

- Nov 17 1881 Vol 1 No 1 of the Banffshire Advertiser priced 1 penny
- Three drapers advertisements - Wm Newlands - High Street and Geo Robertson Main Street Nether Buckie and John Sandison, Cluny Square.
- Nov. 24 Miss Chrystie (same spelling of surname as Jean Chrystie who married the fourth Duke of Gordon) a former teacher at Clochan and daughter of G.C. Chrystie, Clothier, Fochabers, to be head female teacher at Milne's Institution, Fochabers.
- Dec. 1 First mention in the press of plans for a railway from Keith to Buckie and on to Farskane, Cullen.
- Dec. 15 New Year Treat at Newbigging, Clochan.
Devons Entertainment; 2nd January 1882.
A large balloon will ascend to conclude with a grand ball, supplied with the best of music.
Ticket to concert and ball 1/- Commencing at 8pm. Smoking strictly prohibited.
- Dec. 22 Wm Grant opening announcement making and selling boots and shoes
at Bridgend, Nether Buckie.
- Dec. 29 It was proposed to fit a clock and bell into the spire of the Established Church (North Church) at a cost of 250 (pounds) from the will of Wm Donaldson, Master Baker, Gordon Street, Buckie.
- Jan. 12 . Adverts - John Wilson, Clothier and Draper, Baron Street; J.Green and Co. Boots and Shoes, Nether Buckie. Alex Kennedy, Photographer.
- Jan. 19 Geo. Taylor, Clothier and Draper Cluny Square gave up business.
- Feb. 9 Geo. Geddes, Tailor, High Street.
Peter Bonnyman, Clochan Draper and Outfitter - annual sale.
- Feb. 16 Contractors invited to build cart sheds and implement house at Wester Bogs.
- Mar. 2 John Simpson, Draper and Clothier, Low Street, Great Clearance Sale. This firm is believed to have later moved to Keith
- Alexander Mackie, Baker and Confectioner started in business at Bridgend
- New Family and Commercial Hotel - Cluny Hotel opened.
An excellent billiard table and posting in all its branches.

This edition carried an article on the archaeological features found at Gollachy and Auchentae.

- Mar 2 Mention was made about the possibility of constructing a tunnel below the English Channel.
- Mar. 9 A horse belonging to James Mair flesher, fell over the bank into the Buckie Burn , when being given a drink, and broke its neck
- Mar.16 An advert by W.F.Wright - Grocer and Seedsman.
- Ap. 6 John Scott Jun. Little Yardie, lost at sea near the Hythie or Old Harbour of Buckie
- Ap. 13 Three engineers and 6 labourers to start pegging out the route of Keith to Buckie railway.
- Ap. 20 1882 **A few splendid new wells were placed in the town this week. Great improvement on previous wells and help to add a ‘modern grandeur to the town’. Some of the former wells the water was so muddy that it looked like meat and drink both. Part of the problem was related to the farmer at Hilton draining his fields.**
- Ap 27 Alex Wilson, Distiller Inchgower, died this week at Arradoul House. He was a captain in the Cullen Artillery.
- May 18 The Stroup Well situated on what is now the ‘Bowling Green Brae’ was attracting a lot of attention because of the quality of the water - like champagne - a drink from it was a luxury. Good clean water is extremely scarce in the eastern division of the town. Unlike some other wells it never goes dry.
- May 25 Confirmation at Preshome by Bishop Mcdonald, Aberdeen. One hundred young people and some adults from Buckie, Tynet and Preshome were in the congregation.
- Peter’s well, better known as the Stroup Well was again open to the public on Tuesday last.
- John Logie Draper and Clothier moved from West Church Street into the premises vacated by Geo. Taylor who has moved to Glasgow. Mr Logie’s shop in the Volunteer Hall Buildings on West Church Street, to be taken over Wm Smith a watchmaker and jeweller from Elgin. Duncan, Shoemaker who had a shop on Baron Street moved to Cluny Terrace. F.F. Angler, watchmaker moved from West Church Street to Baron Street.
- William Smith took over Inchgower Inn.
- Jun.1 Joseph Reid’s bakery taken over by Major Hector, late of Hilton Farm

The Stroup Well was producing 3 gallons of water per minute - 4,320 gallons per 24 hours.

- Jun. 15 The Enzie Pic-nic to take place on the 29 June.
- Jun. 22 In accordance with custom a number of young men climbed the Bin Hill to watch the sun rise.

Drybridge Pic-nic to take place on 8th July.

A note spoke about people in Keith shortly being able via the new railway to travel to Buckie to inhale the health-giving ozone so plentiful there.

- Jly, 5 Hoeing match in a field immediately above Cluny Harbour belonging to James Kessack, bus proprietor. There were 19 competitors.

Enzie Picnic took place in a field of Mr Stables, Cuttlebrae on Thursday last. It was intended to begin at half day but with the hoeing so far behind this was abandoned and started at 6. The Enzie school children led by Mr Russell on the pipes marched to the field where each received a baggie when they arrived at Cuttlebrae. Miss Ann Forsyth and Miss Ann Bonnyman, Clochan brewed up the tea while the picnic took place at the bottom of a knoll. The scholars all played cricket and other games encouraged by the smart and genial headmaster, Mr Kennedy, and Mr Brown, student, Birkenbush. The committee members were - Andrew Innes, Oran, Peter McCurrach, Bunach, James Bonnyman, Oxhill and Peter Wilson, Clochan.

A stage was erected by Mr. Calder, gardener at Letterfourie while Wm Dean played the fiddle. the lads and lassies of the Enzie then danced reels and strathspeys - the servant lassies and farmer's daughters together with smart lads have all learned the mysteries of heel and toe. Miss Aunt Sally was present as usual as much a 'limmer as were ever'. Quits were tried but the old game proved not to be popular. There were trials of strength and other of skill.

The judges were - Stables, Cuttlebrae, Smith, Oxhill, Thomson, Newbigging. Mr A.Taylor, Enzie P.O. had the management of the games.

There were 400 people present including 100 school children. Among those present were - Smith Thorniebank, Bennett, Blaemuir, Murdoch, Blackhill, Wood, Blacksmith, Arradoul, Dean, Holmie, David Robertson, Newmill, Miss Dean Holmie, Miss, Shand, Pathhead and Miss Ann Brown.

The winners of the sports were - Vaulting - J.Bennett - 7.5"; High Leap - J.Grant - 4.6"; (Slackhead); He also took the Long Leap with a jump of 32.9"; Wm Anderson, Gordon Castle had a throw of 89.6" in the Hammer. He won the Putting the Stone. J.Grant was successful in both the Long and Short Races. J. .Bennett won the Sack Race while the Dancing competition was won by Wm Anderson. On average there were between 5 to 7 entrants for each event.

The games ended at 10 p.m. with the amusements less than an hour later.

- July 13 **Poem about the Bin Hill**
- Jly 27 **An eel about 7.5 “ long came out of the water pipe in Easter Buckie. Lots of complaints have been made about the quality of the water and now an eel. What if the eel was to die in the pipe or other even less welcome beasties find their way into the pipe.**
- Aug 3 Advert asking for firms to tender for the installation of a clock and bell in the North Church Spire , this to be paid for under the Donaldson Trust a former master baker of Gordon Street, Buckie.
- Swallow’s Circus paid a visit to the town on August 23.
- Gillett, Brand and Co. Croydon, London won the contract to install the clock and bell.
- F.F. Angler moved from West Church Street to Baron Street next to Cluny Lodge.
- Barclays were the owners of the Cluny Hotel in August 1882
- W.F. Johnston apart from being printers were selling books, stationery and music requirements.
- September The Highland Railway to be built in two sections – a) from Keith to Cairnfield and b) from Cairnfield to Buckie . In section one thirty bridges and culverts will have to be built the longest 48 feet in a distance of 8 miles and 553 yards.
- In section two measuring 5 miles and 273 yards a total of 23 bridges and culverts have to be built plus a viaduct of four arches each of thirty feet.
- During the past year 1881/82, during which a lot of building took place in Buckie a block of houses were built for Mr McWilliam, baker, on Union Street., Nether Buckie.
- John Ross, Fearn, Ross-shire won both contracts for Buckie to Keith Railway.
- Sept 21. McKenzie, Bros. Joiners announce starting in business on West Church Street.
- Sept 28
Annand. New Ironmonger opening announcement on Low Street – Robert
- Oct 19 **Money to be raised to improve St Ninian’s Cemetery which was seen to be in a bad state of neglect. It is a very old burial ground and within its confines can be seen the ruins of a former R.C. Church though it is only traceable now by the foundation stones. It is not known exactly where the altar had been.**
- Nov 2 John Simpson, Watchmaker, to open a shop on High Street.

- Street. John Bruce, Peterhead, to take over J.Reid and Co. Bakers, Gordon
- Woodman Clark, Watchmaker and Jeweller, to open a shop on Commerce Street, Buckpool?
- Nov 9 **First turf cut on the Buckie to Keith railway on 7 November 1882. It was declared a holiday in Buckie with torchlight displays and a bonfire. There was also a Public Supper followed later by an assembly in the Volunteer Hall.**
- Wm Thomson and Co. Commercial Place were advertising themselves as General Grocers.
- Enzie Young Mens' Mutual Improvement Association held a meeting, connected with the Enzie Free Church.
- George Chisholm came from Aberdeen and set up business as a Hairdresser and Cutler at Cluny Harbour.
- Dec 7 Mrs Bruce opened Coffee and Refreshment Rooms on High Street, Buckie.
- Wm Newlands, Draper, High Street was advertising the sale of Christmas and New Year cards
- John Barclay formerly advertising as a slater now had in his advertisement, plumber, bell hanging and gas fitting.
Wm F. Wright Family Grocer and Spanish Wine Merchant. (advert)
- It was announced that the clock and bell for the North Church had arrived in Buckie.
- Jan 18 James Ashton and Co. Cabinet Makers, Cluny Street, Buckie (advert)
- Jan 25 Several craft landed cargoes of freestone for bridges on the Highland Railway
- The ball of the season was reported to have taken place at Maryhill, Drybridge.
- Advert – Robert Buchan opening announcement as a baker at Commerce Street, Nether Buckie.
- Mar, '83 Two horses killed the same week while working on the course of the Highland railway near the farm of Brankumleys.
- Mar 29 Portessie boat, Venus Star, lost in storm of 17 March- 7 men lost their

lives.

John Elsley, Grocer, Nether Buckie, opening announcement in shop formerly occupied by James Green, Shoemaker.

Rev James Wilson, C.o.S. minister at Broadley died in March there were 28 applicants for the post. Rev Caie was eventually appointed in July.

Lady Gordon Cathcart to cut first turf on the coast railway on 24 April, 1883. A ball will take place in the Volunteer hall to celebrate the event.

George Geddes, tailor, moved to Union Street, into a house belonging to John McWilliam, baker.

It was reported that the railway from Keith to Buckie would be open as far as Preshome by September.

- Apr 26 Wm McKenzie, Clothier, Hosier and Hatter, The Ready Money Shop, to open in the Cluny Hotel building.
- May 3 1883 A.McDonald, Boots and Shoes to open a shop on West Church Street. They came from Aberdeen. They moved into Melvins New Building on West Church Street.
- May 17 M.C. Cruickshank and Co. to open a Temperance Hotel and Coffee Room on High Street in a building formerly occupied by Charles Davidson, Blacksmith .
- John Johnston , Painter and Decorator – opening announcement
Wm Calder, Furniture Warehouse - opening announcement –West Church St.
- May 31 1883 **Archaeological Remains in the Enzie on page three of B.A.**
- June 14 Alex Dallas Pie Shop – Cluny Harbour – opening announcement
- James Gordon Aerated Water factory to let – Nether Buckie.
- A.Imlah - Grocer – High Street, opening announcement
John Bruce, Flesher, High Street, opening announcement.
- Gollachy Woollen Mill for long carried on by Nathan Fearnside taken over by John Dawson, Manufacturer, advertising will accept offers of wool.
- June 21 Wm Anderson to open restaurant on East Church Street, next to the P.O.
- June 28 A navvy entombed by landslide near Allolath on the Keith to Buckie

railway line, lost his life.

Archaeological Remains in the Enzie on page three

Alex Munro, China, Glass and Stoneware, Square, Nether Buckie.
(Advert)

Note about the Well of Rosemarkie, drained about 1800 into the rivulet, Freuchny Burn. After farmer at Mains of Buckie had complained about people tramping through his crops and the ministers were keen to stamp out what they saw as a heathen practice of collecting water and leaving 'cloots' on the nearby bushes.

- Jul 19 Advert – A vet is to call every Wed. at the Volunteer Inn and the Inchgower Inn at the request of local farmers.
- Enzie Annual Pic-nic near the old hamlet of Scraphard. The rich foliaged elms, the old houses and ancient bank of the old roadway made it an ideal place for a picnic. The picnic had been held no for some years past. The dancing was well patronised to the music of accordion, and violin played by Charlie and Adam Dean, Holmie, sitting on the level sward of an old garden.
Stewardesses were – Mrs McCurrach, Miss Ann Forsyth, Miss Jane Wilson and Miss Jane McCurrach. Judges for the games were – Messrs Stables, Cuttlebrae, Laing, Glasterim and Young Easter Bogs. There were 7 entries for throwing the hammer with a distance of 103 feet being gained. In the long jump a distance of 15'7" was reached with the winner jumping to 4'7" in the high jump.
Arrangements were carried out very successfully under Messrs James Yeats, Wm Gray, Ben Robertson, George Wilson, George McCurrach, all of Clochan.
- Jul 26 Geology of Rathven and Enzie
- Aug 16 Wm Rutherford and Son , Woollen Manufacturers, Union Street, Nether Buckie.
- Aug 23 Fresh salmon and grilse to be had daily at the Fishing Station, Nether Buckie,
- Up to the end of June 1883 in the Enzie there was the one marriage, 33 births(four being illegitimate) and 15 deaths.**
- Alex Esson , Tailor, opened a shop on West Church Street.
- Sept 13 George Melvin, Baker, also refreshment rooms opened on West Church Street.

James Rutherford advertised that he was carrying on the business of Woollen Manufacturers at Union Street, after his father had died.

Tailors.
J.Grant and W.Bonnyman opening announcement as Furnishing

Duthie Park, Aberdeen opened in September 1883

Oct 25 John Gray and Co. Maybole, Ayrshire, Shoe Warehouse, Nether Buckie. The advertisement showed their many stores all throughout Scotland from Gretna Green to Wick.

