of Beath, who was killed in No. 1 Dalbeath Pit. : - Charles McHale, miner, 5 Inglis Street, Dunfermline, who was killed in Blairadam Pit, Kelty.

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“Crushed Between Wagons” - a brief report of the death of Thomas Forrest, (45), wagon shunter, 34 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as result of an accident at No. 1 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

“Fatal Accident At Lumphinnans” - a brief report of the death of Peter Docherty, (42), miner, who was killed on the railway at Lumphinnans Junction.

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“Threatened Coal Strike” - ‘Facts For The Public’ - an article extracted from the “Glasgow Herald” giving some interesting statistics about the coal mining industry concerning; The Consumer; The Producer; Wages, Hours, and Output; Coal Strike and Public.

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“Threatened Coal Strike” - ‘Latest Ballot Figures’ - ‘Latest Returns’ - more information on the threatened miners strike.

“Fife And Kinross Miners’ Association” - ‘Ballot on National Strike’ - the declared result of the ballot that was taken on a national strike - gives a list of how the various districts in Fife voted

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of Thomas Forrest, labourer, 34 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident at the Pithead of No. 1 Lumphinnans Pit. : - William Nunford, drawer, 10 Forthview Cottages, Low Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident at No. 1 Valleyfield Pit. : - Christopher Preig Morris, pit fireman, Springhill, Crossgates, who died as a result of an accident in the Alice Pit of Fordell Colliery.

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“Sawmill Fatality At Bowhill” - a brief report of the death of a young girl named Keir, Seventh Street Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident at Bowhill Colliery Sawmill.

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“Kelty Man Shot” - ‘Sequel To Potato Raid’ - a brief report of Thomas Gibb, (32), Oakfield Street, Kelty, being shot in the shoulder by Hugh Fulton, (18), son of the tenant farmer of the Nethernton Farm, on the Great North Road, for allegedly stealing potatoes from one of his fathers’ fields.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries”- reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - Michael Lynch, labourer, Rose Lane, Lochgelly, who die d as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Alfred Berry, shipwright, 74 Syterford Road, Edinburgh, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base.

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“Shooting of Kelty Miner” - ‘Farmer’s Son Fined’ - a report of the sequel to the shooting of a Kelty miner during the coal strike. - See Oct. 27 P3, “Kelty Man Shot.” above, also “Shot in a Potato Field” - May 11 P 7, 1921)

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“Pit Repairer Killed” - a brief report of the death of James Smith, pit repairer, Fernbank, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in Kirkford Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“Pit Fatalities” - brief reports of the deaths of: - George Chapman, (26), South Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 10 Foulford Pit. : - Thomas Forbes, (39), pit shunter, 159 Bridge Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - Thomas Farry, Cantsdam, Kelty, died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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“Contravention Of Coal Mines Act” - ‘Bowhill Fatality Recalled’ - a brief report of the court case that was heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court concerning the death of Catherine Marshall Keir (14), wood-checker, who died as a result of an accident at the Sawmill, Bowhill Colliery. (See also Sept. 29 P3, 1920, “Sawmill Fatality At Bowhill”.)

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“Fatality At Cowdenbeath” - a brief report of the death of Alexander Walls, surfaceman, Landale Terrace, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident at the siding of the Gordon Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiry” a report of the inquiry that was held into the circumstances surrounding the death of William Stobie, miner, 1 Carnock Road, Milesmark, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in Oakley Colliery.

“Kelty Goth’s Liberal Donations” - a report of the annual meeting of the shareholders of Kelty Public-House Society. (Gives a long list of the various organisations that received donations from the Goth.)

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“The Fife Coal Company, Ltd.” - ‘Reduction of Miners’ Wages Necessary’ - a report of the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Fife Coal Company.

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“The Mining Industry” - ‘A Critical Situation’ - a report of further trouble looming for the mining industry of Great Britain.

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“West Wemyss Fatality” - a brief report of the death of John Black, miner, West Wemyss, who died as a result of an accident in the Victoria Pit.

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“Aitken Pit Accident” - a brief report of the accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty, which resulted in the death of Robert Roger, (17), 83 Moray Place, Kelty,

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“Coal Strike In Full Swing” - ‘Miners Reject Owners Terms’ - ‘Incidents In Fife’ - a report of the latest miners strike and the effect being felt in the various districts.

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“Demonstration Of Miners From Lochgelly” - ‘March From District in Military Formation’.

“Outcrop Coal At Lochgelly” - ‘Wide Seam Tapped’ -striking miners working seams of outcrop coal at various locations in the district.

“Cowdenbeath And District Communal Kitchen”

“Street Collections Not Permitted” - ‘Miners Return Empty-Handed From Perth’

“Refused To Read The Riot Act” - ‘Mr John King And Mrs Watson Resign J.P.-Ship’.

Etc., Etc. - a full page of news of the current miners strike.

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“Shot In A Potato Field” - ‘Kelty Miner’s Action For Damages’ - Evidence In Court - a report of the Court case that was heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court, where Thomas Gibb, miner, Boyd’s Buildings, Kelty, sued Hugh Fulerton, Netherton Farm, for seven hundred and fifty pounds, in respect of the injuries he sustained when Fulerton shot him in a potato field on the farm of Netherton. (See Oct 27, 1920, P 3)

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“Incendiarism In Fife” - ‘Blaze At Eight Farms’ - ‘Thousands of Pounds Involved’ - reports of a spate of fires in the Cowdenbeath, Kelty, and Lochgelly districts, which were allegedly the work of ‘Sinn Feiners’

“Keep The Red Flag Flying” - ‘Alleged Fire Raisers in Court’ - a brief report of the three men arrested in connection with the above fires, William Reid, Edward Joseph McAuley, and John Turner, all miners from Lochgelly, appearing at Dunfermline Sheriff Court.

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“Relieving Distress In Dunfermline” - ‘Arrangement For Young Children’.

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Etc., Etc. - news of how the current miners strike is affecting the various districts.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Charles O’Donnell, pumping engineman, Erin Cottage, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident at the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Robert Roger, drawer, 83 Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - David Young, hanger-on, who died as a result of an accident in the West Mine, Dundonald Colliery.

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“A Blairadam Incident” - ‘Train Held Up By Strikers’ - “Blacklegs” Force Duel’ - a report of the case that was heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court about a train being held up at the mineral railway to Blairenbathie Colliery.

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“Purchase Of R.C. Schools” - a report of Fife Education Authority purchasing the Roman Catholic School in Fife. Gives the prices asked for each school and the price agreed upon.

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“Fife Miners’ Strike Ballot.” - ‘Eight Thousand Majority For Continuance’ - the official returns in connection with the recent ballot that was taken of the members of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Miners’ Association, regarding the Governments latest offer. - Lists the various districts and gives the votes cast for and against.

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“Coming Peace In Coal Trade”

“Importation Of Foreign Coal”

“Outcrop Working At Dundonald” - ‘Bowhill Men Interfere’

Etc., Etc. - news about the current miners strike.

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“Defence Force at Bowhill” - a brief report of 1,000 Gordon Highlanders being drafted into Cardenden to protect the pits and being, ‘under canvas in a space close by the works’.

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“Condition Of West Fife Pits” - ‘Flooded Mines Prevent Full Employment’ - reports of the condition that some of the pits are in after the miners strike.

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“Retiral Of Mr Henry Rowan” - a report of the retiral of Mr Henry Rowan, agent of the Fife Coal Company. - Contains a photograph and brief pen-picture of Mr Rowan.

“Fatal Accident At Cowdenbeath” - a brief report of the death of Robert Innes, 298 Bridge Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Mossbeath Colliery.

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‘Cowdenbeath Man’s Death’ - a brief report of the death of George Hunter, Bridgend Cottages, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

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‘Destitution Among The Miners.’ - ‘Demonstration In Cowdenbeath’

‘Unemployment Benefit For Miners’

Various reports on how the Unemployment of miners etc., is affecting the district.

‘Valleyfield Colliery Fatality’ - ‘Boy Killed Before Eyes of His Father’ - a brief report of the death of Daniel Banks (15), son of George Banks, 19 Dundonald Terrace, Low Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery.

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‘Critical Position In Fife Minefields.’ - ‘Thousands on the Verge of Starvation’ - ‘Appeal to Scottish Board of Health’ - a report of the conference that was held at the Scottish Board of Health, when representative of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Miners’ Association outlined the serious distress that was being experienced throughout the Fife Coalfields due to the present unemployment situation.

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‘Bowhill Man’s Death’ - a brief report of the death of John Adamson, West Cottages, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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‘Fatal Accident In Lothead Pit.’ - a brief report of the death of William Kirk, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in Lothead Pit of the Lochgelly Coal Company.

‘County Medical Officer’s Report’ - a brief synopsis of Dr. G. Pratt Yule, Medical Officer of Health for the County of Fife’s annual report on the health of the County.

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“Mining Fatality At Leven” - a brief report of the death of George Black, Buchlyvie Terrace, Leven, who died as a result of an accident in Leven No. 1 Pit.

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“Honour To Mr Rowan” - ‘Retiral From Fife Coal Coy. And Cowdenbeath Town Council’ - a report of the dinner evening that was held to honour Mr Henry Rowan, agent of Fife Coal Company, on the occasion of his retiral.

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“Fife And Kinross Farm Fires” - ‘Eight Years Penal Servitude For Reid’ - ‘Danger of Young Men Following The Extremists.’ - a report of the court case which was heard at the Court of Justiciary at Perth, in connection with the recent spate of fire-raising in Fife. - (See May 18 P3 “Incendiarism In Fife” - ‘Blaze At Eight Farms’ and “Keep The Red Flag Flying” - ‘Alleged Fire-raisers in Court’.)

