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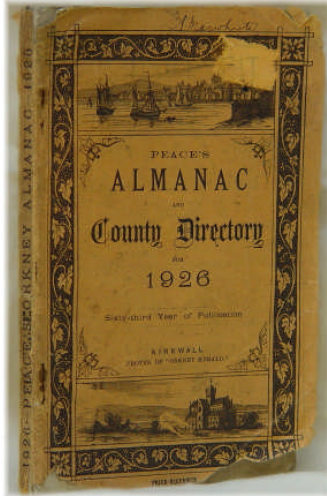
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Heddle, R. .... Saw Mill  
Sinclair, R. .... North-end

**Cattle Dealers**  
Harcus, W. J. .... Braeside  
Matches, David. .... No. End  
Stockan, John. .... Havelock,  
[North End

**Chemist and Optician.**  
Mowat, J. Rosey. .... Vic.-st

**China, Glass, and Crockery  
Merchants**

Angus, Wm. .... John-st  
Moar, Jas. M. .... John-st  
Sinclair, Chas. .... Victoria-st  
Sutherland & Simpson,  
[Victoria-st  
Wright, Mrs J., Dundas-st  
Coach Builder  
Harvey, W. S. .... John-st

**Coal Merchants**  
Anderson, Fred. .... Vic.-st  
Shearer & Son, J. A. .... Vic.-st  
Sutherland, Jas. .... Vic.-st

**Cycle Dealers**  
Garrioch, W. .... John-st  
Wishart, D. .... Masonic-bdgs

**Dairies**  
Anderson, T. .... The Glebe  
Couper, Wm. .... Dale  
Firth, Mrs. .... The Castle  
Heddle, Robert. .... Westfield  
Hutchison, Mrs. .... Dun-st  
Laird, Wm. .... Wholmsley  
Spence, Wm. .... Wardhill  
Young, Mrs. .... Croval

**Distillers**  
McConnell, J. & J., Ltd.  
Kelly, F. C., manager.

**Drapers and Clothiers**  
Corrigan & Rossie, Vic.-st  
Corrigan, Jas. " "  
Faircloth, A. A. .... Dun.-st  
Leask, H. W. .... " "  
Johnston, J. D. .... Vic.-st  
Robb, James. .... John-st  
Rosey, J. B. .... Victoria-st  
Sinclair, John G. .... " "  
Stove, John W. " "  
Thomson, Geo. L. " "  
Tulloch, Miss M. .... John-st

**Engineers and Millwrights**  
Linklater & Cursiter, Mur-  
[ray's Pier

**Fleshers**  
Allan, A. .... Dundas-st  
Flett, James A. .... John-st  
Harcus, W. J. .... Victoria-st  
Linklater, J. S. .... Victoria-st  
Stockan, Jas. .... Dundas-st

**Freestone Cutter**  
Berstan, G. .... North-end

**Fruit and Confectionery  
Dealers**  
Fugaccia, G. (Ice Cream)  
[Victoria-st

Leslie, Wm. .... Dundas-st  
Pottinger, S. M. .... Vic.-st  
Shearer & Son, J. A. .... Vic.-st  
Spence, George. .... John-st  
Wilson, Jas. .... Alfred-st

**Furniture Dealers**  
Guthrie, T. .... North End  
Harvey & Pottinger,  
[Dundas-st

Liddle, P. T. .... John-st

**Gardener and Grocer**  
Law, Wm. B. .... Dundas-st

**Gasfitter**  
Richmond, J. .... Victoria-st

**Gig Hirer**  
Watt, D. .... Dundas-st

**Grain Merchants**  
Moar, Jas. M. .... North-end  
Shearer & Son, J. A., Vic.-st

**Grocers, &c.**  
Angus, William. .... John-st

Black, Miss M. .... Alfred-st

Flett, J. W. B. .... Victoria-st

Hutchison, Mrs. .... Dund.-st

Leslie, William " "

Linklater, G. W. .... Vic.-st

Miller, Miss M. A. .... John-st

Moar, Jas. M. .... John-st

Pottinger, S. M. .... Vic.-st

Shearer & Son, J. A., Vic.-st

Sinclair, Chas. .... Victoria-st

Sinclair, R. .... Supply Stores,  
[North-end

Smith, Alex. .... Alfred-st

Spence, George. .... John-st

Sutherland & Simpson,  
[Victoria-st

Towers, D. C. .... Plainstones

Wilson, Jas. .... Alfred-st

Wright, Mrs J., Dundas-st

**Hotels**

**Commercial Hotel.**  
Robertson, J. E. P. .... Vic.-st

**Stromness Hotel.**  
Mackay, John. .... Victoria-st

## ORKNEY DISTRICT DIRECTORY.

## BIRSAY

Pop. (Birsay and Harray) 1685.

Parish Council—John Johnston, House-bay, chairman; T. Brown, clerk; Dr Peterkin, M.B., Ch.B., medical officer; James Flett, collector.

School Management Committee—A. Spence, Hayon, Birsay; John Fraser, Favel, Birsay; John Comloquoy, Glebe, Birsay; W. MacLennan, O.B.E.; Jas. Taylor, Leaquoy, clerk.

Teachers—Birsay Public School, Miss M. Stanger, M.A.; Miss F. Drever, assistant. Hundland Public School, Miss Maggie Farquhar.

Registrar—Robt. Scarth, Twatt.