Nov 1 Charles Gauld, Flesher, opened a shop on West Church Street formerly occupied by F.F.Angler.

P.Bonnyman, Draper and Outfitter, Clochan had an advert in the B.A.

Advert calling for people to start up a Choral Society in Buckie.

Peter Thomson, Fish Shop, also cooper work done, Nether Buckie.

Nov 22 1883 **pg 3 col 3 St Ninian's Churchyard, Clochan**

Rev Caie, Broadley, is to preach in the Portgordon hall on the first Sunday of every month. A congregation of 400 attended on the first Sunday.

Dec 20 **Highland line now opened from Drybridge to Buckie first engine ran along this stretch on Wednesday 19 December, 1883.**

Rev. Caie was given £5 from the laird of Cairnfield to distribute amongst the poor of the parish.

Smith, Watchmaker, was advertising spectacles capable of restoring sight to weak eyes.

Ball at Maryhill, Drybridge, 1st January 1884. Music by McGregor and Brown. Hosts – Mr and Mrs Grant, farmers. There was a company of 60 present. The ballroom was gaily decorated with evergreens. The committee was Messrs Bennett, Johnston and Robertson

The following ladies were present - Misses Robertson, Hillhead, Misses McCallum, Whitefield, Miss Jameison, Inkerman, Mrs Grant, Maryhill, Miss Johnston, Blackhill, Mrs Wiseman, Greenmoss, Miss McConnachie, Miss Lendrum, Miss Ingram, all of Drybridge, Miss Bennett, Blaemuir, Miss Grant, Maryhill, Miss Johnston, Blackhill, Miss Wilson, Shielburn, Miss Smith and Miss Calder, Townhead, Miss McKenzie, Greenmoss, Miss Carr, Mill of Buckie, Misses McKenzie, Townhead. The dance broke up at 6am.

Jan 17 Henry Wilson, Bridge End advert – Picture Framer.

- January 1884. First soiree held in conjunction with Enzie Parish Church on 11
- J.Green and Son, Boots and Shoes , Bridge End, (advert)
- Jan 24 First competition on the newly formed Buckie Golf Club was won by W.F.Johnston.
- Feb 7 Buckie Fishermen's Lodge (Rolling Wave) Good Templars raised £100 towards the building of a new hall.
- Feb 21 1884 Concert took place in the Volunteer Hall to raise funds to help build the Good Templar Hall.
Two silos opened at Tochineal and Woodside, farms. This was the first experiments in Banffshire.
- Anderson's Restaurant , East Church Street, ?
- Mar 6 George Robertson ,Draper, 20 Main Street, Nether Buckie (advert)
- Cist found at Gollachy farm. This was the second one found in this locality and located 50 yards north of the woollen mill on a sandy knoll. (There could have been no more since much sand was removed from here to fill in the disused railway cutting through Buckie in the 1990s)
- Woodman Clark Watchmaker, Commerce Street, Nether Buckie gave up the business on April 17.
- Horse and machine for hire apply Milne Chapel Street, Nether Buckie.
- Apr 24 A.Gordon the first owner of the Cluny Hotel death announced.
- A 13 year old girl from Low Street was killed by a landslip while playing on the course of the railway then being constructed above the houses. Two navvies were later entombed by a further landslip but were rescued safely.
- May 15 F.F. Angler Watchmaker, returned to new premises on West Church Street, now occupied by the opticians.
- May 22 1884 John Green, Draper, to open the central shop in the Virginia Buildings as a General Drapery and Clothiery Goods on Saturday 24 May
- James Fraser, Draper and Clothier removed to the Volunteer Hall buildings.
- June W.Thomson, Cluny Terrace was advertising Jams and Teas
- Wm Newlands, Draper, High Street was advertising that he had extended his store.

- June 12 Opening announcement – George Wright, Chemist and Druggist, West Church Street, opposite to George Innes, Tailor. Wright was selling school books and stationery.
- There were two adverts in the B.A. for net hauliers, one called the Iron Man at £7.10. Logie also had one called Fisher Boy, a double geared net hauler.
- First railway excursion from Buckie to Keith for employees. The train set off from Buckie amid flags and bag-pipe playing . The passengers had to dismount at Drybridge and walk across a temporary wooden bridge before re-joining the train.**
- June 19 Advert – Wm Smith, Watchmaker, High Street, opposite to the Cluny Hotel
George Roy – High Street was advertising Teas, Jams and Jellies. He later went broke.
- Announcement – George Christie, Sheriff Officer, Auctioneer and Valuator
- Mr Garden , farmer of Rannachy gave permission for the Peter Fair Park to be used for a game of cricket.
- June 26 Contractors wanted for the erection of the infant classroom at Enzie Public School
- James Anderson and Wiiliam Garvock, Boatbuilders, Nether Buckie, firm dissolved.
- Jul3 Bazaar to be held to raise money for a manse for the Wesleyan Church, Portgordon.
- July 24 McDonald, Banker, to have two commodious shops built on East Church Street opposite to the P.O. (The former P.O. has for a long time been a chemist shop but during WWII it was a branch of the NAFFI.) Freestone building materials to be carried to Buckie from Keith by the new railway.
- The new Buckie to Keith railway was to be opened the following Monday with a special excursion fare of 3/6 return, third class; 5/6 return first class only if the inspector passed the line.
- July 31 **P3 Cols 1,2,3. Times of the trains for the regular service starting on August 1.**
- e.g. Leave Portessie at 8.20am arrive Keith at 9.00am
Four trains per day from Buckie**
- Aug 7 Enzie Parish Church Sunday School Picnic at Cairnfield. A total of 70 children marched from Broadley to Cairnfield on Saturday led by

Piper Scott from Buckie. At Cairnfield teach child got strawberries and gooseberries from Mr Gordon later they had tea, cakes and sweets in the company of Master Gordon. The day ended with dancing, with music played by Mr Dean, Holmie. This was the first such picnic organised by the parish church.

Many people were left disappointed when too many people turned up at the Keith station for a trip to Buckie, the local holiday.

- Aug 28 A cricket match between married and single men took place at the Peter Fair stance.
To Foyers and back in one day, first time by train – poem and report.
Page 2. Poem – The Cobbler’s Rant - Supplement to the B.A. Aug 28 1884.
- Sept 4 Wm Smith Watchmaker from West Church Street to High Street, opposite to Cluny Hotel.
- Sept 18 John Barclay, Plumber etc. moved to east end of Cluny Harbour.

First Rathven Market. (Not connected with Peter Fair.) Held on the same stance on Thursday of this week
- Sept 25 Keith Auld Summer Eve Fair at Keith. Lots of cattle and horses with many local buyers and sellers. Mr Thomson, Newbigging, Clochan got £18.05 for a cow. Wilson, Inchgower bought some stots at £2 per head.
- Oct 1884 George Roy, High Street was advertising feeding stuff for cattle and table tatties.

Buckie Mutual Improvement Association began. The first meeting of Fochabers M.I.A. took place, it was still going strong in 1998, I was honoured to be invited to give a talk on the Enzie to the members in 1997.
- Nov 27 **Grand Bazaar to be held in aid of raising funds to build a Fishermen’s Hall for Buckie.. a whole list of the ladies who were to man the stalls was given in the B.A. of this date.**

Duncan and Graham were advertising themselves as Wholesale Merchants, Buckie.
- Dec 4 Alex Esson, Draper etc. had a huge advert on the front page of the B.A.

The second Rathven Market took place today, Thursday. There were 152 cattle, 64 sheep and 16 horses.
- Dec 25 Entertainment in the form of readings and recitations took place in the former Mission Church at Farnachty kindly lent by Mr Gordon, Cairnfield. John Garden, Rannachy presided. Mr Wilson, Drybridge,

Mr Gordon, Joiner, Cairnfield were the entertainers. The concert was to raise funds for the poor of the Enzie and Rathven parishes.

1885 **January 8** **A navvy meantime employed on the railway lines fell while drunk 60 feet down into the bed of the Buckie Burn after missing the path, in the dark, leading to the wooden bridge which spanned the burn at that time. He survived with no bones broken but rather sore and was able to get up out of the burn later with a little help**

Jan 22 A third concert took place at Farnachty. Mr Wilson, Drybridge presiding spoke of the unruly behaviour of some people at the last concert which caused a few, well-written letters to be seen in the B.A. after this. Among the entertainers were – Messrs Smith, Thomson and Logie, Buckie also Miss Kessack, and Miss Mina McCallum. Mr John Gordon spoke and read a humorous paper. Master James Fraser played the violin while readings were given by Wm Gordon and James Dow. Songs were sung by John Shand, George McGregor and James Bennett.

A letter in the B.A. said that not all people present had enjoyed the readings and recitations.

A big sale of railway contractors plant took place on February 12.

March 12 The Free Church (Enzie) Literary Society were discussing – “Should the Church of Scotland be Disestablished” On opposite sides were Mr Smith, and Mr Shand.

Contractors were invited to tender for new hall to be built in Nether Buckie.

The following shops in Buckie agreed to shut for the half day on Wednesday – Wm Newlands, John Wilson, James Simpson, George Merson, James Fraser, John Sandison and Co, Alex Esson, George Innes, George Robertson, John Green, John Hillocks, James Birnie. These were all known to be Drapers, Clothiers and Tailors. John Simpson, Boots and Shoes, F.F. Angler, Wm Smith, Watchmaker and Jeweller, Alex Imlach, James Paterson and George Roy – Grocers. R. Annand, Ironmonger. It was not known for sure what each of the following shops sold – Alex Smith, S.G. Moir, Jane Cumming, John Gray and Sons (Shoemaker) Wm Thomson and Co (Shoemaker), Wm. Cowie, John Farquhar, Pat Clark and Alex McDonald.

Banffshire Advertiser and Buckie and Moray Firth Fishing and General Gazette.

Ap 9 1885 Clark and Milne Land Street, Buckie were advertising themselves as Aerated Water Manufacturers.

Ap 23 A new church was to be built at Broadley with Bruce and Sutherland, Buckie as architects.

- May 7 The death took place of Mr Peterkin Builder Ianstown who was the leasee of the Strathlene Quarry. He was responsible for building the majority of the houses in Ianstown and Gordonsburgh over the past five or six years being both the architect and builder.
- The Buckie and the Rolling Wave Templars joined forces and held their first meeting this week.
- James Rutherford, Weaver moved from Nether Buckie to Rathven.
- Jun 25 Death took place of James Stewart, Tinker, commonly known as "Jemick the Wee Tink". He was 70 years of age and is buried in the cemetery at Botriphnie.
- July 9 1885 **This edition of the Banffshire Advertiser had a picture of the town, taken from the Salters, along with the title. The paper still cost one penny**
- John Bennett had an announcement in the paper opening at 3 West Church Street, selling books, especially of a Catholic nature, stationery, music, paper and fancy goods. This shop had formerly been occupied by McGregor, Printer. Some time later the shop was to be occupied by Antonio Jannetta, an Italian ice cream maker. The first Italian shopkeeper in Buckie.
- George Geddes opened as a Family grocer and Provision Merchant on Cluny Terrace. Later this shop was taken over by Marshall as a Draper's shop.
- Peter Williamson opened as a China, Crystal and Stoneware Merchant at Bridge-End, Nether Buckie.
- James Fraser, Draper and Clothier was at 7 West Church Street.
- Aug 6 Murrays Cash Grocery Store was at East Church Street.
George McWilliam, Boots and Shoes, had moved to 25 West Church Street.
- Aug 27 Pupils attending St Peter's School were advised to return from their summer holidays to secure places since there was pressure on space and the previous year some pupils had lost their seats through returning late.
- The picture on the local paper heading disappeared at the end of August.**
- Sep 3 Fancy Goods could be had at Mrs Smiths shop on Cluny Terrace.
- Oct 8 **Contractors are invited to tender for the construction of the hotel, shops and houses to be built on St Andrew's Square. The laird of Letterfourie was to build these on spec.**

- Oct 15 John Coulson Watchmaker and Jeweller opened a shop on Baron Street.
- Oct 22 The Free Church at Enzie Cross Roads re-opened after extensive internal improvements and alterations had been made. Re-plastered, re-seated with the altar shifted.
- Oct 29 Peter Tawse opened as a Hairdresser and Grocer at 33 High Street.
- Francis Sellar had an opening announcement in the paper - to sell blankets as well as being an outfitter.
- James Mackay had an advert in the B.A. that he hoped to open up shop on East Church Street opposite to the P.O. on Friday 13 November 1885. He was applying for a journeyman and apprentice tailor.**
- Robert Young Mackay opened as a solicitor at Marine Place, Buckie
- Dr George Duncan , late of Garmouth to commence practice at 5 East Church Street.
- Mr Shiach, Dental Surgeon, Elgin, advertising that he was to visit Buckie every Thursday starting 5 November and could be seen at the Cluny Hotel.
- Nov 12 First of a series of fortnightly concerts began in early November at the former Mission Church at Farnachty.
John Coulson, late of Stornoway, to open as a Watchmaker and Jeweller on Baron Street. In addition he was to stock musical instruments.
- Nov 19 Frances Sellar, Draper, Tailor and Clothier East Church Street.
- Dec 3 Entertainment at Farnachty. Further entertainment took place there as noted in the B.A. of Dec 17, 1885.
- R.Nicol D.D.S. Surgeon Dentist, Keith, was announcing that he would be in the Commercial Hotel, Buckie on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
- Jan 7 1886 **During the construction of the coast railway four urns were found near Buckie ; three were broken with one being recovered complete.**
- Several rare coins have also been found one being a Queen**

Elizabeth sixpenny piece in perfect condition. It was found by a navy. The date on the coin was easily readable as 1572. An old Scottish doit of the time of Charles II. A small coin made of pure copper in a fine state of preservation showing on one side a Thistle and on the other the Scottish Crown.

Jan 21 **During the year 1885 in the Enzie there were 83 births (38 males and 45 females), and 47 deaths (23 males and 24 females). Of the deaths 17 were over 60 with an average age of 72 . The eldest female was 92. Twelve of the deaths were of children under 7 while five deaths were accidental from drowning. There were 22 marriages.**

Feb 4 A Bazaar to raise funds for the building of the new Church of Scotland at Broadley was to be held in Buckie in September.

An ancient canoe was found in the River Spey near the farm of Newton when men were scouring the river bottom prior to the commencement of fishing operations of a pre-historic type. It was of pure black oak and 16 feet long – flat bottomed – 2 and a half feet wide- hollowed out by fire and scraper.

