

		acc.		
Ashentilly (2)	+1 -1	62.		
Balbride (12)	bal. part 3F @ £40	69 60	Market Stance (212)	3
Balbride Belts (22)		3	Mounthammock (216)	+1 53
West (26)		9	Mullochs (224)	-1 202
Balfour Belts (22)		38	Mundernal (234)	say 106 248
Belladrum (40)		44	Northrae (242)	-1 206
Beltownie (50)		14	Nursery (254)	3 1/2
Bankhead (54)		2	Polisio (264)	+1 205
Barns (56)		12	Rhinduckie (288) (out)	
Brachmont (64)		106 60	old land & wood	464
Bruntyards (70)		82	Sawmill (300)	80
Bairnfield (76)		23	Shillofad (310)	✓ 100 (81)
Bairnhill (80)	-1	14	Slug (316)	53
Bairn m. Barn (86)		62	StFadh gyle (324)	83
Bairnshe (94)	- 3/4	14/3 (5/4)	Strathie (332)	52 52 25
do Blump		←	Summeryside (340)	36
Balla drum (104)		6	Spyhill (348)	2
Bastehill (108)		1 1/2	Target (348)	85 1/2 160
Blane (110)		60	Warren (356)	-2 90
Brigisaff (118)		89	Woodlands (366)	40.
Briglag (126)		45		
Burrackstone (134)	+2	44		3540
Benside (142)		11	deduct Rhinduckie	464
Bramallan (148)		3		3103
Bolie (152)		6		3 1/4
Flatteto (152)		2		3099 3/4
Free Church (164)		69		
Funach (164)	+2	224		
Gallowhill (176)		9		
Garro (180)	92 + 4	93		
Glenhead (188)		8		
Hillhead (192)		17 1/2		
Keith's Hill (194)		3		
Kinchuny (198)		2		
Kirkton (202) (out) part		45		

CRAIGIE DAFF

Extent 89 acres, Planted 1874-78. Vars. Larch & Fir Altitude 550-740'

General Description

This plantation occupies the high ground between Craigiedaff Farm and the farms of Hilton of Hillhead and is exposed to the W. It forms a convenient shelter on this high part of the estate. The soil is thin and wet on top of hill but the slopes have a fair depth for SP and larch.

1884
(Mr Rae)

Consisting of larch & SP of form 6-10 years. This plantation on the whole is not doing very well and is in want of BU. The plants used should be principally SP with spruce in the hollow and a few larches where suitable. After drains required in the hollows. A great many of the existing trees are shrubs without leaders but will form excellent nurseries for those put in in B.U.

1891 Nil

1892 Extensive rides cleared for shooting also a slight thinning carried out where necessary except at lower point which has yet to be done.

1893 A no. of spruce trees transplanted to form cover in lower plantations. Fenced on west side opposite Craigiedaff Farm.

1894-97 Nil

1898 Renewed fence on N W side next Nibbetstane and opened pits for planting out larger spruce in vacant places at N end of plantation.

1899 Partly renewed fence on N side next Nibbetstane Farm. Scoured and deepened large main drain to a depth sufficient to drain the stagnant water off the flat opposite Hillhead Farm in which part the drains were opened, the ground well dried and planted out with large spruce from Home Nursery. The pits previously opened at N end of plantation also filled up with spruce of like size. Part of this plantation would be materially benefited by draining but this cannot be satisfactorily done until efficient main drains have been opened. A slight thinning is now required in some parts and particularly along the E side of plantation taking out most of the larches which are already showing signs of decay and most leaving spruces which have a healthy appearance to form the permanent crop.

1900-01 Nil

1902 Cut extensive shooting rides in the eastern part next to Hilton of Hillhead Farms.

1903-4 Nil

1905 Cut additional shooting rides and thinned out a large no. of backgoing larches for light posting. Drained, enclosed with rabbitproof fence and planted with SP the cultivated part on W side of road opposite Hillhead Cottage. C.L. plants raised on the estate being lined along roadside and sides of shooting ride dividing the area. Renewed fence on N side next Nibbetstane.

CRAIGIEDAFF (CTD.)

1906	Cut backgoing larch for fencing purposes.
1907-10	Nil
1911	Cut backgoing larch for fencing purposes.
1912	Cut dead trees as firewood and larch as fencing.
1913	" " " " " " " "
1914-17	Nil
1918	Cut dead trees as firewood and larch as posts.
1919-21	Nil
1922-23	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1924	Cut dead trees as firewood and larch as posts.
1925-26	" " " " " .
1927	Cut blown trees off root and sned. Sold to A & G Patterson per cu.ft.
1928	Nil
1929	

CRAIGLUG

Extent 75 Acres. Planted 1860. Fir, a few larch & DF. Altitude 100-470'

General Description

This plantation occupies the steep slope between the farms of Ashentilly and Craiglug with belt extending to and along riverside. It is exposed to the N. The soil is principally - large stones and crowns of rock on the surface. It is one of the best situated plantations on the estate and suitable to the growth of larch and DF on the lower part and SP on the ridge.

1884
(Mr Rae)

Consists chiefly of SP about 24 years. This plantation has been partially thinned for the 1st time but X requires to be gone over again. Dead dying and useless trees removed and the whole brushed down at once. The plantation would not require any further attention for 6-8 years when a good many props could be removed.

