

have been able to lay out £1500 a-year on public improvements, such as opening new streets, building a handsome school, and establishing a city police. Formerly this town was the filthiest, but now it is one of the most neat and cleanly in Scotland. If the *turning out* system had succeeded here, we would probably have been now freed from our Police taxes.—The Burgh of Forfar has not one farthing of debt.

Mr Bannerman, when admitted into the Town Council, probably took an oath of secrecy, and will not admit us into the discoveries he may have made there ; but we have grounds for believing, that he there came to the knowledge, that on the New Street concern they had to pay £1300 more of interest than they had funds to meet them with. For all that, the Town Council would not let the feus for less than 30s. to 40s. per foot of front ; and yet, when the well known run was made upon the treasury, and the affairs of the new streets were under the management of Trustees, these let the feus at 8s. per foot. An equitable adjustment must soon take place here. If Mr Bannerman had the merit, when in the Council, of making this exposure, it follows, as a matter of course, that he had the merit of building Union Street, from Auchintoul's house, as far west on both sides as the houses erected. As to the first projector of the streets, they were the work of Provost Leys.

The *Observer* says, “ Mr Bannerman was elected a Commissioner of Police, but did not act,” from which he very calmly draws the inference, that he (Mr B.) should not be elected a member of Parliament. When we employ a porter, if we give him two cwt. to carry at a time, he marches off with his load very contentedly ; but, when employing him a second time, if we offer him 20 tons weight to carry, he will doubtless consider himself insulted, and leave us with indignation. It was no doubt with feelings of this kind, that Mr Bannerman saw himself placed, *hand and glove*, with twenty *antis*, as his fellow-commissioners, men, who he knew would oppose him in every liberal and patriotic measure.

If the *Observer* wishes Herculean men to represent us, men who will persevere under every difficulty, and