

PARISH OF PITTENWEEM.

THIS SMALL PARISH, containing the Royal Burgh of its own name, is on the south-east coast of the County. It is bounded on the south by the Firth of Forth, on the west by Abercrombie, on the east by Anstruther Wester, and on the north by that parish and Abercrombie. Its length eastward is one and a half mile, and its breadth a half mile. Its surface is flat, and its soil generally a very fertile black loam. Its rocks belong to the coal formation, and at one period that mineral was extensively worked, but the works have long been abandoned. Abundance of excellent coal, however, still exists in the Parish; and capital and enterprise are only awaiting to re-commence this very valuable branch of industry.

The town of Pittenweem is a seaport and a Royal Burgh. It stands on the sea-shore of the Parish, on the road from Elie to Crail -one mile west south-west of Anstruther, ten and a half south south-east of St Andrews, and five east from the Kilconquhar station of the East of Fife Railway, which is as yet the nearest rail-way station. The town consists of a street running eastward, with the Parish Church standing near the east end, a street fronting the harbour, a newer street running parallel to these, on a line with the turnpike road, and several intersecting lanes running north and south. A cave about 86 feet long, and divided into two compartments, gives name to one of the lanes leading from the High Street to the Shore. Many of the houses are substantial and neat; some of the shops are excellent, and the whole place looks cleanly, comfortable, and respectable. The harbour has a south-west entrance, and consists of an outer harbour and an inner basin. It has been much improved of late; and at present the town council contemplates such additional improvements and new works, as will make it accessible to small vessels at all hours of the tide. A number of sloops and schooners belong to the harbour, and the shore dues amount to upwards of £200 per annum. Much business is done in the export of potatoes and grain. The imports are also considerable, the principal items being coal, wood, and salt, the latter for fishcuring purposes. Pittenweem is also an extensive fishcuring station, the number of crans brought into the harbour in 1860 being 14,730, the value of which amounted to about £13,000.

Pittenweem owed its origin and ancient prosperity, partly to its position on the coast, and partly to the presence of a Priory of canons regular. The foundation of the Priory is alleged to date from the 12th century, and it belonged to the Priory of St Andrews. It possessed much land and several Churches, and exercised considerable influence previous to the Reformation. Some portions of the buildings still stand and are in use, part as the Parish Church, part as the Episcopalian Parsonage; and the walls of the precincts are still standing. The town was at one time a Burgh of Barony, holding of its Priors; but in 1542 it was constituted a Royal Burgh, and it afterwards received several charters, all of which were confirmed by Act of Parliament in 1633. It is governed by a provost, two bailies, a treasurer, and eight councillors. The corporation revenue amounts to about £977 annually. Pittenweem unites with St Andrews, Cupar, Crail, Kilrenny, and Anstruther Easter and Wester, in returning a Member to Parliament.

The majority of the working section of the community are engaged in employments connected with the sea, such as sailors, fishermen, fishcurers, coopers, &c.; the rest are generally employed as shopkeepers, or in such trades as are common to all towns of a similar size.

The Parish Church is an ancient building, and, as we have already stated, is supposed to have formed a part of the old Priory. There are also in the town, an Episcopalian Church, a U. P. Church, and a Preaching Station, in connection with the Free Church. Besides the Parish School, there are a Burgh School, an Adventure School, a Female Industrial School, and an Infant School.

POST OFFICE, Pittenweem, John Bayne, Post Master.-Letters from all parts arrive, per East of Fife Railway and Coach, about 9.45 A.M. and 6.30 P.M., and are despatched at 5.40 A.M and 2.10 P.M. Letters from Anstruther arrive at 5.40 A.M. and 2.10 P.M., and are despatched at 9.45 A.M. and 6.30 P.M.

BAKERS.

Galloway, George, High Street

Grubb, John, Shore

Henderson, John, Jun., High Street

Nicholson, Charles, Shore

Tod, David, High Street

Tod, Mrs Helen, James Street

BANKS.

CLYDESDALE BANK, Charles Street. David Cook, Agent

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, High Street. John Bowman, Agent

BLACKSMITHS.

Adamson, James, High Street

Peebles, Thomas, James Street

Redpath, Alexander, South Loan

BOAT OWNERS & SKIPPERS.

Anderson, Andrew, West Shore

Anderson, James, Jun., do

Anderson, John, do

Anderson, Thomas, do

Bowman, Fergus, do

Butter, James, do

Butter, Joseph, Jun., do

Butter, William, do

Duncan, John, do

Easson, John, Kiln Hough, East Shore

Heughes, Andrew, West Shore

Heughes, James, (Thomson) West Shore

Heughes, James, School Wynd

Heughes, John, West Shore

Heughes, Mitchell, East Shore

Heughes, William, do

Horsburgh, Lockhart, Water Wynd

Peat, Walter, East Shore

About 30 additional are Skippers during the Lammas Herring fishing.

