

B A D A N L O C H

Memorandum of interview with Captain

Wood at Grantown on 11th May 1913.

PEATS

The Peat cutting hitherto was left in the hands of Campbell: it has been unsatisfactory: Captain Wood suggests that I advertise for Tenders for the cutting of 1500 yards - presumably this means cubic yards. A man John "Brown" formerly cut the peats, - a good enough man at the work: keep him in view in accepting tenders. Hitherto 1000 yards was to be cut and last year this quantity cost £17: 10/- . The cutting includes turning, carting and stacking. Mowat to be responsible for seeing that the work is truly done. The Contractor to provide all necessary tools.

HAY.

Advertise also for the hay cutting: about 10½ acres to be cut, made and stacked: the Gillies to help in stacking but Contractor to do thatching and provide all tools. Evander Mackay usually does the hay: keep him in view. From two or three pounds in Mr J. B. Taylor's time the hay cutting has risen to 10 guineas! Mowat responsible that the work be truly done just as in the case of the peats.

The park at the kennels reserved for Captain Wood and also the hay park at Garden. The next park shared by the Gardener and <sup>second</sup> third keepers. The middle or ~~Mill~~ park to be the Headkeeper's, and the one next it the second keeper's. They have to cut the hay and stack it at their own expense.



BOATS

All the Boats on the Lochs to be overhauled - keel plates, varnishing and bottom boards. Ascertain whether reliable boat builder can be found, and get terms. See letter from Alexander Ross and Coy., Inverness, whose terms Captain Wood considers unreasonable.

(1) Factor

(2) HEADKEEPER

Captain Wood desires me to undertake <sup>the</sup> management of Badanloch for him on similar lines to Salzeraggie: New Keeper not to have the same "rope" or responsibility as the Old Keeper. Peter Mowat appointed Head Keeper. The following is a memo: of terms and conditions:-

Wages £65 a year paid quarterly, a suit of clothes and vermine money. He can keep 6 cows and 2 Heifer calves so that they can take the place of cows going out of milk: all other calves to be disposed of as calves. Four of the cows always to be in milk in July, August, September, and October, for the use of the Lodge. The Lodge will pay for all milk consumed. Out-run of grass for hay given, but Keeper to pay all expenses in connection with the cutting, making and stacking of hay. He is to provide lodging for any tradesmen who come to do work at Badanloch. He receives 2/- a week for each dog fed, but nothing for puppies till they are 2 months old. Takes charge of Captain Wood's property generally and is responsible for all pipes and outbuildings apart from the Lodge. His wife receives £10 a year for looking after the Lodge while the family are absent. (Captain Wood has subsequently instructed J.S., to inform Mowat that he and not his wife is to be regarded as the Caretaker of the house. This in order to avoid N.H. Insurance responsibilities). Right to cut peats at his own expense. Responsibility extends to boats and boat-houses and all sanitary and water pipes.

The Headkeeper's wages are met half by the Duke and half by Captain Wood, but Captain Wood pays Mowat in full and settles up with the Estate Office subsequently.

Thennels - what about fuel. Campbell says he is supplied with fuel - Enquiry.

1/- a Head all vermin  
10/- old tools  
5/- a cub.

Mowat feels that  
he will need the  
1/4 per gal.



## GILLIES

In engaging the Gillies in the Autumn it is well for the Keeper to bargain with them for the Heather-burning of the following Spring. Should ~~not~~<sup>they</sup> fail to implement their obligation they need not be taken on again as Gillies. Gillies receive 3/4d. a day. If heatherburning cannot be done ~~a man~~<sup>the men</sup> engaged can go into the garden and turn it over or to any other work such as the dressing of foot-paths &c. The Heads, Tom Munro, and David Sinclair, receive 3/6 a day. Captain Wood recommends the employment of any boys that can be secured around Kinbrace for the heatherburning. He disapproves of up-standing pay.

Captain Wood desires to continue<sup>paying</sup> the Gillies at the end of the season.