1885-6
(Mr Rae)

The whole of this plantation has been thinned and brushed during this season.

1891

Nil

1892

Partly cleared of dead wood and some larch for fencing cut on W side of plantation.

1893-5

Nil

1896

Cut a few larch for estate purposes and blown SP for firewood. Renewed fence on W side opposite Kinoluny Farm.

1897

Cut no. of larch spars for fencing in policies and a few blown SP, sold for firewood.

1898

Cut dead wood.

1899-1900

Nil

1901

Cut dead trees as firewood.

02

Cut dead trees as firewood and pruned trees along ~~XXXXXX~~ roadside.

03

Cut dead trees as firewood.

04

Nil

05

Erected wire fence both sides public road. Filled up NW corner with beech C.L. etc. for game cover and cut dead trees for firewood.

06

Cut a no. of small larches for estate purposes and renewed fence on W side opposite Kinoluny Farm.

07

Cut dead trees for firewood and a few larch for estate purposes. In the higher part of this plantation a large amount of dead wood occurs but owing to the great distance from a cartroad it is difficult to realise. In order to profitably realise the value of these trees and the subsequent thinnings which may be anticipated it would be necessary to lay off and clear suitable cart and drag roads.

08

Cut a number of dead trees as firewood and a no. of backgoing larches for/

CRAIGLUG (CTD.)

- 1908 for fencing.
- 1909 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 1910 Cut dead trees as firewood and a quantity of larch for fencing.
- 1911 Cut a number of backgoing larch for fencing and dead trees as firewood.
- 1912-17 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 1918 " " " " " also larch for fencing.
- 1919-23 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 23&24 Cut dead trees as firewood also some SP.
- 25-27 Nil
- 1928 Cut dead trees as firewood and also SP & larch for estate purposes.
- 1929 Cut dead trees as firewood.

CURRACKSTANE

Extent 45 acres. 1848 west of road, 1860 east of road, Vars. Fir, larch and few spruce. Altitude 500-580'

General

Description This wood is a continuation of Ashentilly wood on to turnpike road at Brachmont Cottage and lies between the farms of Boginreath and Currackstane. The soil is deeper than Ashentilly and at S end suitable for larch, spruce and DF. On east side of road soil is similar but surface is flat and requires more attention to keep it dry.

1884
(Mr Rae) The wood requires a judicious thinning and the removal of dead and dying trees. A large quantity of pitwood 16' average could be got also a good many trees of larger sizes. A portion of the wood would be improved by being brushed down.

1885-6
(Mr Rae) Part of this wood was thinned and brushed during this season and the following trees were planted viz. 1475 spruce 50 derdara, 20 SS and 10 DF. It is intended to clean out a no. of the drains that are choked during this summer. A part of this wood still requires a judicious thinning but the work is not pressing.

1891 Partly cleared of dead wood.

2 Cleared of dead wood, also a quantity larch cut for estate.

3 Dead wood cut.

4 A quantity of larch for fencing was cut here also SP for building purposes. Some damage was done by gale on 22 Dec.

5 Partly cleared of blown trees.

6 Cut dead wood.

7 All blown SP trees cleared and sold as firewood.

8 Cut dead trees for firewood and sold no. of decayed larch to John Bisset. Surface ditches in lowlying part require scouring.

9 Cut all dead and decaying trees and sold to John Bisset for £12.

1900 Erected new fence E side of road and a part at N end next C-stane farm rough ground. Parts of this wood are thriving fairly well esp. on higher ground. In general, however the soil is too moist and the SP are consequently becoming moss covered and showing signs of maturity. It may within the next few years be necessary to further thin out the weaker S.P. and underplant closely with DF giving no further attention to the mixture than relieving the heads of the undergrowth until the final cutting which may take place 35 years after planting when the DF will have attained a marketable size under planting will also check the decay of the SP by gradually drawing up any excess of moisture and raising the temperature of the soil.

1901-3 Cut dead trees as firewood.

04 do and a few blown trees for estate purposes.

CURRACKSTONE (CYD.) ---

1905,6	Cut dead trees as firewood and a few blown trees for estate purposes.
1907	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1908	do and blown larch for estate purposes.
1909-11	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1912	Cut dead trees as firewood and larch for estate purposes.
1913	" " " " and blown larch for fencing.
1914-17	" " " " .
1918	do and larch for fencing.
1919-26	do .
1927&28	Nil

DENSIDE WOOD

Extent 11 acres. Planted baes 1856, 5 acres 1884. Fir & a few larch
Altitude 500-560'

General Description

This wood is surrounded by arable land on the Farms of Denside and Hilton and is useful as a shelter. It slopes to the N. The soil is thin and suitable for SP only.

1884
(Mr Rae)

About 6 acres 28 years of age and 5 acres newly planted, older portion consisting chiefly of S.P. of stunted growth and requiring immediate careful thinning, and brushing. Thinnings might yield a few short props. The younger portion does not at present admit of report but will undoubtedly require B.U. Soil vry thin.

1885-86
(Mr Rae)

The older portion was thinned and brushed during this season and 9000 2+2 SP planted on the young portion.

1891

A quantity of dead wood cleared off high ground where the SP are dying ~~rapidly~~ owing to the ground having at one time been under cultivation.

1892&3

Cleared off dead wood.

1894

Suffered slightly by the gale of 22 Dec.