Medical Aid Association—Committee of Management, \_\_\_\_\_ chairman; W. Harvey, J. Spence, W. Breck, Robert Scarth (Birsay), J. Corrigan, E. P. Flett (Harray), W. Ironside, Wm. Linklater (Sandwick). Wm. Linklater, clerk and treasurer; Dr Peterkin, medical officer.

Sick Nurse—Miss Minnie Scott, Quoynoo House, Sandwick.

Post Offices—Miss J. A. Comloquoy, Palace; Miss K. Scarth, Twatt; Mrs M. A. Hunter, Swannay.

U.F.C. Guild—Hon. President—Rev. J. M. M'Alister, B.A.; pres, Miss M. Stanger; sec. and treas., Miss M. Farquhar. Hundland School.

S.W.B.I.—President, Miss Harvey, Wattle; vice-president, Miss Drever, Birsay P.S.; secretary, Miss Scarth, Twatt; treasurer, Miss J. Matches, Gelderhouse.

Resident Justices of the Peace—Thomas Brown, Peter F. Spence, R. Scarth.

## TRADES, &amp;c.

Agricultural Implement Agent—George E. Meadows, Boardhouse.

Blacksmiths—John G. Breck, Breck-by-South; James Hay, Folster; Geo. Meadows, Boardhouse.

Cartwrights—John Moar, Vinbrake; J. & T. Linklater, Beaquoy; J. Johnston, Westdale; Peter Harvey, Ravie Hall.

Cattledalers—David Taylor, East-quoys; George Phillips, Velzian.

Cycle Agents and Repairers—Charles Hay, Harold Stanger, J. Gaudie, Geo. Meadows, W. Hourston, and J. Grieve.

Dressmakers—Misses A. & J. Harvey, Wattle; Mrs Alexander, Ritquoy; Mary Muirden, Newhall.

Egg Merchants—Jas. Gaudie, Nether-skail; John Harvey, Verdun; Dounby

Co-operative Society.

Freestone Cutter—J. Kirkness, Glower Grain Merchant—E. Garden, Ltd., Sabiston.

Grave Digger—E. Mowat, Banks.

Hotel—Barony Hotel—J. Spence.

Ironmongers—J. & T. Linklater, Beaquoy; G. Meadows, Boardhouse.

Joiners—John Johnston, Westdale; Peter Harvey, Slinghorn; J. & T. Linklater, Beaquoy; P. C. Ballantyne, Quoynoo; P. Adamson, Glower;

J. Harvey, Banks; Peter Harvey, Ravie Hall; James Johnston, Banks; James Spence, Greeny; A. Harvey, Sabiston.

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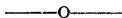
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## OLD-TIME WRECKS AT STROMNESS.



IT is not so very long ago since the Orkneys were a mere geographical expression to a good many people, who had a very hazy sort of idea that the islands were situated somewhere at the back of the north wind, in close proximity to Iceland or the Faroes.

Stromness, the second town of any importance in Orkney, has for many years been known as one of the best shipping ports in the North of Scotland. The name Stromness is derived from two Norse words—"Strome," a stream, and "Ness," a promontory. The town is beautifully situated, nestling at the foot of a steep hill, and winding along one side of a land-locked bay. The islands of Hoy and Grämsay, like twin sentinels, lie athwart the entrance of this natural harbour and protect it from the fury of the Atlantic, so much so that vessels ride at anchor with perfect safety in the wildest hurricane.

In its palmy days Stromness was of considerable importance, vessels of different nationalities putting into the harbour for shelter and repairs, thus bringing considerable trade to the inhabitants. Here, too, called the greater number of vessels sent on exploring expeditions. The "Discovery" and the "Resolution," commanded by Captain Cook, the illustrious navigator, lay here for two weeks in 1780, on their return from circumnavigating the globe; and Stromness was the last British port touched at by Sir John Franklin, with his two ships, the "Erebus" and the "Terror," on his ill-fated voyage in search of the North-West passage.

It is not, however, of the burgh of Stromness that we have to deal at present, but with Hoy Sound and some of the shipwrecks which occurred there in by-gone days. The first that we have any reliable account of was the

### **Schooner "Star," of Dundee,**

wrecked on Wednesday, 5th March 1834, on the Black Craig during a terrific gale of south-east wind, in presence of hundreds of spectators, who could do nothing to aid the unfortunate crew. The Black Craig is a precipitous cliff, 363 feet in height, and at its foot there is a cave, which bears the name of "Charlie's Hole," from the fact that the only survivor of the "Star" was washed into it with a portion of the wreck. Luckily a small barrel of red herrings had been washed into the cave along with him, and these, with some water which trickled down from the rock, kept him in life for three or four days. On the morning of the following Sunday Charlie appeared on the top of the Black Craig, having performed the wonderful feat, alone and unaided, of climbing this formidable cliff. On reaching the top he went up to the house of Quoydon, Outertown, then occupied by Mr and Mrs John Flett, parents of Mrs Thomas Spence, Ebenezer Cottage, Stromness, who showed him every kindness, and supplied him with clothing. There he remained some days. His thirst was great, and the only cure was oatmeal porridge. Charlie Johnston, for that was his name, belonged to Dundee. Some years afterwards he again visited Stromness, in the capacity of mate on board a fine schooner.

### **The Barque "Duke of Sussex."**

In making for the shelter of Stromness Harbour during a terrific gale of wind on 25th January 1840 the barque "Duke of Sussex" was wrecked, with the loss of nine lives, in the presence of hundreds of people, who were unable to render any assistance. The vessel, it appears from old documents, had been two weeks at sea, and encountered terrific weather, which carried

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