*Lunch money?*

## GROUSE DRAINS.

Captain Wood had arranged for 1000 chains to be cut by Donald Mackay, Bighouse, before the 15th of April 1913, but none have been cut. Put to Mowat the question if he would still like them cut this year or not. If so instruct him to have it done according to his own views. Possibly, however, he will wish this matter postponed on account of the nesting season being on. The Beat upon which drains badly needed is "Black-point". Probably he may see his way to have them cut in June or July and if so he can order up to 1000 chains. Drains to be cut to same pattern as those already made. Drains to be contracted for through Mowat. They run at about 6d. a chain. Write Captain Wood on this matter after Mowat enters on his duties and decides.

*In each June  
+ July.*



### HEATHERBURNING

J.S. to go into the question of Heatherburning with Mowat. This used to cost round about £12. Last year it reached £54 (see Head "Gillies").  
The cows Captain Wood authorizes me to advance him from £20 to £100. This money he can pay up as he finds it convenient, or by the milk and egg bill. But cows must calve to suit Captain Wood's requirements. If any should fall they must be sold and others procured.

### BULL

Captain Wood stipulates that no bull is to be kept at Badanloch. Campbell, the retiring keeper, always kept a Herd and it is to be presumed that Mowat will likewise find it necessary to do so. Discuss this with him.

### PONIES.

There are 5 or 6 hill ponies. Mowat has to see to Ponies and the 2 floats and also to the heavy cart. He will meet me at Kinbrace Station any time I have to go there.

### MILK & EGGS

Headkeeper to supply milk and eggs. These supplies used to amount to about £45. Ask Mowat about price of milk. Campbell charged at the rather high rate of 1/4d per gallon.  
for the Lodge a third time in advance of the arrival of the family.

It has been the custom that certain duties in connection with the carting and the ponies have been delegated to the second keeper and certain others to the third keeper. This arrangement may be continued as far as possible, but

## COWS

Should Mowat find it inconvenient to pay down all the money needed for the purchase of the cows Captain Wood authorises me to advance him from £80 to £100. This money he can pay up as he finds it convenient, or by the milk and egg bill. But cows must calve to suit Captain Wood's requirements. If any should fail they must be sold and others procured.

## TRADESMEN.

Any Tradesmen that go up to Badanloch, Mowat will find their lodgings. These are usually shared with the second keeper, but not with the third keeper. All the keepers, however, are supposed to assist in this sort of thing, <sup>there is no such</sup> but the stipulation is that lodgings for tradesmen is not contained in the third keeper's Agreement.

## THE DAM.

Mowat is to look after Badanloch Dam. He takes his orders from Factor Morrison. Mr Sykes will go up and explain as to the working of the Dam to Mowat. Campbell has all the papers connected with the Dam and will doubtless also explain to Mowat.

*Campbell says  
he has no papers  
except his note  
books.*

*Rules delivered to Mowat.*  
Any damage such as burst pipes, slates off etc., to be communicated direct to Mr Horne by Headkeeper. Mr Horne, having built Badanloch and understands all about it, Captain Wood wishes him specially to be invited by the Keeper to anything that may go wrong.

## CARTING.

*DOGS.*  
All the carting for Captain Wood, the Underkeepers are supposed to do under Head Keeper's instructions, but now any carting for Contractors. Stores are to be sent up for the Lodge a <sup>short</sup> third time in advance of the arrival of the family.

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CROPPING. the Headkeeper may change the custom if he sees good reason for doing so. Both the Underkeepers are of course responsible to Mowat. Hitherto the Second keeper had the responsibility of the whole of the Ponies, and the third keeper <sup>that of</sup> ~~for~~ the stable in the winter.

INTERMEDIARY  
TRADESMEN.

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LODGE.

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DOGS.

GROUPS & DRUGS. The Headkeeper is supposed to provide all dressings of a simple nature. But serious things and extra medicines including the services of the Vet: Surgeon will be chargeable against Captain Wood.



CROFTERS.

There are 3 old Crofters on the Shooting. Captain Wood has been helping them and he wishes to continue to do so on the old lines. The Gardener used to look after them and see to their little requirements.

ESTIMATING KEYS.

Mr Campbell has the following keys:-

Outside W.C.

INVENTORY.

Captain Wood to send J.S. Inventory on his arrival in London. Particular items requiring checking will be crossed in blue pencil. Return Inventory when done with.

