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dents of Auchterless Station
four and a half miles to
to Fyvie if they wish a drink
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for "I've put a lot of hard work
s Mr into the building so far, but
runs there is a lot more to get
through before we're finished."

has He has been hard at the job
e old since the end of March, often
post working 12 hours a day in an
attempt to finish the pub
before New Year.

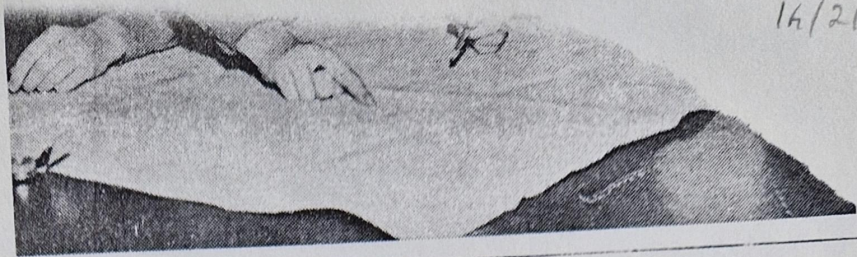
in the Mr Masson is especially
n the proud of the kitchen, which is
facili- all his own work. A modern
st, and sink unit and as many power
has at plugs as any housewife would
want are only a few of the
features in this part of the
house.

Mr Masson's wife, Margaret,
has every confidence the
venture will be a success.

Locals, too, are eagerly
awaiting the opening, which is
scheduled for Christmas week.



puts the finishing touches to the
sink unit in the public-house.



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The mill wheel puts power into Tillyfoure

AT the rear of Tillyfoure
Farm, Monymusk,
stands a nine-foot-high
water wheel, which for 12
years has supplied the
farm with all the electrical
power required.

"We can't use the wheel in
winter time when the burn is
frozen over," said farmer Fred
Marr, "but we have a small
generator run by a diesel
engine, which is run most of
the winter."

Several years ago the Hydro-
Electric Board were installing
electricity in the farms around
Monymusk but Mr Marr
declined with thanks as he
already had his own at a
fraction of the cost.

The idea of using the nearby
stream as his source of power
was already partly formulated
for Mr Marr as Tillyfoure
Farm had at one time been a
mill and the stream had been
used to drive the mill wheel.

There were, however, many
alterations to be made before
the idea could be put into
practice.

The stream had to be chan-
nelled to a suitable place, as
the original channelling which
had led to the mill had long
since been washed away.

For this work Mr Marr en-
listed the aid of a retired
stoneyer to rechannel the
burn and do the preparatory
stonework leading on to the
wheel.

A new water wheel was
brought from Banff as the
original mill wheel had long
since fallen to pieces.

All the wiring leading from
the wheel to the various points
of the house and surrounding

buildings was put in by Mr
Marr with some advice from a
local electrical handyman.

In all, the installation of the
wheel and wiring cost the
Marrs about £100 and that's all
it has cost them for the elec-
trical supply for the most of
the last 12 years.

All that is required to set
the wheel in motion is the
lowering of a small trapdoor
which, when no electricity is
required, allows the water to
fall to the lower level before it
reaches the wheel.

The power from the wheel is
geared through two lorries'
gearboxes to the dynamo
which in turn supplies the

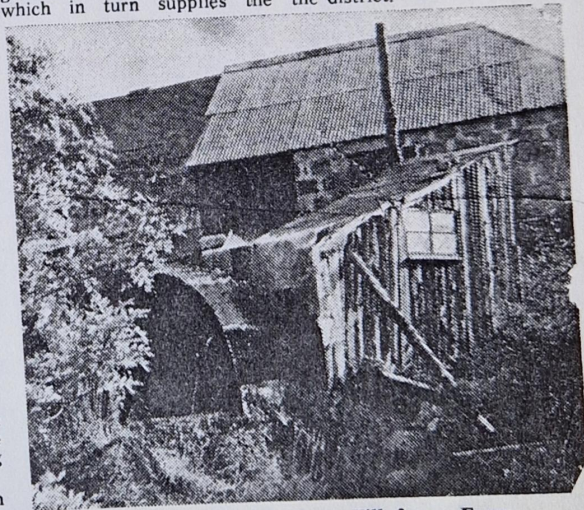
electricity to the house at a
steady 110 volts.

The speed of the wheel can
be regulated to keep it at this
same steady speed by a sluice
gate farther up the stream.

Mrs Charlotte Marr said that
the supply was so steady that
in all the time they've been
using the water wheel they've
never blown a fuse.

Mrs Marr has no problems
whatsoever with her domestic
appliances.

Even the television works
perfectly, so much so that the
electrician who fitted it in
remarked that the reception
was the best he had seen in
the district.



● The water-wheel at Tillyfoure Farm.