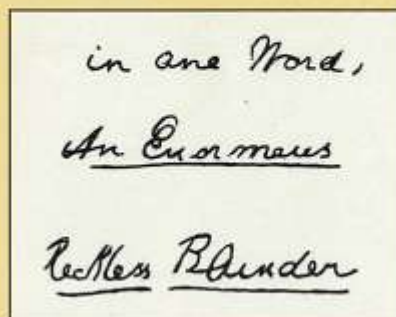


It was the separation of the Lewis Chemical Works into three sites - one at the river Creed and two at the Garrabost brickworks - that allowed James MacFadyen to run his own enterprise.



- 1 Lewis Chemical Works
- 2 Garrabost brickworks
- 3 Stills

Donald Morison's account of the Lewis Chemical Works was written in 1895 just a couple of years before he died and over twenty years after the works ceased. He writes with passion and a dry humour and this is never more evident than when he describes the separation of the workings into three sites where his frustration at the situation is apparent:



*'In one word, an enormous, reckless blunder'*



- 1 The site of Caunter's original works. Caunter produced tar only with the assistance of a local named Wilson who had a reputation for ingenuity. Wilson had been involved with the Gas Works in Stormoway and so would have had knowledge of distillation. Caunter came from Ashburton, near Exmoor in Devon, where attempts to distil peat had been successful.
- 2 The site of Paul's works. It was built on the top of the hill despite requiring water.
- 3 Line of Tramway to the tar pits.
- 4 Cartway from the main road to Caunter's works which became the first refinery.
- 5 Stream which flows to the River Creed. This stream took much pollution from the works, killing salmon.
- 6 Tar pits where the tar was allowed to cool.

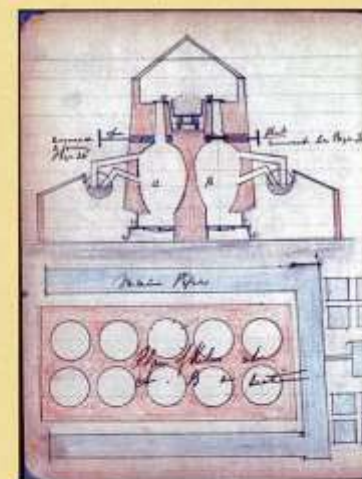


The remains of the Garrabost brick works. In the early part of the last century it was converted into a substantial dwelling house but is now used as a byre.



above: Dr Benjamin Horatio Paul, a man of many talents and achievements, who became editor of the *Pharmaceutical Journal* for many years.

below: A sketch of the kilns designed by Paul, taken from Donald Morison's journal.



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