95

Partially cleared of blown trees.

96

Fence erected on dykehead along east side.

97

All blown SP cleared out and sold as firewood.

98-00

Nil

1901&2

Cut dead trees for firewood.

1903-05

Nil

1906

Cut dead trees for firewood.

07

Nil

08

Cut dead trees for firewood.

09

Cut dead trees for firewood and blown larch for fencing.

1910&11

Nil

1912-26

Cut dead trees for firewood.

1927&28

Nil

DRUMALLAN

3 acres planted 1840, '66 and '93. Fir larch spruce and hardwoods.
Altitude 100-140'

General Description

$\frac{1}{2}$ of this wood lies along burnside where the soil is a deep sandy loam and suitable for Hwds. larch, DF and spruce. Other $\frac{1}{2}$ steep and soil thin and stony where nothing but SP will grow. Lies between farms of Nether Balfour, Kincluny and to the South of Drumallan.

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| 1891 | Nil |
| 92 | The large spruces along watercourse beginning to decay were cut, also all dead wood and useless trees to clear ground for planting. |
| 93 | The open ground along side of water course was planted in spring with larch, SP and NS, large specimens of NS and a few Ts. Heb. being pitted over the ground previous to planting. A new wire fence was erected during summer along the N, S, and E sides. |
| 1894&5 | Nil |
| 96 | Cleared of blown timber and brushwood and the open spaces replanted with DF larch, spruce and SP. |
| 97&98 | Nil |
| 99 | The young DF and larches previously planted are now well established and making rapid headway and it is proposed to cut out all the old silver firs and spruces, prune in the hardwoods and plant up closely with large DF which will form a valuable plantation and provide excellent game cover at the same time. |
| 1900 | All the large NS and SF are now out, the remaining Hwds carefully pruned and the vacant spaces pitted and filled up with DF. 3'-4'. A storm belt and Beech was also planted along W side for shelter. |
| 1901-03 | Nil |
| 1904 | Further pruned hardwood interfering with heads of young DF which are making very rapid headway. |
| 1905-10 | Nil |
| 1911 | Again relieved DF tops from overhanging hwood branches and lightened the crowns of the standard trees generally. The DF have now commenced to clear their boles of branches and are in a thriving condition. Crown light should be admitted gradually as the understorey gains on the overhead crop but only in sufficient volume to sustain a limited rate of growth as only by careful attention to this fact can the balance be maintained between crown area and quality of timber. |
| 1912-14 | Nil |
| 1915-18 | Cut dead trees as firewood. |
| 1919-27 | Nil |
| 1928 | Cut dead trees as firewood. |
| 1929 | |

ESLIE

Extent 6 acres
Planted 1923
Species Douglas Fir
Altitude 600-830'

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| 1923 | This small outside field adjoining Mulloch Wood was planted with fine healthy Douglas. |
| 1924 | Young plants thriving. |
| 1925 | Nil |

FLABBETS

Extent 2 acres. Planted 1876. Ornamental Conifers & Hardwoods. 300'

General Description

This wood is separated from the Policies by the public road at W approach and is exposed to the S. The soil is of fair depth and moist having been under cultivation before being planted. It is suitable for all ornamental trees.

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|---------|---|
| 1891&2 | Nil |
| 93 | Thinned out backgoing and buried trees. |
| 94 | Nil |
| 95 | Partially thinned along roadside. |
| 96 | Nil |
| 97 | Hwood trees pruned along roadside and throughout plantation. |
| 98 | Nil |
| 99 | Prepared a no. of large Hwood trees for transportation. |
| 1900 | Removed a no. of Hwood trees to Policies and Kincluny clump opposite E entrance. |
| 01 | Thinned out along roadsides for ornamental trees. |
| 02 | Thinned out ornamental trees along roadsides where pressing too closely together. |
| 03 | Nil |
| 04 | Cut down the Hwood trees overhanging the hedge at Flabbets Cottage and a few DF on e side. |
| 05-12 | Nil |
| 1913 | Cut a few DF at back of Flabbets Cottage and sold to A & G P. Cleaned down the stems of existing trees of all dead branches, cut out all suppressed and blown trees and sold as firewood. |
| 1914-26 | Nil |
| 1927 | Cut blown trees for estate purposes. |

FREE CHURCH

Extent 69 acres. Planted 1860 with fir larch and a few spruce. Alt.
200-300'

General Description

This wood adjoins Funach Wood on the west side and extends from Milltown to M-dams, sloping gently to the N. Soil thin and sour on S side, but improves in depth and quality to the N, where larch, DF and Spruce would grow well.

