

PARISH OF ABERDOUR.

THE PARISH OF ABERDOUR is situated on the south coast of the County, and over-looks a fine bend of the Firth of Forth. The word, "Aberdour," is from the Gaelic, and signifies the mouth of the water Dour, a small rivulet which is here emptied into the Forth. The Parish comprehends about 3 miles of coast, with an average breadth of the same distance, and comprises an area of about 5000 acres. It joins Dalgetty and Dunfermline parishes on the west, Burntisland and Auchtertool on the east, and Beath, Auchtertool, and Dunfermline on the north. The island of Inchcolm in the Firth of Forth, lying to the south two miles from land, and a small detached district called Kilrie Yetts, about four or five miles to the eastward, also belong to it. A ridge of hills runs through the main body of the Parish, in a direction nearly parallel to the coast.

The tract to the north of this lies comparatively high, with a cold sour soil; but the tract to the south is genial and generous, and exhibits a profusion of both natural and artificial beauty. The western part of the Parish rises gently into the interior, and is feathered and flecked with wood; the centre is indented by the sandy, wood-girt, finely sheltered bay of Aberdour; and the eastern part is steep and rugged, with shaggy sheets of wood down to the water's edge, and is traversed through its glades and across its braes by walks, which command most picturesque prospects of the Firth and its southern seaboard, and of the hills of Edinburgh and the Pentlands. The principal Land-owners are the Earl of Moray and the Earl of Morton, the residence of the latter being Aberdour House, which is the chief mansion in the Parish.

At the embouchure of the Dour into the Firth of Forth, there is a Harbour which admits vessels of 200 tons burden. Though not large, as many as twenty-five vessels of all sizes have been crowded into it at one time. The principal article of export is coal, of which 150,000 tons have been exported in one year by the Donibristle Coal Company. The imports are small, the chief article being manure for the farmers of the district.

The village, which contains a Post-Office, lies a few hundred yards from the Coast, and 3 miles from Burntisland ; properly speaking, it comprises three distinct villages, viz., Easter, Wester, and Newtown of Aberdour, but they are all so contiguous as to warrant a common name being applied to them. Easter Aberdour is the original village, Wester Aberdour belonged to the Monastery of Inchcolm, and was made a Burgh of Barony, holding from the Abbot in 1500. Aberdour is not a parish where much business is carried on, though coarse cloth is manufactured to a small extent ; red sandstone, coal, and lime, are wrought somewhat extensively, and there is a Saw Mill; but it is as a bathing resort for summer visitors that Aberdour is best known, many of them adapting their houses for the reception of lodgers (luring the season, and as it has daily communication by steam with Edinburgh, its shores are a favourite retreat to the inhabitants of the Scottish capital, who there seek relaxation and leisure during the heats of summer.

POST-OFFICE, Aberdour, John Chisholm, Post Master.- Letters from all parts arrive (from EDINBURGH) every morning at ten, and in the afternoon at half-past six ; and are despatched every morning at six, and in the afternoon at two.

Money Order Office open from nine till six in the evening.

BAKERS.

Ballantyne, Wm., High Street

McCulloch, John, do

BLACKSMITHS.

Bairdner, J., Crossroads, Balmule

Cunningham, John, Easter Aberdour

Davie, James, Kilrie Yetts

Forbes, Alexander, High Street

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Cowan, John, High Street

White, John, do

White, Gavine, do

CABINET-MAKERS, See Joiners.

CARRIERS.

To Dunfermline, Mrs Wilson, Tuesday and Friday (on foot, small parcels)

To Edinburgh, Betty Cruikshank, Tuesday

To Kirkcaldy, Inverkeithing, and Burntisland, J. Schoolbraid, Tuesday and Friday

CARTERS.

Anderson, Wm., Easter Aberdour

Butters, George, do

Black, James, do

Cavens, Thomas, Manse Street

Gibson, John, High Street

Hendrick, James, Manse Street

Kellock, James, Easter Aberdour

Leitch, John, High Street

Lyon, Joseph, Cowdenend

Mitchell, James, High Street

Robertson, Charles, do

Reid, John, do

Wilkie, Hugh, do

CLERGY.

Roddick, Rev. George, Parish Church, Manse Street

Ross, Rev. Wm., Free Church, Manse, High Street;

DRAPERS.

Sinclair, Isabella, High Street.

Stewart, Johnstone, do

DRESSMAKERS.

Alexander, Miss, High Street

Kirkham, Miss. Manse Street

McVicar, Miss Isabella, Seaside Place

FLESHERS.

Auld, James, High Street

Auld, Jabez, do

FARMERS.

Adamson, J. & D., Linhead

Barr, James, Manse Street

Butters, Hugh, Nether Bucklyvie

Burn, J. H., Esq., Cuttlehill House

Catton, John, Little Couston

Cunningham, Thomas, Dalachy

Coventry, Wm., Pleasance

Cairns, Robert, Boupry

Horn, Ebenezer, Scotswalls

Kennedy, Peter, (and Grazier) High Street

Kelly, Alexander, Croftgarry

Liddle, James, Beverkae, (resides in Auchtertool)

Nasmyth, J. A., Bucklyvie

Normand, James, Esq., Whitehill

Patterson, Henry, Balmule

Paxton, John, Moonziehall

Russell, James, Templehall

Russell, James, Culalloe

Sime, George, Couston

Thomson, James, Humble

FURNISHED LODGING-HOUSE KEEPERS.

