

## PARISH OF FERRY-PORT-ON-CRAIG.

This PARISH, containing the large village of its own name, is situated in the extreme north-east of the County. It is bounded by the German Ocean on the east, by the parishes of Leuchars and Forgan on the south, by Forgan on the west, and by the Firth of Tay on the north. Its length south-eastward is about four miles, and its breadth from half a mile to a mile and a half, its narrowest part being at the middle, to the south-east of the town of Ferry-Port-on-Craig. The north-western district is comparatively high and rocky, forming the termination of the most northerly spur of the Ochils, which here sinks into the Tent's Muir, a low tract of level ground only about fifteen feet above high water mark, and which stretches from the terminus of the Ochils, in the parishes of Leuchars and Ferry-Port-on-Craig, to the German Ocean. All along the low ground the soil is light and sandy, or with light loam on a sandy bottom, which in seasons not too dry, yields good crops of oats and barley. At the south-western extremity there is an extensive range of links, which affords pasturage chiefly for sheep, and are besides stocked with rabbits, the annual rent of the warren amounting to a considerable sum. In the north-western district the soil is a black loam on a whinstone bottom, and produces excellent crops of all kinds. There is an extensive salmon fishery along the whole extent of the shore of the Parish, which is in the hands of the proprietor, and still yields a handsome revenue, though not equal to what it was in the palmy days of the salmon fishery. The Dundee fork of the E. P. & D. Railway crosses the Parish, and has its ferry station at the town. The turnpike roads from Newport and St Michaels to Ferry-Port-on-Craig, also traverse the Parish.

The whole of the Parish is comprised in the estate of Scotsraig ; and the mansion of the proprietor, a large and substantial edifice built in 1807, stands amidst pleasant enclosures near the north-west border. At an early period this estate belonged to the Bishops of St Andrews, by one of whom it was feued, during the reign of Alexander II., to Sir Michael Scott, of Balwearie, father of the famous Sir Michael Scott; and it was through that family that the estate received the appellation of Scotsraig. After that period, it several times changed owners, until, during the reign of Charles II., it became the property of Archbishop Sharp, from whose successors it was purchased by Mr Alexander Colville, the representative of the Lords Colville of Culross. From this family the estate was purchased by the Rev. Robert Dalgleish, D.D., who was minister and proprietor of the whole Parish. The present proprietor is Captain W. M. H. Dougal.

The town of Ferry-Port-on-Craig, known also as Tayport, the appellation applied to it by the Directors of the E. P. & D. Railway, stands close to the shore, three and three-fourth miles as the crow flies from Dundee, five north of Leuchars, nearly three east from Newport, and forty-four by Railway north north-east of Edinburgh. With a small exception all the inhabitants of the Parish reside in the town, the exception being those connected with the mansion-house, and the few farms and labourers' cottages in the country parts. The town or village may be said to consist of two parts-the village of Ferry-Port-on-Craig, proper, and the more modern suburb of the "Leys," which is chiefly inhabited by weavers and their families. The town, and even the suburb of the Leys, is divided into three streets, with occasional cross lanes. Many of the houses are substantial and of recent erection, a number of the inhabitants letting out a part of their premises to temporary visitors during the bathing season. The beach, both to the west and east of the village, being very suitable for bathing ground. The town has long been noted for its ferry, and its importance in that respect has greatly increased since the opening of the railway. Great

harbour works have been constructed here, to render communication with Broughty Ferry and the north effective and convenient. A deep water basin has been excavated, two hundred yards long by seventy in breadth, with a depth of twenty-six feet of water at full spring tides, and six feet at the lowest tides; which, with suitable piers, affords every facility for the landing and embarkation of passengers. There is also a landing slip, similar to those at Burntisland, Granton, and Broughty Ferry, by which waggons filled with coals or goods, are run right into, or out of, the goods steamers without breaking bulk. This excellent contrivance was the invention of Mr Bouch, at one time engineer to the railway company. In 1860, there were shipped here, 30,000 tons of coal, brought by railway from collieries in the west of Fife, 8,662 quarters of grain, and 78 cargoes of potatoes, amounting to upwards of 5,000 tons. During the same year, 328 sailing vessels and 71 fishing boats entered the harbour; of these 41 were from foreign ports, with cargoes of timber, guano, and grain. There are two saw-mills in the town, one driven by steam and the other by water-power.

