

1911

Jan 5 **There was an opening for a shop and Post Office** - Estimates, of all trades, were being invited for the construction of a house and shop at Spey Bay. (This building stands at the junction of the road from Nether Dallachy and that from Spey Bay to Bogmoor. It was still the Post Office and a General Store up until around 2007 when it was converted into a house.)

Try this kind of coal - George, Ironmonger, 17 East Church Street, was advertising the new Anthracite continuous coal-burning stoves. They were guaranteed to produce no smoke, smell or dust. More healthy than gas and as cheerful as an open fire.

Buckie Thistle had a very successful spell starting on the Saturday when they beat Elgin City by two goals to one. On the Monday in Inverness they beat the 'league-toppers' Citadel by two goals to one and on Tuesday hammered Inverness Thistle by five clear goals at Victoria Park. Three games in four days. In between times Fraserburgh had been beaten by five goals to two.

A poem is found on page 2 column 5 titled – 'Some Needed Reforms by Nomads'.

The vital statistics for Rathven parish for the six months up until 31st December were - 203 birth; 85 deaths and 60 marriages. The births and marriages were the highest recorded for any half year.

A very enjoyable dance took place at Maryhill Farm, Drybridge, on Monday evening with 20 couples in attendance. Pipe music was supplied by Mr Forbes, farmer, while Mrs Forbes supplied refreshments throughout the night. Mr Mclean was MC.

A note read - We are pleased to note that the fishermen's barometer has now been properly repaired and returned to its former position at Buckpool Harbour. The barometer was given to the fishermen about 1850 by a generous donor.

Two or three years ago the barometer was considerably damaged and made useless but has now been made good and the barometer will forecast the weather for centuries to come!. (Alas it was removed by whom it is not known some time in the early 1990's with its present whereabouts (in October 1999) not readily known. The local Fishing Heritage Museum would have been pleased to have had the barometer but it was removed before this could be arranged.)

Tee name for Murray 'Stirling', a person of this name formerly lived at 2 Mid Street, Buckie.

A Hogmanay dance took place at the Mill, Berryhillock, Deskford. There was an attendance of fifty couples in the barn given for the event by Mr Cruickshank. Music was supplied by Gray and Sudding.

On Monday an airgun shooting competition took place at the blacksmith's shop, Berryhillock with a special prize of a young pig being competed for.

Portknockie A.G.M. - The annual meeting of the Fishermen's Coal and Funeral Benefit's Society took place at the close of the year. Mr John Bruce, Merchant, was elected president in succession to David Slater, Master Joiner, who had held office for the past three years.

The other office bearers appointed were - Treasurer - James Mair 'Slater', late Harbourmaster; Clerk - G.G. Wood, Merchant and Postmaster; Officer - Alex Mair 'Big' The Society (in 1911) was over 100 years old and at its institution received marked encouragement and substantial assistance from the Lord Seafield of the day, his lordship having granted a free site for the hall and coal store and bore the cost of a causeway around it. The clerk held his appointment for life or until, as it was bluntly expressed in the old book of laws, " he is found cheating". Other laws were that a smart fine would be imposed on any member who failed to attend the annual meeting or allowed himself a 'swear word' during the setting. A committee was set up to revise some of the laws.

To become a member of the Portknockie Coal and Funeral Benefit Society one had to be prepared to pay five shillings per annum for a period of twenty years; 2/6 per annum for a further twenty years when after this membership was free.

The benefits of becoming a members were that coal could be had at cost price with a funeral grant of £3.

A photograph is shown of Alexander Mair 'Big', Officer with the Coal Society dressed in the jacket and cap supplied by the Society.

The Palace Skating Skating Rink was again gaining in popularity with large crowds enjoying the exhilarating pastime of rinking. The report said that it is understood pictures were to be discontinued for a time so that skating could now be had at all sessions.

A new Public Hall was opened at Whitehills.

The opening of the Baptist Church - Page 7 and columns 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 gave an account of the opening ceremony of the new Baptist Church building on Cluny Place.

Jan 12 **Almost all the draper shops in the town were holding their annual clearance sales**, a common occurrence at this time of year then. Among them listed were - Shearer's Emporium at 6 East Church Street, Edward Hillocks 8 Cluny Terrace, The Little Wonder, 34 East Church Street and James Mackay, 5 East Church Street, T.D. Yule, 30 West Church Street, Leith Esson, 16 High Street and John Green, Virginia Buildings, High Street, and Charles Bonnyman and Co. Portgordon.

Take my tip - James Allan, Draper and Outfitter, 37 West Church Street was advising ladies if they were to buy a useful present for their male friends to purchase a fancy vest (waistcoat). His advert showed a sketch of such a garment.

Book gifts for Boys and Girls - Cassells and Co. Ltd. Were advertising splendid gifts for boys and girls with Cassells Annual for Boys and Girls and the British Girl's Annual.

The parish of Rathven vital statistics for the past four years :-

1907	Births - 334	Marriages - 51	Deaths - 168
1908	Births - 359	Marriages - 68	Deaths - 208
1909	Births - 332	Marriages - 62	Deaths - 132
1910	Births - 355	Marriages - 81	Deaths - 165

A considerable increase is shown in the number of marriages and also the birth rate over the four years.

A new Temperance Society was formed in Buckie called the Buckie Temperance Society.

They held their first meeting in the Masonic Institute when the following officials were appointed - President – Wm. Murray; Vice President – Alex Gunn; Chaplain – John Reid; F.S. George Thomson; Treasurer – James Murray; Marshall – Wm. Thomson; Jr. Guard – E. Buchan; Assistant Secretary – James Murray; The Society opened with a good membership.

A meeting of the Boys Naval Brigade committee was held in the Watch Tower, Coast Guard Station.

Dr Duguid Sen. was in the chair and welcomed a good attendance.

It was unanimously agreed to try to arrange a Boys Naval Brigade concert and social about the end of March in order to stimulate recruitment for the Brigade. A concert on the same lines had met with the success they all desired, with respect to increasing the strength of the Brigade, the previous year.

The boys were being drilled every Wednesday evening in the Fishermen's Hall by Chief Coastguard, Mr Nebbs. It was hoped that parents would see that their boys attend practice on that night.

Through a storm - The Schooner 'Natalla' belonging to Messrs J. McWilliam and Son survived another severe storm to arrive off Buckie from Sunderland limping and badly damaged, requiring to be pulled into the harbour. The vessel was only saved by the ingenuity of Captain Nicol who, after the steering gear was disabled, attached ropes to the rudder and a hand winch, which allowed the ship to be steered.

The 'Natalla' had been engaged carrying coal from Sunderland to Buckie. On a previous occasion it was only the good handling of the ship by Captain Nicol that saw it safely berthed at Sunderland during another severe storm.

Wins for the 'Jags' Buckie Thistle beat Inverness Citadel by 4 goals to two in the Highland League. The third League encounter in seven days and all wins.

Jan 19

Posties offer thanks - The town postmen of Buckie, Buckpool and Portessie had a joint thank you note in the B.A. for the presents they had received at Christmas.

Promotion for Buckie-born Bobby - Inspector Cruickshank, Dumbarton Police, a brother of W. & J. Cruickshank, Aerated Water Manufacturers, Buckie, was appointed Chief Constable of Dumbarton.

On the road to become a chemist - Robert Scott, a son of Alex Scott, late of Byres and Hilton farms, passed his first examinations to become a chemist.

Promotion for Buckie man in shoe trade - Mr G. F. Gibb, son of George Gibb, Shoemaker, Main Street, was appointed a buyer with a large shop in London. He had been ten years in London with the same firm.

The annual meeting of the Oddfellows took place in the Masonic Institute. The office bearers appointed were - P. G. Wm. Harrold; N. G. Wm. Clark; V. G. Robert Riddoch; Warden, A. Flett; Conductor, John Badenoch; Secretary, John Simpson; Treasurer, C. Davidson; I. G. G. Smith; O. G. John Marshall; Supporters, John Hendry, John Robertson, John Green and J. Morrison.

The Portknockie branch of Oddfellows also held a meeting with reference being made to the same things as above concerning income and contributions, funeral benefit and such funds.

Odd things that people lose - Among the items that had been found in the burgh and handed into the local police station and which were to be disposed of after being held for 14 days were - Sums of money, from £5 downwards, various purses, some containing money, spectacles and cases, hair combs, bicycle pumps and accessories, a razor, umbrella, **bunch of hair, set of false teeth, bag of firewood,** watch, various keys, 2 dog collars, 3 footballs, cut of worsted, caps, boy's jacket, packet of pipe lids, brooches, bangle, muffler, **semmit,** walking stick, etc.

After the bazaar - Following the bazaar in the Wesleyan Church Hall, Portgordon, recently, to raise funds to have a road made from the village to Spey Bay Golf Course a number of things were left unsold. To dispose of them a shooting and ring throwing competition was held in the school on Saturday night which attracted a big crowd. The sum of £2.14 was collected and added to the road fund.

Jan 26

Skating Palace to be sold - A. Miller Jun. had an advertisement in the B.A. stating that he was selling his Skating Palace on West Church Street. The notice said how it could be suitable for a net factory, steam laundry or as a large store. Skating was still available from 7 pm until 10 pm daily cost of admission being 3d with a further 3d for skates.

We are looking for more recruits - 'D' Company Gordon Highlanders, (T.F.) were holding a Recruiting Meeting in the form of a Grand Smoking Concert - Boxing and Wrestling Contests. Employers of labour and young men of 17- 35 who, it said, might be interested in joining were cordially invited to attend.

Buckie Amateur Operatic Society was to present the ' Mikado' in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 15,16 and 17th February.

Gardener thanks his patrons - Robert Ewen Gardener, . 33 East Church Street, Buckie was thanking his many patrons for their custom over the past year he had been in business and said how he was now able to supply garden seeds, fruit trees, bushes, roses and perennials.

We will have a new road along the beach - The new road leading from Portgordon to Spey Bay Golf Course was likely to be ready before the season began.

A new pulpit was erected in St Peter's R.C. Church with a full report given on page 4 column 6.

I handle laundry now too - Robert Watson, Globe Stores was now advertising the fact that he was the agent for Elgin Laundry and Ashgrove Laundry.

To build the shop at Spey Bay - The contractors engaged to build the house and shop at Spey Bay for Misses Watson were – Mason, Legg, Fochabers; Joiner, Alex Hendry and Sons, Buckie; Plasterer, Wm. Smith, Portgordon; Plumber and Slater, John Barclay, Buckie; Painter and Glazier, R. Duncan and Son. The architect was Wm. Hendry, Buckie.