1884.
(Mr Rae)
- Consists of SP and larch, chiefly the former, about 24 years. Has been recently thinned and brushed, drains scoured and is in a thriving condition.
- 1891
- Cut dead trees and thinned along roadsides for development of ornamental trees.
- 92
- Cut dead wood.
- 93
- Cut dead wood and thinned for ornamental trees on roadside, built gate on E side of road.
- 94
- North east corner suffered by gale of 22 Dec.
- 95
- Blown trees partly removed.
- 96
- Cut a no. of stack props and dead trees.
- 97
- A small quantity of the blown SP sold to John Bisset
- 98
- Sold no. of blown trees as firewood. The surface ditches here require immediate attention esp. in the damp part in centre of plantation.
- 99
- Cleared out all the old blown trees which were sold to Bisset for £45 Erected wire fence ~~XXXXX~~ with larch top rail on both sides of road below + roads at Free Church and pruned in trees overhanging the public road.
- 1900
- Cut over all the dead wood and sold to John Bisset for £8/14/-. This plantation has suffered from repeated windfalls and by the excessive no. of deaths occurring annually to such an extent that the canopy has become completely broken, and in order to take the fullest advantage of the present immature crop it would be advisable to further thin out the weaker and a no. of the roughest class of SP and underplant with DF using 2000 per acre where space can be found. These will form an important part of the permanent crop. No thinning should at any time be practised attention only being given to the relief of tops of the young DF occasionally as would seem necessary. By this system of treatment the health of the present crop might be preserved until the DF had reached a marketable size when the whole plantation could be realised. Unless this work is undertaken within the next few years the health of the present crop will be impaired beyond recovery.
- 1901
- Part of the work proposed in 1900 viz the thinning out of the inferior stems and cleaning up the boles of those left has now been carried out in parts along roadside and triangle at N end of wood. A further thinning/

FREE CHURCH (CTD.)

- 1901 thinning will be required before planting commences but this should be delayed until planting operations are ready to begin owing to the no. of trees dying annually and their unequal distribution on the ground.
- 1902 Cut dead trees as firewood. A sufficient quantity of DF seed has been gathered to provide plants to carry out the planting proposed and the work of thinning out backgoing and inferior trees may be extended over the next 3 or 4 years, by which time the plants will be ready to put out.
- 1903~~34~~ Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 1905 Nil
- 1906 Cut dead trees as firewood and drained the lower part of triangle preparatory to replanting. This part through various causes now carries only about $\frac{1}{2}$ the necessary no. of stems per acre and consequently the timber is of an inferior quality. Taking into consideration that a period of about 30 years must elapse before these trees have reached their maximum value it would be advisable, as a means of augmenting the present volume of timber, improving its quality and increasing the fertility of the soil to clear out all the SF which are hopelessly mined by bug, the smaller stems and those trees which have lost their heads owing to injury by squirrels, and underplant with DF. No other system of management holds out a similar prospect of ultimate profit and in those overthinned parts of our SP plantations the question seems to resolve itself into the two alternatives of "cleancutting" or "underplanting" if full advantage is to be taken of the productive capacity in preference to clean cutting as offering the better prospect of an enhanced monetary return.
- 1907 Cut dead trees for firewood.
- 08 Replanted part at cistern SS being used on the moist ground and DF on the drier parts. The trees have all taken a good hold, but as the eastern part on account of the shallowness of main drain crossing the road can only be partially drained the ditches will require periodical attention.
- 09-13 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 14 Cut dead trees as firewood and larch for posts.
- 15 Cut dead trees as firewood and larch for estate purposes.
- 16 Cut dead trees as firewood and larch for posts.
- 17 Nil
- 18 This wood was sold to A & G P. See Sales Book.

FUNACH

Extent 227 acres, Planted 1850-60. Vars. Fir and few larch, spruce and Douglasie. Altitude 150-400 feet

General Description

This plantation occupies the flat ground from Free Church to Crossroads two narrow belts extending north to the river Dee to the east, and west of Brighton farm. The soil generally is of fair depth but on west side thin and wet. It is suitable to the growth of Scots Fir, Spruce and Douglasie.

1884
(Mr Rae)

Consists chiefly of Scots Fir, with a few larch and spruce all varying from 26 years to 34 years of age. This plantation is very irregular some portions doing well, and others especially in the West end being very bad, there being large portions without a single tree. These blanks are the result of imperfect drainage, but I do not consider the ground too wet for spruce, and am of opinion that some good clumps of spruce could yet be formed in the blanks by carefully planting large sized trees and keeping down rabbits. This is a most irregular plantation requiring immediate attention. The wood would require to be gone carefully over, partially thinned, brushed down and the drains scoured. The thinnings will be of little or no value.

- 1891 Shooting rides cleared and cut of trees and heather, and surface ditches bridged along same. Four gates built. Cut dead wood in Brighton Belt.
- 1892 Additional shooting rides cut also dead wood near Crossroads and a few larch for fencing. Fence erected on both sides of road below Culperhaugh Cut dead wood in Brighton Belt and fenced part of same below turnpike road.
- 1893 Backgoing larch cut for fencing and dead wood. Gate erected opposite Culperhaugh, ditch scoured and part deepened from Crossroads Croft. Thinned Brighton Belt along roadside for ornamental trees.
- 1894 The central part of this plantation was relieved of dead and buried up trees by thinning a number of trees were up rooted alongside shooting rides by gale of 22 Dec.
- 1895 Blown trees partly removed.
- 1896 Nil
- 1897 A number of larch trees cut for fencing purposes. Wire fence erected on top of face dyke next Culperhaugh and Barns. Fenced off part of plantation west of Brighton on the north side and West Funach on the south side for Grazing for tenant of Barns farm.
- 1898 After the blown timber has been cleared out the appearance of part at east and would be very much improved by having the dead branches brushed off the Scots Firs.
- 1899 Fence next Woodend Croft renewed. Cleared out all the old blown trees at west end of Plantation. Cut the dead and decaying trees on north and south sides of Deeside Road, and sold to John Bisset for £42, the Scots fir cleaned up to a height of 12ft which has greatly improved the appearance of the plantation as well as added to its commercial/

