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COULD WOLVES RETURN TO SCOTLAND?

The owner of an estate in the Scottish Highlands has said he is pressing ahead with his plan to create a fenced-in South African-style game reserve as a means of reintroducing the extinct species to the UK.



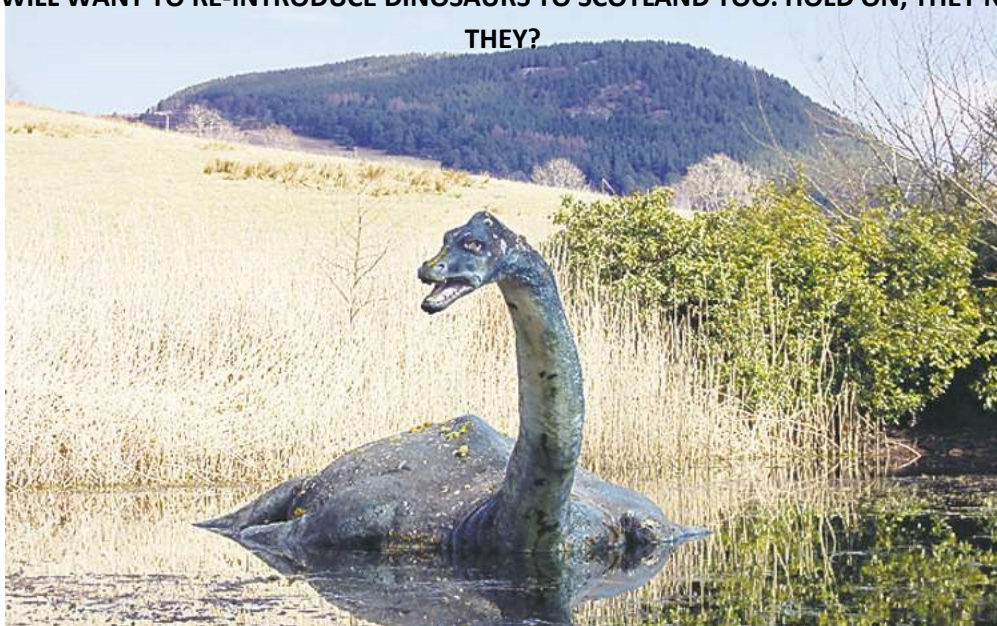
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I SUPPOSE HE WILL WANT TO RE-INTRODUCE DINOSAURS TO SCOTLAND TOO. HOLD ON, THEY NEVER LEFT DID THEY?





SCOTS IN QUEENSLAND



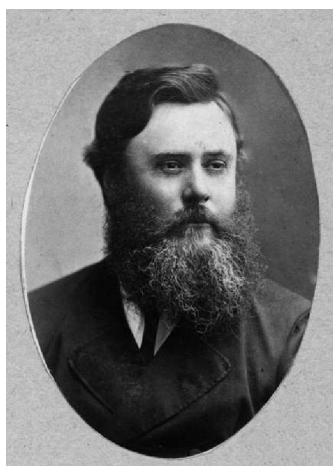
GEORGE EDMONDSTONE



George Edmondstone (1809-1883), butcher and politician, was born on 4 May 1809 in Edinburgh, son of William Edmondstone, naval commissary, and his wife Alexandrina, née Farquharson. At 12 his father died and in 1832 he migrated to Sydney. Later he went to Hobart Town and after some hard times began business in Sydney. He then moved to Maitland and about 1840 he took up Normanby Plains station, but sold out early in 1842 and set up as a butcher in Brisbane, hoping to profit from trade with the newly-settled Darling Downs. He soon achieved prosperity and prominence. Although not a great speaker he was elected to the first Brisbane Municipal Council in 1859 and remained a member until 1866. As mayor in 1863-64 he had much to do with the planning of the first Brisbane bridge and the town hall. He was also involved in the conflict between the council and the government on the new Brisbane waterworks.