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“The Scottish Constabulary” - **‘Dunfermline’s Police Strength’** - a very brief synopsis of H.M. Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland’s annual report for the year 1920.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Daniel Banks, (15), drawer, 19 Dundonald Terrace, Low Valleyfield, who was killed in No.2 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. : - John Hunter, repairer, Bridge End Cottages, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident in No. 11 Lumphinnans Pit. : - Samuel McGhee, Jun., mine, 13 Cannongate, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - James Campbell, brushing contractor, Railway Row, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the Lindsay Pit, Kelty. : - Robert Innes, fireman, 298 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 2 Mossbeath Pit. : - William Kirk, miner, 42 Low Beveridgewell, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in Lohead Pit, near Auchtertool. : - John Adamson, miner, 4 West Cottages, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Blairhall Colliery Fatality” - ‘Shanksman Struck by Descending Cage’ - a brief report of the death of George Marshall, (40), shanksman, The Shore, Kincardine-on-Forth, who was killed at Blairhall Colliery.

“Beath Parish Council And Unemployed”

“Responsibility For Unemployment” - ‘Mr Robert Smillie Says Miners Not to Blame’

“Cowdenbeath Unemployed”

“Burntisland Unemployed.”

The above are all articles relating to the current unemployment crisis.

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“Unemployed Demonstration At Cowdenbeath” - ‘Mr Wm. Adamson and the Government’s Duty’ - a report of the demonstration that was held at Cowdenbeath.

“Fatality At Kelty” - a brief report of the death of David Drysdale, (27), pithead worker, Kinross, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

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“Cowdenbeath Ex-Servicemen.” - ‘Gift of Motor Ambulance Wagon’ - a report of the presentation from the Ex-servicemen of Cowdenbeath, of a Motor Ambulance Wagon to the Cowdenbeath Ambulance Wagon Association.

“Fatal Accident At Denbeath” - a brief report of the death of David Hogg, (19), North British Buildings, Aberhill, Methil, who died as a result of an accident in the Wellesley Pit, Denbeath.

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“Fatal Accident At Wemyss” - a brief report of the death of George McCrae, (25), East End, Innerleven, who died as a result of an accident at the Wellesley Pit of the Wemyss Coal Company.

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“Dysart Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of Robert Traill, 7 Orchard Lane, Dysart, who was killed in the Pannie Pit, Kirkcaldy.

“Fatality At Lochgelly” - a brief report of the death of Andrew Hunter, machine coal cutter engineer, Jamphlars, who was killed at Brighills Colliery.

“Cowdenbeath Municipal Election” - a report of the annual meeting of the Cowdenbeath electorate, for the purpose of giving the candidates to give an account of themselves.

“Cowdenbeath Candidates” - ‘Who’s Who?’ - a short description of the candidates who are to stand for election onto Cowdenbeath Town Council.

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“Lochgelly Municipal Election” - ‘Who’s Who?’ - a short description of the candidates who are to stand for election onto Lochgelly Town Council.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Adam Moodie, skilled labourer, Moodie Place, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident at Rosyth Naval Base. : - Henry Lister, jun., machineman, Natal Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Foulford Pit. : - Andrew Hunter, oversman, Hawthorn Cottage, Jamphlars, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Minto Colliery. : - David McIntyre Drysdale, jun., pithead worker, 26 School Wynd, Kinross, who was killed in the shaft of the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - **Robert Marshall Gentleman, shaftsman, 33 Silver Street, Kincardine-on-Forth, who was killed in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery

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“Fatal Accident In Fife Pit” - a brief report of the death of Robert Anderson, (20), a shunter, 32 Park Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at the siding of Donibristle Colliery.

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“Fatality At Glenraig” - a brief report of the death of Michael Gilmartin, North Glenraig, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

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“Steelend Miner’s Death” - a report of the Public Inquiry into the death of David Johnstone, miner, 5 Valley Place, Steelend, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Lethans Colliery.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Robert Anderson, pithead worker, 32 Park Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident on the mineral railway at the James and Marion Pits of Donibristle Colliery. : - Michael Gilmartin, miner, 32 North Glenraig, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery. : - John Hutton, miner, 37a Greenfield Street, Alloa, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

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“The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).” - **‘Long Record Of Service’** an article informing the reader that the official roll containing the names of the soldiers of the Black Watch who died in the 1914-18 War, now being available to the public - The Regiment lost some 7,000 men, and the article gives the Regiment’s losses by individual Battalions and also gives a brief synopsis of the various Battalions’ engagements.

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“Ravages Of The ‘Flu” - ‘Many Deaths in West Fife’ - ‘Cowdenbeath Schools Closed’ - a brief report of the ‘Flu epidemic that is sweeping West Fife.

Jan 25 P4

“Winding Engineman Charged” - ‘Sequel To Blairhall Fatality’ - a report of the case that was heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court against John McEwan, winding engineman, Low Causeway, Torryburn, who was accused of being responsible for causing the death of Robert Marshall Gentleman.

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“Hill of Beath Pit Accident” - a brief report of the death of John Allan (48), Hill of Beath, who died as a result of an accident in Dalbeath Pit.

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“Fife Coal Exports” - ‘Comparative Statistics’ - some interesting statistics regarding coal exports/output per persons employed/output per person etc., in the Fife Coal Trade.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Richard Nisbet, pit repairer, 38 Mid Beveridgewell, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of the Dean Colliery. : - Richard Lowe Smith, drawer, Allison Street, Kelty, who was killed in Dundonald Mine. : - Thomas Cowan, miner, Back Street, Crossgates, who was killed in the Alice Pit of Fordell Colliery: - William Stewart Bailey, miner, 2 Scotland Place, Cantsdam, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - John Allan, pony driver, 5 Hall Row, Hill of Beath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Dalbeath Pit.

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“World’s Draughts Champion Honoured” - ‘Kelty’s Red Letter Day’ - a long report of Mr Robert Stewart, Blairadam, being feted by the inhabitants of Blairadam and Kelty, to mark his achievement in becoming the World’s Draughts Champion

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“Auchterderran Parish War Memorial” - a report of the unveiling of the Auchterderran Parish War Memorial

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“Fatal Accident At Bowhill” a brief report of the death of Patrick Clark, (37), machineman, Bowhill, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Off To The Colonies” - ‘Outspoken Words by an Emigrant’ - a brief report of an interview that took place as three families from Cardenden left for Australia, giving their reasons for Emigrating.

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“Miner’s Terrible Death” - a brief report of the death of Peter Hogg, coal-cutting machineman, Back Row, Crossgates, who was killed at Moss-side Colliery, Cowdenbeath.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John William Small Donaldson, surface foreman, High Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 7 Cowdenbeath Pit. : - Peter Hogg, machineman, Back Row, Crossgates, who was killed in Moss-side Pit, Cowdenbeath. : - Patrick Clark, jun., oncost worker, Josephine Cottage, Auchterderran, who was killed in No.2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Pit Fatality At Methil” - a brief report of the death of William Winstanley, pit repairer, who was killed in No. 4 Pit of the Fife Coal Company, Methil.

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“Fife Miners Going To Spitsbergen” - ‘More Work and Wages’ - a brief report of a number of West Fife miners leaving Fife to go to Spitsbergen to mine coal.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Thomas Honeyman Paterson, miner, Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 10 Cowdenbeath Pit. : - Patrick Murphy, miner, 35 Waverly Street, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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“Straight Talk To The Extremists.” - ‘Miners’ Executive and Communists’ Trickery.’ - ‘The Vital Issue.’ - a long and interesting statement issued by the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Mineworkers’ Association, giving their side of the argument in the struggle for control of the Fife Miners Union, to their members.

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“Fife Miners’ Union” - ‘Further Developments in Internal Dispute’ - ‘The Executive’s Latest Step.’ - the struggle for control of the Fife Miners’ Union continues.

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“Mr Adamson’s Salary.” - ‘Extremists’ Version Exploded’ - a letter to the Editor of the “West Fife Echo” from Mr Adamson, defending himself against the above allegations.

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“Executive Board Meeting” - “Rebels” Asked to Retire’ - ‘Kirker Looking for an Exist.’

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“Coal Mining Developments.” - ‘Opening Up the Wemyss District’ - a report of the plans to further develop the coal seams of the Wemyss Coal Company.

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“Lumphinnans Pit Tragedy” - ‘Well-known Labour Man Killed’ - a report of the death of Robert Henderson Beattie, (36), 48 Mungall Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed at the pit head of the new No. 12 Pit, North Lumphinnans.

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“Crime In Fife” - reports of the “statistics of crime and offences committed in Fife during last year” as published by Mr J. Tennant Gordon, Chief Constable of Fifeshire.

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“Miner Killed At Blairhall Colliery” - a brief report of the death of William Kerr, (47), miner, Alloa, who was killed in Blairhall Colliery.

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“Unemployment In Dunfermline” - ‘Opportunities in the Colonies’ - an article about the opportunities that exist for those wishing to emigrate to Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. The article also describes some of the assistance that is available to the emigrants, especially young boys emigrating to Australia under the Australian Government’s Dreadnought Scheme.

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“Coaltown Of Balgonie Man Dies From Injuries” - a brief report of the death of William Ireland, (48), miner, Coaltown of Balgonie, who died as a result of an accident in one of the Balgonie Coal Company’s Pits.

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“Death of Lochgelly Bailie” - a brief report of the death of Bailie Andrew Hunter, Lochgelly.

“Old Lochgelly” - ‘Reminiscences of the late Bailie Hunter’ - a report of the interview that took place between the late Bailie Hunter and a representative of the “West Fife Echo”, which took place only two weeks before Bailie Hunter’s Death, containing some of Bailie Hunter’s reminiscences.

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“Fatal Accident At Bowhill” - a brief report of the death of Robert Hunt, miner, 20 Nineteenth Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Bowhill Colliery.

