



## APPENDIX II: REPORT OF MILITANT ATTACKS IN SCOTTISH NEWSPAPERS

The period of suffragette militancy in Scotland included disruptions of meetings and intercepting politicians on golf courses, as well as smashing of windows, damage to pillar boxes, and arson attacks on both public and private property. The table below is drawn from Leah Leneman, [\*A Guid Cause: The Women's Suffrage Movement in Scotland\*](#) (1991) and is confined to attacks on property. There will have been other incidents which led to arrests and trials, and perhaps imprisonment, so this does not represent a comprehensive list, but serves as a starting point for further research. In many of the cases listed there were no arrests, but there may have been police investigations. These attacks were attributed to suffragettes, but there was not evidence in all cases that suffragettes were responsible.

The information in the table is largely drawn from newspapers and women's suffrage journals: the *Scotsman*, the *Glasgow Herald*, *Dundee Advertiser*, *Dundee Courier*, *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch*, and *The Suffragette*. There is likely to be more information about further incidents in other local newspapers, as well as information in police and court records.

### Attacks on property attributed to suffragettes in Scotland

Date in press	Nature of attack	Estimated damage	Arrests, if any
1912			
18 March	6 windows smashed in Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow	£100	Emily Green
7 September	Glass case containing Wallace Sword broken, Wallace Monument, Stirling	Not stated	'Edith Johnston' [Ethel Moorhead]
30 October	Window smashed in Dundee and attempt made on another	Not stated	Ellison Gibb, Fanny Parker
18 November	Bottles of brown fluid poured into Edinburgh pillar-boxes	All letters deliverable	
28 November	Corrosive fluid poured into Aberdeen letter-boxes	Not stated	
2 December	Inflammable fluid poured in Edinburgh, Leith and Kirkcaldy pillar-boxes	A number of letters damaged	
6 December	Inflammable fluid poured into two Glasgow pillar-boxes	Many letters damaged	
1913			
3 February	Edinburgh pillar-boxes tampered	Not stated	

	with		
6 February	Glasgow and Dundee pillar-boxes tampered with	Not stated	
10 February	Telegraph and telephone wires cut in west of Scotland	Suspension of services	
14 February	Damage to plate-glass case in Royal Scottish Museum	Not stated	
20 February	Over twenty Edinburgh and Leith pillar-boxes tampered with	Over 1000 letters damaged	
21 February	Two further Edinburgh letter-boxes tampered with	Not stated	
24 February	Edinburgh pillar-box tampered with	Not stated	
25 February	Letter-boxes in Kirkcaldy, Glasgow tampered with	Not stated	
3 March	Pillar-box attacks in Aberdeen and Edinburgh	Not stated	
8 March	Telegraph wires cut between Glasgow and Kilmarnock	Not stated	
8 March	Edinburgh pillar-boxes tampered with	Not stated	
7 April	Attempt to set fire to Kelso racecourse stand	None	Arabella Scott, Agnes and Elizabeth Thomson, Edith Hudson
7 April	Ayr racecourse stand destroyed by fire	Reported as £2000 in <i>Dundee Courier</i> , and £3500 in <i>Glasgow Herald</i>	
7 April	10 windows of Labour Exchange branch in Glasgow	Not stated	
7 April	Attempt to set fire to Dundee lawn tennis pavilion	None	
7 April	Glasgow pillar-box attack	Not stated	
9 April	Edinburgh and Glasgow pillar-box attacks	Not stated	
10 April	Dye poured into Dundee letter-box	Around 30 letters damaged	
12 April	Glasgow pillar-box attacks	Not stated	
15 April	Glasgow Bellahouston bowling green cut up	Not stated	
16 April	Motor car sent by train to Montrose had screen smashed, horn indented and one tyre punctured	Not stated	
28 April	Perthshire cricket club, Perth, destroyed by fire	£1250	
2 May	Bomb discovered in Dundee billiard room	None	
3 May	Ashley Road School, Aberdeen, set on fire	Reported as £1500 in <i>Edinburgh Evening Dispatch</i> , £500 in <i>Scotsman</i>	
7 May	Edinburgh pillar-boxes attacked	Not stated	
11 May	Farrington Hall, Dundee, burnt down	Reported in <i>Dundee Courier</i> and <i>Scotsman</i> as £10,000, and in the <i>Dundee Advertiser</i> as £15,000 - £20,000	
16 May	Home-made bomb found in Duke of Buccleuch's private chapel, Dalkeith	None	