In the Queensland Legislative Assembly he represented East Moreton in 1860-67, Brisbane in 1869-73 and Wickham in 1873-77. He seldom spoke in the assembly and made little impression, though in 1870 in company with Theophilus Pugh, Kevin O'Doherty and Simon Fraser he tried to organize a Liberal party based largely on Brisbane. In 1877 he was appointed to the Legislative Council in an effort to secure a majority for John Douglas's Liberal government. His appointment was resisted by the administrator, Sir Maurice O'Connell, but approved by his successor, Sir Arthur Kennedy.

On 10 July 1837 in Sydney Edmondstone had married Alexis Watson Tilleray. He retired from business because of a heart complaint and died at his home in Breakfast Creek on 23 February 1883, survived by one of his two daughters.



Thomas Petrie (31 January 1831 – 26 August 1910) was an Australian explorer, grazier and friend of Aborigines. Petrie was born at Edinburgh, fourth son of Andrew Petrie and brother of John. His family travelled to Sydney, arriving in October 1831 and his father entered the government service as a supervisor of building. They moved to Moreton Bay (subsequently Brisbane) in 1837, where Thomas was educated by a convict clerk and allowed to mix freely with Aboriginal children. He learnt to speak the local language, Turrbal and was encouraged to share in all Aboriginal activities. At 14 he participated in a walkabout to a feast in the Bunya Mountains. He was accepted by the Aborigines and was often used as a messenger and invited on exploration expeditions. He also learned about surveying, bushcraft and the local geography while travelling with his father.^{[2][3]}

In 1851 Petrie prospected for gold in the Turon region of New South Wales and spent the next five years on Victorian goldfields, "finding only enough gold to make a ring". He returned to Brisbane and married Elizabeth Campbell in 1859. He bought a ten square miles property in the Pine Creek district and named it *Murrumba*, an aboriginal word meaning "good place". Aborigines helped him to clear his land and build his farm buildings. He continued to look for new timber and places suitable for European settlement, became the first white man climb Buderim Mountain in 1862 and surveyed a route from Cleveland to Eight Mile Plains. He also arranged for some Aborigines to welcome the Duke of Edinburgh in 1868. In 1877 the Douglas ministry established Queensland's first Aboriginal reserve on Bribie Island with Petrie as its chief adviser and overseer, but the reserve was closed in 1878 by colonial secretary Palmer.

Petrie died at Murrumba, survived by his wife who died aged 90 on 30 September 1926 and by two sons and five daughters of their nine children. Though Murrumba had been reduced to 3000 acres the family kept the property until 1952. In 1910 the name of the North Pine district was changed to Petrie in his honour and the next year a free-stone monument was erected in the township and unveiled by Sir William MacGregor. There is also a new suburb in the area named Murrumba Downs.





SCOTS IN QUEENSLAND



Walter Hill (1819-1904), horticulturist, was born on 31 December 1819, at Scotsdyke, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, one of twin sons and nine children of David Hill, tollsman, and his wife Elizabeth, née Beattie. When not yet 16, Walter was apprenticed to his brother David, then head gardener at Balloch Castle, Dumbarton, later working at Dickson's Nursery, Edinburgh, and as foreman at Minto House, Roxburghshire. He then accepted a position in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, under William McNab, on whose recommendation he went in 1843 to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London, where he subsequently became foreman of the propagation and new plant departments. On 16 September 1849 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, Middlesex, he married Jane Smith.

The couple reached Sydney in the *Maitland* in February 1852. Hill worked for six months on the Turon gold diggings with indifferent success then visited Beechworth, Sandhurst (Bendigo) and other Victorian goldfields. In 1854 with F. Strange and others he set out from Sydney on an expedition to explore from Keppel Bay to Cape York. On Percy Island the party separated to collect specimens. When Hill returned to the boat he found that Aborigines had killed the entire group, except an Aboriginal. The two managed to sail to Moreton Bay.

On 21 February 1855 the government of New South Wales chose Hill as first superintendent of the Botanic Gardens, Brisbane. He was allotted nine acres (3.64 ha) and £500 to purchase rare plants, and when Queensland became a separate colony in 1859 was appointed colonial botanist. Provided with a house and garden within the reserve, he lived there until his retirement. Also placed in charge of forest reserves in Queensland, Hill introduced and acclimatized numerous trees and plants of economic importance from all over the world. He was credited with the introduction of the mango, pawpaw, ginger, poinciana and jacaranda (1864); he also established the first commercially grown macadamia, which he brought from the Queensland bush to the Botanic Gardens in 1858, and in the same year introduced tamarind and mahogany trees into the colony.