The annual Ball took place at Maryhill, farm, Drybridge in a loft kindly given by the farmer, Mr Forbes. There were 30 couples present who danced through until 4 am to music supplied by Inglis and Milne's String Band and also Mr Forbes on the pipes. Miss Nella Coull, Cathcart Street, Buckie gave an exhibition of **Step-Dancing** for which she was warmly applauded. The MC was Mr Anderson. The success of the ball was due, in the main, to George Reid, Buckie, assisted by a small committee who carried out the necessary arrangements.

Minister deserves a memorial - A letter in the 'Advertiser' . by an admirer had the proposal that a memorial should be erected in memory of the late Rev. Robert Shanks, former minister of the South U.F. Church. He enclosed the sum of 10/- to start a subscription list. (A memorial, in the form of a plaque , to Rev Shanks was eventually erected on North High Street but this did not take place until many years later and was far less grandiose than had been first imagined.)

Photograph of new Chief Constable - The 'Advertiser' carried a photograph of the new Chief Constable of Dumbarton, Mr Alexander Cruickshank, a native of Buckie. His father was a carting contractor who had been involved in the construction of the Buckie harbour. Two brothers, William and James Cruickshank were owners of the Aerated Water factories in Buckie, Huntly and Forres. Both these two brothers were in the police at one time with William in Dumbarton and John in Banffshire. There was a family of ten, another brother was Burgh Surveyor in Lerwick while another was a stone mason in America.

A poem by W. G. M Portknochie is found in this edition his first poem for a long time titled - 'The Silent Love'.

Buckie Literary and Debating Society held their annual 'Burns' Nicht' in the Masonic Institute.

Feb 2 **Have you a drifter to give him?** - A person in Dublin wanted to purchase a fully equipped steam drifter. - vessel and nets in thorough working order a must.

Come across the 'Briny' tae British Columbia - herring , halibut and salmon fishing at Vancouver, Victoria and Hanaimo splendid opportunities for young fishermen, coopers etc (no trade required) L. T. McGarth, Shipping Agent.

This shows the way the currents flow - A bottle containing a card was put in the sea at Buckie in June and was picked up on the beach at Cruden Bay six months later.

Business man dies - The death took place of John Farquhar, Net Manufacturer and Merchant, High Street, died aged 83. He served his time in Banff.

Feb 9 **Better accommodation for farm workers** - Estimates were invited for the construction of workmen's cottages at the farm of the Broom, Fordyce.

Buckie Trades' Ball was to take place in the Masonic Institute on Wednesday 22 February. Gents' tickets - 4/6. E. Rodgers, secretary 11 Garden Lane.

Notice - Great book sale in the Good Templar's Hall.

The new golf professional at Spey Bay, James Kaye, took up his post this week.

The Thistle 'A' team for the match on Saturday was to be chosen from the following list of players - J. Bowie, Gunn, Esslemont, Love, Milton, A. Bowie, Taylor, Swanson, Geddes, Greisham, Scott, Stewart, McGregor.

Ordnance Cottage, St Peter's Road, Buckpool was sold to Mr John Campbell, Tailor.

Naebidy seemed tae wint it - The house, shop, bakehouse and stable at 50 West Church Street was up for sale at the price of £1,000 but there was no sale . It was believed that a private sale took place afterwards.

The largest 'Whist Drive' yet hold in Buckie involving 140 ladies and gents took place in the Buckie Bowling Club Ltd's pavilion when 32 hands were played.

Ladies 1st - Miss Anderson, North of Scotland and Town and Country Bank; 2nd - Miss E. Ross, Low Street; 3rd and 'booby' prize - Mrs James Mair.

Gents - 1st -Wm. Cumming; 2nd - J. Cumming; 3rd and 'booby' prize Malcolm Gray.

Dr Duguid presented the prizes. A short dance followed when James Hood was MC

A poem is found on page 5 column 5 titled ' All Who Hate Would Love Us' by James Newlands Matthews.

I've changed my mind - George 'Dooda' Clark the Thistle player who it was reported was to emigrate to South Africa was not now not to be going after he had bought his ticket. The situation that led to him thinking of going abroad had altered. He was still going to receive the testimonial which was being arranged since he had been such a stalwart player for the Thistle.

Feb 16

Drapers sales - Like most of the other drapers in the town Robert Grant, Draper, Baron Street was advertising holding a sale.

A dispenish sale was to take place at Fernking, Glen Of Newmill . The present tenant, Mr Wm Phimister, hadn't been long in the croft. (This was really in the 'back of beyond')

A west end site - Estimates were being invited for the construction of a house for Dr Hendry on West Church Street. (This was the dentists' surgery in 1999)

A Motor Cycling Club had been formed in Buckie with a meeting of all those interested to take place in the Masonic Institute on Tuesday 28 February. P. C. Douglas, Ardnith, Cliff Terrace.

A dispenish sale was to take place at Richmond Place, Portgordon, when goods belonging to Mr Alex Mellis will be offered for sale. Two roadsters horses were for sale - a mare of 12 years and another mare of four . Also to be sold were 6 dairy cows. Among the implements etc was a set of gig harness and a wagonette.

A most successful dance took place at the farm of the Smerick in the Enzie owned by Mr and Mrs Inkster. There were 40 couples present who continued **dancing through until 4 am** to music played by A. I. Morrison assisted by S. Sudding and John Weir. The loft was gaily decorated for the occasion.

Tea was served at 12 o'clock.

Exhibition dances were given by Messrs A. Thain and J. Stronach also Miss J. McKay, Arradoul. At intervals songs were sung by Miss McGowan and Robert McLaren who was also the MC and had done most of the arrangements.

A vote of thanks were given to Mr and Mrs Inkster.

The Ploughmen's Annual Ball was held in the smiddy at Drybridge on Friday, by kind permission of Mr Newlands, Blacksmith.

A party of 30 couples dance through the night **until 4 am** to music supplied by J. Inglis and I. Milne. Forbes McGregor was MC.

Refreshments were liberally supplied during the evening by Mrs Newlands.

The committee who arranged the dance were - W. Gordon. Secretary, Wm. Brown and F. McGregor.

Take note and follow please - - - The two rules were posted up for observance in the smiddy - The gentlemen would kindly oblige the committee by keeping free from

intoxicating liquor as much as possible and You are all requested to keep your own place until after 12 o'clock as it is very bad habit of the gentlemen sitting among the ladies after a dance.

Portknockie harbour checked over - Two engineers presently engaged with Mr Douglas at the extension to Cluny Harbour visited Portknockie on Saturday and took measurements of the harbour there with a view to preparing a scheme of extension.

Tee name - Alex Cowie 'Bussie'

The 'Advertiser' had the following notice - The subscription list (for a memorial to Rev Shanks) is still open though only one other subscription had been received - £1 from a reader abroad. If the total amount of subscriptions fails to reach a certain figure the 'Advertiser' . aims to close it and hand back the monies collected up to that time.

I am stepping down - Councillor Wm. Thomson, Fish Salesman, resigned from the council owing to pressure of business.

Death of Orphanage founder- The death took place this week of Rev. Canon Jupp, Episcopal Church, founder of Aberlour children's Orphanage and Provost of Aberlour. He was 80.

Feb 23

Changes are planned at the Drill Hall - Estimates were being invited for the alterations and extensions to the Drill Hall, Buckie, for Banffshire Territorial Forces.

Opening announcement- H. C. D. Shackcloth, Mechanical Expert, was advising that he had started on his own account and was prepared to undertake engineering work on steam drifters. Boilers cleaned, retuned and caulked, condensers cleaned. Running repairs of all kinds - 6 Low Street.

Buckie Catholic Association is to hold a 'Whist Drive' . Admission Gents 1/6 with Ladies 1/4.

An article on Dukes of Gordon by J.M. Bullock was printed this week. The first instalment began the previous week.

Change of name - Nether Dallachy Post Office was to be known as Spey Bay Post Office when it moved into the new building in March.

The money had gone up by five pounds - Lady Cathcart sent John Simpson, Bank Agent, the usual sum of £25 to be divided among the most deserving widows on her estates of Buckie and Gollachy.

Mar 2

They went broke - Smith and Somerville, Coal Merchants, Commercial Road signed the Trust Deed with their coal store up for sale.

A Cinematograph Exhibition of Living Pictures was to be shown in the Fishermen's Hall. Called a Trip to the Colonies of Great Britain. The programme of views to include - Canada - Across Canada - Showing the latest machinery in farming - Deer hunting in Ontario also fruit and vegetable growing.

British Columbia - the Fishing Industry - coast scenery - lumbering - fruit farms. Australia - sheep farming, dairy farming and orchard farming.

Views from South Africa - and New Zealand - The States

SS Mauretania landing passengers at Fishguard.

L. T. McGarth to preside. There was to be **no** lecture.

It will be back - James Mackay, Draper was advertising that once the new extension had been completed at his main shop the tailoring department, meantime at 26 East Church Street would be moved there.

An 'At Home' was held in Enzie Public School where the hosts Mr and Mrs Nicol, the headmaster and his wife welcomed members of the School Board and friends. The evening entertainment consisted of music, songs, recitations and dancing.

Songs were sung by Mr Adam Robertson, Buckie and Mr Wm. Mitchell also Misses Robertson, Elizabeth and Lily Stagg, Matilda Duncan, Broadley and Miss Mary Innes, Clochan.

Mr Dawson gave a number of recitations while music was supplied by Miss Brander, Miss Stagg and Mr William Mitchell.

It was proposed to start a Whist Club at Clochan. Whist Drives had become the 'in' thing.

A new hall in Portknockie - A new hall costing £600 was to be opened for the Seafield Parish Church in Portknockie on Wednesday first.

Hip Hip Hooray – a holiday - - All the local school children had a half day's holiday on Tuesday for 'Brose and Bannock's Day (Shrove Tuesday.)

Tee name - Mair ' Bird' Portknockie.

Death of Portgordon Flesher - The death took place this week of William Robertson, Flesher, Portgordon. He was brought up by his grandfather in Bogmoor and worked on the railway before becoming a butcher. He had a shop on the Square for a number of years before moving to a larger shop on March Street. Three of his sons worked with him in the business.

The Catholic Association 'Whist Drive' was a great success with there being 14 tables and 32 hands played.

