

**Letter to The Depute Chief Constable, The Castle, Inverness from Inspector A.  
Chisholm, Fort William, 18<sup>th</sup> May 1911 (GB3218/R91/D/C/1/20)**

Ascent of Bennevis [Ben Nevis] by Motor Car  
Constabulary Office  
Fort William, 18<sup>th</sup> May 1911

Sir,

I beg to report that a Motor Car,  
by Ford Motor Car Ltd Detroit,  
driven by Mr. Henry Alexander,  
of Messrs Alexander & Co., Edinburgh, ascended Bennevis [Ben Nevis] and  
yesterday a large company from London  
and Edinburgh [etc] ascended the Ben to view  
the car on the summit, and witness its  
descent, which was accomplished without  
any accident. The car returned to  
Fort William at 1. pm today. The shops were  
closed, and all business suspended for  
two hours. The return of the car was  
waited upon at the Alexandra Hotel.

The Territorial Pipe and Drum Band, the  
Town Council and general public turned  
out, and formed a procession through the  
town to Gordon Square, and back to  
Cameron Square where speeches were  
delivered – an immense crowd of people  
witnessed the return of the car.

I called in P.C.s Macdonald, Spean Bridge  
and Macdonald Onich for duty on this occasion.  
All passed over orderly and quietly, and  
P.C. Macdonald Spean Bridge returned to  
His Station at 4.30pm. and P.C. Macdonald  
Onich at 7. pm

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The Depute Chief Constable  
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