

Bitesize Newsletter

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VALUABLE MINERALS

1848

ON THE ESTATE OF CASTLESEMPLE - TO BE LET

This Estate, which is situated in the Parishes of Lochwinnoch and Kilbarchan, and County of Renfrew, extends over a surface of upwards of 5000 acres, and the Minerals consist of COAL, LIMESTONE, IRONSTONE, and COPPER ORE.

COAL.—The Coal, so far as has hitherto been proved, is found to be of good quality. The field supposed to stretch along the line of the Ayrshire Railway, and to turn round in a semicircular form by the village of Lochwinnoch, near the Parish Church, at the western extremity of the lake. From the vicinity of so many extensive ironworks and manufactories, as well as from the local wants of the district, and the immediate vicinity of the populous village of Lochwinnoch, Coal is in great request.

LIMESTONE.—The Carboniferous Limestone has been found on various points of the property, and is supposed to be of good quality and easily workable. As usual, it is found under the coal beds. It is in good demand in the district.

1872 Conveyance Accident

On Sunday a conveyance, with two ladies and three gentlemen from Lochwinnoch, was upset near Garruth. One of the ladies fainted with the shock, the whole party being thrown out. The pony started off with the broken gear, and, after careering some distance, fell, one of its hind legs being broken and the other severely injured. The parties in the machine were attended to in Garruth Lodge.

1874 Licensing Courts

Mr James Swan, of Wattieston, said that in Lochwinnoch parish there were no fewer than three hotel licenses, which were far too many. On Sunday the scenes of drinking were disgraceful, and it was dangerous for travellers on the road between Kilbirnie and Lochwinnoch to walk in that direction because of drunken people. He would give the hotel-keepers notice that next year the granting of these licenses would be opposed.



Mary Russell



Elsie Eddlestone



Agnes Flanagan

IRONSTONE.—The Ironstones are both of the Clay-Ironstone and Blackbands species, but sufficient trials have not been made to ascertain their value. It is probable, however, from the strata being in the immediate neighbourhood of the well known Ayrshire Blackband Ironstone, and lying in the same direction, that they may turn out on further trials to be valuable.

COPPER ORES.—These are supposed to be of excellent quality. Some works have already been commenced in the neighbourhood, and it is understood that the veins of Copper which have been found in the adjoining property of Kaim are continued into the Castlesemple Estate, where the lands of High Barnaigh (part of the Castlesemple Estate) adjoin to Kaim. The greater part of the Ore which has been hitherto found is understood to shew from fifty to sixty per cent, of Copper.

The Castlesemple Estates are situated about fifteen miles west from Glasgow, and eight from Paisley, and surround the town of Lochwinnoch, where there is a station of the Ayrshire Railway

Proprietor is ready to entertain offers for a Lease of the whole or any of the above minerals. Further particulars will be learned on application to the Proprietor, Lieutenant-Colonel James Harvey of Castlesemple, No.10, Picardy Place, Edinburgh; Mr David Balling all, Factor Castlesemple; or Messrs Shand & Farquhar, Writers to the Signet, 24, Queen Street, Edinburgh.

1897 The new golf course at Lochwinnoch is to be opened to-morrow with a match between a few professionals. The course, which, when completed, will number eighteen holes, and will have a few hazards, extends from a little above Burnfoot to Muirfauld House farm and back to Burnfoot. Only nine holes are, however, ready for the game to-morrow.



The Chartist Movement 1838 - 1848

A draft parliamentary bill. It contained six points: manhood suffrage; the ballot; abolition of property qualifications for MPs; payment of MPs; equal electoral districts; and annual elections.

NATIONAL PETITION 1838

On Monday night there were 10,753 signatures adhibited to the petition which is to be sent from Renfrewshire. We have much pleasure in stating that there are upwards of 400 from the village of Lochwinnoch, a place where the Peel party were offering to bet that not more than 50 would be obtained.

We know that the working classes, whose condition is getting worse and worse every year, cannot continue much longer to pay such a list of gentlemen paupers as we now have; therefore, it is for the middle classes and those in higher life who do not live upon the taxes, to say whether or not they are willing to be brought to a level with the poorest in the land. If they wish to avoid such an evil, "Now's the day and now's the hour,"