Perhaps Hill's greatest economic achievement was on 25 April 1862 when, with a planter from Barbados John Buchot, he granulated the first sugar in Queensland and Australia by 'crushing the canes with a lever and boiling the juice in a saucepan. No one was allowed to witness the tremendous experiment (carried out in the dead of night) which was to settle the problem of whether the juice of Queensland sugar cane would granulate'. A cairn marking the site of the first sugar cane grown in Queensland was later erected in the centre of the city gardens, Brisbane. He also planted (1858-67) the fine avenue of bunya pines *Araucaria bidwillii*, named in honour of J. C. Bidwill, on the river bank that forms a boundary for the botanic gardens. A complete avenue still stood in 2003.

Hill acted as a botanist on a number of voyages of exploration up the Queensland coast and into its interior. The expedition to the north-eastern coast in 1873 under the leadership of G. E. Dalrymple led Hill to report: 'Half-a-million acres of good land, 300,000 of that fit for sugar'. Hill thought the area they explored, around the Johnstone River south of Cairns, 'the most valuable discovery in Australia'.

During his term as superintendent, Hill arranged for Queensland's flora and fauna to be exhibited at international exhibitions throughout the world, and in return received numerous rare specimens for Queensland's benefit. He published several impressive reports and catalogues (later prized by botanists). Many species of plants were named after him. Hill's association with the public service ended, however, on a sour note. Following a comment in parliament that the Department of Public Lands was not satisfied with his upkeep of the Botanic Gardens, it was decided to ask for his retirement at 60. Hill, described by some as stubborn and impractical to deal with, was incensed. He immediately claimed full paid leave of absence for twelve months (having not had annual leave for twenty-six years), plus a gratuity for the upkeep of five horses. He retired on a full pension on 28 February 1881.

In retirement, Hill experimented with fruit trees. Predeceased by his wife and daughter, he died on 4 February 1904 at his home, Canonbie Lea, Eight Miles Plains, south of Brisbane. He was buried with Presbyterian forms in Toowong cemetery.



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Robert Roy Macgregor visited the town of Crieff on many occasions, often to sell cattle. In the second week of October 1714 the Highlanders gathered in Crieff for the annual market. Most people expected civil war to break out at any time. By day the town was also full of Redcoats and undercover government spies! One night, just after midnight, Rob Roy and his men marched to Crieff Town Square. There they tolled the Town bell, awakening everyone, and in front of the gathering crowd sang Jacobite songs and drank a good many loyal toasts to their uncrowned King James VIII. Eventually the Redcoats arrived from their camp outside the town and Rob Roy left into the night to fight another day.

In 1716 Jacobites burnt the towns and villages of Lowland Strathearn on their way back from the battle of Sheriffmuir which hadn't gone too well for them. This was ordered by the Earl of Mar to deny food and shelter to the troops of the Duke of Argyll. No doubt many Highlanders settled old scores against the Lowlanders. Comrie was spared, presumably as the most Highland of the Strathearn towns it's sympathies were Jacobite. The people of Strathearn suffered greatly at this time.

Do ye remember these

Miss Forbes' Farewell to Banff

Farewell, ye fields an' meadows green!
The blest retreats of peace an' love;
Aft have I, silent, stolen from hence,
With my young swain a while to rove.

Sweet was our walk, more sweet our talk,
Among the beauties of the spring;
An' aft we 'd lean us on a bank,
To hear the feather'd warblers sing.

The azure sky, the hills around,
Gave double beauty to the scene;
The lofty spires of Banff in view —
On every side the waving grain.

The tales of love my Jamie told,
In such a saft an' moving strain,
Have so engaged my tender heart,
I'm loth to leave the place again.

But if the Fates will be sae kind
As favour my return once more,
For to enjoy the peace of mind
In those retreats I had before:

Now, farewell, Banff! the nimble steeds
Do bear me hence — I must away;
Yet time, perhaps, may bring me back,
To part nae mair from scenes so gay.