FUNACH WOOD (CTD)

1899	commercial value. Other parts of plantation would be benefited by similar treatment.
1900	Nil
1901	Cleaned up the boles along roadside opposite the triangular part of Free Church plantation and cut dead wood for firewood.
1902	Cut dead trees as firewood and fenced off part at West end for Grazing
1903	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1904	Cut dead trees as firewood and fenced off a part at West end as grazing for Crossroads Croft.
1905	Cut dead trees as firewood and scoured main drain towards west end.
1906	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1907	Cut dead trees as firewood, pruned the trees overhanging roads and scoured ditches at West end.
1908	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1909	Cut dead trees as firewood. In the more inaccessible parts a considerable amount of dead wood now stands, it is of little market value - even as firewood, but in order to get this removed the cutting of firewood in other parts should be restricted and the farmers induced to clean up the ground.
1910	Cut dead trees as firewood and light larch for renewing fence on south side opposite Woodend Croft.
1911	Renewed bridge on service road and commenced the clearance of dead wood at the east end of plantation.
1912	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1913	do
1914	do also larch for fencing purposes.
1915	do also larch for posts.
1916	do
1917	Nil
1918	This wood was sold to Messrs A & G Paterson (see sales book) except 5½ acres Belts, Wester Durris 1½ acres, Brighton 4 acres.

GALLOWHILL

Extent 9 acres. Planted 1864. Varieties Fir, Larch & Spruce etc.
Altitude 100 to feet

General Description

This plantation is situated on the north east side of Kincluny Farm, about one half of the extent is flat; the other half is in the form of a steep ridge running along east side. The soil is poor and suitable for Scots Fir only excepting east slope of ridge where larch and Douglasie would grow.

1884
(Mr Rae)

8 acres consisting of Scots Fir, Larch, Spruce etc. of various ages. A few dead and buried trees might be got out of the older portion. The younger portion about 20 years of age required thinning and brashing down at once.

1891

Nil

1892

The ground was enclosed by a new wire fence, cleared up of whins and broom, and planted in autumn with different varieties of plants according to soil and situation. The top ridge which is gravelly, was planted with Pinn Montana, and the lower ground with a mixture of larch scots fir, norway spruce, and douglasie. Large specimens of Picea Nobilis, lime, beech, and chestnut were pitted over the ground before filling up, with the smaller plants.

1893-95

Nil

1896

Partially cleared the flat ground of broom and beat up with Abies Douglasie, Spruce and Scotsfir. Douglasie was extensively planted and will eventually form a large part of the permanent crop. The broom was also cut back from plants on ridges and the ground beaten up with Scotsfir.

1897

Nil

1898

Low ground again beaten up with Abies Douglasie 3 yr seedlings, 6000 plants being used. The plants on ridges again require to be relieved of whins and broom.

1899

Nil

1900

The few remaining Scotsfirs of the old Plantation were cut and sold to Dyer and Co. for £17/19/- and all the broom and whins cut over and the ground again beaten up with Scotsfir 2yr 2 yr plants. The soil which is light and sandy is favourable to the growth of Scotsfir and every means should be taken to establish a full crop on the ground.

1901-02

Nil

1903

Cut shooting rides in western part.

1904

Nil

1905

Renewed wire fence on North side opposite Gallowhill Croft.

1906

Renewed fence on N side and on top of Rover bank opp. Gallowhill Croft.

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1906	Renewed fence on North side and on top of River bank opposite Gallowhill Croft.
1907-26	Nil
1927	Cut blown trees as firewood.
1928	" " " " "

GARROL

Extent 93 acres, planted 1863, Vars. Fir & a few larch & spruce
Altitude 600-800'

General Description

This plantation lies to the north and west of the farm of Garrol & adjoins the estate of Glendye. It is exposed to the south. The soil is thin and sharp suitable to the growth of Scots Fir & Larch.

1884
(Mr Rae)

94 Acres consisting of Scotsfir, & a few larch and spruce of about 21 years of age. Excepting the portion where the soil is thin, the plantation is doing very well. First thinning operations are being presently carried out by contract at the rate of 4/6 per acre, and the drains will require scouring out after thinning operations are completed. The wood would be improved by being brushed down in a year or two afterwards.

1885-86
(Mr Rae)

The whole of this plantation was thinned during season 1884 to 1885 and during the past winter a number of the drains have been scoured and a small portion of the plantation brushed. The balance of the plantation will require to be brushed but this had better lie over for a year or two.

- 1891 Cut a few larch for West Hills Fence.
- 1892-94 Nil
- 1895 Partly cleared of dead & suppressed trees.
- 1896 Cut dead wood.
- 1897-98 Nil
- 1899 Renewed wire fence on North side next Garrol Farm.
- 1900 Nil
- 1901 Repeated fence along south side next West Hills, and removed a part of fence at West end.
- 1902 Renewed western part of fence next Garrol Farm.
- 1903 Sold 149 blown larch and 505 blown Scotsfir to John Bisset for £31/5/- the price per tree being, for larch 2/6 and for Scotsfir 6.
- 1904 Cleared away the trees within stone circle which was excavated & planned by Mr Coles of the Society of Antiquaries Edinburgh. Bones & charcoal were found showing that burials had actually taken place, but nothing of special antiquarian value was unearthed.
- 1905 Cut additional shooting rides ~~XXXXXX~~ and backgoing larches for fencing.
- 1906 Cut additional shooting rides in west end.
- 1907 Cut dead trees as firewood and a few larches for estate purposes.