Petrol Gas Shed

Mr Campbell to deliver up the following guns:-

1 Double barrel gun (Ward's Macrae)

1 Rifle 500 Express single

VERMINE.

Campbell's vermine to be checked carefully. It will chiefly consist of foxes.

Captain Wood does not want but he is prepared if I think right to give him £3 for the use it has been to Captain Wood. Allow Campbell for Gun stock.

See Captain Wood's letter of 17th May. See also

Campbell's letter regarding hay shed and Gun chains.

CAPTAIN WOOD'S MOVEMENTS arrive at Badanloch on 15th July. Goes south to London to-day and returns to Dalchroy on 20th June where he will stay till he comes north. Is particular that all cows ~~to~~ be in full milk by that time. He thinks that Mowat will require fully the number of cows specified, to keep house going.

Laundry and Wash-house page 36

Ward's Room " 37

Carriage Shed " 37

Workshop " 37

Skinning House & larder " 38

Gun Room " 38

Ward's " 38

GROUSE & DEER.

It is Captain Wood's intention to develop the Grouse moor. At present everything is sacrificed for Deer, but he hopes Mowat will effect a transformation, making Grouse first consideration, and Deer second consideration. Con-



siders there are far too many Hinds. Feeding of the Deer costs £24 to £30 a year.

RETIRING KEEPER. Mr Campbell has the following keys:-

- ✓ Outside W.C. *Painted*
- ✓ Motor House *in door*
- ✓ Petrol Shed
- ✓ Hut at Dam
- ✓ Men's Outside W.C.
- ✓ Boat, Lamp, stick rooms
- ✓ Drying Room
- ✓ Petrol Gas Shed

Mr Campbell to deliver up the following guns:-

- ✓ 1 Double barrel gun (Murdo Macrae) ✓ *Edmund*
  - ✓ 1 Rifle 500 Express single ✓
  - ✓ 1 Rifle Mannlicher *(one new)* ✓
  - ✓ 1 Rifle Lee Metford .303 with telescopic sight ✓
  - ✓ 1 Rook Rifle ~~295~~ Holland *(300)* ✓
- also 3 rifle covers.*  
*also various rods.*

*Says all  
Capt  
Wood's  
friends  
shot with  
rifle -*

*Wont accept any  
thing for use. Said  
he would let Duke  
have it.*

See Campbell's letter about his rifle which Captain Wood does not want, but he is prepared if I think right to give him £5 for the use it has been to Captain Wood. Allow Campbell for Gun stock.

See Captain Wood's letter of 17th May. See also *£3-11-0*  
*3-15-0*

Campbell's letter regarding hay shed and cow chains.

Captain Wood thinks Mowat ought to take this over, but directs me to do what I think is fair. Enquire, however, if Campbell has not built his hay-shed out of Captain Wood's material.

in Inventory

The Principal Items which Campbell is to hand over are as follows:-

Laundry and Wash-house	page 36
Harness Room	" 37
Carriage Shed	" 37
Workshop	" 37
Skinning house & larder	" 38
Gun Room	" 38
Kennels	" 40
Keeper's Workshop & byre	" 40
Cart Shed	" 40
Corn Bin- Deer Park	

Captain Wood says that I shall have to exercise my discretion in a lot of the smaller things as many have been



worn out and some replaced, but the larger things such as corn bins, telescopes &c., ought to be delivered up.

PONIES.

- ✓ 2 Horses in stable - "Captain" and "Dick"
- ✓ 2 Old Hill Ponies Geldings 20 years
- ✓ 1 Old Mare 24 years, should be in foal - doubtful -
- ✓ 1 young mare 9 years
- ✓ 2, two year olds

Mowat has to see to the Ponies and the two floats, and also to the heavy cart. He will meet me at Kinbrace Station any time I have to go. there

Waggonette { To be sold. Take names of makers and  
+ other particulars.  
Brougham {  
King  
Fraser Helmsdale  
Wm Grant  
Brougham - W & E Thorne London  
Magnetic Fraser Zain  
(Brougham out for half a year)  
Campbell says - badly jolted.

Rates & Taxes. Am I to receive & check the demand notes?