Bonnie Scotland I Adore Thee

Chorus:

Bonnie Scotland I adore thee,
Now I wander gladly o'er thee,
Thy enchantment will restore me,
Bonnie, bonnie Scotland.

Mid the rays of summer weather,
Sweetly blooms thy mountain heather,
Love and beauty sport together,
Bonnie, bonnie Scotland.

Chorus

Bonnie Scotland, land of grandeur,
Where the sparkling streams meander,
Here will I delight to wander,
Bonnie, Bonnie Scotland.

Chorus

Thou art dearest to me ever,
From my bosom banish'd never,
Ne'er again we hope to sever,
Bonnie, Bonnie Scotland.

Chorus



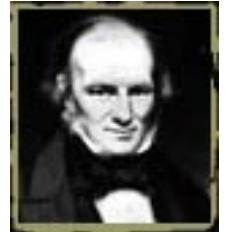


Today 16th October in 1774 saw the death of Robert Fergusson, poet, in the Edinburgh Bedlam. Though they never met, Robert Burns was greatly influenced and inspired by the works and life of this young poet whose potential was never fulfilled. A notorious drinker and carouser, his mental state deteriorated after a period of religious obsession and he was committed to the nightmarish asylum, where he died aged only 24.



Twelve years later Burns arranged for the erection of a headstone at Fergusson's unmarked grave in the Canongate Kirkyard, and the tragedy of his untimely death helped to hasten the reform of the terrible asylum's conditions.

Today 17th October in 1850 James Young obtained the patent for the extraction of paraffin from shale. The products created in his Lothian works had a wide range of applications, from waxes for lamp fuel and waterproofing to oils and naphtha for the textiles and dry-cleaning industries, meaning that Young's business was a huge success. It employed 13,000 men at its height and earned the Glasgow-born chemist the nickname "paraffin Young"



Today 18th October in 1541 saw the death of Margaret Tudor, English princess, sister of Henry VIII, wife of James IV, and mother of James V. It was through Margaret, a paternal great-grandmother (through Henry, Lord Darnley), and a maternal great-grandmother (through Mary, Queen of Scots), that James VI based his claim to the throne of England following the death of Queen Elizabeth I.



On 22nd October in 1871, Sir Roderick Murchison, the Scottish geologist, died. Murchison began his working life as a soldier, only becoming interested in geology at the age of 32. He wrote an important work, the "The Silurian System", in 1837, and went on to classify the Cambrian, Ordovician, Devonian and Permian eras. He rose to become Director-General of the Geological Survey, the most important official post in British geology.



On October 23 1295 the "Auld Alliance" treaty was signed between John Balliol, King of Scots, and Philippe IV of France. Promising mutual military help against the English, the treaty was renewed by Robert The Bruce in 1326. It guaranteed response to English aggression against either party. Primarily it was a military and diplomatic alliance but for most of the population the treaty brought tangible benefits, through pay as mercenaries in France's armies and trade links bringing the finest French wines to Scotland.



On 24th October 1796 the artist, David Roberts, was born in Edinburgh. The son of a shoemaker, who began his career as an apprentice house painter, Roberts became a scene painter for circuses and for the theatre. Having honed his skills, he became a Member of the Society of British Artists from 1824-1836. By 1838 he was made a Royal Academician. He also had an interest in the newly-'developed' art of photography, and the image is taken from one of the world's earliest known photographs.



Beginners Scottish Gaelic Class 2015

Location:

Brisbane Square Library

266 George Street

Brisbane 4000

Community Meeting Room (Ground Level).

There are tea/coffee making facilities in the community room, just bring along a tea/coffee bag. Some people find the parking expensive.

To cut down on expense, some drive to a suitable train station and then catch the train to Central Station and walk up the Mall to the library.

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The classes are designed for people with no exposure to the Gaelic who would like to be able to use some Gaelic phrases and make a little conversation in the language.