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“Cowdenbeath Miner’s Death” - a brief report of the death of Robert Curran, (33), miner, 114 Main Street, Lumphinnans, who was killed in No.7 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“Kinglassie Brusher Killed” - a brief report of the death of Francis Farmer, brusher, Bogie’s Buildings, Kinglassie, who was killed in Kinglassie Colliery.

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“Crossgates New Golf Course” - ‘Opened by Secretary for Scotland’ - a report of the formal opening ceremony of the new Golf Course which has been laid out at Crossgates.

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“Leven Colliery Fatality” - a brief report of the death of Peter Smith, miner. West High Street, Methil, who was killed in No.2 Pit of Leven Colliery.

“Cowdenbeath Level Crossing” - a report of the discussion that took place during a Cowdenbeath Town Council Meeting, during which Bailie Canavan attempts to compel Fife Coal Company to stop using the level crossing that crossed the Cowdenbeath High Street from No.7 Pit, because of the alleged danger and inconvenience it poses to the inhabitants and visitor to Cowdenbeath High Street.

“Sequel To Fife Miner’s Death.” - a report of the court case which was heard in Dunfermline Sheriff Court against the manager and under manager of No.1 Foulford Pit, Cowdenbeath, who were both charged with negligence, which resulted in the death of Peter Hogg, conveyor pan shifter. (See also “Cowdenbeath Pit Fatality” Nov. 14 P3, 1923)

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“Backward And Mentally Defective Children” - **‘The Work In Fifeshire’** - an interesting article which sets out Fife Education Authority’s approach to the problem of “Backward and Mentally Defective Children”.

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“Cowdenbeath Level Crossing.” - **‘Final Arrangements’** - a report of the Special Meeting of Cowdenbeath Town Council which was held to discuss the level crossing in Cowdenbeath High Street used by Fife Coal Company.

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“Miners’ Institute For High Valleyfield.” - **‘The Miner’s High Reputation’** - a report of the formal opening ceremony of the Miners’ Welfare Institute at High Valleyfield.

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“Tragic Fatality At Blairhall” - ‘Brother Witnesses Accident’ - a brief report of the death of John Paterson, drawer, Sandhaven, Culross, who was killed in the Lady Veronica Pit of Blairhall Colliery.

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“Cowdenbeath Miner Killed” - a brief report of the death of William Kelly, miner, (25), Park Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 10 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“The Dunfermline Tramway Company ‘Busses.’” - a photograph of a fleet of ‘Busses that were used to convey children from Donibristle to Cowdenbeath.

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“Secretary For Scotland Honoured” - ‘Made A Burgess of Dunfermline’ - Mr Adamson deeply Touched’ - a report of the Freedom of the City and Royal Burgh of Dunfermline being conferred on the Rt. Hon. William Adamson, M.P., H.M. Secretary for Scotland. - Contains a lengthy report of the speeches made and a photograph of Mr Adamson.

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“Cowdenbeath Man Killed” - a brief report of the death of Richard Smith, miner, (62), 23 Rose Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 7 Pit, Cowdenbeath.

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“Kirkford Miners’ Institute” - a report of the formal opening of the new Kirkford Institute which has been erected by the Miners’ Welfare Committee.

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“Opening of Dundonald Institute” - a report of the formal opening of the new Miners’ Welfare Institute at Dundonald.

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“Dundonald Pit Fatality” - ‘Two Men Killed’ - a brief report of the death of Andrew Grieg, (48), East Cottages, Bowhill and Samuel Marshall, (25), Dundonald Den, who were both killed in Dundonald Mine, Cardenden.

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“Lochgelly’s War Sacrifice” - ‘Bereaved Mother Unveils Memorial’ - a report of the unveiling and dedication ceremony of the War Memorial erected in Bank Street, Lochgelly.

“Muircockhall Colliery Fatality” - a brief report of the death of Charles Finlay, (60), 99 Main Street, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident in Muircockhall Colliery.

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“Fatality At Lumphinnans” - a brief report of the death of James McConnell, (17), 13 Livingston Place, Lumphinnans, who died as a result of an accident at No. 1 Pit, Lumphinnans.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Christopher Bell, miner, 22 Waverly Street, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - William Drummond, miner, 50 Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Richard Porteous, mining contractor, 4 Woodside Terrace, Lower Steelend, who was killed in No. 2 Lethans Pit. : - Edward Miller Tulloch, miner, Main Street, Kingseat, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Dean Colliery, Kingseat.

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“Disastrous Explosion at Lochore”- ‘One Man Killed - Another Seriously Injured’ - a brief report of the explosion that occurred in the engine house at the Mary Pit, Lochore, in which Peter King, engineer, was killed and James Miller, engineer, (22), was seriously injured.

“Coal Owners of Scotland” - ‘What Does a Miner Really Earn?’ - some statistics of ‘authentic figures of the actual weekly earnings of workers at collieries in Scotland’.

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“Glencraig Man’s Death” - a very brief report of the death of Andrew Guthrie, miner, 2 North Glencraig, who died as a result of an accident in Glencraig Colliery.

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“Pit Fatality At Dysart” - a brief report of the death of James Forsyth, miner, 97 Sutherland Street, Kirkcaldy, who was killed in the Dubbie Pit, Dysart.

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“Year’s Crime in Fife” - a brief synopsis of the Chief Constable of Fife’s annual report.

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“Fife Education Authority” - ‘Glencraig’s Burning Bing’ - a report of the monthly meeting of the Fife education Authority, during which, among other matters, the question of the health hazard that the fumes from the burning bings that lay close to Glencraig School were posing for the children attending the school.

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“Memorial To Late Sir Charles E. Adam” - ‘Unveiling Ceremony at Blairadam’ - a report of the unveiling of a memorial to the late Sir Charles Elphinstone Adam, Baronet, of Blairadam. (Contains a photograph of the assembled crowd at the unveiling ceremony.)

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“Four Months’ Imprisonment.” - ‘Communist Sent to Prison’ - ‘Seditious Speeches at Lochore and Cowdenbeath’ - a fairly long report of the Court Case that was heard at Dunfermline Sheriff Court, regarding the charges that were brought against Daniel Gillies on ‘acting in a manner calculated or likely to cause mutiny, sedition, or disaffection among H.M. Forces, or the civilian population, contrary to the emergency Regulations.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Walter Chalmers, furnaceman, 11 Balgonie Terrace, Jamphlars, Auchterderran, who died as a result of an accident whilst at work in Bowhill Colliery. : - James Salmon McDade Burnett, drawer, Lochhead Cottages, Dunfermline, who was killed in No. 2 Leadside Pit, Wellwood Colliery.

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“New R.C. School At Bowhill” - ‘The Opening Ceremony’ - a report of the formal opening of the new school which has been erected to cater for the education of the Roman Catholic community in the Auchterderran district. - Contains a description of the new school.

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“Halbeath Miners’ Welfare Institute” - a report of the formal opening of a new Miners’ Welfare Institute which has been erected in the village of Halbeath.

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“Miners’ Welfare Institute For Lumphinnans” - ‘Opened by C. Augustus Carlow’. - A report of the formal opening ceremony of the newly erected Miners’ Welfare Institute in the village of Lumphinnans.

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“Fordell Miners’ Welfare Institute” - ‘Formal Opening Ceremony - ‘Interesting Speeches’ - a report of the formal opening of the newly erected Miners’ Welfare institute at the village of Fordell.

Dec 29 P5

“West Fife Fatalities” - ‘Cowdenbeath Miner Killed’ - a very brief report of the death of David Burt, miner, (52), 2 Arthur’s Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Mossbeath Colliery.

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Jan 26 P2

“Leslie Miner’s Fatal Injuries.” - a very brief report of the death of John Calbert, (27), Main Street, Leslie, who died as a result of an accident in Kinglassie Pit.

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“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Alexander Davie, underground fireman, 18 (16?) Station Road, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly: - David Burt, pit repairer, 2 Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Mossbeath Colliery. : - William Gordon Smith, machineman, 8 Station Terrace, Steelend, who was killed at No. 2 Pit Lethans Colliery: - James Snaddon, miner, 10 Valleyfield Avenue, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in the Lord Bruce Pit, Blairhall Colliery: - Robert Harper Wilson, repairer, 17 Dundonald Den, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Helen Pit of Dundonald Colliery.

March 23 P3

“Auchtertool Lad Killed” - **‘Father Just Escapes Accident’** - a brief report of the death of John Gillespie, miner, (24), Main Street. Auchtertool, who died as a result of an accident in the Lochhead Mine, Cowdenbeath.

March 23 P5

“An Echo Of The Strike” - **‘22 Bowhill Miners on Trial’** - a long report of the trial that was held in Dunfermline Sheriff Court where 22 miners from the Bowhill district were brought before the Sheriff on charges of forming a riotous mob in Bowhill on 22nd November, 1926.

April 6 P4

“Colliery Accident” - **‘Lochore Man’s Death’** - a very brief report of the death of John Duffin, miner, (45), 9 Lochleven Road, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

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April 6 P5

“Strike Trouble At Glencraig” - ‘Police and Workers Forced Back to Pit’ - a long report of the trial of a large group of persons who appeared at Dunfermline Sheriff Court on charges of forming a riotous mob in the vicinity of Glencraig on the 22nd November, 1926.

April 13 P2

‘Glencraig Riot’ - ‘Stiff Sentences’ - a continuation of the above trail.

April 27 P5

“Kelty Golf Course” - ‘An Ideal Situation’ - a short report of the formal opening of Kelty’s new golf course.

May 18 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - Reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Kinnell, miner, 90 Paul Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Nellie pit, Lochgelly. : - John Duffin, brusher, 9a Loch Leven Road, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - Robert Neilson, miner, Ballingry Place, Lochore, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore. : - William Gillespie, Main Street, Auchtertool, who was killed in the Lochhead Mine of Little Raith Colliery, Auchtertool.