Feb 25 (1886) **James Nicol Cabinet Maker and Upholster commenced operations at 21 High Street Buckie.**

Mar 4 Robert Christie was appointed the first stationmaster on the coast railway at Buckie. He was formerly a clerk at Ellon.

Meeting of farm servants to take place at the Holl, farm, Enzie on March 11 to hammer out new conditions for workers. Some of the rules attempted to establish were – 1) plough irons to be taken to the smiddy in the master's time 2) a half holiday once per month to be put on pay day. One hundred and fifty men attended.

Mar 18 (1886) John Wilson, Draper etc Baron Street, was advertising Patent Cedar Felt to be used under carpets. It saves wear and keeps away moths also softens the tread.

New Elders of the Established Church at Broadley were – A.Stables, Cuttlebrae, J.Dean, Holmie, J.Brown, Birkenbush, W.Adams, Gamekeeper, Auchenthalrig and H. Wilson, Teacher, Portgordon.

Mar 25 Proposed setting up of a new tennis and bowling club with a meeting to be held in the Volunteer Hall.

Fishermen could buy their sheepskin buoys from Carruthers on 14 East Church Street – opposite the P.O.

Tickets(raffle) were on sale at 1/- each in aid of the Public Institute. The first prize was a walnut piano valued at £50. The second prize was marble time piece, valued at £7.10

Apr 1 Article on the Cullen Viaduct.

Mr Masson to be the stationmaster at Buckie on Great North of Scotland Railway.

- Apr 15 Revival Meeting – Salvation Army – Portessie.
- April 29 For Sale at the Cluny Stables with the opening of the coast railway – 6 well seasoned posting horses; 2 pair horse ‘buses’; 1 brake and four wheeled dog cart; 1 close carriage; several sets of harness.
- The coast railway to open on May 1 1886**
- May 6 **Opening of St Andrew’s Hall, Nether Buckie. To celebrate the event a concert was given by the R.C Association Dramatic Club. It was mentioned the efforts made by Sir Robert Gordon to have a railway station at Nether Buckie.**
- May 13 New Grocery and Provision Shop on East Church Street , ‘a few doors east of the clock’ Called Glasgow Grocery and Provision Warehouse. Owner – Andrew Imrie.
- June 3 George Innes Draper and Clothier, 39 West Church Street, John Wilson, Baron Street, George Geddes, Tailor, East Church Street, Alex Esson, Cluny Square, James Fraser, 7 West Church Street, George Robertson, 29 Main Street, James Mackay, East Church Street, Francis Sellar, East Church Street. Some of the drapers in Buckie at the time.
- June 24 George Wright Chemist, moving to West Church Street.
- July 1 Contractors required to lay pipes from marsh area west of Hilton farm to augment water supplies to Easter Buckie.
- July 8 J.Dawson, Jun. Took over the Weaving Business of Rutherfords late of Buckie and more recently of Rathven .
- Advert for Enzie Pi-nic – sixpence cost of admission – Peter McConnachie, Core, secretary.
There were 500 at the Pic-nic at Drybridge. This was less than the previous year.
- July 15 All manner of carting was announced by David Caird of the Cluny Stables.
- July 22 Bostock and Wombell’s Menagerie visited Buckie with 600 animals, lions, tigers, bears, wolves, hyenas, zebras, elephants, sea lions, monkeys etc
- Aug 5 Wm Smith last innkeeper at Inchgower Inn went broke .

The contractors to build the Catholic Institute – A.Milne, Buckie – mason; Forbes and Thomson Carpenters; John Taylor, Slater, Keith; G.W.Sutherland, Buckie plasters; John Barclay, Buckie, plumbers;

James Duncan, Buckie, glazier; Bruce and Sutherland, architects, Buckie.

- Aug 26 **Formation of a farm servants' union at the Holl Tynet with 40 members.**
- Sept 16 John Bennet – Bookseller, 3 West Church Street was advertising photographic views of Buckie taken by G.W. Wilson, Aberdeen.
- Sept 23 Report on Bazaar held in Buckie in aid of the new Enzie Parish Church at Broadley.
- Sept 30 Proposal put forward for a bridge to be built over the Buckie Burn near to St Peter's Church.
- W.F.Johnston – Banffshire Advertiser - was the agency for emigration to all points abroad.
- Sept 1886 Formation of M.I.A. in the Volunteer Hall.
- Oct 7 **A man was fined 5/- or three days for stealing a turnip out of a field at Mains of Findochty. In the same paper a man was fined 7/6or five days for camping on pasture land near Strathlene.**
- Oct 14 A new police station sanctioned to be built on West Church Street? There were to be two houses of four rooms a police office, waiting room, five cells and associated cell. The old one in Nether Buckie was in a poor state of repair and out of the way.
- A Bazaar was held in the Fishermen's Hall to raise money to build a Public Institute in Buckie in conjunction with a Masonic building for Lodge Gordons. 589.
- Oct 28 Mr McBean, Bonesetter to visit Buckie and can be consulted at the Cluny Hotel.
- Nov 4 A big neep from Walkerdales – 31 and a half inches in circumference and weighing 16 and a quarter lbs. Suttons Mammoth Purple Top. Sown on 10 June
- Mr Shiach , surgeon dentist to visit Buckie every fortnight can be consulted at the Cluny Hotel.
- Nov 11 **The first minister who officiated at the Chapel of Ease in the Enzie at Glasterim was Rev Gordon, followed by Dr Morrison, Rev. Leslie, Rev James Wilson in 1843. The last was responsible for having schools built at Portgordon and Broadley.**
Notes on the Ministers of the Enzie B.A. Nov. 11 1886 Page 4 Column 3
- Nov 25 *Good Templars were advertising – Reading Room, Recreation Room, Temperance Café open until 11pm where a cup of coffee or tea could*

be had for 1 penny. A slice of bread and butte, bread and cheese or bread and jelly all cost a penny. The Good Templars Hall stood on Baron Street opposite to the coastguard station.

- Dec 2 **A Portknockie boy of 13 years alleged to have stolen some articles got three days jail in Elgin.**
- Dec 23 Alexander Proctor of 34 Low Street, Buckie was advertising himself as Billposter and Bellman
- Dec 23 1886 Opening announcement – James McKay Geddes to commence trading as a Tailor and Clothier at 14 High Street, Buckie. He had 17 years's service in military and civil departments.
- Jan 1 1887 **The Fishermen's hall had been opened for one year. Opened 1 January 1886 Mr Perry Architect.**
- Jan 7 Opening announcement – James Ross .Flesher, 31 East Church Street.
- The letter carrier in Findochty had a thank you note in the B.A. He had received a Christmas Box of five guineas.**
- John Cattenach, Stripeside, was advertising sure, safe and certain cure for lumbago, sprains and bruises. He could show lots of testimonials.
- Alex Smith, General Merchant and Newsagent moved from 27 to 16 High Street – just across the street.
- Jan 13 Contractors for the new police station were – Cumming – mason , Buckie; Archibald and Milne, joiners, Huntly; John Barclay , slater, Buckie; J.Gordon, Elgin , plumber and bellhanger, ; J.Inkster, Portgordon, plasterer; Duncan, Buckie, painter.
- Jan 27 **Buckie boat the Reaper caught a herring weighing 1 and three quarters lbs.**
- Feb. 3 Wm Henderson, mason, had a row in a pie shop at Cluny Harbour and was fined 7/6.
- Wm McKenzie, Baker and Painter, Nether Buckie went broke.
- Opening announcement – George Scott, Boots and Shoes at 27 High Street.
- The present building and former Church of Scotland, Broadley was opened on 5 February , 1887 taking 9 months from start to finish. It was built of Oran stone with starts of Spynie freestone. The opening took place on Sunday when Professor Milligan, Aberdeen preached the sermon. Surplus funds after the building has been paid is to go to build a wall around the church . this was never done.**

- Feb 24 Rails were to be laid from the Highland Railway to Cluny Harbour.
What happened?
- March 3 *New road to be laid from James Street, to Buckpool Railway Station.
Over 100 years later no one seems to know the correct name of the
road. Elsie Gibbs Brae, Slaughterhouse Brae?*
- Terrace. Mr J.F.Birnie, Tailor and Clothier purchased tenement on Cluny
Terrace.
- J. Coulson Watchmaker moved to High Street.
- March 17 A bell for the Enzie kirk to cost £30.
- The streets of Portgordon were named at this time.
- Clothiers, Drapers and Grocers agreed to close on Wednesday
afternoons at 2pm. From 2 March until 31 August
- March 24 1887 Opening announcement – John Gordon, Elgin, Plumber,
Brassfounder and Bellhanger.
- An article on shipbuilding at Kingston this week and next.
- A.Anderson to open the Gordon Arms,, Buckpool under Temperance
Principles. A greengrocers business was to be run in conjunction with
this. He advertised good stabling. The Gordon Arms appears to have
been across the road from the present Star Bar.
- John McDonald had a hairdressing business at 32 Low Street, the
corner of Logies Lane.
- Ap 14 W. F.Wright and Son, Baron Street, Vegetables and Seeds etc.
- George Roberson Clothier and Draper, 20 Main Street, sale by auction.
- George Wright, Chemist and Druggist mentioned.
- Apr 21 Football match Apprentices versus Non Members at the Bents,
Ianstown.
- Ap 28 New Free Church Manse to be built on East Church Street at a cost of
£1,500. Cumming, mason, Joiner, Calder, Plasterer, Reid and Inkster,
Painter, Symon, all of Buckie apart from the plasterers who were
from Portgordon.
- May 5 Kynoch. Keith, were still advertising all kinds of manures, local agent
at the Bone Mill, Portgordon. They had a branch at Macduff.
- Place. James Hay, Cullen, opened a branch shop as a Flesher on Seaview
Place.

- May 26 Opening announcement – J.M. Bissett ,. 50 Low Street, Buckie, General Cash, Provision and Grocery Store.
- Opening Announcement - M.H.Williamson, Baron Street, General Drapery and Bazaar Goods.
- June 9 John Anderson opened a Grocery and Provision Store in the shop on Baron Street formerly occupied by Mr J.Simpson who sold Boots and Shoes.
- June 16 1887 **Stone cist discovered at Bridge End containing ancient remains of a woman.**
- George Ingram, opened a shop at 3 West Church Street as a Bookseller, Music, Stationer and Newsagent. Shop formerly occupied by James Bennett later by a fishmonger before it was taken over by an Italian icecream maker The building is now owned by Moray Council and used by the Registrar.
- A meeting was held at old Knowehead in connection with the Strathlene Games.
- H. Wilson – advert – Picture Framer and General Merchant at 23-24 Bridge End. All kinds of paints and paper also glass in stock.
- June 30 1887 Mr James Duncan, Painter West Church Street, has provided a neat little hall for Plymouth Brethren on Blairdaff Street , with seating for 120.
- A Lawn Tennis Club started in the Enzie on 16 July 1887.
- Aug 11 Mr Cruickshank, St Andrews Hotel, Buckie fell off his horse when jumping at Keith Show.
The horse fell on the rider but he escaped not badly hurt.
- Aug 25 A fire at William Ritchie, Shoemaker, Drybridge. Mr Wilson, Merchant and Mr Meldrum Blacksmith , were affected.
- Sept 1 **Mr Mair, solicitor, Buckie, is to move at a meeting of Banffshire Road Trustees on the 30th of September, that the Trustees resolve to build a bridge over the Buckie Burn connecting West Church Street and Nether Buckie.**
- Sept 8 A Grand Opening sale at the Colosseum, Drapery Warehouse, 1 Gordon Street, opposite to Mrs Cruickshank, Grocer.
- Advert – James Lowden and Co. Fish Salesmen and Licensed Auctioneers.
- Sept 15 Opening Announcement James Simpson and Co. Watchmaker and Jeweller, Bridge End.

- Sept 22 Brown, Draper took over the shop previously held by Geddes, Grocer, 'first shop round the corner from Cluny Terrace' – facing the Seatown, George Roy, Merchant, High Street, Buckie went broke.
- Advert – Thomson, Boots and Shoes, 30 Bridge End.
- Advert – J.Dawson, weaver, Rathven to move to Gollachy Mill in
Sept. .
- Oct 13 George Merson , Draper, opposite to Cluny Harbour, retired, all stock bought by James Mackay.
- Oct 27 Estimates wanted for building of semi - detached cottages at Bridge End. Bruce and Sutherland Architects.
- Great Clearance sale of Boots and Shoes at Wm Thomson, 30 Bridge End. – 'Days of Depression and Hard Times'
- Reid and Clark built large commodious premises at Bridge End as General Provision Merchants, Family Grocers, Ships Chandlers and Tea Specialists. (Reid was David Reid Portgordon)
- Nov 3 Advert – Bissett – Grocer and ships Chandler, Low Street.
- Dec 1 Front cover of B.A. carried adverts for the following firms – John Wilson, Draper, Baron Street; James Nicol, Cabinet Maker, High Street; Andrew Imrie, Glasgow Grocery Store, East Church Street; John Barclay, Slater, Plumber, Cluny Harbour; Colosseum, Draper, Gordon Street; Banffshire Advertiser, West Church Street; George McWilliam, Boots and Shoes, 25 West Church Street; F.F. Angler, Watchmaker and Jeweller, West Church Street; Wm. Calder, Furniture, West Church Street; J.M.Bissett, Grocer, Low Street; George Wright, Chemist and Stationer etc, West Church Street; Alex Murray, Bookbinder, 1 Cluny Terrace.
- Dec 15 Shewan and Co. Elgin, bought over George Robertson Drapers, 20 Main Street, Buckpool.
- Advert – Wm. Fowler and Co. Tea Merchant, Paraffin Lamps, General Supply Stores. 4 High Street.
- Advert – John Esson, Draper and Clothier, Bridge End.
- Dec 29 McDonald and Geddes Bros. took over the business of late Geddes Tailor and Clothier on East Church Street, opposite side of street from the P.O.
- Advert – Ingram – 3 West Church Street – Books, Music Seller, Tobacconist, American Pianos and organs. Took over from Bennett.