This is an initiative of the Scottish Gaelic Association of Australia

SEE DATES AND TIMES BELOW

(4th Sunday of month)	Beginners: 10:30am - 12noon
2PM	Continuing: 12:30pm - 2:00pm
26 July, 2015	<u>Tiered Theatrette</u>
23 August, 2015	<u>Sundays: 10.00am – 2.00pm</u>
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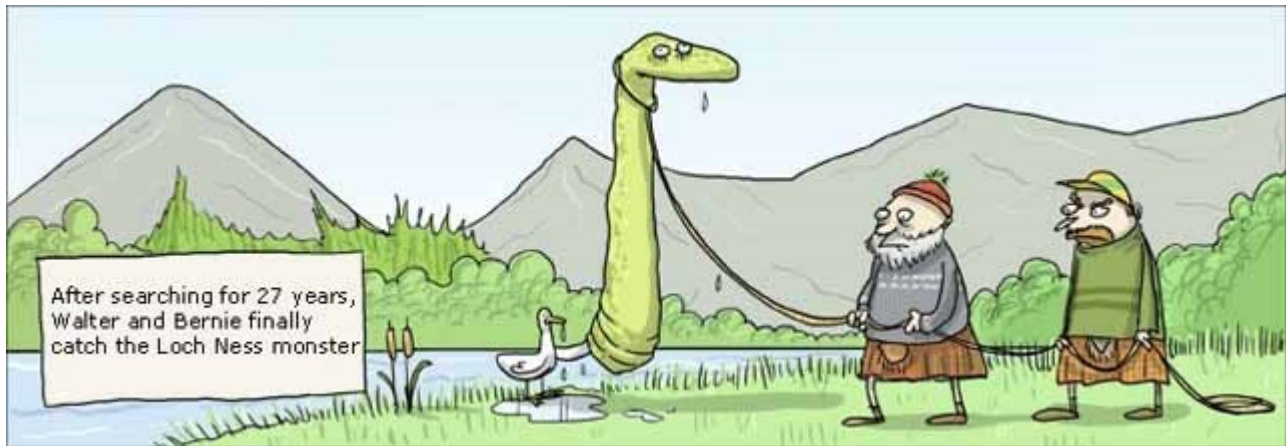
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Long ago,
When people cursed
and beat the ground
with sticks it was
called witchcraft.

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Age Priority

Willie and Jeannie McCotton were getting on in years but still liked to go out to smart restaurants on special occasions. So to celebrate the 65th birthday of their first son, they took a taxi to the up-market Pompadour Restaurant in Edinburgh's Caledonian Hotel. But as they hadn't made a reservation, they were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. Willie McCotton frowned and addressed the head waiter: *"Young man, we're both 90 years old. We may not have 45 minutes."* They were seated immediately.

Healthy Living

A recent study by a Scottish university claims that elderly people who drink beer or wine at least four times a week have the highest bone density. The report goes on to say that they need that extra bone density - they're the ones falling down the most....

Good Exercise?

Geordie's grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and the family don't know where the blazes she is....

Listen Here

Old Jock had been very hard of hearing for many years, but eventually his doctor got him fitted up with a very discreet hearing aid. A month later, Jock was back for a check-up and the doctor remarked that Jock's family must be delighted that he could hear perfectly again. Jock grinned and remarked: *"Och, I haven't told them yet. I just listen to the conversations and don't let on I can hear them now. I've changed my will three times already..."*

New Exercise Plan

Sadie was telling her friend about the new exercise plan that was guaranteed to lose pounds. The essential element in the plan was to exercise very early in the morning - before your brain can figure out what you're doing and stop you.