Ladies 1st prize - Miss McWilliam, Cathcart Street; 2nd Miss E. Anton 3rd (booby) Miss Nicol

Gents 1st prize - Mr Mclean Mill of Rathven; 2nd Mr John Reid, Baker; 3rd (booby) Mr Anton

Tee name Jappy - 'Berrie'

Mar 9

To raise the wind for a new biggin - Buckie Parish Church was to hold a Jumble Sale in the Fisherman's Hall to raise funds for a new manse

Opening announcement - John Farquhar, 61 High Street, was advertising that he was now commencing business on his own account as a Merchant in fishing material, but until he got other premises was to operate from his home address.

Opening announcement - George Garden, Seafield Street, Ianstown, was to open for business as a General Merchant.

Business announcement - H.C.D. Shackcloth and G. Cowie were advertising their partnership as Mechanical Experts prepared to do repairs to any class of engine, steam gas or oil.

The 'Advertiser' . carried photographs of three Thistle players – A. Davidson, Goalkeeper, George McKenzie, Copt, Centre Forward; John P. Clark, Outside Right.

Fraserburgh Thistle were to meet Buckie Thistle in the Final of the Aberdeenshire County Cup at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen. Buckie lost by two goals to nil but raised a protest saying how a perfectly good goal, by them, had been disallowed.

The contractors engaged to build a villa for Dr Hendry, on West Church Street, were- A. Milne and Son, Masons; A. Hendry and Sons, Joiners; James Ingram, Cullen, Plasterers; John Barclay and Son, Slater; J & T. Campbell, Plumbers; R. Duncan and Son, Painters. The architect was Wm. Hendry, Buckie.

Not the Donkey Serenade but a rare sale of one - - A somewhat rare event in this part of the British Isles, a donkey was for sale at Mosstodloch. Described as a fine, quiet, young female in harness didn't make the reserve price of £2 much to the disappointment of the auctioneer who in his over 30 years in the business had never sold a donkey and had hoped to have chronicled the sale of one here.

An interesting trade - Charlie Butler, "China Mender" of no fixed abode was sentenced to a fine of 2/6 or 24 hours in jail for being drunk and incapable in Portgordon. He pleaded guilty .

South U.F. Church held their annual soiree with a large gathering in attendance. This was presided over by Rev Mathieson. Songs and recitations were given before all enjoyed tea and cakes.

A Red Cross Detachment was formed in Fochabers this week. A report is given on page 7 column 4.

Mar 16

The barber had moved out. A downturn in trade. The shop at 4 Low Street presently occupied by Mr Truelove, Hairdresser was to let.

The Boxing Championships of Banffshire was to take place in the Good Templar's Hall. (They were now using the hall for all kinds of things to help defray the cost of building the premises.)

A Mr McGrory from Glasgow was to box 3 rounds in an exhibition match with Buckie man, H. Shackcloth.

Mr McGrory was to referee a wrestling match between J. Largue and Swanson with one fall deciding the winner.

Admission to hall – 6d.

My business is growing - John Allan, Draper etc was advertising that he had moved from 37 West Church Street to more commodious premises at 33 West Church Street. He had been in business in Buckie for 6 years.

The house St Helena on the brae above the Star Inn, Buckpool, was originally built for Mr Sutherland, Plasterer. It was bought later by William Thomson, Fish Salesman who rebuilt the property and added on an extension. He was a great gardener with the gardens being glorious to see.

How much was raised - The Parish Church Jumble Sale held to raise funds for the new manse building fund, raised the sum of £26. The women of the Guild were stall holders.

Father of James Mackay, Draper, dies - Mr Alex Mackay, the tenant farmer of Oathillock, Deskford for a great many years died this week at the age of 82. One of his sons, William, educated at Fordyce Academy, became rector of Rothesay Academy while James had for many years a large and flourishing drapery business in Buckie. Another son and a daughter live at Oathillock.

Travel Agent and Ironmonger now a councillor - L. T.' Billy' McGarth, Ironmonger etc, was elected to the Town Council. He was previously on the council from 1902 until 1905.

A poem is found on page 8 columns 2 called "Night Sounds" by W.G. M.

May 23

May Blossom Lodge of Free Gardeners were to hold a Whist Drive.

A poem is found on page 3 column 4 called "To The Wee Wee Mannie in Netherton Toun" by J. W. M., Findochty.

Slates were the import - Two boats arrived in Cluny Harbour each with a cargo of slates aboard.

A pencil picture is given of L.T. McGarth (called by some Billy). He was educated at George Watson's College in Edinburgh and Edinburgh University and also did a course in

electricity. He went on to serve his time as an ironmonger with the firm of Redpath, Brown & Co. in Edinburgh. He was a native of Elgin and came back north to Buckie in 1890 to take over the shop at the corner of High Street and Cluny Square, formerly occupied by Mortimer. When this property was later bought by A. Lyon, Ironmonger he had built for himself, a large property on the north east quadrant of the Square. Still later he moved across the Square into premises at the corner with West Church Street which he named 'Colonial House' presumably because of his activities in sending people to the colonies.

Mar 30 **The Good Templars held a Church Parade to the South U.F. Church on Sunday evening** where the service was taken by Rev R.C. Matheson.

More moving abroad - The 'Advertiser' mentioned that a number of emigrants had left the area, John McBeath, Joiner, Buckie, J. McGregor, Buckpool and Alex Taylor, also Buckpool were three named who had left recently.

In Portknockie 11 people left, a family of 6 going to Vancouver with a further five making for Australia.

The members of Enzie School Board were – Messrs David Reid, Merchant, Portgordon; William Geddes, Shipbuilder, Portgordon; H. J. Taylor, General Merchant, Enzie and Rev. R. Howie, Established Church Minister .

Apr 6 **Miss Hutchinson, Speybay Hotel was advertising a motor car for hire.** The car had seats for 6 persons and was driven by a careful and experienced chauffeur.

A meeting took place in the Methodist Church hall, Portgordon to consider the proposal for lighting the village. (This was the first time that Methodist had been used instead of Wesleyan.)

Apr 13 **Business advert** - R. Pearce Compass Maker and Adjuster was advertising that his services were available. He could be contacted at Cluny harbour (Mr Slater's yard)

A Miss Mary Ann Bennett died this week at the exceptional old age of 91. She belonged to a family of farmers who at one time were both numerous and prosperous in the area. Her father was at one time tenant of Mill of Buckie, where she was born, an uncle had Mains of Buckie, while another had Barhill.

Her mother left Mill of Buckie 60 years before and went to Deskie in Glenlivet. She returned to near the place of her birth around 18 years before to live with a sister, Mrs Geddes. She was a tireless worker for the Catholic Church. With her death that particular family of Bennetts became extinct.

Among the chief mourners at her funeral were her two grand nephews, William and Alex McLean, Mill of Rathven.

A magnificent specimen of carving, viz an overmantle was on display in the shop window of Gray and McBain on West church Street. this was the work of George S. Hendry, joiner, a pupil of Mr Wills, Aberdeen.

The side panels were described as showing fruit and flowers capped by a cherubim while the top panels represents a peacock with outspread tail. A really masterly piece of work which took 3rd place in a competition in Inverness.

Buckie Thistle won the Banffshire Cup at Keith by beating Banff by two goals to one. In a crowd of 500, 200 of them were from Buckie.

Apr 20

Notice for drifter owners - Frank H. Smith, Asbestos Store, begs to announce acquisition of the whole of the valuable stock of Engineer's stores and requisites in the business lately carried on by him for the United Asbestos Company and are prepared to sell the same at greatly reduced prices.

He was also offering to cover boilers with asbestos, covering the same as used in H.M. Navy.

He had been in the business for the past four years and thanked customers for their patronage.

Retiral Sale - Mrs Bruce, East Church Street was advertising her retiral with a big sale of crockery, china, glass and toys.

April 27

Barber and Hairdresser - R. Fraser, Hairdresser and Newsagent, Cluny Place, was saying how he had had his premises all freshly decorated and that he could supply any newspaper requested.

New premises were to be built for Buckie Deep Sea Stores at the harbour. Contractors were –

Mason – A. Milne and Son; Joiner – A. Hendry and Sons; Plumber, J & T. Campbell; Painter – R. Duncan and Son.

The same contractors had been engaged for the construction of a new **'Barking establishment at the foot of McLaren's Brae** with the exception of the painter who came from Elgin. W. Martin was to do the engineering work.

Buckie Temperance Association appointed the following officials for the coming year – President – Wm. Thomson; Vice president, Wm Murray; Secretary, A. Gunn; Assistant secretary, James Cowie, 'Cornal' Chaplain, Charles Christie; F. S. Peter Cowie; Treasurer, James Murray; Miasmal, Sister M. Thomson; Guard, W. Bruce. The meeting and those in the future were to be held in the Good Templar Hall.

An article on Moray Firth Harbours – Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen was given in this edition.

May 4

A road is planned - Estimates were invited to construct the road from Portgordon to Speybay. Those interested were to apply to Alex Hay, Clerk to the Committee.

•• **Advert by .T. McGarth, Ironmonger etc., etc.,** - Dongarees – Drifter beds, pillows, blankets, engineer shirts, boiler suits, sailor bags, steel trunks, oilskin coats and leggings.

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•• **There was a fretwork club in Buckie** and an example of their work were completed by F. Hales who had his work displayed in the shop window of John Allan, Draper, and 33 West Church Street. It was said to be a magnificent specimen.

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•• **Work has begun-** - In connection with the work to extend Cluny Harbour, a start was made on the north west pier.

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•• **Rising but not fast** - The subscription list for a memorial to the late Rev Shanks had reached £5.19

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•• **The Territorials had their first route march** lasting 2 hours, on Friday, under the command of Sergeant Instructor, Birrell.

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•• **Two serious incidents took place this week in connection with the construction of the extension to Cluny Harbour.** In the first instance at least two men were struck by pieces of flying rock caused by blasting, one of the men receiving serious injuries. In the second incident a steam engine, pulling a 12 ton block of concrete from the production shed to its place in the extension, came off the rails. Although the driver escaped unhurt the fireman suffered a double fracture to his leg when struck with something as he jumped clear.

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Both men belonged to Buckie

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•• May 11 **A poem is found on page 3 column 6** called – “Love In Winter” by W.G.M.

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•• ***** **The Herring Fishing during the past 163 ago (an article)** is found on page 6 column 1

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•• May 18 **A poem is found on page 3 columns 6** titled Love in Nature by W.G.M.

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•• **They are to build the road** - Messrs Legg and Son, Fochabers, was the successful contractor for the road from Portgordon to Speybay Golf Course. The distance was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile requiring the bridge over the Tynet Burn to be widened.