- Jan 5 Wm Wiseman, Merchant .went broke.
- Feb 2 Advert – John Simpson, Draper, Low Street.
- Feb 9 Andrew Imrie, Glasgow Grocery Store, East Church Street, to close.
Mortimer and Hector – Seedsman 1 High Street, had for sale ryegrass etc, etc.
- March 8 In Buckie there were no less than 17 drapers and 12 grocers
The Drapers were – J. Mackay, F. Sellar, G. Sandison, A.Esson, J.Fraser, J.Simpson, P.Geddes and Son, A.Smith, G.M.Brown, J. Green, Wm. Newlands, Geo. Wilson, Geo. Innes, J.Shewan and Co., J.Hillocks and Son, J. Esson, Bruce, Tailor and J.M.Geddes, Clothier.
- Mar 29 George Wright, Chemist, opened a business as a Manufacturer of Aerated Waters at Land Street, Buckpool. The manager to be John Walker, Inchgower. The former owners were partners Clark and Milne but their business was dissolved.
- Apr 5 **Large number of emigrants set to leave from Buckie and district. It was a time of grave Depression for fishermen and trades-people. Many of the fishermen went to Halifax in Nova Scotia.**
- Apr 12 John Dawson took over the Glasgow Grocery Establishment on East Church Street formerly owned by Andrew Imrie. Dawson changed the name to London Grocery Establishment.
James Fraser, Draper, to move from the Volunteer hall, Buildings, to East Church Street, opposite to P.O.
John Cook opened as blacksmith next to the Net Factory
- May 17 Geo McWilliam, Boots and Shoes, moved to 14 High Street, next to Mr Smith Newsagent.
The fishermen didn't find things too good in Canada and some had returned by this time.
- June 7 Mrs Bremner opened a Temperance Hotel next door to the P.O. on East Church Street. The building was later to be taken over by James Mackay, Draper.
- June 14 Mrs Munro also opened a Temperance Hotel, Refreshment and Eating Establishment at Bells Place, Main Street, Buckpool
Wm Adam and Son Engineers, Brass and Iron Founders, set up in business as Seafield Founders, at the far end of Great Western Road, Buckpool.
- Jul 19 Arthur Young and Sons, Fleshers and Greengrocers, Cluny Square, in

shop previously occupied by R.Duncan and Graham.

- Aug 2 Henry A.McBain, Furniture Warehouse, West Church Street, had an advert in the B.A. all of 1888.
- A.G.M. Prince Hairdresser and Perfumer came from Elgin and opened at Sutherland's Buildings at Bridge End on 10 August .
- Sargano's Menagerie to visit Buckie on 15 august.
- Sept 6 Cheyne, Plumber, Macduff, got the contract to put up gas lamps through the town.
- Price of a 4lb loaf to go up from 5d to 6d.**
- Sept 18 J.Johnston , Clochan, Blacksmith, went bankrupt.
- Oct The Rathven Market was poor with only one January calf forward. Taylor, Enzie P.O. got £6.10 for this.
- A boy of 11 was fined 2/6 for throwing stones.**
- Nov 15 **Smith, 'Currie' and Jappy 'Wochel', two boys, were each fined 1/6 for stealing a neep.**
- James Mair, Butcher, declared bankrupt.
- Calder and Campbell commenced as Tailors on West Church Street, opposite to Wright, Chemist.
- J.Winchester, Loanhead, to open a shop on Baron Street for the sale of butcher meat.
- Advert- Taylor and Hossack, Solicitors and Law Agents, St Andrews Square.
- 23 Nov 1888 Charles Davidson, Blacksmith, Buckie, sent a drill plough which he had made to a purchaser in Halifax, Nova Scotia who then sent it to an exhibition where it won first prize.**
- Dec 6 George Innes, Draper went broke with all of his stock being bought over by James Mackay .
- George Wright, Chemist, stopped the manufacture of Aerated Waters.
- Dec 13 James Kessack, Horse hirer went broke.
- Dec 27 The estate of Alex Scott, Farmer, Hilton, sequestered.
- Francis Sellar, Draper, went broke.

- Jan 17 John Grant and A.Stewart, to open as Furnishing Tailors at 34 Main Street,
- Jan 24 **Wm Thomson, Buckpool, mason, was fined 20/- plus £2.16. 7 expences or 14 days for poaching on land at Bogend.**
- Jan 31 The farm of Hilton was let to Ross, Cathay House, Cullen.
John Legg, Portessie, Shoemaker/fisherman went broke.
Advert – Smith’s Manchester Warehouse, Cloth, flannel etc, Bridge End.
- Feb 21 Wm Smith, Watchmaker etc, to return to the Volunteer Hall Buildings from High Street.

The following shopkeepers agreed to close at 2 pm on Wednesdays from a date in March to the same in August - W.F.Wright, John Anderson, John Simpson(Shoes), J.Simpson(Draper), R.Annand(Ironmonger), John Dawson, James Mackay, James Fraser, John Gray and Co (Boots etc), John Sandison, J.R.Mortimer, John Green, Alex Lyon, Wm. Newlands, John Farquhar, Geo. McWilliam, Alex Imlah, J.w.McGregor, Alex Esson, Alex Mcdonald, F.F. Angler, Wm. Thomson, Wm.Smith, James Birnie, George Brown, George Geddes, A.Cruickshank and Son, James Mayne(Grocer), John Esson, Reid and Clark, P.Geddes and Sons, Alex Smith, Peter Williamson, John Green, R.Hillocks, James Paterson, A.Young and Sons(Flesher), J.Winchester(Flesher).
- Mar 14 **R.Ritchie, Buckpool, got 14 days for stealing 20 doos from the farm of the Holl, Enzie. The butcher and his son to whom he sold them were fine 16/- of 7 days for re-set.**

Hillocks and Son, Drapers, bought over Shewan and Co’s , shop 20 Main Street, formerly the premises of George Robertson, Draper.

Alex Lyon General Merchant bought over all the stock of Fowler and Co, 4 High Street, Grocer and Ironmonger.

Stationmaster at Enzie was J.Myres while A.Kennedy was at Rathven, staying there all the time that it was open.

Advert – Johnston Painters had now added Co. to their name.
- Mar 28 A shop and dwelling house to be built for Mr Forbes, Baker at Bridge End.
- Advert – James Paterson, Grocer, Main Street, Buckpool.
- April 11 Munro farmer of Cleanhill also took on Bogend.

- May 2 Messrs Lind and Son 1 High Street opposite to Cluny Hotel
Watchmaker and Jeweller.
- For throwing a stone at the Salvation Army Barracks a young lad was fined 1/- or 24 hours in jail.**
- May 23 James Yeadon, Elgin, took over the business and all stock of Mr
McGregor, Printer etc, etc, next door to the Cluny Hotel.
- June Rathven market was good – 66 cattle, 3 horses and 9 sheep.
- 1888 was a very dry summer
- Sangers' Circus to visit Buckie on June 7.
- June 20 Logie Bros, Low Street, Rope and Sailmaker was advertising barking
of nets and sails by steam. Best quality 'cutch' used.
- Joiner's Workshop and Furniture Showroom at Baron Street formerly
held by A. Miller, Joiner was up for sale. Miller went to Findochty.
The building was taken over by Wm Hendry, Joiners. Wm Hendry
was a brother of Alex Hendry, Joiners, Land Street.
- Prince, Hairdresser, Bridge End was open from 8am till 8pm every
day and 10pm on Saturday.**
- Farmer, George Stewart, Hillocks, went broke
- July 25 Buckie Market - week before Peter Fair, poorly supported only toys
and sweetie stalls.
- Second annual Enzie Pic-Nic and Games held at Broadley on Saturday
afternoon. The games started at 4.00pm until 6pm but the competition
was not that keen. There wasn't as large a crowd as had been thought
there would be. Dancing went on after the picnic until 10pm to music
by some violinists. Andrew Stewart, Holl, Alex Gordon, Cowfurrich
and James Bruce, Tynet, were judges. Gordon Newlands won the
light hammer, heavy hammer and putting the stone followed in most
things by A. Hendry who won the 56 weight. In the high leap A. Clark
and G. Newlands were equal. A. Clark and G. Newlands dominated the
athletic events. The married women's race was won by Mrs Hendry,
Tynet. Who got as her prize 1lb of tea. Money prizes were given by
Mrs Thomson, Burnside of Tynet, Mrs Grieve and Mrs King,
Broadley. Thanks were given to Mr Pirie for the use of his field and to
Messrs Herd, Thomson, Mitchell and Scott for supplying the music
and others who contributed to the day.
- Aug 26 **New Buckie lifeboat to be christened on Saturday.**
- Successful Enzie loon in Toronto, Robert Simpson, brother of John
Simpson, Draper, Low Street, owns a mammoth store in the Canadian
city the like of which would only be seen in London or New York.

- Poets Corner – Buckie Lass
- Sept 12 Tee Names Col 2 Page 3
- John Sandison , Draper, Clothier and Hosier to move from Cluny Square to 22 East Church Street. Moved 12 December.
- Sept 19 Opening Announcement – John Forsyth, Tailor, Baron Street.
- Sept 26 Rosebank Villa, built in 1800 for sale at £660. Near St Andrews Square.
- Sept 30 Free Education For All came in on this date.
- Oct 3 Formation of Wesleyan Congregation in Volunteer Hall. Meetings to take place each Sunday at 11 am and 6 pm.
- Oct 10 **Concrete pavements being laid West Church Street for first time.**
- Duncan McMillan, Architect went broke.
- Oct 17 Opening announcement – Miss Smith Outfitter 6 Baron Street.
- Hugh Ross, Sawmiller, Tynet, bankrupt. All effects to be sold.
- Right of Way – Strathspey B.A. Oct 17 1889
- Wm Forbes, Baker, Bridge End . was advertising refreshments to be had in the form of tea and coffee, etc. at 1 penny per cup. at his new premises.
- Oct 31 Temperance Hotel on East Church Street, next to the P.O., for sale.
- Nov 7 A poacher was fined 10/- plus expences of £2. 5.11 or 60 days in prison. Trespassing on land at Connage.
- Nov 21 **A Public Park for Buckie. This was first mooted this week.**
- December Quarterly Rathven Market – 37 cattle, 5 horses and a few sheep.
- Dec 12 Public Library on Cluny Place opened to public on December 5th 1889 located in the Reading Room.
- Dec 22 Liptons local agent for tea was P.I.Smith who had shops on Great Western Road and at 42 West Church Street.
- James Inkster, Bridge End, was advertising as Family Grocer and General Merchant.
- John Simpson, Draper and Clothier, extended his premises at 4 to 6 Low Street.

- L.T. McGarth , Ironmonger, was mentioned for the first time.
- 1890**
- Jan 5 W.F. Johnston, Banffshire Advertiser was now selling golf clubs etc
- A.Cobb, Public Supply Stores, 4 High Street, Buckie, Selling Fruit and Bread
- Robert Reid , Ships Chandler, Low Street.
- David Henderson Star Inn, Buckpool went broke.
- Hicks Theatre on Baron's Green for 10 days with two performances
daily
- Jan 19 P.Shapearey, Boots and Shoes 31 East Church Street.
- February Rathven Market - There were only a dozen head of cattle and a few ram lambs.
- Mar 20 Alex Esson to move from 17 West Church Street into a shop in Cluny Square formerly occupied by Sandison, draper. Moved May 15.
- Old established firm of J.R.Mortimer, Cluny Square and High Street, Ironmonger and Seedsman to close. (said the local paper) He continued in business on Baron Street after for some time.
- Wm Jack – 'Little Wonder' had a shop at 39 West Church Street.
- Change in Free Church Worship. Now to stand for praise and Benediction and kneel at prayer or a position as near as possible. This was the opposite of the practice before.**
- May 1 **A.Smith, Professional Poacher, was fined 15/- with £2.4.3 or 10 days in jail.**
- May 15 A.Lyon 4 High Street had a big front page advert for grates.
- May 22 Geo. McWilliam, Shoemaker from High Street to West Church Street, former A.Esson's shop.
- May 29 James Mackay to move across the street into the former Temperance Hotel, next to the P.O
- June 5 1890 Mortimer, Ironmongers, 12 years in Buckie, moved to 17 Baron Street was not happy about L.T. McGarth's advert.
- Sandison, Drapers, were advertising the quality of the stockings they were producing .
- L.T. McGarth took over all stock in trade and lease of the shop

formerly held by Mortimer at 1 High Street , Cluny Square. (On the corner)

- June 12 L.T.McGarth had a big front page advert showing pictures of tiled grates with many patterns on the sides.
- P.I.Smith was advertising coal, oatmeal, feeding stuffs, firewood, cement, fireclay, slates and tatties in wagon loads from his place in Milne's Building opposite to the Buckpool Station.
- .June 19 1890 **New Masonic and Literary Institute nearing completion – the mason work all but finished – memorial stone laid. With Masonic Honours on June 18, 1890.**
- The masons of Lodge Gordons had been meeting in the lodge room of the Volunteer Hall.
- June - Quarterly Rathven Market – 60 cattle, 8 sheep and 3 horses.
- July 24 Buckie Market Day – only one toy and one sweetie stall.
- Aug 7 Enzie Picnic and Games held again at Broadley in Mr Pirie's park Judges, Newlands, Gordon and Anderson. A.Hendry won, light hammer, putting the stone, high leap and vaulting besides being places in other events. Good weather poor crowd. Held on Saturday Aug 2.
- James Sutherland 8 Mid Street, started in business as a plasterer.
- Titness Street, Buckie, named after Titness Park a home in England near Sunningdale in Berkshire of Sir Reginald and Lady Gordon Cathcart.**
- Aug 14 J.Leith Esson, formerly manager with William Newlands, Draper, to open a New Drapery at 16 High Street on 1 September.
- Aug 21 John Sandison Hosiery Manufacturer was advertising 2,3,4,5, fingering wool stockings..
- John Wilson was advertising Holiday Outfits at Baron Street.
- Aug 28 George McBeath, Joiner, opening selling Household Furniture at Cluny Terrace. Took over his late father's business.
- On 20 **August a wedding took place at St Peter's Cathedral of Charles Forbes, Baker, and Isabella Addison, West Bauds, Cullen. (as printed)**
- Sept 4 Alex Innes, farmer Windsoer, Tynet, went broke.
- Sept 11 1890 **Formation of Mutual Improvement Association in Buckie.**
- Oct 2 Donald McDonald and MacPherson commenced as tailors at 30 West

Church Street.

Harvest Home at Cairnfield House October 9. This was an annual event with the hosts being Mr and Mrs J.P.Gordon. Present were employees and friends. The large crowd were entertained by music played by Grant, Milne and Robb and songs from Robertson and Jowitt.

The Little Wonder re-opened on West Church Street. Ladies Outfitter.

Nov 20

A meeting took place in the Lady Cathcart School on the 17 November 1890 with the intention of starting a Horticultural Society in Buckie.

