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MACLAREN.—At Craigs, Linlithgow, on 5th May, 1936. Colonel Robert Maclaren, T.D., D.L., of Craigs, and of Robert Maclaren & Co., Ltd., Port Eglinton, Glasgow, in his 76th year.—Funeral private; interment at Logie Churchyard to-morrow (Friday) at 3 p.m.; no flowers (his own request).

caused me to compile the following

Famous Industrialists – Robert Maclaren (Senior) and (Junior)
1st Cousins thrice and twice removed
Of
John Henderson of Stirling, Scotland
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Robert Maclaren (1817-1889)



Robert Maclaren & Co.,
Robert Maclaren & Co., Iron Founder and Manufacturer of patent cast-iron pipes, Eglinton Iron Works, Port Eglinton. Among the greatest of Glasgow's iron industries stands that carried on at the above address by Messrs. Robert Maclaren & Co., a firm whose name has become most closely and creditably associated with the manufacture of all classes of cast-iron pipes for gas, water, and sanitary purposes.

This eminent house was founded in 1858 by Mr. Robert Maclaren, who had a thorough training in the important branch of iron founding to which he has subsequently devoted his energies, and whose experience and knowledge have been applied to the marked improvement of the class of goods he has made it his business to produce. The firm commenced operations at their present fine premises, the Eglinton works, which have been enlarged and altered from time to time to meet the requirements of an ever-growing trade, which now cover no less an area than 26,000 square yards of ground, and employ from six to eight hundred hands, according to the amount of work in process of execution.

To describe in detail the many interesting phases and features of this thoroughly typical establishment would carry us far beyond the limits of this necessarily concise sketch. It is, perhaps, sufficient to record that there is no department in the entire works in which the productive facilities and capacity have not been brought up to the very best modern standard, and in not a few instances there are manifested certain methods, arrangements, and conveniences of an unique order, the outcome and result of this firm's long and exhaustive experience applied to the best and most effective purpose.

The mechanical and general equipment of the Eglinton Iron Works is beyond praise. It represents the perfection of adequacy and efficiency that can only be attained after years of labour and experiment, and illustrates the laudably intelligent use Messrs. Maclaren and Co. have made of every resource brought within their reach by the gradual and continuous development of the industry they control.

The situation of the works completes the sum total of their recommendation as an industrial centre, and the railway lines running through them, coupled with their proximity to the river wharfrage, afford every desirable facility of transport and shipments. About three-fifths of the

area covered by the works is devoted to the purposes of yards, and constitutes storage ground for many thousands of tons of cast-iron pipes of all kinds and sizes, complete and finished, and ready for shipment to any quarter of the globe.

The Mercantile Age, referring to Messrs. Maclaren and Co.'s establishment, in a recent issue, says: "Their works, as we have said, are replete with everything that science has dictated for the ablest construction of their specialties, and their reputation has long been firmly established with foreign Governments and corporations, as well as those at home, and we are glad to bear this tribute of praise in acknowledgment of their untiring energy, excellent workmanship, and business-like transactions." Messrs. Maclaren & Co. are among our greatest manufacturers of iron pipes. They are, in fact, specialists in this most important industry, and their productions in gas and water-pipes of every description have a reputation that is international.

once adopted and actively employed by the house. Such a policy of progressive enterprise can have but one result, beneficial alike to those pursuing it and to the world-wide public in whose interests it is developed and adhered to. Messrs. Robert Maclaren & Co. control a trade of universal range and immense magnitude: Their pipes for water and gas supply and for various sanitary uses are in demand among all civilised nations, and are shipped in ever-increasing quantities to every quarter of the globe.

Untiring energy, excellence of production, and straightforward commercial principles are the united causes of this satisfaction, effect; and the business now centered at the Eglinton Works is a monument to the characteristic capacity and enterprise of a representative Glasgow firm, and a credit to the great national industry in which is a factor of first-rate importance.

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MACLAREN, Robert.

Value of Estate, £296,771, 15s. 6d.

6 May.—Confirmation of Robert Maclaren, Ironfounder, Glasgow, residing at Ardenshaw, Pollokshields, who died 2 April 1889, at Pollokshields, testate, granted at Paisley, to Mary Jane Finlay or Maclaren, his widow, Robert Maclaren, his son, William Lochore Brown, Writer, Glasgow, William Kennedy, St Margaret's, Newart Drive, Pollokshields, Alexander Moffat, Shipowner, Glasgow, and William Stewart, Timber Merchant there, his sons-in-law, Executors nominated in Will or Deed, dated 27 February 1888, and Codicil, dated 9 March 1889, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Renfrew, 3 May 1889.

Another Snippet ...about his son

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THE EXCHANGE

KING ON GLASGOW'S COMMERCE

THE CENTENARY YEAR

At the Glasgow Royal Exchange, which the King and Queen visited in the course of the afternoon, a large number of members of the Exchange and their friends assembled.

Colonel Robert Maclaren, chairman, in presenting a loyal address to their Majesties, drew attention to the fact that the visit synchronised with the centenary celebrations of the Exchange, which he said was the centre of the largest industrial area in Scotland.

The King, in reply, said the great industries and undertakings represented by the members of the institution were known in every quarter of the globe, and he congratulated them on the steady increase of the city's commerce.



Chairman Col. Robert Maclaren, 1860-1938, leaving Royal Exchange with HRH Prince George 'Bertie' in Glasgow on 27th April 1928

Scotland, National Probate Index (Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories), 1876-1936 for Robert MacLaren

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MACLAREN, Colonel Robert, T.D., D.L., The Craigs, Linlithgow, died 5 May 1936 at Linlithgow, testate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 5 August, to Marie Louise Maclaren, The Craigs aforesaid, his widow, Executor. Will dated 20 July 1934 recorded with other Writs Linlithgow 5 August 1936. Value of Estate, £45,596: 7: 7.