21 May	Black oily liquid dropped in Edinburgh pillar-box	Eight letters damaged	
22 May	Bomb exploded in Royal Observatory, Blackford Hill, Edinburgh	£100	
2 June	Fire at Shields Road Railway Station, Glasgow	None	
10 June	Glasgow pillar-box attacks	Not stated	
13 June	Stair Park House, Tranent, burned	Not stated	
14 June	Corrosive fluid poured into five Edinburgh pillar-boxes	Not stated	
23 June	East wing of Gatty Marine Laboratory, University of St Andrews, destroyed by fire	£500	
27 June	Extensive attack on Dundee pillar-boxes	Not stated	
1 July	Leuchars railway station destroyed by fire	Reported in <i>Dundee Courier</i> and <i>Scotsman</i> as £2000, and in <i>Dundee Advertiser</i> as £1500	
1 July	Ballikinrain Castle, Killearn, destroyed by fire	Reported in <i>Scotsman</i> as £70,000 and in <i>Dundee Advertiser</i> as £100,000	
25 July	Attempt to set fire to Glasgow house	None	'Margaret Morrison' [Ethel Moorhead], Dorothea Chalmers Smith
22 August	Fire at Moreland House, Grange Loan, Edinburgh	£250	
23 August	Fire at Fettes College, Edinburgh	Not stated	
20 September	Forty holes dug in Airthly Bowling Green, Bridge of Allan	Not stated	
27 September	Three greens on Kilspindie golf links damaged by large circular holes cut in turf	Not stated	
6 December	Mansion-house of Kelly on Firth of Clyde destroyed	£30,000	
1914			
23 January	Cushions destroyed by corrosive fluids in an Edinburgh local train	Not stated	
26 January	Bomb at Kibble Palace, Botanic Gardens, Glasgow	Slight	
30 January	Bonnington House, Lanark, completely gutted	Originally valued at £18,000	
5 February	House of Ross, Perthshire, destroyed by fire	Not stated	
5 February	Allt-an-Phionn mansion, St Fillans, Perthshire, destroyed by fire	£3000-£4000	'Rhoda Robinson'
5 February	Aberuchill Castle, Perthshire, destroyed by fire	Not stated	
27 February	Whitekirk church destroyed by fire	£8000-£10,000	
13 March	Two plate-glass windows broken at military recruiting office, Glasgow	£20	Helen Crawford
13 March	Mansion-house of Robertland,	£1600	

	Ayrshire, extensively damaged by fire		
4 April	Attempt to set fire to mansion-house of Springhall, Rutherglen	None	Frances Gordon
4 April	Attempt made to blow up Belmont Parish Church, Glasgow	None	
23 May	Hospital for Women, Dundee, destroyed by fire	Not stated	
25 May	Attempt to blow up Glasgow water main pipe from Loch Katrine	None	
25 May	Portrait of King slashed at Royal Academy	Not stated	Maude Edwards
6 June	Attempt to bomb Dudhope Castle, Dundee	None	
8 June	Wood plantation on Tombuie set on fire	Not stated	'Rhoda Robinson', Jane Lynas
9 July	Attempt to blow up Burns Cottage, Alloway	None	'Janet Arthur' [Fanny Parker]
10 July	Chemical poured into five Dundee letter-boxes	Not stated	
14 July	Bomb exploded in Rossllyn Chapel, damaged window	Slight	
15 July	Attempt to burn new school at Lanark	Slight	