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•• **Cycling was once again all the rage** with a club attached to the I.O.G.T. having their first run of the season to Fochabers on Wednesday afternoon.

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•• **Buckie YMCA planned to hold a cycle run to Fochabers** on the following Wednesday. The jumping off point being the Toll Bar.

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•• **They aim to buy poultry stock - Buckie Poultry Association** agreed to purchase 250 poultry, 50 bantam and 300 pigeon pens. Though this was to cost a lot of money it was said how in the long run they would save money eventually.

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•• **More on the Fretwork Club** - Another example of the kind of work done by the Fretwork Club was to be seen in the window of John Calder, Shoemaker, on Cluny Terrace. This was made by Rev. Gibson. The piece was an overmantle of walnut with a plane tree frame for mirrors measuring 37" by 36". The whole was done by hand, including the cutting and polishing taken in total 80 hours to complete.

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•• **A change of trade** - Mention was made of the enterprise of a former Buckie man who had built up a large baker's business in the town of Spring, South Africa. He was George Sutherland, son of the late James Sutherland, Rope and Sailmaker, Buckpool.

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He was a Spey mouth shipbuilder and owner - - The death took place of a former Shipbuilder and Shipowner of Kingston on Spey. He was Mr Wm. Kinloch, a native of the village who lived to the age of 75.

He could remember when there were seven shipbuilding yards in Garmouth and Kingston. - namely James Geddes, Garmouth; Messrs Young Bros; Messrs Young and Badenoch; John Duncan; James Geddie, Kingston; Alex Spence and William Kinloch.

The Kinloch shipyard built two boats per year building all together 50, including the largest ever built on the River Spey, the 'Lord Macduff' of 800 tons.

William Kinloch not only built many ships but he managed a line of ships by the name of Chiefs, e.g. Scottish Chief, Ocean Chief etc and had been in all parts of the world.

May 25 **A janitor was required for Enzie Public School** at a wage of £11.10 per annum. Interested parties were invited to contact the clerk to the Board, Mr Dawson, Gollachy Woollen Mill.

Fa's needing a park o grass? - The grass on Cluny Park for the season was for sale.

Railway man to move - Mr R. Asher, Stationmaster at Buckpool was to move to King Edward. His place was to be taken by A.D. Scott who was moving from Woodside.

A Circus is coming to town - The Cooke Bros. circus is to pay a visit to Buckie when they aim to put on two performances in a field near to the Highland Railway Station.

The McLeans come to Cuttlebrae - The farm of Cuttlebrae, near Clochan in the Enzie, long time tenanted by Mr Stables was let to W. & A McLean, Mill of Rathven. Mr Stables was to retire to Fochabers.

Cuttlebrae was at one time the Duke of Gordon's farm in the Enzie.

Another farm change - The Croft of Ryerigs was let to Mr Dawson who was moving there from Greens of Addie, near Drybridge. The Croft of Ryeriggs like Cuttlebrae were both on the Gordon Richmond estate.

June 1 **It was worth going out on patrol** - Strathlene Golf Club were offering a reward of 20 shillings to anyone giving such information as would lead to the conviction of parties doing wilful damage to the course or removing flags or pins .

Dinna waste water, or else - Owing to the dry season anyone found watering gardens or washing windows without having made arrangements with the town council was to be prosecuted.

Planning for the Coronation - A house to house collection was made in Portgordon towards the Coronation Fund. Arrangements, it was said, were being made for the rejoicings

More fowk were going abroad - Nineteen emigrants left from Buckie and area ; the party being conducted to Liverpool by local shipping agent, L. T. McGarth.

Was this their first ? Aberdeen F. C. had a very successful tour on the continent.

A picture of a new boat - The 'Advertiser' . carried a photograph of the newly built drifter, 'Corn Rig', built at Alloa for John, Alexander and George Murray.

Opening announcement - Charles W. Garden, Plasterer, was advising all that he had commenced in business and could be contacted at c/o G. Garden, Coach and Cycle Works, Fochabers.

Notice - Antonio Iannetta , the Italian Ice Cream maker and Confectioner, was giving notice that he had moved from the Volunteer Hall Buildings to larger and more commodious premises at 19 High Street next to Messrs McWilliam, Bakers.

The Buckie Branch of the Scotch Girls Friendly Society *held a picnic at Boyne Castle going there by 3 brakes which left from Cluny Square.*

Och he shidna deen that efter a - A labourer stole a prize cock belonging to David Reid, Portgordon, cooked it and ate half of it. The remains of the cock, a prize –winning Orpington, was found in his possession. He was charged with the offence of breaking and entry plus stealing and was given 7 days in jail.

Two separate Findochty fishermen signed the Trust Deed due apparently to the poor fishing.

June 15

Opening announcement - James Menzies after spending a considerable time in the south returned to Buckie to take over the hairdressing business in the shop at 4 Low Street formerly occupied by Mr Truelove.

The Coronation of King George Fifth and Queen Mary The programme arranged for Coronation Day, 22 June, in Buckie was as follows –

9.25 am.- Ringing of church bells

9.45 am. – Service in the Parish Church – expected to be present members of the Town Council, public bodies, and Friendly Societies.

11 am. – Procession from Cluny Square – Order of procession - Pipers followed by Trades, Fancy Boat, Flute Band, Boys Naval Brigade, Fishermen's Boat, Lifeboat Crew,

Rocket Appliance Brigade, Friendly Societies, Town Band, Parish Council, School Board, Justices, Town Council, Territorial Army.

2.00 pm. – Children assemble at their respective schools

2.30 pm. – Children's procession headed by pipers leaves Cluny Square for the Public Park.

6.45 pm. – Cycle Parade (Fancy Dress) from Lady Cathcart School. All cyclists invited to take part. Prizes for best turn out of both ladies and gents and for most comical.

Musical selections will be given during the day.

It was expected that a motor cavalcade would follow the cycle parade.

A Coronation Dance was to take place in the St Andrew's Hall, Buckpool

At Shielburn a Coronation Picnic was to take place.

Opening announcement - The Photographic Studio at 52 West Church Street previously carried on, very successfully by Mr Gordon, was set to re-open under Mr Wm. M. Stuart. The notice described the premises as being the best fitted studio in the North of Scotland containing all the latest appliances for first class photography.

The Sunday School belonging to the Parish Church went to Drybridge by train then hence to the policies of Letterfourie to hold their picnic, games and races. Following their tea the party of children, teachers and parents were conveyed back to Buckie by horse carts and lorries where they arrived at 8 o'clock.

They got a bilin or twa - The 'Advertiser'. as had been the custom for long, received samples of newly dug tatties. They received a bilin of Duke of Yorks from Coastguard Hoplin, some Epicures from A. Murray, Carpenter and some by the name of King George from John Simpson, Bank Street. A. Imlah, Shopkeeper, High Street also handed in a bilin of Dukes.

The road's the place for barras – ye tak a lang time tae learn - An apprentice baker was fined 1/- or 24 hours for wheeling a barrow on the footpath. He had been previously warned!

Pub gings on fire - The building known as the 'Harbour Bar' on Main Street, Buckpool was completely gutted by fire and reduced to ruin. It had only been erected. The damage amounted to £700. It belonged to Wm. Hunter, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Aberdeen.

June 22 **Buckie Skating Palace was to be open on Coronation Day** from 3 pm until 5 pm the charges would be 3d for admission with 6d for skates. From 7 pm until 10 the same charges would prevail.

Lord John Sanger's Circus was to pay a visit to Buckie on 1st July when the Big Top would be erected in the Commercial Park.

If it's fine you'll see a spectacle - On the evening of Coronation Day Louis' shop on Baron Street was to set off two large balloons, weather permitting.

New premises for the 'Little Wonder planned - Mr T. M. Jack 'Little Wonder' is to erect new premises at East Church Street. (Just west of the station entrance) Contractors engaged for the work are :- Mason – John Dawson; Carpenter, Alex Murray; Plasterer, James Ingram, Cullen; Slater, A. Davidson, Elgin; Plumber, R. Tindall and Sons; Painter, R. Duncan and Son. The Architect George McPherson.

The R.C. Children of Mary went by four conveyances to Gordon Castle, Fochabers, where a picnic, sports and games took place. They also enjoyed plenty refreshments before returning home and reaching Buckie at 10 pm.

He coupt the cairt bit didna hang the horse, as in the song - When Mr Thomson, Thorneybank, Drybridge, was carting salt from the harbour to Mr Gerry's fish yard the horse got scared and bolted. Though the cart was overturned both it and the horse were recovered okay. (Copied as interest to show that men and horses, normally working on the farms, did carting work in the town.)

Enzie Tennis Club after a lapse of two years was restarted this week following a meeting in the school. It was anticipated that there would be a need for an extension to the court because of a noticeable increase of interest being shown.

The officials, it said, were all re-elected. With the addition to the committee of Mrs Mitchell, Miss Bonnyman, Messrs N. Nicol, Robert Howie, F. D. McKenzie and John Bonnyman.

The local schools all closed on Friday, a week early, on account of the Coronation.

June 29 **The bairns of the South U. F. Church went by train to Drybridge** where they then walked to the policies of Letterfourie House. There they had their picnic, sports and games, not forgetting refreshments. They all walked home to Buckie at the close of the day.

You manna drive without a licence -William McBeath, Cycle Mechanic, Gordon Street, was charged with driving a car without a licence on Marine Place. He was 20 years of age and employed by George Webster, Garage, High Street. He said how he had been taking lessons and intended to get a licence after he felt that he was fully fit to drive and had taken the opportunity for practice when delivering a car. He was fined 20/-

Coronation Day in the Enzie - It was a coorse morning but brightened up considerably later. Nearly £16 had been raised for the children's picnic while farmers in the locality supplied plenty milk. In the school each child was made the recipient of a medal, and a mug bearing the portraits of the King and Queen. (King George V and Queen Mary). A short address was given by the headmaster after whom God Save the King was sung. They then were marshalled and led by Piper, Mr Scott, of Hawthorn, Cottage, marched to a field at Cuttlebrae.

At the picnic stance everything had been got ready by the teachers and committee with refreshments being served first. Later sports and games took place until 5 o'clock by then there was a large attendance of the general public who looked on with interest. Tea was then served to all and dancing and games continued with excellent music being played by Mrs Milne, Drybridge. Before leaving there were more refreshments for the children while each one, in addition, received a present of sweets. Everything passed off most successfully thanks to the hard work of the teachers and committee who were to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which they had carried out the day's proceedings.

At Portgordon the school children each received a medal and mug before marching to Cairnfield where a picnic and games was held.