July 13 P3

“Lochgelly Child Welfare Scheme” - ‘Dr. Campbell’s Yearly Report’ - Children’s Health During Coal Stoppage’ - a synopsis of Dr. Campbell’s annual report to the Medical Officer of Health for Lochgelly Burgh on his work carried out at the clinic at Lochgelly Town House.

July 13 P5

“Engine-House Fatality” - a brief report of the death of David Spowart, 50, 41 West Park Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at the James Pit, Donibristle Colliery.

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“The Case Of The Pit Ponies” - an article which briefly describes the working conditions of pit ponies and horses, and calls for an end to the use of ponies and horses in pits.

July 27 P4

“Valleyfield Miners Meet Death In Pit” - a brief report of the death of: - Neil McNeil, colliery Oversman, Woodhead Street, High Valleyfield, and William Cousin, colliery fireman, Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield, who were asphyxiated by coal-gas poisoning in No. 2 Pit of the Valleyfield Collieries.

Aug 31 P3

“Fife Miners’ Convalescent Home” - ‘Blair Castle Opened by Mrs Carlow’ - ‘Fife Coal Company’s Generous Gift’. - A fairly long report of the formal handing over of Blair Castle, near Culross, to the Fife District Committee of the Miners’ Welfare Fund, which was gifted by Fife Coal Company to the miners of Fife, Clackmannan, and Kinross, for use as a Charles Carlow Memorial Convalescent Home.

Sept 21 P2

“The Bowhill Miner Poet” - ‘Village Players at Cowdenbeath’ - a report and synopsis of the three plays: - “The Poacher” - “The Shilling A Week Man” and “In Time Of Strike” that were presented to the people of Cowdenbeath by Joe Corrie, the Bowhill miner poet and playwright.

Sept 28 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - James Devine, miner, 41 South Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the West Mine of Dundonald Colliery. : - Neil McNeil, colliery oversman, 69 Woodhead Street, High Valleyfield and William Hunter Cousin, fireman, 48 Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield who both died as a result of asphyxiation in No. 2 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. -: - David Spowart, haulage motorman, 41 West Park, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the James Pit of the Donibristle Colliery. (See Also **“Alleged Contravention Of Coal Mines Act.” ‘Sequel to Donibristle Pit Fatality’** Nov. 2 P2): - Thomas Forsyth, miner, 35 South Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Marion Pit of Donibristle Colliery. : - Hugh Robert McMillan, repairer, 2 Preston Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery. : - George Galbraith Hamilton (15), hanger-on, 17 Naysmith Place, Kelty, who was killed in the surface mine of the Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

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Oct 19 P2

“Colliery Worker Killed” - a very brief report of the death of Henry Ramsay (24), a wheeler, 2 Forth Street, Dysart, who was killed in Lochhead Colliery, Coaltown of Wemyss.

Nov 9 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a report of the Public Inquiry into the death of: - Edward Docherty, miner, 11 Minto Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

Nov 16 P2

“Cowdenbeath Town Council” - ‘Report by Burgh Surveyor’ - a report of the first meeting of the reconstituted Town Council of Cowdenbeath. - Contains a photograph of Provost Blamey.

Dec 7 P7

“Kelty & Blairadam Golf Club” - ‘Successful Bazaar and Sale of Work’ - ‘Mr Carlow’s Assurance to the Miners.’ - a report of the Bazaar that was organised by the Kelty and Blairadam Golf Club in an effort to raise funds to help clear off the outstanding moneys due on their new Golf course.

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Jan 4 P5

“The Rt. Hon. William Adamson, LL.D.” - ‘Semi-Jubilee Appreciation’ - a photograph and pen-picture of William Adamson, M.P. for West Fife and Secretary of the Fife, Clackmannan and Kinross Miners’ Association.

Jan 4 P8

“Local Industry in 1927 - A Retrospect” - a retrospect of the Linen Trade - Coal Trade Review - New Industry for Rosyth - Shipbuilding - and Unemployment during the year of 1927.

Jan 11 P2

“Alarming Explosion At Glenraig Colliery” - ‘Seven Men Severely Burned When Fire Damp Ignited’ - ‘Two Fatalities’ - a brief report of the fire damp explosion that took place in Glenraig Colliery in which several men were injured and two men, William White, brusher, Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, and Simpson Mitchell brusher, Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, both lost their lives as a result of the injuries received in the explosion.

Jan 18 P3

“Fatal Accident At Lochore” - ‘Caught by Revolving Shaft’ - a very brief report of the death of Edward Smith (57), jigger-engineman, 55 Waverley Street, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

Jan 18 P7

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - John Stenhouse Duncan, pony driver, Flockhouse, Auchterderran, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Glenraig Colliery. : - James Harrower, oversman, 119 South Glenraig, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Glenraig Colliery. : - William Cowie, miner, 23 Melville Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochgelly.

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Feb 15 P8

“Crime In The County” - ‘Chief Constable’s Annual Report’ - a synopsis of the Constabulary returns for the year ended 31st December, 1927, for the County of Fife. (Contains some interesting statistics regarding policing throughout Fife.)

Feb 22 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” - a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Martin Haney Dignan, pitworker, 12 Shiels, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Aitken Pit, Kelty. : - Edward Smith, jigger engineman, 65 Waverly Street, Lochore, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of the Mary Colliery, Lochore. -

March 21 P5

“List of Railway Fares” - ‘To And From Dunfermline’ - a list of the various railway fares from Dunfermline to various railway stations.

March 28 P2

“Cowdenbeath Public Health” - ‘Sanitary Inspector’s Report’ - a synopsis of the seventh annual report to the Scottish Board of Health and the Town Council of Cowdenbeath, which was delivered by Mr C.A. Alexander, Sanitary Inspector of the Burgh of Cowdenbeath.

March 28 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Albert Edward McWilliam, Locomotive fireman, 200 Pittencreeff Street, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident at Kelty Railway Station: - Andrew Kay Winton, oncost worker, David Place Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Bowhill Colliery: - William Whyte, brusher, Hall Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Glenraig: - and also Simpson Mitchell Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath who also died as a result of the same accident (there is a fairly long report of this particular inquiry)

March 28 P7

“Fife Collieries to Close” –‘Both ends of County Affected’ – a brief article informing the reader that a number of Fife pits are due to close shortly which will affect some 1000 men – lists the pits due to close.

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“Electricity for Glencraig” – a brief report of the installation of the cables that will convey a supply of electricity to Glencraig, Crosshill and Lochore has now been completed.

April 4 P4

“Infectious Diseases Hospital” – ‘Annual Report by Medical Superintendent’ – the West Fife Infectious Diseases Joint Hospital annual report for the year ending 31st December 1927. – Number of patients treated – diseases – etc.

May 2 P3

“Contracting in the Pits” – ‘Colliery Officials Meet Workmen’ – a report of the meeting that was held in the Goth Hall, Kelty to discuss the miners ‘strong opposition to the private contractor’ method of working in the pits.

May 30 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Duncan McKechnie Morrison, joiner, Preston Crescent, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at Calderwell’s Paper Mill Ltd.: - Andrew miller, colliery worker, 41 King Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No 2 Pit Foulford, Cowdenbeath: - George Bruce, surface labourer, 50 Adams Terrace, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident at the Mine at Blairadam: - Thomas Smith, miner, 14 Woodland Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in the Marion Pit of the Donibristle Colliery: - Campbell Fyfe, pit repairer, 95e Main Street, Townhill, who died as a result of an accident at the Blair Mine, Oakley.

June 20 P5

“Dunfermline Civic Club – Lord Abbot’s Lecture” – ‘Monastic Influence in Scotland’ – a copy of the address that was given to Dunfermline Civic Club by the Rt. Rev. Sir David Hunter-Blair, Bart., O.S.B.

August 1 P2

“Cowdenbeath War Memorial” – ‘The Unveiling Ceremony’ – a brief report of the unveiling and dedication of the Cowdenbeath War Memorial.

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August 1 P3

“Fife Miners’ Board” – ‘A Sensational Decision – The Suspension of Mr Adamson’ – a report of the monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Mineworkers’ Association where the members moved the suspension of the services of Mr William Adamson, M.P., as General Secretary of the union.

August 1 P8

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” – reports of the Public Inquiry into the death of: - Robert Gilfillan, brusher, 319 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in Mynheer seam of the James and Marion Pit of Donibristle Colliery.

August 15 P5

“Scottish Coal Industry” – ‘Electric Development’ – ‘Coal Cutters and Washeries’ – a brief synopsis of the report issued by the Secretary of State for Mines for the year 1927 regarding the coal industry.

“Health of the County” – a synopsis of the annual report issued to Fife County Council by Dr G. Pratt, medical officer of health for Fife. – contains some interesting statistics.

August 22 P5

“Miners’ Union in Hands of Communists” – ‘Mr Adamson Explains the Situation’ – a copy of the circular that was issued by Mr William Adamson M.P., the suspended general secretary of the Fife, Kinross and Clackmannan Miners’ Association.

August 29 P2

“Suspension of Fife Miners’ Secretary” – ‘Mr Adamson Willing to Stand a Ballot’ – Mr Adamson, the suspended general secretary of the Fife, Kinross and Clackmannan Miners’ Association continues to fight for his position as general secretary.

“Methil Miner Killed; Another Injured” – a very brief report of the death of Alex Gillies, 48, 639 Wellesly Road, Methil, who died as a result of an accident at the pit.