Officials appointed were – President – Rev. J.W.White; Vice President – Alex Lyon, Ironmonger, Secretary/Treasurer, Alex Cruickshank Jun. Merchant. ; plus a large working committee.

The Police Act was adopted in Buckie which dictated that all new houses being built required to have provided suitable closet accommodation. John Barclay, Plumber has a large number of suitable water closets in his shop.

.Dec 4

History of the Hospital of Bede House, Rathven Dec. 4. B.A.

Dec 11

James Mackay was advertising that he had moved across the road into his new commodious accommodation while the old shop was now closed.

P.I. Smith was advertising Liptons Tea and reductions in price at Cluny Square and Gt. Western Road.

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Jan

The following drapers etc, were advertising winter sales in the first weeks of January – Wilson, Newlands, Fraser, Mackay, Leith Esson, Brown, Little Wonder, John Esson (Bridge End), Simpson and Green.

The Volunteer Inn was across the road from the Star Inn at Bridge End. Murray's Inn was on Land Street. The Athole Inn was at the North End of Cathedral Street with the Union Bar at the other.

Feb 5

Geddes Jun. Came from Smerick took over Easter Bogs. Arthur Young went to Collargreen Craigellachie

Feb 12

Ball at Wellheads attended by 50 couples. Music provided by Davidson, Bogmoor, Gray Dallachy and Smith Teacher of Dancing at Keith. There was another dance at Greenmoss on Monday when 15 couples were present.

Feb

Rathven market – 50 cattle no sheep or horses. No refreshment tent –

loud complaints.

Feb 19 1891 **Draughts Match at Cowfurrich – Married men versus single Men on Saturday evening . They played for two hours. This has become a favourite game of late.**

Married men won by 32 to 15. Playing for the married men were – J.Fraser, J.Watson, A.Gordon, and J.Scott, Single – G.Newlands, C.Paterson, A.Stewart and J.King.

Very old coin found at Cullen Feb 26 1891.

Mar 19 **A start made to the new rifle range at the ‘Target’ on the Hill of Maud.**

Mr Murison – Dentist, Aberdeen in Buckie 11 March.

A Imlah, merchant. High Street, advertising few tons of Champions and Morayshire Blue tatties for sale.

Advert – Johnston and Co. Painters, Glaziers, Paperhangers and Decorators – Commercial Buildings

George Innes whose stock was bought over by James Mackay set off for South Africa.

April 2 Football score Fochabers 1 Union 17 “A one-sided game “ was the report.

W.C. Jameison, Watchmaker, Virginia buildings (1889) had a sale moved to Volunteer Hall buildings in May.

April 16 **Sixteen emigrants left from Buckie this week.**

Apr 23 W.Adam opened on Great Western Road as a Cycle Agent.

Opening announcement – M.Miller (Baltic) 31 East Church Street, Boots and Shoes.

Apr 30 Posts etc for sale from Grant at Pathhead Sawmill.

Opening announcement Duguid Bros. Watchmakers, Jewellers and Opticians also Nautical Instruments. 1 Virginia Buildings

The first Flower Show for 20 years to be held on 12 August.

Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers and Upholsters, High Street.

May 14 Concert in the Clochan School to raise funds to buy a piano also with view to start a library.

This took place on the Wednesday evening when both children and children performed.

John Simpson moved from 22 Low Street to 4 - 6 Low Street into larger premises.

W.Geddes, Bogshalloch, labourer got a year in gaol for assaulting a girl of 13.

June 18 Robert Reid Grocer, Ship Chandler to open at 50 Low Street.

L.T.McGarth Ironmonger had a great variety of goods – prams, mangles, mattresses, joiners and coopers tools.

July 9 **Eliz Phimister or Stewart Holmie, Enzie, died 2 July over 100 years old. She was born in 1791 and married John Stewart, mason who predeceased her by 48 years. She retained all her faculties up to the end and could read without glasses. She was never out of the county only once going to Dufftown and once to Banff.**

The Earnholm made the trip from Cluny Harbour to Cromarty on Wednesday July 1 with 200 passengers – 100 of them being from Keith, who travelled to Buckie by special train.

Sangers Circus paid a visit to Buckie.

July 23 The Buckie Market had only 2 stalls – refusing to take off.

A . R.Watson, Elgin, Morayshire Sawmills, Elgin, buy the Buckie Sawmills which were situated on Commercial Road across from the Cluny Harbour. The sawmills were to be destroyed by fire some years later.

Jul 30 Sandison, Drapers and Hosiery Manufacturers, were advertising stockings in cashmere and merino the equal to hand-knitted.

Aug 6 Miller's Boot and Shoe Shop at 31 East Church Street was known as the Baltic.

The first Flower Show in Buckie for 20 years took place on Wednesday August 12 1891

Prizes were given to children for their written description of the Flower Show. In 1891 the first prize was won by 12 years old M.Y.Geddes of the Schoolhouse, Findochty.

Aug 20 **The B.A. carried a good write up on the Flower Show on P2 columns 6 and 7.**

Sept 10 **A boy was fined 1/- for stealing a neep and was threatened with the birch rod for his crime!**

The B.A. spoke of a revival in the boat-building industry which had been in the doldrums for some time.

Oct 1 Opening announcement – S.C. Esslemont and Son, Drapers, Simpson Buildings, Bank Street, Buckie.

Oct 8 Opening Announcement – Andrew Duncan took over the business of Mortimer, Ironmonger at 17 and 18 Baron Street. Duncan was later to go bankrupt. He came from St Fergus to Buckie

A.Geddes and Co. Haymarket, Edinburgh, held a clothing sale in the Volunteer Hall – this despite all the clothing shops at that time in Buckie.

Attack on the bobby at Portgordon

Nov 5 1891 **A Reading Club was to be formed in connection with the Enzie Free Church under the minister, Mr Kerr.**

Grand Bazaar to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on 17,18 and 19 December in aid of the new Masonic and Literary Institute.

A harvest Home was held at Tannachy House during the past week.

Nov 19 Advert for Charles Nicol, Painter, High Street, Buckie.

A 4lb loaf to rise in price from 6d to 7d.

Dec 6 *A report on the death of Peter Thomson, farmer Newbigging, Clochan. He came to Clochan in 1843 from Stynie , Fochabers where his ancestors had been for a long time. At Stynie they had charge of the salmon fishing on the Spey before the station was opened at Tugnet. The salmon were boiled at Stynie before being carried by fast sailing smacks to London. Mr Thomson, who served his time as a joiner, built much of the present steading only being given the timber and slates from the laird. He did much to improve Newbigging and took in 20 acres from former moorland.*

1892

I Jan Annual Ball at Maryhill Farm, Drybridge by kind permission of the farmers, Mr and Mrs Lamb. The music for 30 couples was provided by Johnston and Milne.

There were 14 interments at St Ninian's Cemetery during 1891, about a third under average. Among those who died one person was 100 years and three months, two were aged 90, with one 88, one 87 and one 80.

Imlah, High Street, was advertising Perthshire Champion tatties for sale.

A hallkeeper was required for the Fishermen's Hall with a salary of £8

per

annum.

- Jan 28 A tradesmen's Ploughing Match took place with the following being the top men – Davidson Blacksmith, Wallace, Coalman, Wm Clark, Photographer, John Fordyce, Cooper, George Milton, Highland Railway, Carter.
- The following Drapers were all advertising 'Clearing Sales' – Green, Newlands, Mackay, Brown, Leith Esson, Simpson, Sandison, Wilson, John Esson (Bridge End), Little Wonder.
- Feb 11 Annual Supper and Dance at Cairnfield House, hosts, Mrs and Mrs Gordon provided for servants and friends. During the evening in addition to dancing there were songs and recitations. Mr Inglis and Mr Grant were M.Cs while music was provided by J.Grant, Milne and Robb.
- Duncan, Ironmonger, Baron Street, was advertising a steam friction washing machine, also mangles, wringers and all laundry requisites.

1892

- 18 Feb A woman living at Harbourhead, Buckpool, threw her ashes down on the roadway leaving herself liable to a fine of £2. (In 1998 because no hot ashes were allowed in the new 'Wheelie Bins', being made of plastic, people still with coal fires are known to be dumping their ashes in all kinds of places. What would the equivalent fine be today in 1998?)
- 27 Feb Annual Dance at Wellheads, Clochan got up on behalf of deceased Helen Milne. There were 40 couples with music provided by Thomson and Morrison. The dance was to have taken place earlier but was put off because of 'unpropitious' weather, read the report.
- Mar 10 Death of Mr Turner, farmer at Arradoul. He was 83 years old and came to Arradoul at the age of 25 from Auchairn, Keith.
- Mar 31 W.C. Jamieson, Watchmaker, Volunteer Hall Buildings, retiring with his shop closing.
- Advert - Duguid Bros. Watchmakers and Jewellers Virginia Buildings, High Street.
- Apr 7 Alex Esson had their first big advert together with a sketch on the front page of the B.A. for a long time.
- James Fraser, Draper, went bankrupt. James Mackay bought over all his stock as he had done for at least three former local drapers before this time.
- Alex Christie, Blacksmith, Gas Works, Buckpool, also went broke.

Apr 14 Hillocks, Draper, was advertising a Clearance Sale at 22 Main Street.

In the first ¼ of 1892 there were 6 marriages in the Enzie. There were 23 birth and 15 deaths.

At the same time in 1891 there were 4 marriages, 20 births and 8 deaths.

Apr 28 Heavy fall of snow this past week

May 19 L.T.McGarth was advertising bicycles for sale and hire

W.F. Johnston was selling Golf Clubs.

Alex Lyon, Ironmonger, moved from 4 High Street to 2-6 Cluny Square.

The following blacksmiths agreed to close at 3 pm on Saturday afternoons – Wm Lendrum, Drybridge, Peter wood, Arradoul, James Davidson, Cluny Harbour, Adam McWilliam, Portgordon and Charles Davidson Garden Lane.

June 9 New tatties, Sharps Victor, from Strathlene. They were planted on 18 March.

June 16 A.Cobb opening as Grocer and Provision Warehouse, 4 High Street formerly occupied by A.Lyon. and before this, Fowler.

June 23 Advert – James Inkster – Grocer – Bridge end.

T.MacPherson, Tailor, Baron Street.

Estimates asked for to build retaining wall along the road through the Yardie.

A.Scott, Drybridge, advertising himself as agent for coal.

Tannachy Bathhouse – Hot water supplied each Saturday and after 11 June and on any other day should 20 minutes notice be given J.Webster.

July 14 Drybridge Picnic and Games – Annual Event on July 9th in woods at Letterfourie. It was a fine day with a big crowd attending. Mrs Kessack, Mrs Scott, Mrs McHardy, Mrs Clark and Mrs Wilson were tea ladies.

Enzie Picnic and Games took place the following Saturday at the Holl by kind permission of Mr Stewart. A large number was present. James Paterson, Wellheads was first, in the light hammer, throwing this a distance of 98' 10". He also won the heavy hammer and the 28lb weight. J.Morrison, Buckie threw the 56 lb weight over the bar at a height of 19'6". He also won the long leap and the hop skip and leap

reaching a distance of 34'4".
There were also a number of cycle races.

The pupils of Enzie Public School went by train to Portessie for a picnic. Arrangements were made by Mr Kennedy, headmaster, J.H.Bailey, Braes Farm, A.Smith, Bogs, Farm, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Fasken etc.

Aug 11 **Buckie Flower Show was held on Aug 10 in the Fishermen's hall. The season has been a blighting one which had an effect on the exhibitors. Competition was keen in vegetable section with the exhibits being of a superior quality.**

Among the sections were those for Pot Plants- Window Grown Plants – not open to those with greenhouses or frames. Cut Flowers; Fruit, Vegetables, Industrial Scholastic, Household and Dairy Products. Prizes were awarded for best description of Show by a scholar – first – 2/6, second 1/-. Secretaries – A.Cruickshank Jun. And Mrs Wilson, Baron Street. President – Rev. T.W.H.White.

Mrs McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Holmie, won prizes for her baking and vegetables.

During the evening of the Flower show, selections were given by the Catholic Association band under their conductor, Alex Forbes.

Sept 8 *New Billiard Room at the Masonic and Literary Institute opened this week.*

Sept 15 **A meeting is to be called in an attempt to start a Choral Union in Buckie under the conductor Mr Reid.**

Sept 22 Advert – Byers and Mitchell, Bakers, 50 West Church Street, Buckie.

Sept 22 1892 Duguid, Bros. Watchmakers, were selling bikes.

Sept 29 Andrew Duncan who took over the Ironmonger's Business of Mortimer on Baron Street went bankrupt.

Nov 24 Bazaar to be held in the Fishermen's Hall in December to raise funds in aid of improvements to the Buckpool Harbour

William Adam who owned the Iron Foundry near the Gas Works stayed in Alney Villa on Great Western Road.

Dec 1 A big neep harvested at Wester Bogs, weighing 23 lbs. Variety Yellow top. The seed had been bought from Smith, Seedsmen, Aberdeen, through Enzie P.O. where the neep was on show.

The Buckie to Keith train was so loaded that it was unable to climb part of the Enzie Braes. The passengers included men and farmers

making for the fee'in market in Keith. They had all to come out over to push.

Arradoul Mains (180 acres) was let to James Grant, Tillydown, Marnoch. The rent was set at £200

The pages of the B.A. were numbered for the first time.

1893

Jan 5 Ewing, Sawmill Croft was advertising a calf for sale.

The statistics for the Enzie in 1892 were as follows - 21 marriages – 68 births and 44 deaths . Of those born 37 were male and 31 female; of the deaths there were 17 males and 27 females. Of the deaths 8 were of babies < than one year; 6 were between 6 and 70; 10 between 70 and 80; 2 were 84 and one 87. Four died through accidents.

A Ploughmen's Ball was held at Bogs of Cairnfield by kind permission of Mr Geddes. The barn was lit by powerful lamps and beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns and greenery. Music was by Milne, Johnston and Robb. Thirty couples were present when the dance began at 9.30 and as befitted the occasion everyone was in the best of humour the social instinct was displayed to an extent which, while it gave the proceedings zest and hilarity did not impinge upon the respectable conduct of the Gathering . Before dancing 'Bill The Bolster' Mr George Gordon (laird) on behalf of the committee called for three cheers for Mr Geddes for giving the use of the premises for this annual ball.

Jan 26 Shore of Buckie Burns Club – Among the officials were James Mayne, grocer, Bridge End and Mr J. McLaren, Athole Inn.