Barr, Miss Janet, Manse Street

Bridges, Henry, do

Barr, Wm., High Street

Candlish, Miss, Manse Street

Cowan, John, High Street

Duncan, Miss Mary, Sea-side Place

Flockhart, Ninian, do

Flockhart, James, do

Henderson, Miss C., Manse Street

Hendrick, James, do

Kirkham, Mrs, do

Livingstone, James, Sea-side Place

Lindsay, James, do

McArthur, Mrs, do

McVicar, Miss Mary, do

Mercer, John, High Street

Moodie, Mrs, do

Ogilvie, Miss, Sea-side Place

Peacock, Mrs, Manse Street

Patterson, Miss, do

Sands, Mrs, High Street

Wilkie, David, do

Wilson, James, do

Wilson, Robert, do

In addition to the above, a number of parties let out one or two rooms during the season.

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Bogle, Captain, R. N., (retired) Sea-side Cottage

Kinnear, Mrs, Sea-bank House

Lee, Mrs, Sea-side Place

Morton, Earl of, Aberdour House, (non-resident)

Nasmyth, J. A., Esq., Bucklyvie

Normand, James, Esq., Whitehill

Stevenson, Miss, Sea-side Place

Taylor, James, Surgeon, (retired) do

Wilson, Robert, Esq., Aberdour House

Witherspoon, Wm., Esq., S.S.C., Hillside

GROCERS.

Those marked thus* are also Spirit Dealers.

Andrew, John, Coaledge

Barr, Mrs, Easter Aberdour

Barr, Charles, High Street

* Cumming, James, do (Wines)

Drysdale, Thomas, do

* Goodsir, John, do

Rolland, Arch., Store Keeper, Donibristle Colliery

Sands, Mrs, High Street

* Venters, Peter, Easter Aberdour

HOTEL KEEPERS.

Catton, John, Aberdour Hotel, High Street (post gigs and horses)

Greig, Andrew, Bell Inn, High Street

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Those marked thus * are also Contractors, marked thus † are also Cabinet-makers.

Campbell, Robert, Easter Aberdour

Christie, David, Kilrie Yetts

* Dewar, George, High Street

Dow, Robert, Easter Aberdour

†* Flockhart, James, Sea-side Place

MASONS & CONTRACTORS.

Hay, Robert, & Son, High Street

Mercer, Wm., Manse Street

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Drysdale, James, Medical Officer to Poor Law Board, Manse Street

White, G. L., M.D., Sea-side Place

SLATERS.

Drysdale, Thomas, High Street

Kean, John, do

SOCIETIES & CLUBS.

Aberdour Horticultural Society, James Pringle, Secretary (1860)

Aberdour & Dalgetty Curling Club, Peter Kennedy, Secretary (1860)

TAILORS.

Brown, David, Whitehill Toll-Bar

Orrock, Robert, High Street

Moor, George, do

Reid, Charles, Puddledub

Scotland, David, High Street,

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS

Bridges, Miss A., High Street, Free Church School

Dewar, Peter, Donibristle Coal Coy.'s School

Thomson, John, High Street, Free Church School

VINTNERS

Blaik, James, High Street

Morrison, Mrs Easter Aberdour

Rattray, William, Shore Road

Williamson, Mrs, Coledge

WRIGHTS, See Joiners

MISCELANEOUS

Ashe, James, Clerk and Collector of Poor Rates for Dalgetty Parish, High Street

Chisholm, John, Parochial Librarian, Agent for the Scottish Fire & Life Insurance co., and Sanitary Inspector, High Street,

Campbell, Robert, Saw-Mill Owner, Easter Aberdour.

Currie, Mrs, Midwife, Easter Aberdour

Currie, Robert, Veterinary Surgeon, do

Flockhart, Ninian, Inspector of Poor & Collector of Poores' Rates

Grieve and Nasmyth, Donibristle Coal Co.

Lindsay, James, Gardener, Sea-side Place

McKay, John, Shipping Clerk for Donibristle Colliery, High Street

McLauchlan, John, Shipmaster, High Street

Moor, George, Parish Beadle, High Street

Pringle, James, Session Clerk & Registrar for the Parish of Aberdour, Parochial School-house

Reid, James, Grazier, Easter Aberdour

Wren, George, Corn Merchant, Manse Street, (business in Leith)

Wilson, James, Post Runner, High Street

ADD

Chisholm, John, Sec. & Treas. of Aberdour & Dalgety Curling Club

Reid, Mrs G, Carrier from Aberdour to Edinburgh, every Tuesday

DELETE

Anderson, William, Carter, Aberdour

Burn, J. H. Esq., Farmer, Cuttlehill House

Cruickshank, Betty, Carrier

Drysdale, James, Medical Practitioner

Kennedy, Peter, Farmer, & Sec. of Curling Club

Lee, Mrs, Sea-side Place

McVicar, Miss, Isabella, Dressmaker

Morrison, Mrs, Vintner

Ogilvie, Miss, Furnished Lodgings

Reid, James, Grazier

Reid, John, Carter