July 6 **The Memorial Fund creeps up** - The Rev Shanks Memorial Fund had now reached the sum of £7. 9.0 as reported in the 'Advertiser'.

The Enzie Coronation committee held their final meeting on Monday evening, Mr Nicol, convener presiding. Mr Taylor, treasurer, intimated that the amount collected had been £15.7.10 with expenses of £14.8.4 ½, leaving a balance of 9.5 ½ There was also a surplus of £1.16.6 ½ from the refreshments sold at the picnic, so that the total came to £2.16.

Mr Smith, Leitcheston, proposed that this be handed over to the School Board to be added to funds for providing hot dinners for school children during the winter months. This was unanimously agreed.

The statistics for the parish of Rathven for the previous six months period (January to June 1911) was – births – 168; deaths – 66; marriages – 20

Those for the Enzie alone was - births – 22; deaths 24; marriages 4. (The death rate in the Enzie when compared against the whole of Rathven parish appears high, taken with the birth rate and marriages figures.)

I now have a car for hiring purposes - Mr A. Miller, Cycle and Motor Works, was advertising that he had acquired a high powered car for hiring. The car a 45 hp Daimler was of the laundelette style. He now had four cars and parties in town and district, it was said, should find no difficulty in enjoying the pleasures of motoring at moderate charges.

Portknockie (Seafield) statistical returns from January 1 until June 30 1911 were - births – 8 (4 male and 4 female with one illegitimate); deaths 3 (2 middle aged – 29-40 and one female of four months); marriages 2. There were no deaths in April and May and no births in April.

Top marks for Buckie painter - William Reid, of 16 Main Street, an apprentice painter with R. Johnston, won two prizes at the Glasgow Exhibition. He came first in painting and enamelling and 3rd in sign writing.

July 13 **Drybridge Annual Picnic and Games will take place** in a field at Greenraig, Drybridge, on Saturday 22 July. The competitions are open to competitors from Deskford, Bellie and Rathven only. No medallists allowed to compete. Admittance – Gents 1/-; ladies 6d with children 4d. (After 6 pm 6d.)
Large marquee on the ground with a band in attendance all day. Games to start at 2.30 pm with Tea being served at 5 pm. James McCurrach, secretary, Drybridge.

Enzie Annual Picnic and Games to take place on Saturday 15 July in a field near the railway station kindly given by Messrs McLean, Cuttlebrae.
Heavy and Light competitions also an Airgun competition open to all competitors from Enzie, Bellie and Rathven only. . P. Stewart, secretary.

I have bikes and cars for sale - A Miller, Motor and Cycle Works, Cluny Square, Buckie was advertising a big sale of second hand bicycles and cars, as follows – 40hp Mercedes; 25 hp Thorneycroft; 11hp Oldsmobile.

Petrol 1/3 and ¼ per gallon; motor oil 3/6 to 4/6 per gallon; grease 6 to 8d per lb.

Cars for hire by the hour, day, week, month or mile. Lowest terms in town.

Cars guaranteed to do the journey or there will be no charge made. Cars absolutely reliable.

High class bicycles for hire – by the hour, day, week or month.

Charges – one hour 6d; 3 hours 1/-; half day, 1/6; whole day, 2/6; week-end, 3/6; one week, 10/- one month, £1.

Two Great Summer Events – Peter Fair and T.D. Yules Summer Sale.

Fancy a bargain? W .F. Johnston and Sons (Advertiser) were advertising 1 penny packet of stationery containing 4 sheets of superfine cream laid notepaper and envelopes to match with the NAME of the street neatly printed on each .Presently in stock – High Street, West Church Street, East Church Street, Low Street, Main Street, Land Street, Pringle Street, Hall Street, Gordon Street, New Street, Mid Street, Seatown and Yardie.

The Town Band were giving performances each week with one being given on Cluny Square the previous Thursday with another scheduled for this one.

Buckie West U.F. Church went by 3 conveyances to Innes House, Lhanbryd where they held a picnic in its grounds.

Youth drowns in sea - A Findochty youth of 17 years of Netherton Terrace, named as Alexander Flett, son of Isaac Flett, was drowned while swimming between Strathlene and the village.

What is the situation regarding the Coronation medal? - L.T. McGarth, a town councillor, wrote a letter to the 'Advertiser'. in which he asked whether the solid silver medal that had been given to Provost Archibald , as all other provosts in Scotland, to mark

the Coronation was his own to keep as his private property or was given as a gift to the town. If such it ought to be attached to his chain of office to be handed down.

July 20

Opening announcement - A.K. Cowie was setting up in business as a Ship Surveyor at 85 West Church Street. He was for 21 years in the employment of M. Ramage & Ferguson, Shipbuilders, Leith where he was the principal foreman. A total of 125 boats of all kinds had been built under his supervision. He had now retired to his home town, Buckie where he was to carry on the business as specified.

More firms finding the going hard - It was again a time when firms were 'going to the wall'. Smith and Gow, Fishsalesmen granted a Trust Deed in favour of their creditors while William Geddes, Joiner, Woodside Croft, Drybridge, also granted a Trust Deed in favour of James Mair, Flesher, Buckpool.

A rare specimen of a fish caught in deep water in the Atlantic south west of St Kilda by the steam liner, 'Loch Maree', was landed at Aberdeen. The fish was known as a **Lancet**, of which very few others have been caught and mainly landed on the American side. A description of the fish was given, especially its teeth structure. It was said how there was a need for a fishery museum in Aberdeen where rare specimen such as the **lancet** could be preserved and shown off to interested parties.

Village increasing in popularity - It was said how Portknockie was becoming more popular than ever as a holiday centre with a greater number of visitors than before being in the village.

Fleet on manoeuvres - A large number of warships were said to be exercising in the Firth including, warships, cruisers, scouts and torpedo boats.

She'll live to fish again - The drifter 'Felicitas' BCK 75 that was run down and sunk off Wick is to be refloated.

Top Buckie marksman in the money - The Buckie rifle marksman, Sergeant James Reid, 6th Gordons won a prize of £2 at Bisley. For seven shots at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards his score was 32, 33, 32, giving a total of 97.

Members of Buckie Tennis Club held their first meeting of the year when John Gray was appointed secretary. New members included, Miss Janet Milne, also Messrs A. Valentine, P.C.D.Douglas and W. Ross.

Mr A.C. Paterson, Holl, Enzie, passed MA degree with honours in English at Aberdeen University. What made the award the more honourable was that he had only been three sessions. It may also be mentioned that his class record was still more brilliant in the four classes that compose his honours group Mr Paterson was 1st in one, 2nd in two and third in the fourth.

The Buckie Lodge of Good Templars went by three conveyances for a **picnic at Innes House**, Lhanbryd. Games and races were participated in. though the weather was somewhat showery it was nevertheless favourable . they reached home about 10.30 pm.

At the Drummuir Highland Games a team from Buckie Thistle lost in the final of a Five-a-side competition to Keith by the one corner. The team was – J. Stewart, J. Esslemont, J. Wilson, W. Stewart and J. McBain. The losing team got medals. They travelled to Drummuir in one of Miller's cars which left Buckie at 2 pm reaching Drummuir at 3.15 pm (An hour and 15 minutes to do the fifteen miles.) **Sic a speed!**

The Deskford Annual Picnic and Games was blessed with good weather with a large crowd being in attendance.

A poem is found on page 7 column 2 titled 'The Scars of Life' by Anon.

A further long poem called 'The Duke of Gordon's Daughter' described as an old ballad is found **on page 8 column 4.**

A report is given of the Enzie Picnic and Games. The weather was good which saw a large crowd attending. Milne's Band from Letterfourie played music for the dancing.

A J. Neish won the medal in the Heavy events with other competitors being – J. Mair, A. Neish, J. Largue and J. Simpson.

The medal in the Light events was won by G. Geddes with other competitors being – P. Hector, J. Simpson, W. Robertson, J. Adams and J. Phimister,

J. Rumbles won the Airgun competition.

Miss E. Sim, Clochan won the ladies's race . The bangle given for the winner of the dancing competition was won by Miss Matilda Duncan, Broadley

July 27 **Opening announcement** - New Cash Grocery and Provision Store was to open at 57 ½ Main Street
'Annihilation of Large Profits'.

Dental Treatment Announcement - J. Cormack LDS and R. H. Cormack DDS (Philadelphia) Dental Surgeons were advising that they were to be visiting Buckie from Elgin every Thursday from now on and would be available for consultation and treatment at 41 West Church Street. 'American Dentistry.'

Is Buckie a holiday resort? In the editor's report this week he spoke about Buckie as a holiday resort.

Sharpshooter in the money again - Sergeant J. Reid won a bronze medal and a prize of £2 at Bisley on Friday. On Saturday he won a N.R.A. badge and £5.

The excellent summer weather had been a benefit to the contractors working at Cluny Harbour. The men have been busy on the extension of the north pier with several blocks having been laid with the north east pier and parapet extended for some distance.

James Jones and Sons Ltd have been engaged in the construction of a new slip at Ianstown. This is about completed and will be of great advantage to fishermen.

Aug 3

New school and church planned for Portessie - Tenders were being invited for the construction of a new Wesleyan Church and school at Portessie.

Buckie Wednesday F.C. held their annual general meeting during the week.

Circus visit - Sir Robert Fossett and Sons, Circus, Menagerie, Hippodrome and Museum were to pay a visit to Buckie, Cullen and Portsoy the following week.

Fruit for sale - You can get plums for preserving from the Cluny Dairy on East Church Street.

“Man works from Rise to Set of Sun but Woman’s work is never done” so said an advertisement for Doan's Backache Pills.

Peter Fair The report was a lengthy one this year- in brief it said –

Many people make the habit of visiting the fair stance on Thursday evenings. This year there was quite a considerable gathering seen. Some amusements opened up with a few pennies being earned.

Most of the tents were erected on Thursday and a large number of the show people camped on the ground.

The weather on Friday was good and in the morning the usual horse market and engagement of workers for the harvest took place. With the exceptional warm, dry summer, the harvest was likely to be early, being ready within the next two weeks. There was a scarcity of men which led to wages being higher than normal. Men able to build were being offered from £6.10 to £7 with bandsters getting from £5.10 to £6. £4 was the going rate for boys.

The horse dealers were busy with first class horses changing hands for up to £60, second class made £40 with those of a third rate variety going for between £12 and £20. Roadsters made between £15 and £22.