P.Shapearey Great Wonder Boot and Shoe ~Warehouse 31 East Church Street.

Advert – John Webster, Chemist.

Feb 9 1893 Mitchell of Mitchell and Muill, Bakers, Aberdeen was a native of the Enzie

Feb 16 James Calder Tailor and Clothier West Church Street.

Big storm February 15 1893. A number of lives and boats were lost.

Feb 23 1893 **Jubilee Nurse appointed to Buckie. Nurse Tait started on Monday 27 February**

Mar 23 Gospel meetings take place in the Gospel Hall, 49 West Church Street.

P.Geddes and sons, Tailors, Bridge Place.

Duguid Bros, Watchmakers, went broke.

Mar 30 **A Public Meeting to take place on 3 April to discuss the possibility of a Public Park for Buckie. Chairman – Dr Duguid.**

Mr Hutchinson, Tobacco Manufacturer, Inverness owned the Virginia Buildings . Hence he name.

John M. Clark to open Fine Art Studio at Bridge End – classes to suit from March 30

Apr 20 **Banffshire Fisher Skittles to start on 20 April 1893**

Concert in the Fishermen's Hall to raise funds for Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses

P. McLaren , Grocer and Seedsman was advertising Seeds of all kinds at his shop at the corner of East Church Street and Harbour Street. McLaren's Brae?

Enzie School concert towards funds for Sabbath School funds of Church of Scotland.

Apr 27 Frank Anderson to open at 1 Virginia buildings as a Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician.
The grandfather of Donald McGregor, Watchmaker, High Street , Buckie was an apprentice with Mr Anderson.

Enzie Parish Church had a collection for Chalmers Hospital in Banff as through the minister he might have a say in the admission of patients.

April Rathven Market was poor with very few cattle and small attendance.

Estimates asked for r the construction of new steading at Arradoul Mains – mason, carpenter and slater.

May 4 Lendrum, Blacksmith, Drybridge sold out to John Rose, Rathen, Aberdeenshire. Rose had an advert stating that reaping machine repairs was a speciality.

May 4 1893 A.Scott, Drybridge, had an advert – Turnip seed also agent for Bissett and Sons , agricultural implements, Blairgowrie. .

Terrace. Opening announcement – John Calder, Boots and Shoes, 1 Cluny

Meetings to discuss extensions to Buckpool Harbour.

June 8 Smith, Watchmaker moved from Virginia Buildings to 31 East

Church Street.

A man who lived near to Portsoy who was suffering from Scarlet Fever was fined 1/- plus 5/- modified expences for venturing out for food for his family who were all suffering from the same disease.

June 15 Estimates invited for a new house on the Cluny Estate, at Slatehaugh, Hill of Maud.

Opening announcement – Economic Grocery Store – 17 Baron Street (formerly Mortimers and then Duncans Ironmongers) next to Wilson, Drapers. This later became a Louis chip shop , still later a bookies.

Calf for sale 1 Sutherland Street, Buckpool.

June 22 Big fire at Gollachy Woollen Mill owned by John Dawson. The mill was destroyed but the weaving shed and looms were saved. The business was only partially covered by insurance.

Samples of early tatties on sale – Ash Leaf, Roseberry and Maggie.

June 29 F. Anderson, Watchmaker had an advert for an apprentice. Did D.G. McGregor get the job?

The B.A. now contained 8 pages, all numbered, and still cost 1 penny.

July 6 *Brown's Economic Warehouse, Cluny Terrace, were advertising 'lace goods by the mile' also '1 ton of sateen remnants'.*

July 13 John McLaren, proprietor of the Athole Inn went bankrupt.

July 27 Enzie Public School were looking for a 'whipper in'.

Advert – Buckie Horticultural Society and Industrial Exhibition will take place on Wednesday 9 August in the Fishermen's Hall.

Enzie Picnic and Games took place at the farm of the Holl. Judges were Alex Stewart, Holl, Robert Paterson , Wellheads, George Forsyth, Howcore.

There were two cycle races - one from the Holl to Connage return and one from the Holl to the Inchgower Inn. The first was 8 miles with the second 6. The second, and shorter race was only open to non medalists.

Most points overall was won by John Edwards, Rothiemay. There was an average of 8 entries in every competition.

Wm. Lendrum, former Blacksmith at Drybridge, died aged 56. George Kessack, Yardie, Carter, also died at the age of 67.

Keith and Lossiemouth firms chose to advertise in the Banffshire Advertiser for a long time – Wm Pirie, Keith, Tailor and Clothier – Wm. Cormack, Lossiemouth, Sail and Ropemaker.

Aug 3 The Enzie Parish Church annual picnic took place at Cairnfield with the children walking there . Music was by Mr Grigor, Forklandstrype.

Aug 17 The hairst started in the Enzie this week, the earliest for 50 years. Farms which made a start were – Smith, Leitcheston, Smith, Bogs, Rev Mr Caie, Grant, Arradoul, Thomson, Gollachy and Dean, Holmie.

When a pair of horse owned by Mr Bailey, Braes of Enzie, were on their way home with a ‘fraught’ of fish offal (used as a fertiliser) one of the horses took fright and ran off when passing Bridge End. It took some time before the horse could be caught again.

The B.A. carried stories written by school children describing the Flower Show. Three prizes were awarded.

Mrs McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Holmie was, this year again, a successful exhibitor.

Aug 24 A meeting took place in Clochan with Mr Moir as president to consider the possibility of starting a quoiting club.

Mr Clark, Bridge End sold a St Bernard pup for the high figure of £357. How much would that be today?

A bazaar was planned to take place to raise funds for the construction of a harbour at Craigenroan., Portessie, in the Fishermen’s Hall on December 7, 8 and 9th.

Sept 21 1893 For Sale- Athole Inn together with four houses- Feu tenement at 4, 5 Seaview Terrace also 1,3,5 and 7 Cathedral Street. The Inn could be converted into a shop or house. The Inn was long occupied by Mr John McLaren.

Barclay, owner of the Cluny Hotel was also the tenant of Bogend farm at this time and held a Harvest Home. Music provided by Milne, Garden , Brown, Mackie and McBain.

John Mackay, Tailor and Clothier, Berryhillock had an advertisement in the B.A. – ‘make up folk’s material’.

Sale on Buckpool lotted lands, adjoining Barhill Road, 30 drills of tatties and ¼ acre of swede neeps.

Oct 5 **There were three deaths in Portknockie this past week from measles.**

Oct 5 1893 Advert – Portknockie town dung for sale.

Oct 12 Rev Alex Miller, Free Church, Buckie , proposed the construction of a spire on the tower of the Cluny School on West Church Street. Suggested that it would form a visual feature between the North Church spire and that of St Peter's.

Oct 19 Estimates for the construction of the above tower which was to cost in the order of £200 were invited.

A new cemetery for Buckie. Seven acres of land to the west of Roadside Cottage at Baremuir have been set aside.

The railway spur from Orbliston to Fochabers (Spey Bridge) to open on October 23.

Opening announcement – George Martin, Flesher, 4 New Street.

Nov 16 Wm Cumming, Builder, Buckie, was to move south with the Mr John Dawson set to finish off any work.

The Mill of Milton, Deskford, formerly occupied by Mr Stephen, was renovated by Mr G. Duncan, Blacksmith, Cottarton. Mr Charles Ross, formerly miller at Mill of Buckie, was appointed miller.

The plans for the new steading at Arradoul Mains were drawn up. The former farm buildings had been built of causeway stones, mud and straw.

The new steading was in the form of a rectangle – 136' by 92'. Built with 20" thick walls of blue Oran stone with door, window and corner facings of Hopeman freestone. Mr Grant put up £1,000 himself with the remainder supplied by the laird of Cairnfield.

The farmer did all the carting of stones, timber, sand and lime with 3 pair of horses engaged all the time with 4 pair for one month. A total of 1,500 loads were transported. The stone was carted from the Cairnfield quarry, the wood from Watson's sawmill in Buckie and freestone from Cluny Harbour. The buildings were all slated apart from the court which was covered with corrugated iron.

Apart from byres, turnip, and straw shed the buildings contained a stable for four pair of horse, a pony stable, gig shed. It had been well designed by Mr John Robertson, architect, Elgin. The builder was A.Milne and Son; Joiners, Alex Hendry and Son; Slater, John Barclay, all of Buckie.

Plans of the building were shown in detail in the B.A.

L.T.McGarth, ironmonger, Cluny Square and 1 High Street, Frank Anderson, 1 Virginia Buildings and Alex Esson were all affected by a fire in November .

Nov 23 **During the past week Scotland suffered from a great gale which resulted in loss of life. In Buckie the gables of a new house on Low**

Street for Valentine, Baker, were blown down. A lot of trees were brought down and hay ricks blown away. The Comely B.F. 1560 was lost with all of its crew. Lossiemouth and Cullen crews were also lost.

- Nov 30 The Hay Memorial Hall, Cornhill was completed this week.
- Dec 14 **A report also of the first day of the Craigenroan Bazaar, held in conection with the harbour for which £800 was raised.**
- Opening announcement – James A. Brown, General Draper, Town and Country Buildings, East Church Street.
- Dec 21 *William Adam, Iron foundry, Great Western Road, Buckpool, was killed this week when a boiler exploded at the works. He had been in business in Buckie for five years.*
- Dec 28 James Mayne, Grocer, Bridge end – signed the Trust Deed.
- Phillip Shapearey, Boots and Shoes, a native of Poland, who came to Buckie from Aberdeen went bankrupt.

1894

- Jan 4. A.R.Watson's Sawmill, with a 65 foot frontage on Commercial Road was burned down this past week with damage amounting to £2,000.
- Jan 18 Ploughing match at Easter Bogs, J.Paterson, Wellheads, swept the board.
- Jan 25 Horse bladders for sale at 3/- per dozen.
- Feb 2 The firm of solicitors in Buckie, John McDonald and John L.McNaughton to be dissolved with McNaughton continuing on by himself.
- Feb 22 Sketch of proposed Craigenroan Harbour.
- Mar 1 Opening announcement – John Glennie, 30 West Church Street, Cycle Trade in all its branches.
- Simpson, farmer, Woodside, Cullen went broke.
- Mar 8 Andrew Morrison opening announcement as a mason at 42 West Church Street.
- Mar 15 James Mackay , Draper, bought all the stock of Peter Bonnyman, Clochan who had signed a Trust Deed.
- Meeting of Enzie Tennis Club. Cpt. Mr McKenzie; secretaries, Miss Diack and Miss Winchester (both teachers at the local school), treasurer, Miss McCurrach . Committee – Messrs Kennedy, Ross,

Reid, Nicol; Miss Bonnyman, M.Diak, Mitchell, McConnachie, Nicol and Thomson (2) An increase in members was expected.

J.Winchester, Loanhead, Rathven, sold his butcher's business at 10 Baron Street, to A.Scott, Drybridge.

Mar 29 Estimates invited for the construction of a cottage at Slackhead., Enzie.

Kynoch, Keith were still advertising manures of all kind for sale, with local agent being Wiseman at the Bone Mill, Portgordon.

Apr 5 1894 James Valentine opened his shop at 32 Low Street this week.

Advert – Sale of bankrupt stock at Cobb, Grocer, Virginia Buildings on High Street.

May 3 Large dispenish sale at Mill of Rathven by representatives of the late Mrs Simpson.

May 10 James Mackay bought all the stock of James A.Brown, Draper, who had his shop directly across the street. Mr Brown decided to retire.

May 17 Advert – George Wright and Co. were still in business as Manufacturers of Aerated Waters at Land St, Buckpool.

Note – The first Free Church in the Enzie in 1846 was St John, a shed on the farm of Leitcheston

The First Church of Scotland, Chapel of Ease, was at Glasterim before a church was opened on glebe land at Broadley in 1786. This building was demolished with a new and the present structure being built

June 7 Opening announcement – A.Stuart, Tailor and Clothier, (Ladies and Gentlemen) 37 West Church Street, next to H. McBain, Cabinet Maker.

Advert – James Thomson announced that he was re-opening at 8-10 Low Street as a Baker and Confestioner. This had been formerly a baker's business.

Loon suffered a saif fit – Thomas Stephen suffered mutilation to the toes of his bare feet when he let his foot go in the spoke of a bike on which he was trying to get on the hind step.

June 14 A baker got his hand badly hurt when he let it get into the kneading machine at his workplace, McWilliam's Bakery.

June 21 With the opening of the coast railway Proctor was selling off 17 horses and all their accoutrements also a pony .

June 21 **A good story – 'A Day At Gordon Castle' Page 8 Col 3 (B. A.)**

- June 28 Houses for sale – 6 and 8 Cross Lane, Buckpool.
- July 5 Fobbie Urquhart, Bauds, Findochty, was a very successful competitor at the Drybridge Picnic and Games.
- July 26 1894 A.Scott, Drybridge, Baron Street, Buckie, was again advertising himself as an agent for Binders and reaping machines made by Bissett and Sons, Blairgowrie. My grandfather, John Fraser a blacksmith and farmer at Aulton, Boharm, went and learned all about binders with this firm around this time)

Enzie Games were once again held in a field at the Holl. J.Edwards was again champion medal winner in the heavy events with G.Fraser Aberdeen capturing the medal in the light events. In the all comers cycle race D. Allan, Forgue, came in first with R.Gray winning the cycle race open to locals only. Stewart, Scott, Grieve and Clark did all the arrangements.

James Ingram, Cullen was advertising himself as open for business as a Plasterer.

Buckie Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show was held in the Volunteer Hall. There were 1,164 entries, up by 200 on the total for last year.

Frank Anderson, Watchmaker and Jeweller, High Street - advert.

Opening announcement – Thomson and Murray, Fish Salesmen and Commission Agents.

James A.Brown, Draper, went bankrupt with all his stock being bought by James Mackay.

Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon Draper and Outfitter. – advert.

Advert – Johnston and Co. were advertising ‘Glacier’ a superb substitute for stained glass.

- Aug 23 The cutting of barley was taking place this week on the lotted lands at Mill of Buckie.
- Aug 30 A new deering binder was in operation at Stables of Cuttlebrae.
- The following Enzie farmers had all began the hairst – Smith, Wester Bogs, Gordon, Glasterim, Dean, Holmie, Allen, Broom, Bailey, Braes of Enzie, Canon Kyle, Preshome, Mrs Thomson, Newbigging and Shand Pathhead.
- Sept 13 Adverts – John Simpson, 4 to 6 Low Street, Drapers. John Webster, Chemist, Cluny Square.

