THE FIRE AT DUNDEE HARBOUR.

DAMAGES, £30,000.

As reported last night in the six o'clock edition of the *Evening Telegraph*, damage to the extent of over £30,000 was caused by an outbreak of fire in one of the sheds at the low-water jetty at Camperdown Dock. The fire broke out about half-past nine, and raged fiercely for nearly six hours, with the result that three large sheds and their contents of flax and jute were destroyed. The outbreak occurred in what is known as the mid shed, a building constructed of brick, with iron beams and supports and slate roof. The Westerly breeze which prevailed blew about numerous sparks, and some of these alighting on a wooden shed (filled with flax) on the opposite side of the street, it also became ignited, and within a quarter of an hour this erection was totally destroyed. Meantime the flames spread from the mid-shed to a similar wooden building to the Eastward. Both were well filled with flax and jute, and the fire, aided by the wind, quickly caught hold, and before long the three sheds had been ruined. The planks of the jetty were severely charred, but fortunately the lower beams and supports escaped. So far as can be ascertained, the quantity of flax and jute destroyed amounts to about 950 tons—flax 750, and jute 200 tons. The flax was landed by three steamers—the Una, of Hull, from Reval; Spey, of Dundee, from Reval via Montrose; and Corunna, of Leith, from Konigsberg. The Harbour Brigade was first on the spot, being followed shortly afterwards by the City Brigade, Bowbridge Works Brigade, and the Manhattan Works Brigade. By nine o'clock the firemen had got the better of the flames. During the night a number of men were kept in readiness with hose in case of a fresh outburst. To-day the material is still smouldering, and it is likely to do so until removed. A large squad of men is engaged removing the debris.

THE DAMAGE.

The flax as a whole was of good quality, and may be fairly enough valued at £25 a ton. That brings, according to the estimate made, a loss in this commodity alone of £18,750. Taking the jute at the same figure per ton brings out a total of £5000, which, together, brings the entire loss of material to £23,750. Competent judges state that there will be comparatively little salvage of either flax or jute. Added to this the destruction of the three sheds—which are valued at £6000—the jetty, and plant brings out a total loss of over £30,000. The top planks of the jetties are in many places very much charred, but the lower beams and supports have escaped. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Very few, if any, of the local Companies or agencies however, will suffer, as, for the most part, the stock was secured by marine insurance, which in the case of flax is operative till the material is [illegible]

ATTACK ON DUNDEE CHIMNEY-SWEEPS.

Before Sheriff Campbell Smith at Dundee to-day, Daniel M'Dougall, a respectably-dressed young man, was charged with having, on 14th May last, assaulted James Dye and William Alexander, chimney-sweeps, in a yard leading to the goods shed at the Caledonian Railway Station. M'Dougall had been under the influence of drink, and quarrelled with Dye about an "allowance" which, he said, Dye had promised him. Dye was struck several times on the face, knocked down, and kicked, and when Alexander interfered he also was knocked down, and kicked on the jaw-bone. Accused, who had been several times convicted of assault, was fined 30s, with the alternative of fourteen day's imprisonment.

Leader of the Blue Hungarian Band.

Kaposvar, a once unimportant but now a rising garrisoned town, situated in the country of Somvgy, about a hundred miles South-West of Buda-Pesth, is the home of the Blue Hungarian Band. It was there, in 1886, that Mr William Johnson first met Herr Barcza and his talented company of musicians, and being struck by the wonderfully powerful interpretation of their own national music, possessing as it does a richness of harmony that charms and delights, he was not long in concluding arrangements for a visit of these "Nature's musicians" to this country.

ASSAULT ON A LABOURER.

In the Dundee Sheriff Court to-day, Colin Robertson was convicted—before Sheriff Campbell Smith—of having assaulted William Robertson, labourer, North Tay Street, by striking him on the face, knocking him down and kicking him. Eight previous convictions for assault—four before the Magistrate, and four before the Sheriff—were admitted. The Sheriff imposed a fine of £2, with the alternative of thirty days' imprisonment.

DUNDEE POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY—(Before Bailie Perrier).

There were 10 cases on the roll. They were of a trivial nature, and were disposed of in half an hour. Two persons were convicted of overcrowding. In one case the accused was dismissed with an admonition, and in the other a modified penalty of 7s 6d, with the option of two days' imprisonment, was imposed. John Hynd (17), baker, Kinnaird Street; David Dickson (16), millworker, Lowden's Alley; John Downie (15), David Wilson (14), and John Henley (17), millworkers, Bernard Street; and James Reid (15), millworker, Wilkie's Lane, were charged with having contravened the General Police Act by having made a bonfire in Bernard Street on the night of Wednesday, 18th May; and, further, with having maliciously burned a wooden [illegible]

FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT.

Last night a boy named William James Jack, residing at 18 Gellymill Street, Macduff, died from the effects of an accident which befel him. On Wednesday evening, while playing on Skene Street, he fell over a wall about 12 feet high, and was severely injured about the head.

THE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

Yesterday, it is stated, a gentleman, resident in Moffat, received a communication from a Cabinet Minister to the effect that Parliament will be dissolved on Wednesday, the 22d curt.

THE NEW JUDGE.

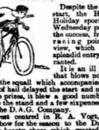
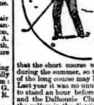
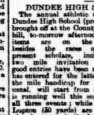
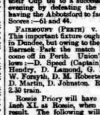
Mr Barnes, the newly-appointed Judge, took his seat in Probate and Divorce Court to-day. There was a large attendance of counsel, but Mr Inderwick and Mr Pyke were the only Q.C.'s present. No word of compliment was passed, and the Court proceeded to business.

THE BARNARD PEERAGE.

Mr Justice Kekewich to-day made a formal order for the trustees under the Barnard Peerage to administer the estate in favour of Mr Harry De Vere Vane, who recently established his claim to the title.

CABINET COUNCIL.

A Cabinet Council, which had been postponed from Wednesday, was held at the Foreign Office at eleven o'clock to-day, and was the last before the Whitsuntide recess. Mr Balfour and Mr Jackson did not arrive until half an hour after the appointed time of meeting. The Ministers absent were—Mr Stanhope, Mr Ritchie, Lord Cross, Lord George Hamilton, Lord Ashbourne, and Lord Cranbrook.

SCHOOL BOARDS.

TAYPORT.—A meeting of Tayport School Board was held in the Board-Room last night—Rev. C. Halliday presiding. The teachers' report on attendance was considered satisfactory. The following is an abstract:—Number on the roll, 577; average attendance, 499. The percentage of attendance in mixed department is 89, and in the infant department, 82, against 88 and 81 respectively in 1891. The financial statement for the past year was submitted by the Treasurer, Mr D. White, and approved. The following is an abstract: —*Income*—Fees, £130s 4d; relief of fees, £279 12s; [illegible]