GARROL (CTD.)

1908	Cut dead trees as firewood and a quantity of larch for fencing.		
1909	do	do	do
1910	do	do	do
1911&12	Nil		
1913	Repaired ring fence.		
1914	Repaired ring fence. Cut dead trees as firewood.		
1915	do		do
1916	do		do
1917-19	Nil		
1920	Cut dead trees as firewood.		
1921	do	do	x see Shillofad for Sale 68 acres sold to A & G Patterson 1921.
1922	Nil		
1923-28	Cut dead trees as firewood.		
1929			

GLENHEAD

Extent 8 acres. Planted 1878. Fir & a few larch Altitude 560'

General Description

This wood is in the form of a belt on the N side of Glenhead and Broomhead Crofts, a part of the estate where such a shelter is desirable. The soil is thin but suitable to the growth of SP.

- 1884
(Mr Rae) 6 acres consisting of SP and a few larch 5-6 yrs old. SP are thriving fairly well but the whole wood requires B.U. with SP and spruce, the only suitable plants for the ground.
- 1885-86 The following plants were put in during this season 4.5M 1+2SP and 1.5M spruce. A no. of drains where necessary have been newly done. The wood still requires a few M. SP and spruce for BU and a no. of whins cut out. It has then every chance to succeed.
- 1891 Nil
- 92 Fenced SE side and cleared a close growth of whin on E side.
- 93 Cleared whins.
- 94 Nil
- 95 Cleared whins at E end of plantation.
- 96&97 Nil
- 1898 Repaired fence on S side next Broomhead. The blank state of this wood could still be improved by having the whins cleared out and the blanks filled up with large sized plants of larch.
- 1899-06 Nil
- 1907 Cut a few larch trees for estate purposes.
- 09&09 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 1910 Nil
- 1911 Cut backgoing larches for fencing purposes.
- 1 912 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 1913&14 Nil
- 1915 Cut dead trees as firewood also larch for posts.
- 1916-25 do do do
- 1926&27 Nil
- 1928 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 1929

HILLHEAD CROFT

Extent 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Planted 1922. Vars. SP, SS NS and Fraser R Douglas in SE corner. Altitude 600-700'.

General Description

This plantation is situated on the site which Hillhead Croft formerly occupied and is adjacent to Brachmont Wood on the west side. In some parts the soil is a fair depth and suitable to the growth of the varieties planted. The ground was thoroughly ditched before being planted and these will require to be attended to periodically.

- 1923 This plantation has been very much destroyed by rabbits. It has been B.U. with SS from the road to the old house, and the lower flat next the old wood.
- 1924 B.U. and all blanks filled up.
- 1925-29 Nil

KEITH'S HILL

Extent 3 acres. Planted 1858. Fir & a few larch. Alt. 100-130'

General
Description

This wood is situated on the bank of the R. Dee near to Keith Tower. It is exposed to the N. The soil is light and gravelly but suitable to the growth of SP when once established.

1884.
(Mr Rae)

3 acres consisting of SP with a few larch of about 26 years of age. A few trees could be taken out, but not of much value.

1891

Nil

1892

Cleared of dead wood, and a few larch trees cut for piling river bank.

93

A few larch trees cut for piling river bank.

94

Nil

95

Fences repaired.

1896-1904.

Nil

1905

Cleared away the Laburnum trees in clump surrounding tower on account of a case of cattle poisoning which occurred in the field there, the cause of death being ascribed by the vet. surgeon to the cattle having eaten of the inflorescence of the laburnum trees.

1906

Nil

07

Pruned trees overhanging field.

08

Nil

09

Cut dead trees as firewood.

10-28

Nil

1929

KINCLUNY

Extent 2 acres. Planted 1840-63. Fir larch, spruce, & hardwood. Alt 130'

General

Description

This wood is situated on the farm of Kincluny opposite east entrance to Durris House. The ground on S side of burn is flat and the soil deep and suitable to the growth of DF. The ground on N side of burn is a dry gravelly ridge suitable only for SP.

- 1891 Nil
- 92 A no. of hardwooded spireas were planted in S side for game cover
- 93 Large no. of N.S. D.F and Beech were planted for game cover.
- 94 Nil
- 95 Fence renewed along west side.
- 96-98 Nil
- 1899 Renewed the entire length of wire fence on E side. It has been decided to cut out all the old NS and SF prune up the remaining Hwds. and plant up closely with large ball plants of DF to form game cover. A commencement has been made with the felling.
- 1900 Cut all the old NS and SF which along with a few from the policies and DrumAllan Clump were exposed for sale and purchased by Dyer & Co Peebles for £ ? . The remaining Hwds were carefully pruned and where standing too thin on the ground others were introduced procured from Flabbets plantation. These were from 20-80' high. All the ground was pitted and filled up with young DF 3'-5' high. By careful tending many of these may be grown to produce excellent timber, while other which cannot have sufficient headroom should be headed over some years hence & thereby maintain a close cover for game.
- 1901 Nil
- 1902 Pruned hardwood trees interfering with heads of young DF.
- 1903 Nil
- 1904 Again pruned up the Hwds to give headroom to the DF which continue to make vigorous growth, many of the trees having reached 16'.
- 1905-6 Nil
- 07 Repaired fence on E side.
- 08-10 Nil. Crown thinning of the old hardwoods in order to provide further headlight to the young DF which have now reached a height of over 20' is now required.
- 1911 Thinned out the crowns of the old Hwds as suggested and pruned all dead wood off their boles.
- 1912-28 Nil
- 1929