There were a large number of refreshment tents, both Temperance and otherwise, Temperance where stated - W. Simpson, Cullen, Mrs Grant, Portsoy, Charles Taylor, Star Inn, John Lindsay, Victoria Hotel, Portknockie, Rathven Parish Church (Temp.), R. Taylor, Union Bar, Buckpool, Hunter, Buckpool, Mrs Wilson, Buckpool. (Temp.), A. Mather, Anchor Bar, D. Davidson, Commercial Hotel, Fordyce, John Stewart, Seafield Arms, Keith, Falconer, Portknockie (Temp.), Wm. McKerron, Harbour Bar, Portgordon, A. T. Milton (Temp.) Mrs Davidson, Commercial Hotel, Keith, McIntosh, Fergie (Temp.) C. Forbes, Baker, Buckie (Temp.) Buckie Lodge Good Templars, (Temp.), Donald Grant and the Globe Stores, Buckie had tents for confections etc while the ice cream men and others from the locality were also present with their wares.

From 10 am onwards a steady stream began to and from the market where piles of bicycles were stacked. Motors and brakes plied between Buckie and Rathven the whole day.

The train service was not so busy as in former years with many making the journey from Buckie on foot. A total of 4279 tickets were sold at Buckie for Rathven on Friday. In the afternoon Buckie was practically observed as a holiday with most businesses closing at lunch time and almost everyone paying a visit to the fair during the day, still proving to be an irresistible attraction for natives. Peter Fair is seen as the meeting place of old cronies where a good crack takes place over refreshments in one of the tents with reference made to the number of changes seen to take year by year. The changes take place among the people too, for a Buckie man who had been abroad for a number of years said how he could count on the one hand the 'kent faces' he had seen during a walk round. The behaviour of all and sundry was exemplary with the police having a very easy job of keeping order. The reporter suggested that the many temperance tents had a good effect in reducing the number of people who were seen to be worse the wear with drink. The sweetie stalls and also the toys did a big trade although those were now manned by local merchants with the quality of the goods being of a much better quality, and prices comparable with the town.

There were no dancing boards this year, 1911, something sadly lamented by those who wished to trip the light fantastic and those who simply enjoyed the music.

There was music, this being supplied by two pipers, a fiddler, a melodeon player and a one man band, seen stravaiging through the throng hoping to collect a penny or two for their efforts.

As usual there was a galaxy of amusements with the most popular being the **Modder River** this gave one the sensation of flying and young and old were queuing up to have a go on this. With the children the hobby horses were very popular.

The new innovation of the previous year, 'Hoop - la' was there again but proving just as difficult as ever to win a prize. It was nigh impossible to get the rings to drop completely over the wooden blocks on which the prize was set up on. One maiden was heard to describe the stall as being, "a fraud - daylight robbery".

As always the palmists and fortune tellers were all congregated in the east side where they were seen to be doing a brisk business. It was noticed how one had a back door to allow the shy out.

By ten o'clock when the dark was falling a number of the tents had already been dismantled as country lads and lasses set off home to their respective farms and light-hearted couples wended their way to town in the gathering gloom, Carts and lorries soon began to rumble along the turnpike laden with all the paraphernalia which would be set aside till the next Peter Fair day.

A poem is found on page 3 column 1 "God Gave All Men All Earth To Love. By James Ferguson.

A hoeing match took place at Broadmuir, Enzie, farmed by Mr James Kessack. A. Robertson, Hillhead won the first prize.

Hunters Bar, Main Street, recently destroyed by fire is to be rebuilt. The contractors to be - mason - A. Milne and son, Carpenter, Wm. Hendry, Baron Street, Slater, Wm. Black, Portgordon, Plasterer, J. Ingram, Cullen, Plumber, J. & T. Campbell, Painter and Glazier, George Watson. The architect was Wm. Hendry, Buckie.

Advert - Eiffel Tower lemonade - a fourpence ha'penny bottle makes two gallons of delicious home-made lemonade. Produced solely from lemons and sugar.

Sketch of the new 'Little Wonder' - Page 6 of this week's local paper carried a sketch of the new drapery warehouse being built on East Church Street for Mr T. M. Jack, 'Little Wonder'. The whole of the bottom floor is taken up by a shop, saloon and millinery workroom, while the suspended upstairs flat is to be a dwelling house.

Aug 10 **New steading on farm** -Estimates were being invited for the construction of a new steading at Greencraig farm, Drybridge, on the Letterfourie estate. All estimates to be sent to Wm. Scott, Forester.

The Buckie Tennis Club went to the Boyne Castle, Portsoy, by 2 brakes, where a picnic was held.

No licence – jail an option - John Wilson, 44 East Church Street, Cycle Mechanic, was fined 10/- or 3 days for riding a motor bicycle without a licence.

The drifter Walkerdale BCK 84 was built at Govan on the Clyde for John Walker of Portgordon. **Another drifter, the Darda, BCK 99**, was to be launched by the same firm, within the following few days, for another Portgordon man, Mr John Reid.

McKenzie -Murdoch the world-renowned violinist was to pay a **visit to Buckie** along with his vaudeville company, Merry Makers.

Aug 17 **The road from Portgordon to Spey Bay gold course was now complete.** And should prove a great boon for golfers from the Portgordon end.

The harvest had started on the following local farms- Mill of Rathven, Cleanhiil, Arradoul, and Hilton where the reapers had already been busy.

He added to his cash prizes - Sergeant James Reid the celebrated Buckie marksman who had already figured in the prize list at Bisley a short time before won over £8 at the Aberdeen Wapinshaw while both Sergeant Scott, also of Buckie, and Sergeant Major McKenzie of Cullen also appeared in the prize list.

Buckie was still enjoying the best of weather, this being mentioned in connection with the start of the new football season.

A widow, pedlar woman, appeared in court in Buckie in her bare feet to face a charge of acting as a pedlar without a licence to do so and for committing a breach of the peace in the Yardie. She was admonished in the first and fined five shillings or three days on the second.

Aug 24

School dux has her photograph in the paper - The 'Advertiser' of this date carries a photograph of Miss Janet Cruickshank, Dux, of Deskford School. She is the daughter of Robert C. Cruickshank, clerk to Deskford Parish Council.

Buckie Trades held their picnic at Gordon Castle on Saturday past. The weather might have been better.

The new road to Spey Bay – The Duchess of Gordon gave wood free, for the bridge over the Tynet Burn, forming part of the new road from Portgordon to Spey Bay Golf Course. The clay for the road was given by the laird of Auchlunkart and Tannachy. A number of seats were to be set up along the course of the new road with a hand rail erected on the bridge over the Tynet Burn. The beach was also to be tidied up. There wasn't enough funds to take the road all the way to the course nor the hotel but it was hoped to do this later. Portgordon still did not have street lights nor a proper sewage system but plans were afoot to have this rectified.

Fleet again on manoeuvres - A number of warships were again seen to be on exercise in the Moray Firth.

Buckie Y.M.C.A. went to Gordon Castle on Wednesday afternoon where they had a picnic. The party travelled there by two brakes.

Buckie beats old rivals across the Spey - In the first match of the season Buckie Thistle beat Elgin City by 4 goals to two at Victoria Park. This was a Highland League game.

A dear neep - Three boys were fined 2/6 with the option of 24 hours in jail for stealing a neep each from a field on Baremuir farm. They were promised the sentence would be the birch rod if they came back to the court on the same charge.

To big the new ferm buildings - The contractors engaged to build the new steading at Greencraig Farm, Drybridge were - Mason- A. Milne and Son, Carpenter - C. R. Mitchell, Broadley; Plumber - John Barclay and Son, Slater, A. Davidson and Son, Elgin. Wm. Hendry was architect.

A shift for former Buckie teacher - F. J. S. Paterson, former teacher at Buckie Secondary School and Buckie Thistle player who left Buckie to become headmaster at Grange, Keith, was appointed headmaster at Braemar. There were 18 applicants.

Variety is the spice of life - W. F. Johnston 'Banffshire Advertiser' were now selling safes.

Aug 31

Opening announcement - John A. Watt, Flesher, was advertising that he was to open for business at 27 East Church Street. George Paterson, Watchmaker and Jeweller also had a shop at 27 East Church Street. (This seems a bit odd but happened elsewhere in the town.)

Opening announcement - A further new shop was to open at 36 East Church Street as the Moray Firth Bakery. The proprietor - Mrs J. Bruce. (In 1999, I believe, a shop called Denim Plus, a clothing shop occupied this premises., at an earlier date it was part of the Co-op.)

The local schools re-opened on Monday after the summer holidays.

She came in with a cargo of coal - The schooner, 'Lady Cecilia Hay' discharged a cargo of coal at the harbour during the week.

The first meeting of the Boys Naval Brigade, after the holidays, was to take place in the Fishermen's hall on Monday first. A flute band was to be got up in connection with the Brigade.

A new football team, Buckie Caley came into being this week. Copt. Robert Peter, vice Capt. John Esslemont, secretary/treasurer, A. Fraser, 23 Admiralty Street. Subscriptions to carry the team on would be thankfully received.

Sept 7

Buckie Junior Choir was to start rehearsals for the operetta, 'Pearl - The Fisher Maiden'. The conductor was J.D. Emslie.

He also advertised himself as providing tuition on the piano, organ, also training in singing and the theory and harmony. Others advertising their services in the same line then, were - Mr Barritt and Mr T. E. Wright.

Page 6 carried a note on Home Rule for Scotland.

Painter work was continuing on the recently opened new Baptist Church. On four sides of the building the walls were painted with 2 shades of green with friezes of cream at top and bottom.

On the arch above the pulpit inscribed on a beautiful scroll were the words - "If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments" while the ten commandments, themselves, were neatly displayed in panels at either side, executed in maroon with a border of gold. The whole gives a very pleasing effect and is a credit to both the designer and painter. The designer was John Wood, Esq. Walton Le Dale, Lancashire, England while the painter work was carried out by James Duncan, Painter, West Church Street.

He adopted the Dutch style to catch herring - A Buckie skipper was successful in catching herring when he was able to hang his net much deeper in the water, Dutch style, about 30 feet below the surface as opposed the normal depth of 12 feet. This he did off the Shetlands. There were no fish in the top net, set at the normal depth, but 8 cran in the bottom net. There was said to be a shortage of fish because of the calm weather.

The bairns of the Baptist Church Sunday School held their picnic at Letterfourie House by kind permission of Miss Shee. Fine weather was enjoyed with every child receiving prizes for running races etc. It was declared to have been one of the best picnics that they had ever held.