Sadness, Elation and Woe

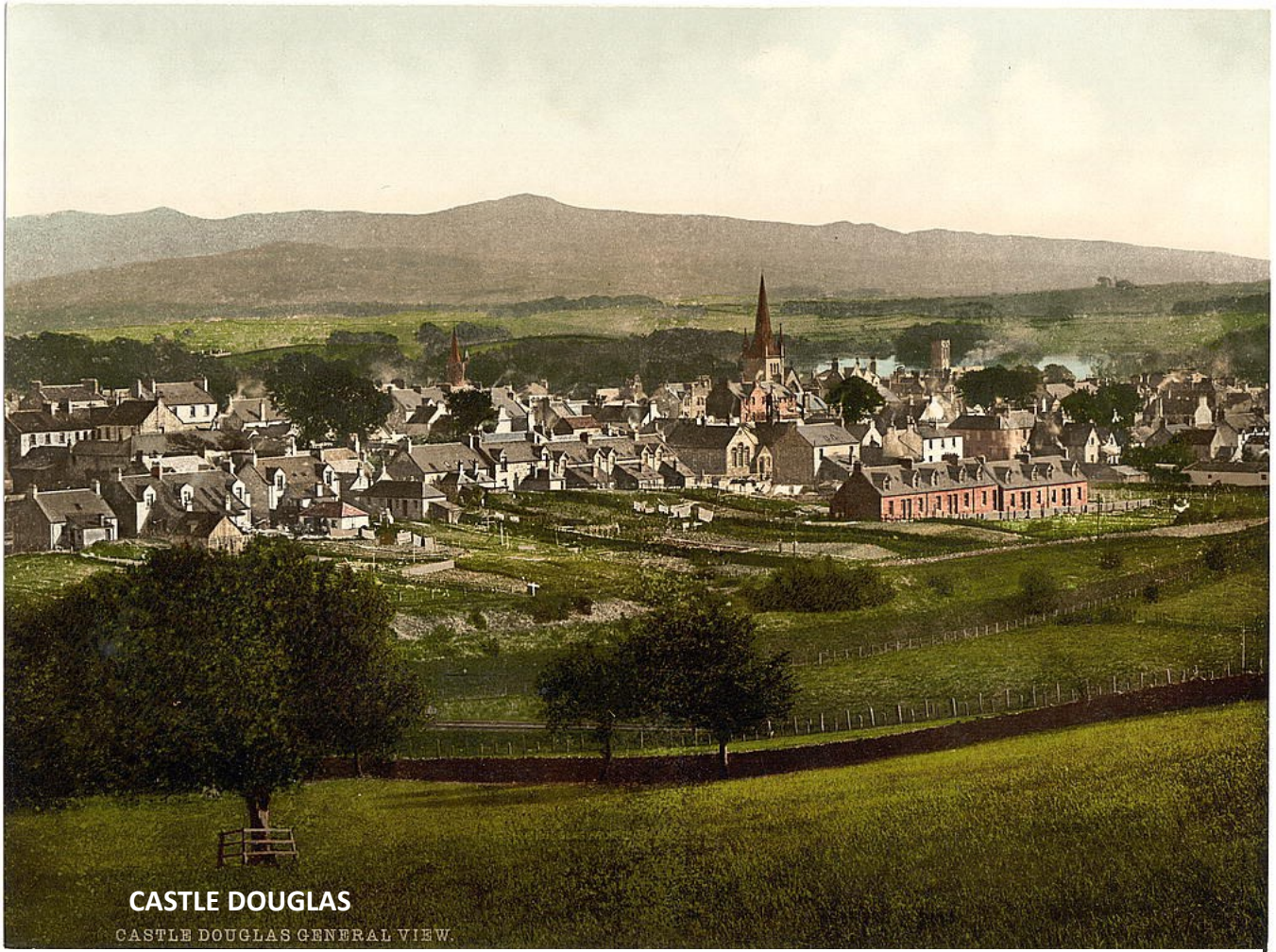
As part of an "out-reach" programme, one of the doctors from a Highland psychiatric hospital was out in Tillietudlum village hall giving a lecture to the local residents on emotional extremes.

"Just to establish some parameters," said the doctor, *"Can anyone tell me what is the opposite of joy?"*

"Sadness," said one of the locals.