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Bayne, John, High Street Brand, John, Shore

Brown, Robert, High Street

Gilchrist, Thomas, Charles Street

Heughes, John, High Street

Oswald, David, James Street

Tullis, Anstruther P., Marygate

Wilson, David, do

BUILDERS.

Gavine, David, Charles Street

Nicholson, Alexander, Cove Wynd

Wilson, Alexander, High Street

CARRIERS,

King, Andrew, from Crail, by Pittenweem, to Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh, &c., on Monday and Thursday, returning on Wednesday and Saturday

Lindsay, David, from Largo to Pittenweem, on Wednesday and Saturday

Taylor, Robert, from Crail to Pittenweem, on Tuesday and Friday

CARTERS & LAND LABOURERS.

Affleck, David, Marygate

Black, Mrs Allison, High Street

Dewar, William, South Loan

Dewar, Mrs Janet, do

Duff, James, do

Gray, William, Marygate

Honeyman, Alexander, High Street

Kidd, Robert, Charles Street

Lumsden, John, High Street

Money, Richard, James Street

Motion, James, Back Dykes

Paterson, Robert, Milton Road

Peat, William, Rotten Row

Ringan, Andrew, South Loan

Robertson, William, High Street

Scott, John, South Loan

Simpson, James, Kiln Heugh

CHINA, STONEWARE, & RAG MERCHANTS.

Dawson, Andrew, High Street

Laing, John, do

McGregor, Michael, do

Stewart, Hugh, Charles Street

Trainer, Mrs John, South Loan

CLERGY.

Crabb, James, A.M., Episcopal Church, Priory

Kerr, James Ralston, U. P. Church, Viewforth Place

Macfarlane, Patrick, Parish Church, Manse

Scott, John, Missionary, Scottish Coast Mission, East Shore

Stewart, Hugh, (Anstruther Independent Church) Charles Street

COACHES.

Marshall, Mrs, to Elie and Kilconquhar Railway Station, morning and afternoon, hours to suit the Railway Trains

Smith, Thomas, to St Andrews, daily in Summer, and three times a week in Winter. To Elie and Kilconquhar Station, forenoon and evening, hours to suit the Railway Trains

COAL MERCHANTS.

Anderson, Andrew, East Shore

Gay, William, Water Wynd

Innes, James, do

Jack, William, Marygate

Lumsden, John, High Street

Nimmo, Adam, Toll

DRAPERS.

Balsillie, John, High Street

Gilchrist, Thomas, do

DRESSMAKERS & MILLINERS.

Balfour, Miss Agnes, High Street

Briggs, Miss Catherine, (Milliner only) East Shore

Gordon, Miss Euphemia, (Milliner only) High Street

Oswald, Mrs James, James Street

Scott, Misses, Rotten Row

Tullis, Misses M., & E., Marygate

Turnbull, Miss Cecilia, High Street

FARMERS.

Balfour, David, James Street

Bayne, John, High Street

Jack, Alexander, James Street

Peat, James, High Street

White, Frederick, Coal Farm

FISHCURERS.

Brown, Robert, West Shore

Heughes, James, High Street

Honeyman, Alexander, do

Leckie, James D., Marygate

Leishman, Mrs, James Street

Purves, Thomas, East Shore

Swinton, James, James Street

Todd, John, West Shore

Welch, Brothers, Welch Row

Welch, David, Corseyheugh

Welch, James, East Shore

FLESHERS.

Anderson, Mitchell, High Street

Robertson, John, do

Tod & Gunn, do

GARDENERS.

Easson, William, (Jobbing) South Loan

Paterson, William, (Jobbing) Milton Villa

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Carstairs, Miss Isabella, Viewforth Place

Craig, Mrs Elspith, High Street

Cruickshank, Miss, High Street

Douglas, Misses, James Street

Fowler, Mrs David, Charles Street
Gosman, Mrs Alexander, do
Gosman, Mrs David, Viewforth Place
Horsburgh, Andrew, Esq., Prior's Gate
Hunter, Mr John M., (Retired ExcisOfficer) East Shore
Keay, Captain Thomas, James Street
Latto, Mrs, Maygate
Lees, William, Kirkclatch
Lilburne, James, Esq., R.N., East Shore
Lyll, Mrs Catherine, James Street
Martin, Miss Ann, Milton Villa
Roger, Mrs Alexander, Viewforth Place
Rodger, Mr John, Charles Street
Simpson, Mrs James, James Street
Simpson, Robert, Esq., do
Swinton, Mr John, do
Taylor, Mrs, do
Taylor, Mr William, High Street
Tennant, Mr David, (Retired Teacher) James Street
Tosh, Joseph, Esq., Pittenweem Lodge
Wallace, Mrs David, Hermitage Cottage
White, Mrs, Viewforth Cottage

GROCERS.