Making the blocks to build the walls - Work was continuing making the large concrete blocks to be used in the extension of the harbour walls. The men making them were able to keep up with those laying them on the extension to the north pier. Dredging was also taking place at this point.

Trains on a Sunday – a surprise - A note told how much speculation had arisen when a train with passengers passed through Buckie on Sunday. The railway management have always declared their opposition to Sunday trains but on Sunday afternoon an engine with four, well filled, North British carriages passed along the Moray Firth enroute for Inverness.

It proved to be a special train and its passage entailed duty at 30 stations along its route.

Earnings well down - This year fishermen's earnings were said to be £30,000 below the normal figure. The range of earnings per boat being from £400 to £1600.

The Buckie Thistle team to play Huntly was - Smith, Clark and Gunn; Duncan, Simpson and W. Smith; Wilson, Another, McKenzie, J. Stewart and W. Stewart.

Buckie Caley were to play Portsoy in a friendly match with the team being selected from the following - Bowie, Halliday, Young, Gordon, Esslemont, Gray, Forbes, Newlands, Maxwell, Shand, Peters, Fraser, Pierpoint, Stewart and Gillies.

Sept 14

Bishopmill (Elgin) Junior Champions were to play a friendly match against Buckie Thistle at Victoria Park. On Saturday 16 September.

Extensive alterations had taken place at the Drill Hall on West Church Street. The hall itself had been overhauled and repainted ; the two ante rooms at the rear converted into a recreation room for members during the winter months. The armoury was remodelled while that part of the building, formerly used as a shop by Antonio, Ice cream etc, was now a store room. Improvements were also made to the instructor's house. The whole building is now used by the corps.

Three warships paid a courtesy visit to Buckie - the Dreadnought, Invincible and the Indefatigable They were all lying some three miles offshore. The members of the Town Council were entertained off shore with a reciprocal civic reception taking place on shore. The jack tars played football matches against a Thistle team and between ship and ship. Other activities also took place.

He accepted the challenge - John McGrory, a one-legged man, meantime the watch-man at Cluny Harbour, took on the challenge issued by J. R. Gibb of Brechin to box a number of rounds, with the winner being declared the One-Legged Champion Boxer of Scotland. The fight took place in the Buckie Skating Palace with McGrory being declared the winner and recipient of a gold medal.

McGrory won further acclaim when at Moore's Boxing Booth in Buckie he stood up to 6 rounds against Albert Moore a (two-footed) British Champion. He won a further gold medal for this.

John McGrory lost one of his legs when working as a train shunter at Leith. Since that time he has followed civil engineering work and came to Buckie when work started on the present extension to the harbour. He was unmarried. A photograph of Mr McGrory was given in the local paper of September 21.

The Portgordon harbour and new charges - - Though the fishermen of Portgordon had turned down the offer made by the Duke of Gordon, of presenting them with the harbour and also payment for the extension to the east pier, this work had still gone ahead as had the work of removing shingle from the mouth of the harbour. However, the Duke had now introduced new all round rates for those making use of the harbour which did not go down well. The scale of the new rates were such that it was being said they were likely to cause fishermen to leave for other parts. Sailboats using the harbour had formerly been charged 10/- per annum this had now been changed to 4/- per day. Haddock boats, used in the main by old men, were now to be charged 2/- each time they landed fish, with the cost of bait now considerable, catching haddock under the new conditions was unworkable. Drifter were now being forced to pay £7.

A poem is to be found on page 7 titled 'Findochty Water Question' by Aquarius

Sept 21 **A poem is to be found on page 8** "The Bravest Battle" by Joaquin Miller.

Sept 28 **The Wood Carving class** that had proved **most successful the previous winter was again to start** under the guidance of Mr John R. Wills, Aberdeen. This was due to start on 6 October within Mr Hendry's workshop on West Church Street.

The death took place of Mrs Geddes merchant, West Church Street. Her house, next to the Drill Hall was the first house to be built on West Church Street. (It is believed that this later become known to bairns as the 'Penny Shop' ran by Miss Geddes It was said that she had a son and a daughter.)

Oct 5 **The Ornithological Society (Buckie) was to hold a Whist Drive and Dance** in the Good Templars' Hall.

Musicians to join - Morrison's Quadrille Band was to amalgamate with Miss Smith, pianist and were now taking bookings for events. Contact to be made with A. I. Morrison, Violinist, Portgordon.

Buckie Bowling Club (Low Street) announced that the green would not be open on a certain date because a special match was to take place.

You are safe with us! - W. F. Johnston, 'Banffshire Advertiser' was advertising that they had been appointed the sole agent for safes by the makers in England.

'Sausages are the Boys' - You can buy Harris & Palethorpes sausages also Wiltshire and Ayrshire bacon at the Cluny Dairy on East Church Street.

On page 2 column 1 one can read an article titled 'Fisher Girls at Work' by Sybil Cormack Smith. (It tells of the work of the guttin' quines and is well worth reading.)

Preshome Harvest Home dance took place in the granary of the farm by kind permission of Rev. Provost Kyle. Music was supplied by John Paterson with the two Mc's being William Dean, Holmie and James Paterson. Tea was supplied by Miss Ritchie, housekeeper at Preshome, helped by Miss Paterson. William Dean gave the vote of thanks.

On Friday Italy declared war against Turkey after delivering an ultimatum on the state of affairs in Tripoli and receiving an unsatisfactory answer in reply. Fighting was said to be taking place both on land and sea.

Portknockie drifter comes to grief - A picture is shown on page 5 of this edition of the 'Advertiser' of the Portknockie drifter, 'Berrie Braes' that capsized in Grimsby dock. It was first thought that it had been seriously damaged but the damage was less than expected and likely to cost £150. Thankfully the vessel was insured.

Off to Yarmouth for the fishing - On Monday afternoon a special train left Buckie for Yarmouth with a large number of fishworkers on board.

Presentation for Cullen School Head - Mr J. S. Ewen MA BSc, Headmaster of Cullen, Higher Grade Public School received a presentation on leaving after being in Cullen for the past seven years.

Oct 12

The death took place on Friday 6 October of the Right Hon. Caroline Stuart, Countess of Seafield, widow of Right Hon. John Charles, 7th Earl of Seafield KT.

To let at Farnachty - A croft at Farnachty on the Cairnfield estate was to let. It was presently occupied by the representatives of the late James Adam. The croft amounted to 7 acres with suitable buildings.

She took exception to his verdict and comments - The 'Advertiser'. carried a letter addressed to Provost Archibald, partly humorous but mostly serious, from Mary Bull of the **Woman's Freedom League** criticising him for letting a man off after being up in court for striking his wife to the effusion of blood. The man by the name of Ross, a labourer meantime working at the harbour extension arrived home to find that his tea wasn't ready. According to Ross his wife had said that she wasn't to make any adding some comments of a personal nature. The Provost acting as judge declined to convict Ross after saying that he believed that the husband, in his own house, was entitled to administer mild chastisement to his wife. **The letter is found on page 3 column 1**

Off to South Africa - G. Clark, the Buckie Thistle centre half left for South Africa. He was a son of the late W. Clark, Photographer, Low Street.

Page 7 carries a full report on the death of Lady Seafield together with a considerable history.

Oct 19 **The reason for exclusion of the Thistle** - The story is told in this edition of the 'Advertiser' of why Buckie Thistle were banned from playing in the Scottish Cup for a number of years after playing Peterhead in a preliminary round at Buckie. Buckie refused to pay the expenses claimed by the Buchan side who had told how to reach Buckie they had had to travel via Aberdeen. It was known that this was a falsehood in that they had travelled by brake to Banff before taking the train from there to Buckie. The word of Peterhead was accepted as Gospel by the powers that be in Glasgow in spite of all the evidence to the contrary.

Well known saying - The King will come the cadger's road yet.

Lady Seafield's will is given on Page 5 also a photograph of the Seafield Mausoleum at Duthill near Grantown where she was buried.

Worthy of note on a number of counts - The Golden Wedding took place of Buckie couple Mrs and Mrs William Reaich, 4 West Street, They were the first couple married by Rev. Shanks who were able to sign their name. They built the first house on West Street. They had five sons and 2 daughters. One son was the headmaster at New Aberdour with the others all fishermen like their father had been.

Oct 26 **Would later be known as Regent Villa** - Estimates were invited for the construction of a house and store at the junction of Titness Street and West Street for George Murray Jun.

Drybridge Harvest Home Ball was to take place in the Smiddy on Friday 3 November. Dancing commencing at 9 pm. **Tickets 2/-** to be had from members of the picnic committee. (An expensive ticket for a dance in a smiddy in 1911 - work out what the corresponding price of a ticket would be when you read this.)

The annual ball took place at Upper Dallachy in the loft kindly given for the occasion by Mr Geddes, farmer.

From the Local News column - Alterations etc at St Peter's

"During the past month large scale alterations and renovations have taken place inside the R.C. church of St Peter's. During this time services have been taking place in the St Andrew's Hall, kindly granted by Miss Shee, Letterfourie, proprietor. Various tradesmen have been busy the while. The roof of the aisles had been covered by pitch pine by Mr Alex Forbes, Joiner; some time before now fine marble work has been added, being supplied by a Belgian firm, near Brussels, and work done by Messrs John Youdan and Co. Hope Street, Glasgow.

The walls of the nave up to a height of 15 to 20 feet have been treated in marble and the walls at both sides of the altar and the four pilasters have been done in various marbles – the prevailing colours being arme alto, green arrange, bleu fleur and jasper.

The gable wall of the baptistry has also been done in marble while part of the aisles has been done very nicely in red and green marble.

In addition the whole building has been painted by R. Duncan and Son. The colour being old parchment while the roof between the fish-bone beams is done in white muresca. Messrs Nicol Bros. Cabinetmakers and Auctioneers, High Street, erected the scaffolding for painting and it reflects great credit on the workmen that it was all done in 4 weeks without a hitch or accident, considering that they were working at a height of 52 feet above the floor of the nave.

The seats have also been painted while carved haffits have been supplied for the benches of the nave by Messrs Nicol Bros. Mason work was done by A. Milne and Son with the architect being, Charles Menal, West George Street, Glasgow.

The first service on Sunday will be the first in the church which presents a very pretty appearance”

Nov 2 **News report -The village of Portgordon** was recently formed into a special lighting district and a few months ago a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the lighting up of the village with £50 being on hand for this purpose.

The committee has been in communication with Messrs R. Tindall and Sons, Buckie, agent for the Turos lighting system, as a result of what a lamp has been erected in the Square and was lit for the first time on Monday evening. The lamp is to be tested during the winter months and if it proves successful the whole village will be lit by this system.