A number of the inhabitants are employed in weaving the coarser kinds of linen and Jute fabrics to Dundee manufacturers, while a number are connected with sea-faring pursuits, either as shipowners, shipmasters, or seamen. About fifty are engaged in the salmon fishery during the season, and a number in duties connected with the harbour or railway. There is also the usual sprinkling of tradesmen and shopkeepers, and a comparatively small number of ploughmen and rural labourers.

The Parish Church is a substantial edifice, repaired in 1825, and contains about 850 sittings. There is also a Free Church, a handsome U. P. Church, and a small Baptist Chapel. Besides the Parish School, which cannot be called a very suitable building, there is a Subscription School and a Female Industrial School.

The POST TOWN is Ferry-Port-on-Craig, Alexander Christie, Post Master.-Letters from Dundee and the north arrive about 6.30 A.M., and 3 P.M, and are despatched at 9 A.M., and 5.15 P.M. Letters from Edinburgh and the south arrive about 9 A.M., and 5.35 P.M., and are despatched at 6.15 A.M., and 2.45 P. M.

#### BAKERS,

Henderson, John, Castle Street

Maxwell, Alexander, Greenside Place

Wallace, William, Whitenhill

#### BLACKSMITHS.

Beat, Alexander, Bridge Street

Keay, William, Tay Street

Ogilvie, David, Ferry Toll

BANK.

CITY OF GLASGOW BANK, Castle Street. James White, Agent

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Black, William, Castle Street

Keay, Robert, do

Meldrum, Henry, Queen Street

Simpson, James, Dalgliesh Street

BUILDERS.

Kidd, John, Castle Street

Kirk, Robert, Albert Street

CARRIER.

Black, Thomas, Rose Street, from Ferry-Port-on-Craig to Dundee, by Newport, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

CARTERS & LAND LABOURERS.

Black, John, Tay Street

Black, Thomas, Rose Street

Beatt, William, Jun., Nelson Street

Dutch, James, & William, Bridge Lane

Haxton, Alexander, Dalgleish Street

Kidd, Robert, Nelson Street

Pattie, William, Cowgate

CHINA & EARTHEN WARE MERCHANTS.

Harris, Roderick, Whitenhill

Mitchell, James, Dalglish Court

Scott, Sarah, Greenside Place

Taylor, David, Tay Street

White, Thomas, do

CLERGY.

Falconer, William P., Free Church, Free Church Manse

Muckersie, Walter, U. P. Church, U. P. Manse

Rose, David, Parish Church, Manse

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COAL MERCHANTS.

Brown, John, Tay Street

Hardie, Peter, Nelson Street

Haxton, Alexander, Dalglish Street

Horsburgh, James, Craigroad

White, James, Castle Street

CORN MERCHANTS.

Milne, John, Castle Cottage

White, William, (& Chemical Manure Agent) Viewbank

DRAPERS.

Crocket, Susan, Castle Street

Martin, Mrs William, Dalgliesh Street

Smith, Mrs Robert, Castle Street

DRESSMAKERS.