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August 29 P5

“Fife Miners’ Association” – ‘Mr Adamson’s Suspension’ – ‘A reply and a Challenge’ – a copy of the circular that was distributed by the by the Fife Miner’s Association in response to the one circulated by Mr Adamson (see Aug 22 P5 above)

September 5 P5

“Fife Miners’ Association” – ‘Manifesto by Mr Philip Hodge’ – the fight for control of the Fife, Kinross and Clackmannan Miners’ Association continues. (this fight for control is reported every week from now)

September 26 P5

“Mr Adamson’s Resignation” – ‘Only Course Left to Him’ – a report of Mr Adamson resigning

“Fife Miners’ Dispute” – ‘Mr Adamson Tenders Resignation’ – ‘New Union to be Formed’ – Mr Adamson’s letter of resignation in full.

October 3 P2

“Mr Adamson’s Position” – ‘Labour Leaders’ Dilemma’ – a report that Mr Adamson (see above) is setting up a rival Miners’ Union in Fife.

October 31 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” – a report of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - George Devlin, miner, 63 Woodhead Street, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in the Valleyfield Colliery: - Thomas Hulton, 24 Woodhead Street, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in the Valleyfield Colliery: - George Cowan, miner, Woodend Park, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in No 1 Pit Bowhill Colliery: - Robert Smith, haulage contractor, 56, Russell Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No.2 Pit Minto Colliery: - Robert Doig, Colliery fireman, 3 fifteenth Street, Bowhill, who killed in Bowhill Colliery: - William Ramsay, 14, 14 Melville Street, Lochgelly who was killed in the Jenny Gray Colliery, Lochgelly: - Robert Fleming, coal cutting machineman, 40 North Glencaig, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glencaig Colliery: - Robert Peattie Wood, miner, 136 South Glencaig, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Glencaig Colliery: - Thomas Reilly, miner, 21 Melville Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Pit of the Glencaig Colliery: -

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November 14 P2

“Town and District Echoes” – snippets of news from the district. – contains a ~~brief~~ [brief](#) report the “The Fountain, an old landmark, is to be removed from Cowdenbeath High Street.

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“A Terrible Tragedy” – ‘Man Falls 120 Fathoms’ – a very brief report of the death of William Kennedy, underground pump attendant, living in lodgings at Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

November 21 P4

“Cowdenbeath’s Welfare Institute” – ‘The Finest in the County’ – a report of the formal opening of the newly-erected Miners’ Welfare Institute in Broad Street, Cowdenbeath. (Contains a photograph of the building)

December 5 P5

“New R.C. Church in Dunfermline” – ‘History of Catholicism in Fife’ – ‘When Severe Penalties Were Imposed’ – a synopsis of Catholicism in Fife.

December 19 P3

“Cowdenbeath Town Council” – ‘Surveyor’s Report’ – a synopsis of the report that was given to the members of Cowdenbeath Town Council by Mr C.A. Alexander, the Burgh Surveyor.

December 26 P5

“Miner’s Distress” – ‘A Consignment of Goods’ – a brief report of twelve wooden cases containing some 1900 parcels from the “Daily Mail’s Miners’ Distress Fund” arriving at the Lower Station, Dunfermline, addressed to Mr Philip Hodge, general secretary of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Mineworker’s Association, for distribution among the unemployed Fife miners’

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“**Idleness At Fife Pits**” – ‘A Depressing Spectacle’ – a report of the conditions that are prevailing at this time in the mining villages throughout Fife.

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January 2 P3

“The Distress Among Scottish Miners.” – ‘The Dunfermline Journal Fund’ – an advertisement informing the reader that the newspaper “The Dunfermline Journal” has set up an appeal fund to help relieve the distress being experienced by the Scottish miners.

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“Distress in the Mining Areas” – ‘Dunfermline Committee Set Up’

“Coal Trade Depression” – ‘A Hopeless Outlook’

“Unemployment in West Fife” – ‘Position at End of Year’

(The above articles give the reader a glimpse at the unemployment position in West Fife at this time.)

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“Fife Unemployment Problem” – ‘Conference and “Depressed Areas”

“Distribution of Miners’ Fund.” – ‘Vouchers Drawn on Local Shopkeepers’

“Dunfermline Parish Council” – ‘Increase in Relief Approved’

“Miners Distress Fund” – ‘Allocation of First Grant’

(more information on the unemployment situation in the district.)

January 9 P5

“Distress in Fife Mining Areas.” – ‘Position Reviewed by a Visitor’ – an article written by “A Visitor” to Fife who came to see for himself the condition existing at the present time of unemployment (Not exactly very sympathetic to the unemployed miners!)

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“Letters To The Editor” – ‘Distress in Fife Mining Area’ Four letters to the editor in response to the above article.

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January 23 P5

“Dunfermline City Police” – ‘Chief Constable’s Annual Report – Crimes and Offences’ – a synopsis to the annual Police Report for 1928, that was issued by Chief Constable Robert Stronach. – Contains some interesting statistics

January 30 P5

“Broad Street School Destroyed” – ‘Early Morning Fire’ – ‘Finding Accommodation for 800 Scholars’ – a brief report of Broad Street School, Cowdenbeath, being almost completely destroyed by fire.

“Unemployment Statistics” – ‘Rising Figures’ – figures in the registration of unemployment in West Fife.

February 6 P2

“Remodelled Crosshill School Opened” – ‘Mr Scanlan’s Historical Review’ – a report of the formal opening of the re-built Crosshill School (which was destroyed by fire two years previously)

February 6 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - William Keir, miner, 32 Eleventh Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit Bowhill: - William Kennedy, pit pumpman, 56 Montrose Cottages who was killed in No. 1 pit, Lochore Colliery: - George Flockhart, colliery labourer, 90 Old Square, Hill of Beath, who was killed at the Hill of Beath Washery, Dalbeath Colliery.

“Crimes and Offences in Fife” – ‘Chief Constable’s Annual Report’ – a synopsis of the annual report, compiled by Chief Constable J. Tennant Gordon, of the crimes and offences committed in Fife during 1928

February 27 P2

“Dunfermline Children’s Country Home” – ‘Carnegie Trust’s Work’ – a report of the formal opening of the Carnegie Trust Home for Dunfermline children at Bandrum.

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“Mr James Terris” – ‘His Public Services’ – a pen picture (with photograph) of Mr James Terris, Kelty.

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March 20 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” – reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of: - Thomas Edmund McCluskey, coal-cutting machineman, Norman Place, Cocklaw Street, Kelty, who was killed in No. 4 Pit, Lassodie Colliery: - John McPherson Potts, colliery roadsman, 72 Montrose Cottages, Lochore, who was killed in No.1 Mary Pit, Lochore: - John Potter, apprentice engineer, Main Street, Crossgates, who died as a result of an accident at the Dalbeath Colliery: - Alexander Millar, locomotive engine driver, 74 High Street, Burntisland, who died as a result of an accident at Lochgelly Colliery siding.

“House Rents in Fife” – ‘Department’s Concessions.’ – a glimpse at the rents for Council houses at this time.

“Crime in Cowdenbeath” – ‘Increase in Offences’ – a synopsis of the report which was submitted to Cowdenbeath Town Council by Mr John. H. Wright, the burgh prosecutor, for the year ending 1928.

March 27 P7

“Fife Collier Fatalities” – ‘Inquiry at Kirkcaldy’ – a brief report of the Public Inquiry into the death of: - Michael Hannigan, pit sinker, 233 Wellesley Road, Methil, who was killed in the Wellesley Colliery: - Thomas Melville Dowie, wagon shunter, 4 Eleventh Street, Bowhill, who was killed in a shunting accident at Kinglassie Colliery.

April 3 P3

“Mr Cook Visits West Fife” – ‘Mr Adamson Criticised’ – ‘An Appeal to Bury the Past’ – a report of the meeting that was held in the Lochgelly Cinema, at which Mr A.J. Cook, the secretary of the British Miners’ Federation addressed the meeting.

April 10 P3

“West Fife Infectious Diseases Hospital” – ‘Medical Superintendent’s Annual Report’ – a long article about Dr. Barclay Reekie, Medical Superintendent of the West Fife Infectious Diseases Joint Hospital delivering his third annual report on the working of the hospital for the year ending 31st December 1928 – (an informative article that contains a lot of statistics concerning the health of the surrounding local area.)

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“Cowdenbeath Golf Course” – ‘Another Representative Meeting’ – a brief report of the meeting that was held to discuss the future of Cowdenbeath Golf Club.

April 17 P3

“Golf at Cowdenbeath” – ‘The Position of Affairs at Present’ – a letter by R Holman on the problems being experienced by the Cowdenbeath Golf Club.

April 24 P2

“Boxer Dies in Booth Ring” – ‘Kirkcaldy Fair Fatality’ – a brief report of the death of John Mackie, Kirkcaldy, who died in the boxing ring at Kirkcaldy during the Links Market when boxing against Bob Robertson of Bowhill.

April 24 P5

“Fatal Accident At Glenraig” – a brief report of the death of William Berry, single, living in lodging at Lochgelly, who was killed as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Glenraig.

May 1 P3

“Fife Catholics in Lochgelly” – ‘Emancipation Celebrations’ – a report of how the Catholics of Lochgelly celebrated the centenary of their emancipation. (contains a brief glimpse at the Catholic faith in Scotland and of how the Catholics were persecuted.

May 15 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the Public inquiries into the deaths of: - William Berry, coal miner, 10 Birnie Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Glenraig Colliery: - John Findlater Mitchell, Currie’s Cottages, South Glenraig, who died as a result of an accident at the sidings of the Glenraig Colliery: - James McKinlay, coal miner, 33 Berry Street, Lochgelly, who was killed at the Mary Pit, Lochgelly: - John Coyle, rigger, 1 Glebe Street, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident in the shipbreaking yard at Jamestown, Inverkeithing.

June 12 P6

“The New Torrie Course Opened” – a report of the formal opening of Dunfermline Golf Club’s new course at Torrie.