On Monday night the light was much admired being of extreme brilliancy and the agents are confident that it will give every satisfaction.

It may be stated that the Turee light is an American patent and gives a 6000 candle power light at a cost of a fraction of a penny per hour.

The light is procured from petrol gas manufactured in a tank at the base of the pillar.

Some of the houses in the village are already lit by this system and there is every reason to believe that it will be a success for street lighting as well.

Nov 9 **Buckie Literary and Debating Society** were to hold their first meeting of the winter season when the subject to be debated was “The Beginnings of Life”

The Young Men’s’ Christian Association were to hold an open meeting in the Masonic Institute.

A note spoke of a new invention that of telephones on trains – seen as being a great boon (Quite the opposite of mobile phones in 1999, when with so many using them they were seen as being something of a menace.)

A poem is found on page 7 titled – “Love Undying” by W. G. M. Portknochie.

Nov 16 **Man it must have been frosty** - A new curling pond was opened within the grounds of Gordon Castle by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon on Saturday past, in the presence of a

few curlers. The Duke was introduced by the vice president of the Curling Club by Charles Gray, Banker, North of Scotland and Town and Country Bank, Fochabers...

A single rink was played on the new pond with the Duke and Mr Gray being the skippers. The other curlers present were – C. Webster, head gardener, Wm. Cuthbert, head gamekeeper, A. J. Adams, schoolmaster, Wm. Stratton, schoolmaster, D. Ironside and D. J. Cunningham, factor. Mr Gray's team won.

The new pond is picturesque and is situated adjacent to the existing curling pond to the rear of the clubhouse. It is large enough for three rinks to be played.

The Duke gave the land for the pond also a donation towards its construction. Horses and carts were supplied for the construction by Home Farm of Gordon Castle, Braes of Enzie per the late, Mr Bailey and by Mr Simpson, of Stynie farm. The construction of the pond including the architect's fees came to £110.

The new pond is away from trees thus unlike the old pool should have a greater cover of ice.

The water for spraying the surface prior to its glazing with ice is conducted in a pipe from the lake just above the pond and is subsidiary to the old one.

Nov 28 **A Royal Arch Chapter has been established in Buckie** by Gordons Lodge of Freemasons. The Chapter was formerly in Banff being first established there in 1817 and continuing through until 1893.

The first drifter to return from the English fishing was the 'Economy'. A number of fishworkers were also home.

The annual general meeting of Enzie Tennis Club took place with Mr Nicol presiding. The following officials were elected – President – N. F. Nichol; vice presidents, David Howie and Mr McKenzie; secretary and treasurer, Mr John Bonnyman

The members of the committee were – Mrs Nicol, Mrs Mitchell and Misses Bonnyman.

The question of a new tennis court was discussed and it was agreed to see if a bit of ground in the adjoining field could be had at a reasonable rent.

It was proposed to hold an 'At Home' and a whist drive and concert during the winter months... There were now 22 members.

Gaelic was the language of the area - An article in the 'Advertiser'. told of how the 'Book of Deer', an early manuscript, speaks of Gaelic being the language of this part of Scotland, including Buchan in the 12th the century. At the Coronation of Alexander II in 1249 the languages used were, Latin, Norman/ French and Gaelic. The last Gaelic - speaking Parliament in Scotland was in 1308 when it was superseded by Norman/French.

Nov 30 **Bloomfields, Ltd, Great Yarmouth, Fishsalesmen** had a big advert in this paper and ones after advertising themselves and also advising that they were offering for sale a number of modern steam drifters, both wood and steel.

The earnings by drifters from the English fishing ranged from £400 to £15000 with an average of £700. This was up by £100 on the 1910 figures. There were very few

sailboats at Yarmouth this year with their earnings ranging from £160 to £600 for the season, giving an average of £250.

Term days less profitable - Both the May and November term dates had been very profitable for shops in days gone by when most of them held term sales. Now they were far less busy than in former years.

Dec 7 **Far mair dentist than we hiv noo** - Another two dentists were advertising that they were to be available for consultation and treatment in Buckie. Mr Faulds and Mr McCandlish were offering to provide all forms of dentistry at 16 Cathcart Street, West. Their advert spoke of having a branch at Cullen, Portknockie and Portsoy.

We didna hae a bad fishing - No less than 7 marriages were proclaimed in the established church of Portknockie on Sunday. It was common to see a spate of weddings taking place at the end of the fishing season.

The hall got a face-lift - The St Andrews Hall, Buckpool, the property of Miss Shee, Letterfourie House, was extensively decorated under the supervision of Alex Milne, Builder. The scaffolding was erected by A. Hendry and Sons, Carpenters, with the painting being done by R. Duncan and Son. J. Barclay and Son overhauled the gas fittings. The ceiling of the hall was painted in blue with cream centres as were the friezes and windows. The walls were done in a salmon colour with the pilasters in stone. The woodwork was stained and varnished. The lavatories and ante rooms were also attended to. Mr R. Taylor, Union Bar is meantime the leasee of the hall.

Dec 14 **It was a paying concern** - A second Cinderella dance is to take place in the Good Templars Hall following the success of a previous one.

Communion was celebrated in both Enzie Churches on Sunday. There was a large congregation at both. Friday was a Fast Day

Cluny Harbour - It was reported that the previous week the extension at Cluny Harbour had been completed. The crane that had been involved in the work was removed. The extension of the breakwater will be a big improvement to boats entering the harbour in bad weather.

Fifteen marriages were proclaimed in the Established Church, Buckie on Sunday. No fewer than 27 fisher couples were getting married as the outcome of the successful English fishing.

The folk that were mined (remembered) on - The paper of this date carried a list of the local bequests under the will of the late Lady Seafield.

Another ploy to raise funds - A Sale of Work took place in the Good Templars' Hall by the Templars themselves to raise funds to help lower the debt on the Institute.

My trip across the Atlantic - The paper carried an article by a local man, an emigrant, from Buckie to Boston. It tells of his experiences on board the ship taking him and others across the Atlantic. (Makes interesting reading.)

He went down but rose again - The long established firm of P. I. Smith and Co. 30 Great Western Road, (near the Buckpool Station) was still in business but now concentrating on the supply of coal and firewood.

Dec 21 **Report – Hospital for Buckie-** A hospital was opened in Buckie this week by Dr McKenzie, Edinburgh. The hospital was built through the enterprise of Rathven Parish Council with its opening seen as a ‘Red Letter’ day for the parish.

The hospital has accommodation for 11 patients.

The main contractor for the building was Mr Alex Murray, Joiner, with the architect being John Dawson, Builder. Sub contractors were – Mason Andrew Morrison; Incandescent Gas Fittings -, J & T. Campbell; Plumber, J. H. Clark, Elgin.

The total cost of the building was £550 exclusive of fittings.

The site on which the hospital sits, amounting to over 13 acres, was bought from Sir Robert Gordon, Letterfourie 17 years before for the sum of £1,400 and includes the Baremuir (New) cemetery and also a piece of land to the west. The new hospital covers an area of 1 acre.

The new building is constructed of wood and 20 ply iron without galvanising. It is somewhat unpretentious to look at, the original plans which showed ornamental gables and verandas were dispersed with on economy grounds.

Nurse Clark was appointed matron of the new hospital which is intended for the nursing of the poor.

Portknockie Fishermen’s Association held a meeting. in the Fishermen’s Hall. Mr Slater ‘Mash’ presided.

We hinna got the siller - With insufficient money coming in it had not been possible to have the carriage road to Rathven completed. There was some talk of handing back the subscriptions, such as that given from the Bryson Trust.

A poem is to be found on page 8 titled “The Enchantment of Music” by W. G. M.

Dec 28 **Opening announcement** - Alex Smith , Holbeck, was advertising that he was to commence in business as an auctioneer

Opening announcement - Oglivie Dawson, Builder and Contractor, was advertising that he was to commence in business as a housebuilder and contractor in Buckie and district on his own behalf. He said he had a large and varied experience in the trade and guaranteed to give full satisfaction in all work undertaken. This would be faithfully carried out. Home address 24 West Church Street.

If yer siccan a len o oor horse jist speer – Anyone requiring the temporary services of a horse might apply to the professional at Spey Bay Golf Course.

Report - Christmas passed very quietly because most businesses carried on as normal. Special services took place on Monday in the Established Church, All Saints Church and St Peter's. all the banks were closed also a few shops. The P. O. had been working at high pressure with the postmen being very busy delivering the large amount of Christmas cards,

The annual collection for the infirmaries took place in the Enzie with the sum of £23. 11s being collected. This was up on the previous year.

The Buckie Motor Cycling Club held a whist drive and dance in the Masonic Institute.

Buckie Catholic Association were to put on a performance of 'Dark The Hour Before Dawn'.

This is to take place in the St Andrews Hall. A first class orchestra will be in attendance. Reserved seats 2/- First do 1/6, Second do 1/- Children ½ price Dance to follow, admission 2/-

(It was noticeable that special rates for ladies seemed to have stopped this year. In past years their ticket was always 6d less than for gents. Was this the first signs of sex equality?)

Changes on Main Street - One notice in the paper spoke of a shop and store being for sale at 30 to 32 Main Street while on another page one could read how a new shop had opened there.

1/- Weekly (An advert by a London firm)

(Giving rise to the expression - 'Shilling a Week' very common at one time but seldom if ever seen now (1999). A man used to call to collect his money and deliver what was required. In 1999, though a great many people still were buying goods on the same principle it was done through catalogues.

Goods being offered by the London firm of John Evans and Son 22 Lawrence Lane, Cheapside included - General drapery, costumes, skirts, suits, boots, etc etc, Cash or easy term payments. Goods sent carriage paid to any address. An illustrated catalogue given on request.

We are the new occupiers - - George Downie 30-32 Main Street, Ironmongers. Having taken over these large and commodious premises recently occupied by Sutherland and Hendry, Rope and Sailmakers, we are now showing a large and varied stock of general household ironmongery.

Kerbs - latest pattern, copper and black; brass and black.

Lamps of all kinds only best burners -.

Washing tubs,-home made- whitewood and painted. Tubs also repaired.

Marriage presents

Lamps of all kinds repaired and soldered

See showroom adjoining shop.

It must have paid to advertise - Gillan- Grocery Specialist and Wine and Spirit Dealer, Baron Street had a large advert as had the Globe Stores, R. Watson, High Street, with all manner of goods specially mentioned for Christmas and the New Year.