KIRKTON

Extent 75 acres. Planted 1840-65. Vars. Fir, Larch, Hwood & DF. Alt. 150-300'

General Description

This plantation occupies the slope on both sides of Sheeoch Burn from Little Tulloch to Kirkton. The exposure is principally to the SW. The soil is dry and of a fair depth. Near to Kirkton the surface is steep and rocky. The whole plantation is suitable to the growth of larch & DF.

1884
(Mr Rae)

86 acres consisting of SP larch spruce and Hwoods. About 14 acres of this plantation consists of larch and SP principally the former of about 53 years and good growth. About 30 acres are covered with Hwood of about 30-50 years of age, growing well. The remaining portion of the plantation is composed of SP larch oak etc. of various ages from about 20-30 years. A good portion of this plantation is in want of immediate thinning and brushing down. Thinnings not of much value.

1891

Nil

92

Cut backgoing larch for Estate fences.

93

Cut dead wood west of Sheeoch and ash tree from bridge below mill.

94

Fence renewed opposite part of Milltown Farm. This plantation suffered by gale of 22 Dec. especially on SE corner.

95

Fence renewed opposite part of Milltown Farm.

96

Nil

97

A few blown SP out for firewood.

98

Renewed fence around Kirkton Croft (Milne's). Sold to John Souter 225 larch blown in 1894, 18 silver firs, and 6 SP which realised £32/8/-.

99-1900

Nil

1901

The part of M-dams which has become broken up by successive gales was offered for sale and purchased by Dyer & Co. Peebles for £280. The total no. of trees was 1387, divided as follows: 518 larch, 869 Scots fir & spruce. The price obtained is equal in cubic feet to 1/- for larch timbers, 10d for spars and 5d for SP and spruce all over. Other ? larch and ? SP overgrowing the young DF to the E of above were sold to Dyer & Co. for £75. Prices corresponding.

1902

Cleaned up stems of trees along roadside and cut out dead trees. Erected fence opposite Milltown's westmost field.

1903

Nil

1904

Cut a few blown larches. The unplanted part at the SE corner should now be cleared of the few straggling trees of SP and Birch, the growth of heather and whins burned and the ground replanted. The soil is of good/

KIRKTON (CTD.)

- 1904 good quality and would be likely to produce a good crop of larch.
- 1905 Drained the wet part near SE corner of wood and scoured the main drain to River. Cleared the DF plants in part near M.dams of bramble and bracken and filled up blanks with the same variety.
- 1906 The part at SE corner about 12 acres drained last year and at present covered by a growth of valueless scrub might now be advantageously replanted. Towards the lower end of this clearing a few isolated larch and SP of rough growth are standing, and these if marketed would probably cover all expenses incurred in preparing the site for recropping. The soil not having previously borne a crop for some time (the plantation having been burned while young) is favourable to the growth of larch and for the further inducement for the employment of this species it may be pointed out that the adjoining part under the same crop is now worth about £70 per acre. By planting now and taking advantage of the shelter afforded by the old plantation, the young plantation would reap a material benefit & be fully established before being deprived of much needed shelter.
- 1907 Cleared off rank growth of bramble and BU part on W side of Sheesoch with DF. Fenced part opposite M.dams, burned the remainder of brush, and cleared off the straggling trees and other rank growth preparatory to replanting.
- 1908 Replanted the above part with larch & SP a few JL being mixed with those species. The soil is poor in quality & growth at best will be slow. A considerable amount of damage was caused by rabbits, especially to the larches.
- 1909 Cut all the straggled trees on the part at the SE corner as proposed ~~formerly~~ formerly & sold to A & G Paterson for £150. It was intended to plant up the ground in the ensuing spring but on account of the difficulty connected with the removal of the timber and the amount of preparatory work to be undertaken prior to replanting the ground it was deemed advisable to delay the work until the following autumn.
- 1910 Cleared off the brushwood and completed the necessary draining preparatory towards replanting.
- 1911 Replanted all the acre formerly prepared, the trees being grouped according to their demands on soil moisture etc. The damper parts were planted with SS and Thuja gigantea while groups of A Grandis, Nobidis, larch and SP were planted on the drier soils. The ground both here and nearby M.dams will again require to be BU on account of damage by rabbits and hares.
A wire netted fence has been erected around the SE part and the part nearby M-dams will require to be similarly protected.
- 1912 BU the part to the S of Kirkton Hall with 25000 larch, 30000 SP, 2000 Grandis and 500 NS from Home Nursery.
- 1913 Cleared the above young plants of bracken & bramble growths. The matured wood in this plantation was sold to A & G P for £1900. The trees were a mixture of Larch SP & Spruce.
- 1914-23 Nil
- 1924 In/

KIRKTON (DTD.)

1924 In Kirkton den - Brush all cleared up and burned, cut surface ditches in all wet parts, and planted up the whole area with DF, NS & SS.