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“The New Glen Gates” – a report of the formal opening ceremony of the new entrance gates to Pittencrieff Glen that were constructed by the Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees at an approximate cost of £15,000

July 17 P3

“Fife Power Deal Approved” – ‘Shareholders Accept Purchase Offer’ – a report of the Scottish Power Company purchasing the Fife Tramway Light and Power Company – contains some interesting statistics about the Fife Tramway Company.

July 24 P2

“A Record Rush” – ‘Canada’s Welcome to British Migrants’ – a report of some five thousand settlers arriving at Quebec – gives a description of how the migrants are processed.

July 31 P2

“Cowdenbeath Medical Officer’s Report” – a brief synopsis of the report that was given by Cowdenbeath’s Medical Officer.

July 31 P5

“Forth Road Bridge” – ‘Engineers’ Preliminary Report’ - a report of the feasibility study that was made of constructing a road bridge over the Forth in the neighbourhood of Queensferry.

August 7 P4

“Scottish Coal Industry” – ‘Financial Aspect of the Situation’ – ‘Output of Seven and Eight Hours’ Day’ – some interesting statistics from a White Paper recently issued by the Mines Department of the Board of Trade.

September 11 P7

“Sanitary Condition Of Cowdenbeath” – ‘Inspectors Illuminating Report’ – a fairly long article on the annual report by Mr C.A. Alexander, Cowdenbeath Sanitary Inspector

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October 9 P5

“Fatal Accident Enquiries” – reports of the public enquiries into the deaths of: - William Watson, Shunter, 10 Old School Row, Cowdenbeath, who was killed at the railway sidings at Beath washery: - Hope Cairns, 27 Preston Street, High Valleyfield who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Valleyfield: - William Duggit Ford, colliery fireman, 112 King Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 11 Pit of Mossbeath Colliery: - John McLean, Colliery underground manager, Lindsay Cottages, Kelty, who was killed in No. 11 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

October 30 P2

“Cowdenbeath Ratepayers’ Meeting” – ‘The Provost’s Review’ – a report of the annual meeting of the Cowdenbeath ratepayers that was held in the New Co-operative Hall, Cowdenbeath.

November 6 P2

“Lochgelly Town Council” – ‘Meeting of Electors’ – a report of the annual meeting of Lochgelly Town Council with the electors that took place in the Town Hall, Lochgelly.

November 27 P2

“New Scottish Company” - a very brief report of the Star Theatre (Lochore), Ltd., Bloomfield House, Bathgate, being registered under the Companies Act, Scotland, as a private company “to carry on the business of exhibitors of moving pictures and of Opera House, theatrical, or music hall proprietors.” with a capital of £6000 in £1 shares.

December 25 P5

“Fatal Accidents.” - reports of the Public Inquiries into the deaths of:- Willaim Rawlings, paper mill-worker, 44 Selvage Street, Rosyth, who died as a result of an accident in the paper mil at Inverkeithing: - George Whitelaw, miner, 93 Fairfield, Lassodie, who was killed in No. 4 Pit of the Lassodie Colliery: - George Seath, miner, Bella Cottages, Station Road, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Helen Pit: - David Smith McEwan, miner, Manse Road, Crossgates, who was killed in the Smithy Section of the William Pit, Fordell: - George Galloway, miner, 4 High Street, Lochgelly, who died as an result of an accident in No. 1 Pit, Minto Colliery.

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January 8 P4

“Death of Well-Known Kelty Man” – a report of the death of Mr David Sinclair, night shift oversman, William Terrace, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Lindsay Pit, Kelty.

January 15 P5

“West Fife Housing Schemes” – ‘Kelty and Crossgates Quotas’ – ‘Needs of other Districts’ – a report of the Dunfermline District Committee of Fife County Council meeting to consider the housing requirements at Kelty.

January 29 P5

“Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital” – ‘Thirty-fifth Annual Report’ – a synopsis of the annual report for the year ending 30th November, 1929, by the managers of the Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital.

February 5 P2

“World-Famous Draughts Player” – ‘Retires to Allow Others to Enter Match’ – a report of Mr Robert Stewart, of Blairadam, retiring from the world of draughts playing so as to offer others the chance to win the Scottish Championship – article contains a pen-picture of Mr Stewart’s Draughts playing career.

February 5 P3

“Hutch-Pinning at Lassodie” – ‘Stiff Sentence for Accused’ – ‘Son Tried to Save Father’ – a report of a Sheriff Court case in which a miner was jailed for sixty days for Hutch-Pinning (removing another miner’s tally from a tub of coal and substituting it with his own and thereby claiming that the coal had been worked by him, and consequently trying to defraud the other miner of 8 ¼ d of wages)

February 5 P5

“County Chief Constable’s Report” – ‘Decrease of Crime in Fife’ – a synopsis of the annual report of the Chief Constable of Fife, Mr J. Tennant Gordon, for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

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February 12 P2

“Man Killed at Glencraig Colliery” – a brief report of the death of James Moore, 25, John Street, Crosshill, who was killed in the Glassee section of No. 1 Pit, Glencraig.

February 12 P5

“Fatal Accidents Inquiry” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - Gabriel McEwan, coal miner, 15 Shamrock Place, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Lumphinnans Pit: - David Sinclair, colliery fireman, William Terrace, Oakfield Street, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in the Lindsay Pit, Kelty: - Thomas Wallace, coal miner, Store Row, Wellwood, who was killed in the Derby Pit, Wellwood

February 26 P2

“Fatality at Valleyfield” – a brief report of the death of James Martin, (23), 9 Beaumont Street, Low Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Valleyfield Colliery.

March 12 P3

“Fife Coal Company” – ‘The Annual Meting’ – a report of annual general meeting of the Fife Coal Company.

March 12 P3

“Missing Lochgelly Man Found” – ‘Rescued From 90-Foot Old Shaft’ – a report of Mr William Stewart, Lochgelly, being rescued from an old shaft near the Mary Pit, Lochgelly, known locally as The ‘Old Gig’.

March 19 P4

“Cowdenbeath Prosecutor’s Report” – ‘Big Decrease in Crime’ – a synopsis of the annual report of Mr John Wright, Cowdenbeath Burgh Prosecutor.

March 19 P5

“Colliery Fatality at Thornton” – ‘Worker Struck by Race of Tubs’ – a very brief report of the death of Alexander Hutchison (21), oncost worker, Main Street, Thornton, being killed in Balgonie Colliery, near Thornton.

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March 26 P3

“Auchterderran Parish Church” – ‘Dedication of New Chancel’ – a report of the new chancel of Auchterderran Church containing two memorial windows to the father and mother and brother-in-law of the minister of the church, the Rev. Dr. A McNeil Houston. (contains a short history of the Kirk Jim C.)

March 26 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - James Moore, jun., coal miner, 10 John Street, Crosshill, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glencraig Colliery: - James Martin, coal miner, 9 Beaumont Street, Low Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery: - David Finlayson, coal miner, 3 Woodside Terrace, Lower Steelend, Saline, who died as a result of an accident in the Lethans Colliery.

April 2 P5

“Infectious Diseases Hospital” – ‘Annual Report’ - the annual report by the Medical Superintendent of the West Fife Infectious Diseases Joint Hospital, Dunfermline. – a fairly long report with some interesting statistics.

May 7 P5

“Medical Officer of Health’s Annual Report” – ‘889 Cases of Infectious Diseases’, Dr C. Barclay Reekie, Medical Officer of Health for Dunfermline gives his annual report.

May 28 P2

“Lochgelly Miner Killed” – a very brief report of the death of Thomas Maton, miner, Mid Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 1 Pit of Minto Colliery.

June 4 P3

“Fife Miner’s Gala” – a fairly long report of the Fife Miner’s annual Gala day which in this year was held at Dunfermline – contains a report of the speeches that were made.

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June 4 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - ? Hogg, pithead worker, Comrie Village, who died as a result of an accident at Blairhall Colliery: - ? Cook, coal miner, 96 Grainger Street, Lochgelly who died as a result of an accident in the Jenny Gray Colliery, Lochgelly.: - David Muir, colliery oversman, Comrie Castle, Blairhall, who was killed in the Lady Victoria Pit: - Skinner Jamieson, railway clerk, Morray, Aberdour, who died as a result of an accident at Aberdour in the course of his work.

June 11 P5

“Ancient Church at Burntisland” – ‘Celebration of 800th Anniversary’ – a brief report of the commemoration service that was held to mark the 800th anniversary of the founding of the congregation of St Columba’s Parish Church, Burntisland.

June 18 P4

“Finding Work For The Miners.” – ‘The Transference Scheme’ – some interesting and informative statistics from the Ministry of Labour.

June 25 P2

“Too Much Coal” – ‘The Miner and the Machine’ - a report of the lecture that was given to the Dundee Rotary Club by Dr. Joseph Parker, the principal of the Fife Ming School at Cowdenbeath – a long and very interesting article about the coal mining industry in general.

July 2 P5

“Glencraig Miners Entombed” – ‘One Killed; Another Injured’ – a brief report of an accident which occurred at Glencraig Colliery in which David Webster (32), Park View Place, Lochgelly, lost his life and his workmate Robert Cook, Hall Street, Lochgelly was injured.

July 9 P2

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“Lochgelly Colliery Fatality” – ‘Miner Electrocuted’ – a very brief report of the death of Archibald Connor, 39 Melville Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Minto Colliery, near Lochgelly.

July 9 P3

“Health of Cowdenbeath” – ‘Medical Officer’s Report’ – Dr William Craig, Medical Officer of Health for the burgh of Cowdenbeath, presents his annual report on the health of the burgh.

July 16 P5

“Health of the County” – some interesting statistics from the annual report of Dr G. Pratt Yule, Medical Officer of Health for Fife, regarding the health and sanitary conditions in the County of Fife for the year 1929

“Cardenden Miner Killed” – a very brief report of the death of David Rutherford, underground worker, Dundonald House, Cardenden, who was killed in Bowhill Colliery.