Those marked thus* are also Spirit Dealers.

* Corstorphine, Mrs Joseph, West Shore

* Davidson, Mrs Thomas, High Street

Dingwall, Mrs Andrew, Marygate

*Duncan, Thomas, High Street

* Grubb, Robert, James Street

Hogg, Mrs Andrew, do

* Lees, Miss Agnes, Marygate

* Monteith, Mrs H. B., James Street

Taylor, Miss Margaret, Water Wynd

* Tosh, James, (&, Wines) High Street

*Wilkie, Alexander, do

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Bowman, John, Writer, Scottish National, fire and life

Gilchrist, Thomas, Draper, Caledonian, fire and life

Henderson, John, Tailor & Clothier, Royal, fire and life

Tosh, James, Merchant, Northern, fire and life

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Those marked thus * are also Cabinet Makers.

*Adamson, James, Charles Street

Brown, William, do

Dawson, Andrew, High Street

*King, George, do

SHERIFF OFFICERS.

Begbie, James, Marygate

Tullis, Anstruther, P., (& Town Officer & Keeper of Town-Hall) Marygate

SHIPMASTERS.

Those marked thus * are also Owners. ,

* Anderson, Andrew, East Shore

Fowler, James, do

* Garvie, John, West Shore

Gay, William, Water Wynd

* Heughes, George, Cove Wynd

* Peebles, Philip, East Shore

Taylor, John, High Street

* Watson, James, Viewforth Place

* Watson, Robert, High Street

SHIPOWNERS.

Aitken, John, East Shore

Heughes, Andrew, West Shore

Smith, Robert, East Shore

Welsh, Brothers, Welch Row

Watson, Ebenezer, Viewforth Place

SHIP CHANDLERS.

Tosh, James, High Street

Wilkie, Alexander, do

SLATERS.

Williamson & Son, (& Plasterers) West Croft

Wilson, Thomas, High Street

SPIRIT DEALERS.

Doeg, George, West Shore

Gay, Mrs Philip, East Shore

TAILORS.

Brown, David, Water Wynd

Christie, James, Toll

Henderson, John, (& Clothier) High Street

Oswald, James, Charles Street

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Bayne, Miss Jane, Infant School, James Street

Fleming, Miss, Female Industrial School, James Street

Forgan, James, Adventure School, South Loan

Murray, Alexander, Parish School, James Street

Robertson, William, Burgh School, Charles Street

VINTNERS.

Balfour, Thomas, East Shore

Brown, Robert, James Street

Heughes, William, East Shore

Lumsden, John, High Street

Money, Richard, James Street

Morris, Mrs Margaret, West Shore

Peebles, George, High Street

Tullis, Mrs Alison, West Shore

WRITERS.

Bowman, John, (& Notary Public, and Town-Clerk, High Street

Cook, David, Charles Street

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bowman, George, Ropemaker, South Loan

Constable, William, Medical Practitioner, East Shore

Harris, Richard, Excise Officer, Marygate

Henderson, John, Gas Manager, High Street [

Lumsden, George, Clock & Watch-Maker, High Street

Marshall, Francis, Custom House Officer, Kiln Heugh

Murray, Alexander, Inspector of Poor, & Registrar, James Street

Paterson, Alexander, Teacher of Drawing, High Street

Pearson, John, Corn Proofer, James Street

Smith, William, Painter & Paper-Hanger, High Street

Sprunt, William, Tinsmith & Gasfitter, High Street

Tod, Mrs Janet, Stationer & Toy Dealer, South Loan

Turpie, James, Potato Merchant, and Agent for Hutchison, Brothers, & Co., Corn Merchants,
High Street

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Bayne, Miss Jane, Infant School, James Street

Fleming, Miss, Female Industrial School, James Street

Forgan, James, Adventure School, South Loan

Murray, Alexander, Parish School, James Street

Robertson, William, Burgh School, Charles Street

VINTNERS.

Balfour, Thomas, East Shore

Brown, Robert, James Street

Heughes, William, East Shore

Lumsden, John, High Street

ADD

Anderson, John, Sailmaker, Tailors' Court

McGregor, Michael, China Merchant,

Smith, William, Baker, High Street

DELETE

Tod, David, Baker, High Street