1915-28 Nil

1929

MARKET STANCE

Extent 3 acres. Planted 1 acre 1881* and 2 acres 1902* Fir & larch

Altitude 130'

General Description

This plantation is situated on E side of Station Road and between the farms of Kincluny & Drumallan. The surface is nearly flat & the soil gravelly and suitable to the growth of SP only.

1884.
(Mr Rae) 1½ acres planted 3 years ago and consisting of SP and larch. Larch not doing well. BU with SP requiring to be done.
- 1885-6
(Mr Rae) During season 4800 2+2 SP have been planted and the whins cut out. It remains to be seen how the plants will succeed.
- 1891 Nil
- 1892 A new wire fence was erected along E & part of S side.
- 1893 Fence of S side completed.
- 1894 Nil
- 1895 Fence on N side renewed.
- 1896-1900 Nil
- 1901 Cleared the unplanted part at W end of whins & broom & enclosed with rabbit proof netting preparatory to planting in spring. The larch have nearly all disappeared from this wood but the SP stand closely & regularly on the ground and are in a thriving condition. The remaining larch and dead & suppressed SP may be taken out now, but no thinning beyond what is actually required to keep the trees in a healthy state should be practised, the great aim being to induce height & cleanness of bole.
- 1902 Planted the part at W end with 3yr SP from seed grown in Ballochbuie Forest, Balmoral.
- 1903 Cut over whins & broom suppressing young plants.
- 1904-6 Nil
- 1907 Cleared the plants of whins & broom.
- 1908 Nil
- 1909 The part planted in 1902 is in an exceptionally thriving condition and as no BU has ever been required on account of the exclusion of rabbits by wire netting fence and all the trees therefore now above rabbit height the wire netting has been removed.
- 1910-11 Nil
- 1912/

MARKET STANCE (CTD.)

1912 A large growth of whins was cut out here.

1913-16 Nil

1927-28 Cut dead trees as firewood.

* are more or less equal in area.

MOUNTHAMMOCK

Extent 53 acres, planted 1875-83. Fir & larch. Altitude 600-700'

General Description

This plantation occupies the high ground between the farms of C-daff & Mounthamock & slopes to the E and W. The soil is suitable for SP but is rather wet especially on the top where the surface is flat.

1884
(Mr Rae)

80*acres from 1 to 9 years of age, SP & larch. Thriving fairly well, will require BU but the blanks will be more decided in a year or two. Some whins require to be cut at once.

1891&2

Nil

1893

Fenced along east side opposite C-daff Farm.

1894&5

Nil

1896

Trees cut back from side of plantation road.

1897

Nil

1898

Renewed fence on N side and lower part of W side.

1899

Nil

1900

Renewed fence on top half of W side next Mounthamock Farm.

1901

Nil

190

Cleared additional shooting rides, cleared away the growth of whins on E. side and renewed the fence at top end of plantation opposite rough ground.

1906

Cut additional shooting rides in S end of plantation.

1907-13

Nil

1914-29

Cut dead trees as firewood.

*Discrepancy somewhere. TA

1902

Cleared the shooting ride of whins up the centre of plantation and brushed trees to form other rides.

1903-04

Nil.

MULLOCH

Extent 202 acres. Planted 1873. Fir & a few larch. Alt. 600-830'

General Description

- 1884
(Mr Rae) This plantation covers the Mulloch Hill & extends from the farm of East Mulloch to the estate boundary on the west. The ground is in the form of a long ridge with slopes to N & S. The soil along the ridge is suitable for SP and that on both slopes, but especially the Northerly, for SP ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and larch. 200 acres of about 11 years consisting almost entirely of SP about $\frac{1}{3}$ of this wood is thriving well, but the other $\frac{2}{3}$ are in want of immediate close BU. This will require a large no. of plants say 300,000 2+1 and 2+2. A no. of large sized larch could be profitably planted where the ground is suitable. A few acres require draining about Upperton Farm.
- 1885-6
(Mr Rae) A good portion of this wood will still require BU and during the autumn and winter the greater part of the young trees will require to be judiciously knifed.
- 1891 Fenced SW side from Garrol to W. Mulloch. Cut extensive shooting rides & removed double leaders over a part of plantation.
- 1892 Commenced thinning where most pressing and general training of trees. Supplied posts for fence opposite E Mulloch.
- 1893 Continued thinning and training trees. This work has now been over $\frac{2}{3}$ of wood.
- 1894&5 Nil
- 96 Cut additional shooting rides from E to W and from S side towards central ridge.
- 97-99 Nil
- 1900 Renewed fence on N side next to E and W Mulloch Farms.
- 1901 Nil
- 02 Cut additional shooting rides.
- 03 Sold to John Bisset 52 blown larch @ 2/6, 110 blown SP at 6d realising in all £9/5/-.
- 04&05 Nil
- 1906 Cut additional shooting rides in western part of plantation.
- 07 Nil
- 08 Cut dead trees as firewood and a few larch trees for fencing.
- 09-12 Nil
- 1913 Cut blown larch & SP and sold to A & G P. for £19.
- 14&15 Cut dead trees as firewood.
- 16 Repaired fence round E & N side, also cut dead trees as firewood.

MULLOCH (ctd.)

1917-20	Nil
1921	Cut dead trees as firewood.
1922	Repaired fence.
1923-28	Cut dead trees as firewood.