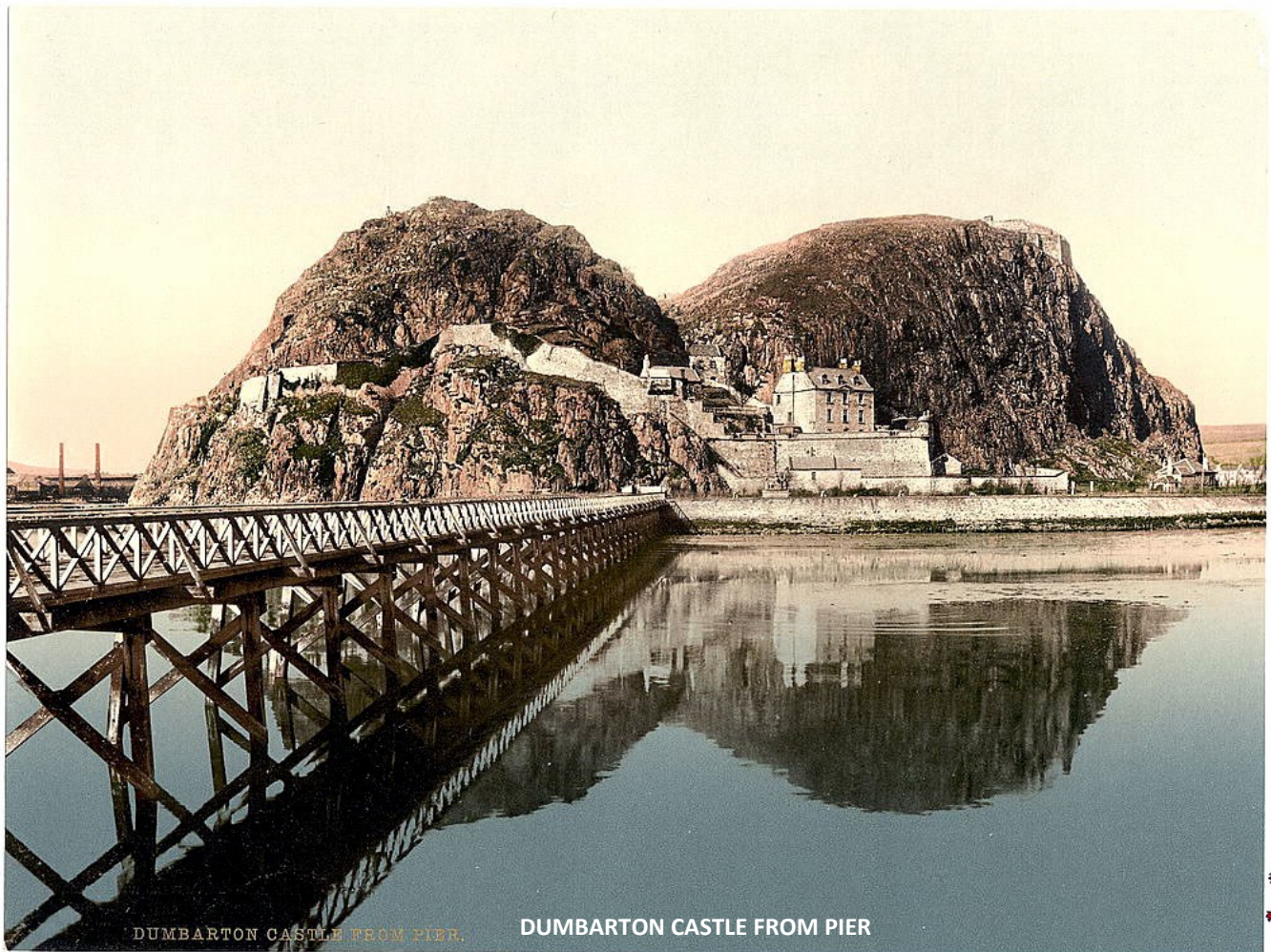
"And the opposite of depression,?" After a pause, Donald McDonald suggested *"Elation."* The doctor, getting into his stride now, then asked *"And how about the opposite of woe?"*

Calum McCalum, a farmhand, piped up *"I believe that would be giddy-up."*



CASTLE DOUGLAS

CASTLE DOUGLAS GENERAL VIEW.



DUMBARTON CASTLE FROM PIER.

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DIARY DATES 2015

Sunday 18th October 2015 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 33598195

Sunday 15th November 2015 AGM Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 33598195

Saturday 12th December 2015 XMAS GET TOGETHER Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 9AM to 5PM XMAS PARTY, RSVP NEEDED BY 17TH NOVEMBER. 33598195

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