July 23 P4

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - Henry Anderson, road foreman, 73 Halbeath Road, Dunfermline, who died as a result of an accident on the Saline-Cowstrandburn public highway: - Thomas Maton, fireman, 17 Mid Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Minto Colliery: - David Webster, miner, 32 Park Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in Glenraig Colliery: - David Clacher Rutherford, coal-miner, 110 Dundonald Park, Cardenden, who was killed in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery: - Archibald Connor, coal-cutting machineman, 39 Melville Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Minto Colliery.

July 23 P5

“From Pit Boy To Chief Magistrate” – ‘Life Story of Provost Wilson’ – a photograph and pen-picture of Provost Robert Wilson.

August 6 P4

“Sanitation of Cowdenbeath” – ‘Inspector’s Annual Report’. A fairly lengthy report of the Sanitary Inspector for Cowdenbeath’s annual report

August 27 P3

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“Fatal Accident At Kelty” – ‘Young Lad’s Neck Broke’ – a brief report of the death of William Boyd (14), son of Mr David Boyd, Boyd’s Buildings, Oakfield Street, Kelty, who was killed in the Lindsay Colliery, Kelty

September 3 P2

“Cowdenbeath Public School” – ‘The Opening Ceremony’ – a report of the newly re-erected School at Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, being formally opened.

September 3 P7

“Dysart Pit Fatality” – a very brief report of the death of William Beall, (27), chief electrician, Eddington Place, Dysart, who was killed in the Francis Pit, Dysart.

September 10 P3

“Blairhall Pithead Baths” – ‘New Scheme Opened by Secretary for Scotland’ – a report of the formal opening of the new pithead baths at Blairhall Colliery. – article contains a brief description of the baths and accommodation as well as costs for the service of 4d per week which will be deducted from the wages of the men.

September 17 P4

“Fatal Result of Colliery Accident” – a very brief report of the death of Alexander Thomson, (31), Mylerose Terrace, Aberhill, Methil, who died as a result of an accident in the Wellesley Colliery.

September 24 P3

“Kelty Parish Church” – ‘Memorial Service’ – a fairly long report of the unveiling of the memorial stone inserted in a wall in the Kelty Parish Church to the memory of the Rev. David. K. Bogie, late minister of the Kirk.

October 1 P3

“Mining Industry In 1929” – ‘H.M. Inspector’s Report’ – a synopsis of the annual report by Mr J. Masterton, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Scotland Division – contains some interesting statistics.

“Buckhaven Miner Fatally Injured” – a very brief report of the death of William Rodger, (55), who died as a result of an accident in the Michael Colliery.

October 22 P4

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“Fatal Pit Accidents” – very brief reports of the death of: - William Menzies, jun., oncost worker, 29 New Houses, Kinglassie, who was killed in Kinglassie Colliery.

October 29 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - Adam Brown, miner, 8 Back Row, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery: - William Boyd, oncost worker, Boyd’ Buildings, Oakfield, Kelty, who was killed in the Lindsay Pit, Kelty: - Thomas Edwin Searle, shipbreaker’s labourer, West Loan, Hope Street, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident at H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth.

“Pilgrimage To Dunfermline” – ‘Catholics to Honour St Margaret’ – a brief report that a pilgrimage of Scottish Catholics is to take place on 16th November, St Margaret’s Day.

November 12 P3

“Lochgelly Eviction Sequel” – ‘Six Men Arrested’ – the report of a disturbance that took place in Prospect Place, Lochgelly, when the Sheriff Officers carried out an eviction notice.

“Nine Men On Trial” – ‘Prison for Accused’ – a report of the Dunfermline Sheriff Court case against the nine men who were arrested in connection with the above.

“Cowdenbeath Memorial Service” – ‘Town Council Refuse to Participate’ – a report of the Cowdenbeath Town Council, Cowdenbeath Brass band, and Cowdenbeath Pipe Band refusing to take place in the recent Armistice Service that was organised by Cowdenbeath Branch of the British Legion.

November 12 P5

“Costly Administration” – ‘Fife County Councillor’s Expenses’ – ‘An Enormous Bill’ – a long list of the expenses that were paid to members of Fife County Council from 16th may to 31st October – the expenses amounted to the grand sum of £600 12s 11d

November 19 P3

“Scots Catholics Honour St Margaret” – ‘Nation Pilgrimage to Dunfermline’ – a report of the first pilgrimage by Catholics from all over Scotland taking place in Dunfermline to mark St Margaret’s Day.

November 26 P3

“Lecture By Mr James Chalmers” – ‘Evacuation of St Kilda’ – the report of a lecture that was given delivered to an audience in Cowdenbeath offering the reader a glimpse at the story of St Kilda

November 26 P5

“Dunfermline Area Committee” – ‘Protest Against Transferred Labour’ – a report of the monthly meeting of the Dunfermline Area Committee that was held in the County Buildings, Dunfermline, that complained about the number of men from Lanarkshire who had been transferred into the district and were making application for relief.

December 17 P2

“Fordell Pit Mishap” – a very brief report of the death of Andrew Gibson, miner, Old Terrace, Fordell, who died as a result of an accident in the Alice Pit, Fordell.

December 24 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - John Smith, coal miner, 39 Woodend Park, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit, Bowhill Colliery: - Thomas Delaney, coal miner, 29 Seventeenth Street, Bowhill, who was killed in No. 1 Pit, Minto Colliery: - John Scott, coal miner, North End, Crossgates, who was killed in the James Pit, Donibristle Colliery: - Andrew Gibson, coal miner, Old Terrace, Fordell, who died as a result of an accident in the Alice Pit, Fordell Colliery: - John Daly, foreman quarryman, Craig’s Quarry, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident at Craig’s Quarry.

December 31 P5

“The Story of the Year” – ‘A Retrospective Review’ – a retrospective review of the events of the year just concluding. – includes ‘The Royal Family’ – ‘Events Abroad’ – ‘Industrial Depression’ – ‘Disasters’ – ‘The Year in the Air’ – ‘Coal Trade, 1930’ – ‘Linen Trade’

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January 10 P7

“The Catholic Pilgrimage” – a report of the monthly meeting of the Dunfermline and Kinross Presbytery where it was agreed to send a small deputation to the Office of Works to object at the Nave of the Abbey being used for religious purposes!!

January 10 P 11

“Fife County Chronicle” – snippets of news from around Fife. (this appears every week from now on)

January 17 P2

“Dunfermline’s Rugby Internationalists” – a report of Harry Lind and Alf Wilson being chosen to represent Scotland against France. – contains photographs of Lind and Wilson.

January 24 P4

“Dunfermline & West Fife Hospital” – a synopsis of the thirty-sixth annual report by the managers of the Dunfermline & West Fife Hospital.

January 31 P3

“Crime in Fife” – a synopsis of the annual report of Chief Constable of Fife, Mr J. Tennant Gordon

January 31 P7

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - James Callum Armit, 9 Alma Street, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident in the Torpedo Depot, H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth: - James Conlan, coal miner, Barrett’s Lodging House, Crosshill, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Bowhill Colliery: - George Rattray, coal miner, 106 South Glencairg, who was killed in Glencairg Pit: - James Christie Baxter, farmer, Pow Farm, Saline, who died as a result of an accident on the farm.

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March 28 P2

“West Fife Infectious Diseases Hospital” – Dr. C. Barclay Reekie, superintendent of the West Fife Infectious Diseases Hospital issues his annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

May 9 P3

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - William Charles Smith, railway shunter, 6 Knowe Terrace, Inverkeithing, who died as a result of an accident in the railway sidings of Calderwell’s Paper Mills, Inverkeithing: - Thomas Watson Hunter, coal miner, William Terrace, Oakfield Street, Kelty, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of the Aitken Colliery: - John Gormly coal miner, 25 Thirteenth Street, Bowhill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill colliery: - Thomas Henry Gilmour Woodrow, coal miner, Fairfield, Lassodie, who was killed in No. 10 Pit, Lassodie Colliery: - William Burt, railway gatekeeper, c/o Whyte, 234 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, who died as a result of an accident at the Mossbeath Colliery railway level crossing: - Henry Hutchison, coal miner, 4 Parker’s Place, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glenraig Colliery.

May 9 P7

“Lochore Colliery Fatality” – a very brief report of the death of John Copeland (45), 3 John Street, Crosshill who died as a result of an accident in the Mary Pit, Lochore.

May 23 P2

“Story of a 10s. Note” – a report of the Kirkcaldy District Meeting during which one of the councillors, Mr Alexander Moffat, Lumphinnans reported another councillor, Mr James McGinlay, Glenraig, of trying to bribe him. (see also August 8 P5 “Two Months for Bribery”)

May 23 P7

“Lochgelly Lad Killed” – a brief report of the death of Charles Conway, (19), 172 South Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the North Lumphinnans Colliery.

June 6 P4

“Miners Gala Day” – a report of the Miners annual Gala Day which was held this year at Dunfermline – contains a synopsis of the speeches that were made

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June 6 P7

“Kelty Miner Killed” – a brief report of the death of John Wallace, Rosewell Terrace, Kelty, who was killed in No. 12 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery.

June 13 P3

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - Mungo Gemmell, quarryman, Hawkcraig, Aberdour, who died as a result of an accident in the Goat Quarry, Aberdour: - John Copeland, miner, 3 John Street, Crosshill, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of the Mary Colliery, Lochore: - Patrick Whelan, miner, 161 Station Road, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Glencraig Colliery: - Charles Faulds Laughlen Conway, miner, who was killed in No. 11 Pit, Lumphinnans Colliery: - James Donachie, miner, 37 Hall Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Glencraig Colliery: - John Simpson Wallace, miner, 2 Rosewell Terrace, Kelty, who was killed in No. 12 Pit of Lumphinnans Colliery: - David Cook Galloway, electric linesman, Hutton’s Buildings, Black Road, Kelty, who was killed in No. 10 Colliery, Kirkford.