Baldy, Miss, Castle Terrace

Campbell, Miss Mary, do

Dandie, Miss Isabella, Tay Street

Feathers, Misses A., & J., Dalgleish Street

Herd, Misses H., A C., Castle Street

High, Misses J., & R., Castle Road

Key, Miss Margaret, Castle Street

Wallace, Miss Jessie, Dalgleish Street

Wemyss, Miss Agnes, Tay Street

#### FARMERS.

Brown, David, Channell

Christie, Peter, Mains, Scotsraig

Dougal, Captain W. H. Maitland, R. N., Home Farm, Scotsraig

Nicol, David, Garpet

#### FURNISHED LODGING-HOUSE KEEPERS.

Adamson, Thomas, West Lights

Barron, Misses, William Street

Bishop, Mrs Archibald, Queen Street

Black, Robert, West Lights

Black, Mrs Thomas, Rose Street

Brown, Mrs, Mercury Cottage

Caithness, Mrs, Wellcraig Cottage

Cathie, Mrs, Dalgleish Street

Chalmers, Mr James, Maringo Villa

Christie, Miss, Tay Street

Clark, Mrs William, Craigroad

Cook, Mrs John, Dalglish Street

Duncan, Captain John, Albert Street

Dutch, Mrs, Inn Street

Hill, Mrs, Tay Street

Ireland, Mrs James, Castle Street

Kirk, Robert, Albert Street

Martin, Mrs William, Jun. , Dalglish Street

Mather, Mrs James, Jun., West Common

Patrick, Mrs, West Lights

Pryde, Mrs James, Inn Street

Robertson, Mrs, William Street

Scott, Mrs Robert, Albert Street

Scott, Mrs Robert, Rose Street

Struthers, Mrs, West Lights

Young, Mrs David, William Street

Young, Mrs George, Craigroad

#### GARDENERS.

Melville, William, (Market) Gray Street re

Urquhart, John, Scotsraig House

#### GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Barron, Mrs James, Argyle House  
Bell, James, Esq., Maryfield House  
Berwick, The Misses, Daisy Cottage  
Brewster, Mrs, Tay Cliff  
Brown, Mr William, Grey Street  
Cameron, Mrs Alexander, do  
Christie, Miss Ann, Comely Bank  
Donaldson, James, (of G. & J. Donaldson), Wood Merchant  
Dougal, Captain W. H. Maitland, R. N., Scotsraig House  
Gulland, Mr David, West Common  
Gulland, Miss Agnes, do  
Hamilton, Mrs John, Queen Street  
Herriot, Mrs, Tay Cliff  
Ireland, Mrs William, William Street  
Mills, David, Esq., Mount Pleasant  
Mills, James, Esq., The Cottage  
Simpson, Mrs Robert, William Street

GROCERS.

These marked thus \* are also Spirit Dealers.

\* Cook, John, Castle Street,

Cook, Mrs, Tay Street

Culross, Margaret, Castle Street

Dutch, Mrs, (& Coffee House) Inn Street

Hardie, Robert, Ogilvie Street

Harris, Roderick, Whitenhill

Henderson, Andrew, Henderson Street

Henderson, Andrew, Nelson Street

\*Jack, John, Castle Street

Johnson, John, Tay Street

Keay, David, Dalglish Street

Kiddie, John, Mason Lane

\*Laing, James, (& Ironmonger & Sub-Distributor of Stamps) Broad Street

Mather, Mrs Alexander, Castle Street

Mitchell, James, Dalglish Street

Nicol, John, School Wynd

Scott, Mrs Robert, Rose Street

Scott, Sarah, Greenside Place

Taylor, David, Dalglish Street

Thomson, Mrs, Castle Street

White, And., (& Ironmonger), Castle Street

White, Thomas, Tay Street

INSURANCE AGENTS

Laing, Jas., Merchant, Scottish National

White, James, Banker, Norfolk Farmers' Cattle, and Scottish Union

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Berry, Charles, Castle Street

Cunningham, James, Dalglish Street

Cunningham, D., & S., do

Dutch, John, Ogilvie Street

Keay, David, Dalglish Street

Melville, Win., (& Glazier) Grey Street

Welch, William, Mill Lane

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Laing, George, William Street

Low, Andrew, Castle Terrace

PILOTS.

Henderson, David, Inn Street

McIntosh, James, Cowgate

SHIPPING AGENTS.

Key, Thomas, Dalglish Street

Pryde, Robert D., (& Coal & General Merchant) Woodbank House

SHIPMASTERS & OWNERS.