A very old coin was found at Deskford while a grave was being dug. This was a billon plack from the reign of James 111 1460 to 1488. (The plack was worth 4d Scots - the doit found while laying the coast railway line was only worth a fraction of a farthing)

Sept 13 There were 49 applicants for the position of Parish Minister in Buckie.

Concrete pavements were being laid on High Street this week.

The play ' Mill of Tifty's Annie' was acted at Enzie Public School

Oct 11 A. R. Watson, Sawmillers, whose premises at Buckie were burned down, were selling off a chimney stack, 2 steam boilers, all the brick erections the office furniture and a stable with five stalls and a corn box etc.

The October Rathven Market saw only 6 stirks, 2 cows and a few sheep orward.

There was good articles on the Catholic Bishops of the Enzie both in the B.A. of October 11, 1894 and also the following week, October 18. On both occasions this is found on page 6.

Oct 18 P.Geddes and Sons, Tailors and Clothiers, Bridge End – advert.

A Choral Society was formed in Buckie under Mr Johnston, Keith. My R.Y. Mackay was elected president.

Oct 25 Advert by W.F. Johnston – Buckie to New York for £3

John Milne, son of Alex Milne, Builder, 22 Low Street, was badly hurt when he fell off the top of a load of hay when the cart was entering their close there.

James Clark, Bridge End, who it was reported had received £350 for a St Bernard pup, won 1st prize in London for a St Bernard in a limited class and 4th prize in the open – Kennel Club.

Death of John Dawson, Gollachy Woollen Mill at the age of 73. Born at Bannockburn - learned the weaving trade in Galashiels went on to become managers, etc, at various places throughout the country before taking over the Gollachy works in 1884.

Nov 1 **A 4lb loaf was reduced from 7d to 4d but the extra biscuit formerly given was now withheld.**

Nov 8 Fenton Bros., Hairdressers, Elgin and Aberdeen ' because of great demand' to call at the Cluny Hotel on Wednesdays. A special hour for ladies to be set aside from 3 until 5 (sic)

Alex Gray was advertising oatmeal and flour etc at the Mill at

Rathven.

Opening announcement – John Glennie, Jun. Watchmaker and Jeweller, Bridge End.

- Nov 15 Hallow Fair was held at Fordyce this week. The weather was keen.
- Baillie Webster, Chemist, was elected provost of Buckie.
- Nov 29 P.I.Smith, 30 Great Western Road was advertising himself as Coal Merchant, Agent for Lipton's Tea and that he would do light carting by arrangement.
- Dec 6 The Rathven kirk was heated for the first time by hot water pipes much to the pleasure of the congregation. Work was done by R.Tindall, Aberdeen.
- Dec 13 **The corner block of Cluny Square/High Street was sold to A.Lyon, Ironmonger, Buckie. This meant that L.T.McGarth was without premises.**
- Dec 20 John Dawson, London Grocery Store, East Church, Street, - advert.
- Dec 20 Rev. James B.Wood. came from Galashiels to Buckie Parish Church.
- Dec 27 The farm of Bogside was let to Mr Legg, who came from the Bauds.

1895

- Jan 3 Advert – Wm Newlands, Draper etc, High Street.
- The farm of Cleanhill on the Seafield Estate of Rannas was let to G. and G.A. Garden, Rannachy.
- In the Enzie in 1894 there were 57 births (21 males); 36 deaths and 11 marriages.. The previous year, 1893, there were 76 births, 34 deaths and 15 marriages.
- Of the 36 deaths, 18 were over 61 average 75, six between 60 and 70; seven between 70 and 80; two between 80 and 90 with 3 over 90.
- During the past 40 years average births have been 73 with deaths 37 and marriages 14. Only once before has the number of births been less than they were last year. This was in 1862 when the figure was 56
- Jan 24 The firm of Reid and Clark, grocer and Ships Chandlers at Bridge End, who built big premises there was up for sale following on the death of one of the partners, Mr David Reid, Portgordon.
- The farmer at Baremuir, Mr James Forbes, had a note which said that he would not be responsible for his wife's debts.
- Advert – John Green, Draper, High Street.

- Feb 7 Broadley Church of Scotland, reopened after being closed for 3 months. The inside was greatly improved. Carpenter was Mr Tully, Fochabers with mason work being done by Mr Milne, Buckie. During the closure the congregation met in the Portgordon and Clochan Schools alternately.
- Feb 14 Rev.Caie, Parish Church minister at Broadley received the sum of £5 from the laird of Cairnfield to distribute amongst the poor of the parish.
- A loon of 13 from Portgordon, who was named, received 8 strokes of the belt for stealing money out of a house at Bogmoor. He did have a previous conviction!**
- L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger was to have a fine block of buildings erected on the north east quadrant of Cluny Square. Contractors - Mason, A.Milne, Low Street, Slater and Plumber, John Barclay, Craigard Cottage, Buckie, Plasterer, R.Hume, West Church Street, Buckie, Painter, Alex Symon and Son, Cluny Terrace, Buckie, Architect, George Sutherland, Elgin. The block to consist of 2 shops, one salon and 2 dwelling houses, all to cost about £1,400.**
- Sale – late Wm Forbes, Tailors and Grocers, Ianstown.
- Advert – Birnie, Tailor and Clothier, Tweed Suits for 36/-
- Feb 21 **Deep snow and extremely hard frost which had ‘stuck in’ for 8 weeks, saw the Spey completely frozen over near the railway bridge. The Buckie to Keith railway line was blocked for three days with the snow for a stretch of ¼ mile near Tarrymount being 24 feet deep. Near Birkenbush for about ½ a mile it was 9 feet deep.**
- Feb 28 *Forty children partook of ‘brose’ on Tuesday at the Mill, Deskford. This is an annual feat going back many years and given by Mr Cruickshank.*
- Mar 7 Calf for sale , Anderson, Great Western Road, Buckpool.
- Mar 21 L.T.McGarth had an advert in the B.A. Bicycles for the opening of the Cycle Season.
- There had been a thaw for the past few days leading to the level of the Spey being at least 1’ above the highest level recorded for a long time.
- Mar 28 A bazaar to be held in aid of Tennis and Golf Clubs in the Volunteer Hall on 2, 9 and 30 March.
- Canon Kyle, Prehome, gave a number of books to the library at the Clochan School.

Tremendous gales, locally, and all over the British Isles

Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers etc. High Street, Buckie, took over the business of A.Nicol, Cabinet Makers, Cullen.

- Apr 4 Big article on **Female Footballers**. Col. 1 page 7
Two teams of female footballers played against one another at Crouch End Athletic Club during the past week. The spectacle, perhaps one of the first ever of such events drew roars of laughter from a crowd of 10,000. "Men wept with laughter".
- Apr 11 Alex Smith, Grocer, High Street, signed Trust Deed.
- R.Tindall and Sons Cluny Harbour were advertising fencing wire of all kinds.
- May 2 L.T.McGarth was advertising a Removal Sale before moving into his new property at the corner of Cluny Square/West Church Street.
- James Calder, Draper moved from 25 West Church Street to 37 West Church Street.
- May 16 Alex Paterson to open as a grocer at 14 High Street. This shop was formerly occupied by Alex Smith, Grocer and Provision Merchant.
- John Simpson, Draper, Low Street died this week as did James Gordon farmer, Glasterim, Enzie.
- Big dispenish sale of all kind of things at the Seafield Hotel, Cullen.
- Dispenish sale at Mill of Buckie, farm. Mr John Hector the ingoing tenant bought much of the stuff.
- June 6 The grass on Cluny Public Park was advertised to let.
- June 13 Alex Nicol, Cabinet Maker and Upholster to open a shop on Cluny Square formerly occupied by Alex Lyon, Ironmonger who had now moved into the shop, now his property, formerly occupied by L.T.McGarth. at the corner of Cluny Square and High Street.
- Messers Nicol, Bros. were selling second hand pianofortes.
- June Rathven Market – fair turn out – 40 cattle, 1 horse and 20 sheep. Good prices being paid.
- June 13 A sketch of the proposed bridge over the Buckie Burn. Two ideas for its construction were put forward, one built of steel the other of stone. See page 7 Columns 3,4.
- Mr J.L.McNaughton, Solicitor, moved into premises at 4 Cluny Square.

- The grass on Cluny Public Park was let at a £13.09 for the 8 acres.
- Jul 4 Grass to let on the area set aside for the new cemetery at Baremuir.
- Drybridge Pic-nic and Games at Letterfourie. There was a crowd of 300 present. Byers and Mitchell, Bakers, Buckie were the purveyors. Fobbie Urquhart, Bauds, Findochty, was the top competitor, winning events in both light and heavy categories.
- Jul 11 The Enzie Pic-nic and Games to take place on 20 July at Cowfurrich. J.s.Bruce, secretary.
- James Clark of Reid and Clark, who had the grocer's shop at Bridge End died during the week. He was formerly station master at Fochabers-on-Spey railway station before taking up employment in the tea trade in Edinburgh before returning north and entering into partnership with David Reid, Portgordon, to build big premises at Bridge End and open the grocer and ships' chandlers business there.
- Jul 25 Colonists for Chili (sic). A total of 173 acres and passage money given to farmers, crofters and farm servants.
- There was a crowd of 300 at the Enzie Pic-nic and Games. The judges were – A.Gordon, Geo. Newlands, Geo. Forsyth. The medal given for most points in the heavy events went to A.Robertson, Hillhead, with W.Henderson, Arradoul taking the medal for the most points in the light events. Mis McArthur won a silver brooch for dancing the Highland skottiche. John Innes, Clochan, won the cycle race(confined) with a medal being donated by L.T.McGarth, Buckie. The committee members were – Messers Grieve, Bruce, Clark, Flett and Munro, secretary.
- Aug 1 Advert for the Auchenthalrig Pic-nic and Games.
- Aug 8 Estimates were invited to supply an extra supply of water to the town.
- P.I.Smith acquired McCombies, Fish Curing Yard to creat a coal yard. The best Scots and English coal, landed at Buckpool, supplied.
- There was a drop in the entries for the Buckie Flower Show. The poor weather during the growing season was seen as being largely responsible.
- Aug 15 F.F.Angler, Watchmaker and Jeweller was advertising that he had been in business in Buckie for 30 years. His shop at this time was on West Church Street and in 1998 occupied by the opticians.
- Aug 29 Dallachy and Garmouth Pic-nic and Games, advertised.
- James Mackay's advert said you will find us between the Town Clock and the P.O.

George M. Brown Economic Warehouse, 8 Cluny Terrace had a big advert.

Sept 5 **‘Little Wonder’, to open a Drapery Warehouse at Mr Thomson’s Building at the top of Baron’s Green on September 9 1895. Opposite to the coastguard houses. Old and new customers welcomed.**

Perentor wanted for Enzie Parish Church able to train the choir. Salary £10 per annum.

Oct 3 Grand bazaar to take place in the Fishermen’s Hall to raise funds for the cleaning and procuring heating for the Parish Church.

A Mr Kessack had the lands of Linn House, Drybridge where an accident occurred that week.

James Makay, Draper, Buckie, bought all the stock of Hendrson Bros. Drapers, Tain. The goods to be transported to Buckie and stored in an empty shop nearby. The total cost was £630.13.31/4.

Rathven Market – 15 cattle, 20 sheep and one colt.

Oglivie Dawson, mason bought the house of Alex Calder, mason at 100 Seatown.

The statistics for the Enzie during the last quarter were – 18 births, five deaths, and 3 marriages. There were no deaths nor marriages during August.

An Enzie farmer was fined 2/6 or 24 hours in jail for carting fish offal without this being properly covered over.

Oc 31 **Estimates were invited for the construction of a public slaughterhouse at Buckpool.**

Mrs Thain, late of the Volunteer Inn, Main Street, Buckpool, died this week.

Wreck of the S.S. Gulf of Venice – Great Shipwreck Sale of Drapery and Clothing at 30 West Church Street.

Nov 7 James Bremner bought George Wright’s chemist shop in Portgordon. Alex McBain to start up a Tailor’s business in Rathven.

A successful concert took place in the Clochan School

John Wison, Draper, Baron Street, was selling wallpaper at 50% below normal price.

Nov 21 **George P. Gibson, Qualified Chemist and Druggist, took over the**

business of George Wright, Chemist and Druggist, 12 West Church Street.

Opening times – Sunday – 10 -11 am; 1.30 to 3 pm; 7 to 8 pm. Night bell 10.30.

Five men left from Buckie this week for South Africa.

John Mitchell, Grocer, Bridge End bought the property of the late Reid and Clark for £810 and was occupied by him.

A fisherman on Commerce Street, Buckie was charged with wasting water through leaving his water tap running. He was warned and admonished.

Dec 26 A Dioramic exhibition was given in the Enzie Public School on Friday evening first for children and then for adults.

Walter Gauld, mason, St Peter's Terrace, had an advert.

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Jan 2 Enzie Tennis Club held a Converzazione in the school last week.

The youth of the Enzie district held a ball at Andrew Innes Home Farm?

A Christmas Tree was set up in the St Andrew's Hall for a party given for the R.C. bairns.

The scholars of Enzie Parish Church had a Christmas Party in the Clochan School. They also had a Christmas tree donated by Mr Gordon of Cairnfield. This was the first time that Christmas trees had ever been mentioned.

In the Enzie during 1895 there were – 72 birth, 43 being male and 29 being female. There were 35 deaths, 23 male and 12 females. There were 12 marriages. Of the deaths recorded, 10 were over 70 with an average age of 79, three being males aged 87,84 and 80 with 2 females, 87 and 83.

Four died between the ages of 60 and 70; 11 died under 2 years.

Three of the largest farmers passed away – Smith, Wester Bogs, Gordon, Glasterim and Mitchell, Burnside of Enzie.

Jan 23 1896 Mr W.F. Wright, Grocer and wine Merchant, died at his residence in Baron Street. He was a native of Elgin but grew up at Slachhead, Enzie where he attended the 'famous' Slackhead School. He served his time in Elgin before moving to Buckie in 1868.

The business was to be carried on by his son, under the same name.

Feb 13 **George Innes Shearer and Son, Clothiers, Tailors and Hatters, town and County, Bank Buildings, East Church Street, Buckie, to commence business on Monday 24 February, 1896. His advert**

carried a fair screed under the title ‘What We Think of Land and Sea Trawlers’ ...” at sea the trawlers are causing disaster to the local fishing industry industrialists come here from large centres and take away our work”

James Birnie, Tailor and Clothier, Cluny Terrace – advert

Feb 20 Temperance Hotel, Low Street, advert.

