

A SCOTTISH CATTLE AND SHEEP STATION.

Mr Colin Campbell Buchanan, of Caolis, visited the island and his estate last week for the first time since he came of age. The estate of Caolis has been noted in the western islands for raising Highland cattle and sheep, and under the present energetic manager, Mr Colin MacDougall, has improved considerably, gaining prizes for that kind of stock on several occasions in Oban among a large number of well-known competitors, and there is no doubt that these improvements will be vigorously continued in the future. The young proprietor is the son of Mr Alexander Buchanan, M.D., of Tiree - a gentleman who has endeared himself to the people of both Tiree and Coll by his great professional skill, his generosity, and other excellent qualities - and of the eldest daughter of the late Mr Colin Campbell, of Achnacloch, in Lorn, and of Caolis and Cornaig, in Coll, who went to Australia when young, and succeeded so well by his own enterprise that he purchased these three estates in succession shortly after his return. The old people of Coll will hold his memory dear as long as any of them survives for his great kindness towards them in 1861. When a large number of them were to be removed from the island at that time he gave them almost all of Cornaig estate to occupy in order, as he said, to keep the old people in the country, and out of pure philanthropy, as he could get more income from it by letting it out as one tack. Had all Highland proprietors been of the same mind there would not be so much need for land law reform. No wonder, therefore, that the old Coll people should welcome his grandson among them, and it is hoped the next time he visits the island he will stay longer and afford them an opportunity to extend to him "a Highland welcome", a wish of long life and enjoyment; and, if he follows in the footsteps of his forefathers, he will amply deserve it.

- contributed by Andrew Campbell