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Two chapters, one on Fisheries and the other on Weights and Measures, now appear for the first time. In connection with the latter I have to express my thanks and obligations to the Lord Provost and Municipal Authorities of Edinburgh, and to the Provost and Municipal Authorities of

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# MEDIÆVAL SCOTLAND.

## CHAPTER I.

### AGRICULTURE.

IN treating this subject it may be convenient to divide the past into certain periods, and deal with each separately, showing as far as possible the methods of cultivation used, the various crops raised, the value received for them, the relations between owners and occupiers, and the burdens imposed in the shape of rent (or payments and services in lieu of rent) for the use of the land. The taxes raised for national and local purposes and laid on land will be dealt with hereafter.

The divisions proposed are (1) the Pre-historic period, coming down to about the close of the seventh century; (2) the Celtic period, coming down to about the close of the twelfth century; (3)