Adamson, David, (E. P. & D. Railway Steamer) Tay Street

Aitken, John, Castle Terrace

Baird, George, Dalglish Street

Barron, James, William Street

Bishop, David, Craigroad

Bishop, Fleming, William Street

Black, James, Rose Street

Clark, William, Craigroad  
Cook, Thomas, Albert Street  
Coss, John, Castle Street  
Davidson, William, do  
Duncan, James, Dalgleish Street  
Duncan, John, Albert Street  
Gorrie, Thomas, Castle Street  
Greig, Andrew, Dalgleish Street  
Gregory, James, Castle Terrace  
Gregory, J. B., Castle Street  
Herd, George, do  
Higgie, Alexander, do  
Husband, John, Dalgleish Street  
Husband, Robert, William Street  
Ireland, William, do  
Jervis, John, Albert Street  
Keay, George, Castle Road  
Keddy, Alexander, do  
Key, Thomas, Dalgleish Street  
Kilgour, James, William Street  
Mather, James, Jun., Albert Street  
Melville, James, Castle Road  
Methven, John, (E. P. & D. Railway Steamer) Tay Street

Pattie, William. Whitenhill

Pryde, David, Tay Street

Rogers, Alexander, Castle Street

Simpson, David, William Street

Smith, David, Keay Street

White, Alexander, William Street

White, George, Albert Street

White, George, Dalgleish Court

White, John, do

White, Thomas, Tay Street

#### SHIP CHANDLERS.

Laing, James, Broad Street

White, John D., do

White, Thomas, Tay Street

#### SAW-MILLERS & WOOD MERCHANTS

Donaldson, G. & J., (& Importers) Green side Place

Welch, William, Mill Lane

#### SOCIETIES & CLUBS.

Ferry-Port-on-Craig Benefit and Deposit Society, William Simpson, Sec., Robert Livingston,  
Treas.

Ferry-Port-on-Craig Building and Investment Society, James White, Banker, Sec., City of  
Glasgow Banking Co., Bankers

Scotsraig Curling Club, James Kilgour, President, Charles Rattray, Sec.

#### TAILORS.

Brown, Charles, Newport Road

Carmichael, A., (& Clothier) Broad Street

Higgie, James, Castle Street

Hogg, John, do

Mitchell, George, Dalgleish Street

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Bisset, Miss, Music and Female Industrial School, William Street

Chalmers, James, Subscription School, Maringo Villa

Scott, Robert, Parish School, (& Registrar) Albert Street

VINTNERS.

Coss, Mrs, Inn Street

Keay, John, Dalgleish Street

Smith, John S., (Hotel License) Inn Street

Smith, Mrs John, Whitenhill

WEAVERS' AGENTS.

Berry, David, Jun., Henderson Street

Simpson, William, Ogilvie Street

MISCELLANEOUS.

Black, John, Flesher, Tay Street

Bruce, James, Painter & Paper-Hanger, Castle Street

Christie, Alexander, Inspector of Poor and Collector of Poores' Rates, Post Office, Castle Street

Dickie, William, Ship Carpenter, William Street

Greig, J., Light-House Keeper, East Lights

Haxton, Alexander, Railway Agent, Tayport Station

Henderson, William, Manager, Scotsraig Salmon Fishery, Henderson Street

Hill, John, Principal Coast Officer and Landing Waiter, William Street

Ireland, John, Sec. to Gas Light Co., Castle Street

Jack, r., Harbour-Master, Tay Street

McManus, Patrick, Licensed Hawker, Greenside Place

Menzies, J., Goods Manager, E. P. & D. Railway, William Street

Ratray, Chas., Factor, Scotsraig Estate, William Street

Rodger, D, Corn Miller, Garpet

Simpson, Robt., Marine Architect, William Street

Simpson, Thomas, Slater, Craigroad

Simpson, W., Parish Sexton, Ogilvie Street

#### FERRY-PORT-ON-CRAIG.

In the introduction to this Parish, substitute the following for the last sentence of the second paragraph: - From this family the estate was purchased, about the year 1720, for Captain Alexander Dalgleish, then in India; who, along with other English gentlemen, was massacred at Judda, when on his way home. He was succeeded in the estate by his next brother, William, minister of Carnbee, whose son James, Sheriff of the County, was the next proprietor ; and who, dying unmarried, was succeeded by his brother, Robert Dalgleish, D.D. This gentleman held the very unusual position of minister and sole heritor of his Parish, and also of a considerable portion of the adjoining parish of Forgan. As a proof of the great increase in the value of land in Scotland since 1720, it may be stated that Scotsraig was then purchased, for £5000.

For Haxton, Alexander, Railway Agent, read J. Menzies.