July 11 P4

“Dunfermline Presbytery Protest” – a report of the Dunfermline Presbytery of the Church of Scotland protesting against the Roman Catholics being permitted to hold services in the Nave of Dunfermline Abbey.

July 11 P9

“National Catholic Pilgrimage” – ‘St Margaret Honoured at Memorial Church’ – a report of the national pilgrimage of Roman Catholics to Dunfermline in honour of St Margaret that was led by His Grace Archbishop MacDonald of St Andrews and Edinburgh.

“Catholic Pilgrimage to Dunfermline” – ‘Abbey Nave Ownership’ – a report of the meeting of the Dunfermline and Kinross Presbytery during which the subject of the Roman Catholics using the Abbey Nave was once again discussed.

July 18 P5

“Opening of Rosyth’s New Church” – a report of the formal opening of Rosyth’s new church which was built at a cost of some £5600.

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July 18 P5

“Valleyfield Man’s Death” – a brief report of the death of David Strathie, (42) Abbey Crescent, High Valleyfield, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Valleyfield Colliery

“Kelty Miner’s Miscalculation” – a brief report of the death of Andrew Rennie, benchman, Viewforth, Oakfield, who died as a result of an accident in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

July 18 P6

“Sanitation of Dunfermline” – a synopsis of the annual report on the sanitary conditions in Dunfermline as prepared by Mr William Kennedy, Chief Sanitary Inspector.

August 8 P5

“Two Months for Bribery” – ‘Fife County Councillor Charged’ – a report of Councillor James McGinley, 9 Garry Park, Crosshill, being sent to prison for two months for trying to bribe Alexander Moffat, trade Union organiser by giving him the sum of 10s as an inducement to vote against David Beveridge. (see also May 23 P2 “Story of a 10s Note”)

August 22 P3

“Temperance Movement Prior to 1830” – ‘How it Developed’ – a look at the history of the Temperance Movement.

September 12 P3

“30,000 At A Funeral” – ‘Last Tribute to great Sportsman’ – a report of the funeral of John Thomson, the Celtic International Goalkeeper.

September 19 P5

“Two Men Killed by Fall of Roof” – the report of two miners, Blyth Davidson, (50), colliery oversman, 4 Omar Crescent, Buckhaven, and James Mann, (33), brushman, 74 Clyde Street, Denbeath, who were killed in the Wellesley Colliery, Denbeath.

September 26 P3

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“Dunfermline Public Assistance” – a synopsis of the first annual report of the Public Assistance Officer for Dunfermline.

October 3 P3

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries that were held in Dunfermline Sheriff Court (Unfortunately the copy of this report is so poor on micro film as to render it practically unreadable – but I am sure that the librarian at Dunfermline Central Library would allow the reader to read the original newspaper report (Jim C.)

October 3 P5

“Tragedy in Kelty Pit” – a very brief report of the death of Thomas Moore, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty.

October 31 P2

“The General Election” – ‘Dunfermline and West Fife Reject Labour Candidates’ – a long report of the recent national election results, along with the local results.

November 7 P2

“Mining Disaster at Bowhill” – ‘Ten Men Killed’ – a fairly long report of the mining disaster that took place at No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery, during which ten miners lost their lives.

November 7 P4

“Death of Sir John Ross” – ‘The Grand Old Man of Dunfermline’ - a fairly long report of the death of Sir John Ross, LL, D., Dunfermline – contains a photograph and pen-picture of Sir John.

November 14 P3

“Memorial Service To Sir John Ross” – a report of the memorial service to Sir John Ross, that was held in St, Columba’s Church Dunfermline.

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“Colliery Manager Killed” – a brief report of the death of Mr William Gray, manager of the lady Helen Colliery, who was killed whilst carrying out an underground inspection of the colliery.

December 75 P7

“Catholic Church Opened At Bowhill” – a report of the formal opening of the new Catholic Church at Bowhill.

December 19 P2

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - David Simpson, miner, 11 Cardenden Cottages, Cardenden, who died as a result of an accident in No. 2 Pit of Bowhill Colliery: - Michael Brannigan, miner, 60 Mid Street, Lochgelly, who died as a result of an accident in the Lady Helen Pit, Dundonald: - Thomas Moore, underground fireman, 76 Nasmyth Place, Kelty, who was killed in the Aitken Pit, Kelty: - John McHale, miner, 12 Mid Row, Hill of Beath, who was killed in Mossbeath Colliery: - William Gray, colliery manager, “Woodside”, Dundonald, who was killed in the Lady Helen Pit, Dundonald.

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January 2 P2

“The Story of the Year” – a retrospective review of the year 1931, includes ‘A Local Summary’ – ‘The Linen Trade’ – ‘The Coal Trade’ – ‘The Building Trade’

January 2 P5

“Fatality at Lochgelly” –a brief report of the death of Alexander Sinclair, Whitton Place, who died as a result of an accident in the Nellie Pit, Lochgelly.

January 9 P5

“Coal Exports From Burntisland” - some statistics regarding the amount of coal that was exported fro Burntisland in 1931.

January 9 P6

“In The Old Days” – ‘Torryburn and Crombie Point Shipping’ – a “Wee Keek Back” at the Torryburn district.

January 23 P2

“Bowhill Disaster Inquiry” – a report of the public inquiry into the Bowhill Colliery Disaster. (there is another report of this public inquiry found in the “Lochgelly Times” in January 27th 1932 – Jim C.)

January 30 P4

“Bowhill Disaster Inquiry” – ‘Jury’s Recommendations’ – ‘Heroic Rescuers’ – a continuation of the above public inquiry.

January 30 P7

“Mine Roof Fall” – a very brief report of the death of Edward MacMillan, 14 Marshall Street, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the Dora Pit, Little Raith Colliery, Cowdenbeath.

“Crime In The County” – ‘Chief Constable’s Report’ – a synopsis of the annual report by Fifeshire’s Chief Constable.

March 5 P5

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“Housing of Lassodie People” – ‘Suggested Removal to Kelty’ – a report of the a meeting of the Fife Public Health Committee’s meeting during which the housing of the people who still occupy some 100 houses at Lassodie that the Fife Coal Company wish to demolish is discussed.

March 26 P6

“West Fife I.D. Hospital” – ‘Medical Officer’s Annual Report’ – a synopsis to the annual report of the West Fife Infectious Diseases Hospital, for the year ending 1931.

April 2 P5

“The Story Of The Elgin Marbles” – ‘The Removal to Britain’ - the story of the Elgin Marbles.

April 23 P2

“Opening of the Glen Bridge” – a fairly long report of the formal opening of the new Glen Bridge that was constructed at a cost of approximately £38,000.

April 23 P5

“Lanarkshire Workers in Fife” – a report of the monthly meeting of Dunfermline Area Committee during which the subject of workmen from Lanarkshire being removed from Lanarkshire to Fife, where there is already a shortage of jobs.

April 30 P2

“Fife Gallipoli Club” – a report of the first Re-union dinner of the Fife Gallipoli Club – gives a glimpse at the part of the action seen at Gallipoli.

May 7 P6

“Dunfermline M.O.H’s Report” – a synopsis of the annual report for the year 1931 by Dr. Barclay Reekie, Medical Officer of Health for Dunfermline.

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May 14 P2

“Sanitation of Dunfermline” – a synopsis of the report that was given by Mr W. Kennedy, Chief Sanitary Inspector for Dunfermline on the health and sanitation of Dunfermline

May 21 P5

“Lochgelly Miner Killed” – a brief report of the death of Campbell Dyer (33), South Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in the Minto Colliery, near Lochgelly.

June 11 P2

“Fife Miners’ Gala” – a report of the Fife, Clackmannan and Kinross Miners’ Gala day, that was held in Dunfermline, with a synopsis of the speeches that were made.

June 11 P5

“Old Dunfermline” – ‘Lady Wardlaw’s House’ – a glimpse a part of Dunfermline’s history, and three building that stood close to the Cross Wynd

June 18 P2

“St Margaret Honoured” – ‘Difficulties of Protestant Churches’ Union’ – a report of the annual pilgrimage by Scottish Roman Catholics to Dunfermline to honour the memory of St Margaret.

June 18 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiry” – reports of the public inquiries that were held into the deaths of: - Campbell Nicol Dyer, miner, 186 South Street, Lochgelly, who was killed in No. 1 Pit of Minto Colliery: - George Nairn Bowman, seaman, Path Houses, Pathhead, Kirkcaldy, who was drowned in the submarine pens, H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth.

June 25 P2

“British Legion Conference” – a report of the annual conference of the British Legion (Scotland), that took place in Dunfermline.

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July 2 P7

“Infectious Diseases Hospital” – ‘Opening of New Extension’ – a report of the formal opening of the new extension to the Dunfermline and West Fife Infectious Diseases Hospital, which was erected at a cost of some £21,000.

July 30 P5

“Fatal Accident Inquiries” – reports of the public inquiries into the deaths of: - George Mitchell, labourer, 103 Foulford Road, Cowdenbeath, who was killed in the electric sub-station of No. 7 Colliery, Cowdenbeath: - William Fisher Pearson, miner, 1 Henderson Street, Kingseat, who was killed in No. 3 Pit of the Dean Colliery, Kingseat: - George Hendrie Duncan, electrical engineer, 11 Cairns Street, Kirkcaldy, who died as a result of an accident in Canmore Works, Dunfermline.

August 27 P5

“Lochore Miner’s Fate” – a brief report of the death of Joseph Sharp (16), miner, 138 Waverly Street, Lochore, who was killed in the Mary Pit, Lochore.