Grand Opening of The Globe Market next door to John green, Draper, High Street. The firm had five shops in Dundee this was their first shop opened elsewhere. Proprietor, P.Forbes, branch manager, A.R.Don.

The new headmaster of the Buckie School was Alex Muir, M.A. who had arrived in the town from Linlithgow.

Feb 27 The stone masons in Buckie held a meeting in the Cluny Hotel, concerned with a demand for higher wages.

Prospect Cottage, Yardie was destroyed by fire.

The Parish of Rathven by Rev James Gardiner. This account was given on page 6 of Feb 20 and again on page 7 of 27 February

Mar 5 **Great Jubilation in Buckie – The Lords of Justiciary had decreed that the Moray Firth would be closed to trawling. Two old boats were towed up the Stroup Brae then along East Church Street to an open area, owned by John Barclay, Slater (in front of what is now Cliff Terrace) The boats were set up on their end, pointing 30 feet high into the sky when they were set alight, while a number of rockets were discharged. An effigy of Baillie Pyper, Aberdeen, chef – de- oeuvre, was burned on the top of the pile accompanied with derisive cheers and groans. As the boats were being towed along all the large houses both on the Square and along East Church Street were all lit up, while the Catholic Band played stirring music.**

A sale was to take place at the Seafield Foundry on Great Western Road following on the death of the owner Mr Adam. The whole sale only realised £40 with the engine and boiler making £17 and sold to G.Cowie and Son, Steam Sawmillers, Buckie.

George Innes Shearer and son had a lot of little adverts in the For Sale column.

Mrs Ellice or McLean, a widow of 60 years, residing on Main Street while going to the country to sell fish was caught by a gust of wind as she traversed a narrow path near the farm of Mill of Buckie falling 20 feet into the bed of the Buckie Burn being killed instantly. Her daughter who was with her at the time could do nothing to save her mother who leaves four of a family. The

funeral which took place on *Sunday* was largely attended.

Mar 26 Mr Alex Stewart, Blacksmith, Broadley, was advertising for a housekeeper.

Advert- Anderson, Low Street, Seedsmen – All kinds of seeds and tatties.

A dairy was opened this week at the Volunteer Buildings.

Thomas Craig, 36 Land Street, Buckpool, Town Crier and Bill Poster was open for business.

G and G. Kynoch were still advertising manures of all kinds which could be had through their agents such as at the Bone Mill, Portgordon, also Enzie and Rathven railway stations.

Apr 2 James Mackay bought under a sealed offer of £320.13.1 all the stock of John Nicol, Tailor and Clothier, 72 High Street, Nairn.

Mr Birnie, Tailor, Cluny Terrace bought property on this street, consisting of 2 shops and 2 dwelling houses for £500. The property is meantime occupied by George McBeath, Joiner and John Calder, Shoemaker.

A stonemasons meeting took place in the Cluny Hotel this week with the intention to start a union. A total of 13 joined. The president elected was G.Robertson, treasurer, Wm McDonald and Robert Watt, Auchenhalrig, secretary.

Apr 9 Opening announcement – Alex Grant , Family Grocer, 22 Low Street. Buckie

Smith and Slater, Sailmakers, Oilskin Manufacturers and Boat Chandlers
To open at Gordonsburgh.

Mrs Boyle to open a Cash Grocery at 95 Portessie.

At the April Rathven Market there were 25 cattle but no sheep nor horses. Trade was very stiff with yearlings making £6-£8 with fat animals making 50/- per cwt.

There were heavy shots of haddocks this week with prices being 5/9 to 6/3 per cwt.

There began a series of articles on April 2 titled – Parish of Rathven by Rev Gardiner. These continued for a number of weeks.

An advert – ‘Robbie Ross’ 36 years a Bill Poster and Town Crier from Portsoy to Lossiemouth. 4 St Peter’s Terrace, Buckpool.

One polled calf for sale at 1 Sutherland Street.

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Apr 23

Thomas MacPherson Tailor, 14 Baron Street. Parties' own material made up.

The property of 22 to 26 West Church Street, Buckie was sold to Gray, Cabinet Maker, Fochabers for the sum of £700.

A number of plate glass windows smashed on Baron Street by a vagrant. D.Forsyth, Barber, Macpherson, Tailor, Joseph F.Smith, J.Wilson, draper, W.F.Wright and Son, Grocer, etc. The culprit got 40 days., but who was to recompense the those whose windows were smashed was not known.

Apr 30

Wm. Geddes & Co. to commence business as a Sawmillers.

The farm of Burnside of Enzie, Clochan, (my father worked here as foreman for 20 years) one of the best farms in Banffshire and on the Crown Estates, was let to Mr Kelman (originally from Mortlach, Dufftown) came from Wester Lovat in the Black Isle. There were many applicants.

A concert took place in the Clochan School to help raise money to repay the School Board who provided the money to pay for a piano for the school.

May 7

Baileys Great American Circus, Hippodrome and Trained Animal Exhibition to visit Buckie on Saturday May 9. Reserved seats 3/-; carpetd seats 2/-; high seats and promenade 1/-; gallery 6d. Children under 12 half price in all the sections apart from the gallery.

A.Nicol, Cabinet Makers, Cluny Square to close, all sold off to Nicol Bros. High Street.

May 14

S.S. Empress left Buckie for Stromness with 100 fishworkers on board

May 14 1896

Cuthbert, Shoemaker, bought the site of Prospect Cottage, Yardie which was destroyed by fire.

Midway Cottage, between Portgordon and Buckie, which saw a squabble between father and son as to ownership, was up for let. There was stabling the advert read.

An advert – Andrew Hay, Tailor and Clothier, 12 East Church Street, opposite the Post Office.

Tweed suits to measure for 26/-, trousers 7/-, stripe tweed trousers 9/-, Cheviot, Lovat and Irish Tweed suits at 33/- to 45/- . “ I depend on labour not profit and can and will sell at 20% below all others”.

Charles Nicol and Co. Painters, bought all the stock of wallpaper, glass and paint of John Johnston and Co.

May 21 Displenish sale at Burnside of Enzie. Horses made £20 -£35; Ten milk cows made up to £22.10.

The contributiuons – *Parish of Cullen* continued through April and May, most often on pages 5 and 6.

May 21 **New slaughterhouse opened this week at the Buckpool Station. It cost £800 to build. The mason was John Dawson, Carpenter, Wm Geddes, Portessie, Plumber, Wm. Beveridge, Cullen, Iron Founder, J.T.Campbell, Painter, Symon and Son.**

June 4 W.R.Byers, Baker, started on his own account in the building opposite the Public School on West Church Street. The firm of Byers and Mitchell was dissolved some time before. Byers later sold out to Fowlers, Bakers.

June 11 An advert – Sweet milk from Mill of Buckie to be sold fresh each day in Fraserburgh.

John Calder, Shoemaker, moved to 20 Cluny Terrace in to the shop formerly occupied by Birnie, Tailor and Clothier. This was a bigger premises.

A.Bonnyman and Co. Draper, Clothiers, Outfitters also Ironmongers, Clochan. This business must have opened fairly recently since the advert said –“ business is gradually increasing”

A meeting to be called in an effort to start a ‘Bicycle Club’

Opening announcement – John Bruce, 42 East Church Street, Grocery and Fancy Goods, Stone, Crockery. A relation of Georgie Bruce, Tobacconist of later years, who also had a shop on East Church Street?

June 11 1896 Early tatties, Sharpes Victor from John Forsyth, Strathlene. A.W.Brown, St Peter’s Terrace, also gave a sample of Lord Roseberry.

There were 18 cattle and a few sheep at the Rathven Market in June.

The contribution of the *Parish of Cullen*, 1842, still continuing. Page 7 col 1

June 18 A threshing mill (horse power) for sale on the farm of Upper Dallachy – Offers!

Drybridge Games and Pic-nic on 27 June at Letterfourie. Open to contestants from Rathven and Enzie.

The station at Drybridge was broken into this week with 5/- being taken.

Another bicycle club to be formed with 20 members – President – Rev. White, All Saints, Vice Pres. W.Smith, cpt. J.D.Knowles, vice, George Sutherland, secy/treasurer, W.Pickford.

June 25 Buckie Bicycle Club – Hon President – L.T. McGarth; President, A.C.Cumming; Vice. James Mellis; Cpt. Wm. Gordon; Vice. D.Mclennan; Secy/Treasurer, Charles Grant.

Much more leniency was being shown in court with boys being now admonished for ‘crimes’ which would have been much more severely dealt with 10 years before. A boy stole a neighbour’s pet jackdaw and stoned it to death and was dismissed with admonition.

Two men, one from Buckie the other from the Enzie were charged with fraud at Keith feeing market on 23 May. They had said that they would go ‘home’ to Walkerdale as horseman and cattleman, respectively, and got their arles of 1/- each. They failed to turn up and were each fined 7/6 or five days. The fines were paid.

July 2 Auchenthalrig Pic-nic and Games, open to contestants from Speymouth, Bellie, Enzie and Rathven was being advertised. There was to be a string band and dancing board also cycle races on grass.. The event to take place in Mr Robertson’s field with admission for adults being 6d with children 4d.

Opening announcement – Murray and Flett, Fish Salesmen and Commission Agents.

P.I.Smith, Coalmerchant, Buckpool was advertising that he would be doing deliveries in Fochabers on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Globe Grocery Store, High Street were advertising 7lbs of sugar for 10 and a half pence . Tea at 1/10 per lb.

July 2 1896 George Shearer, Draper etc had this advert –

Give attention to this story, not of love nor yet of war,
Endless words have told their story
Over seas and lands afar.
Sing them of the good and useful
Home requirements; this the theme
Entertained by Gents and Ladies,
Ample needs from such to gleam.
Rest assure, if you’d be winsome,
Enamour heart, and please the eye,
Rich in elegance, the Clothing must be that you buy;
& when purchasing your Garments
Surely you will keep in view
Only Tailors trained and tested ,

Note your wants, and meet them too.
Buy your Garments, fine and swell made,
Underrate the cheap and vile;
Call at SHEARERS, they'll supply you
Kee them in your mind for style,
In your leisure grant a visit
Engage that time with them awhile.

The Drybridge Pic-nic and Games took place on Saturday at Letterfourie. It was very wet in the morning but it cleared up to end with a fine day and make the event one of the most successful.

There was a virtual crush of boats lying off Cluny Harbour, all back from the west coast fishing and waiting for the tide to rise to get in. By Sunday there were 150 large boats in the harbour so that two steamers had to anchor out in the Bay. One of them was the Empress with fish workers from Stromness. Being unable to land at Buckie the Empress sailed for Lossie and it was into Sunday before the passengers arrived home.

The stationmaster at Drybridge for the past four years, W.L.Murray, left for Muir of Ord.

Enzie Tennis Club had their annual pic-nic on Saturday when they went to the Barnyards of Cullen House. They later had High Tea in the Seafield Hotel.

The Great North Railway were having a number of corridor carriages made.

The request by people around Drybridge to have a siding constructed was turned down by the authorities on the grounds that the gradient at that point was too steep to build one and with only the one line it was not a practicable proposition.

July 9 1896 During the past six months, up to 30 June, in the Buckie district there were 14 births, 7 marriages and 8 deaths. In Portknockie (Seafield district) the figures were 32 births, 1 marriage and 14 deaths.

Lewis Barclay, son of John Barclay, Slater and Plumber, of Craigard Cottage, was appointed managing engineer with a firm in Chicago who are meantime making a tunnel under Lake Michigan. The tunnel, 2 miles in length is to provide extra water for the city of Chicago at a rate of 35 million gallons per day.

In Cullen a nice bathing shed of substantial workmanship has been erected on the sand. Others are to be erected in the future. The attendant is Mr Buttress. A nominal charge for their use is made.

Parish of Cullen story still continuing Page 7 col 1.

Report on the Matabele War

- July 16 Thomson, Tynet Mill, were applying for an apprentice miller.
- An attraction at the Buckpool Harbour this week was a schooner carrying coal for P.I.Smith was drawing 10' of water. She just made it in at high tide with some effort.**
- July 23 Opening of Portsoy Golf Course on Wednesday 22 July
- The B.A. carried a sketch of and told the story of the Buckie (Strathlene) Golf Course on page 7**
- Report on the Auchenhalrig Pic-nic and Games , held the previous Saturday. "There was a crowd of 700 people present before the end of the day. Taylor's Band from Keith played music for the dancers. The special feature was the all comers dancing with young ladies, especially, drawing the public's attention. It is not every day that ladies are seen who can take their turn with men at the Highland dances, hornpipes, jigs in costume"
- The heavy hammer was thrown a distance of 92'4" by J.Cruickshank, Portgordon who won the heavy event with most points. The light hammer was thrown a distance of 105'5" by A.Gordon, Braes. J.Geddes, Buckie, won the medal for most points in the light events.
- Aug 6 A Buckie fisherman was fined 7/- or 5 days for a breach of the peace.
- The Buckie boat, Watchful, B.F. 1659 brought in 180 cran of herring this week. The skipper was J.Bowie. At 17/6 per cran , the catch made the crew £157.10 for their night's work.
- Buckie Flower Show report. There were 1,100 entries. The Flower and vegetable judges came from Innes House and Godonstoun.
- George Wright, Chemist, who sold out to Gibson on West Church Street and who emigrated to South Africa had an article printed in the B.A of Aug 6 1896. On page 6 col 1. He spoke of the great competition which he had experienced in Buckie and compared this where he was now saying that there was no comparison. He was really enjoying himself, being kept very busy in his shop and making good profit. South Africa, he said, was a land of opportunity. Masons and carpenters don't take their jackets off for less than £1 per day.**
- Aug 13 The firms who were to build Prospect Cottage for Mr Cuthbert , shoemaker were - Carpenter James Hendry (£111); Plasterer, Robert Logie, Fochabers (£22.1.6); Slater, (£35.15), Plumber, (£11.9); Sanitary, (£9.10) all by John Barclay; Painter and Glazier, James Duncan, (£11). The mason had not been settled.
- Aug 20 Sangers Circus to visit Buckie on 1st September.
250 ponies 150 artistes
Ostriches

Hottentot Venus – Invecta Musunah and her husband. “ This extraordinary woman will also exhibit the manner in which these powerful females carry their burdens being quite differently formed to that of europeans and it has been asserted that they are more powerful and capable of more labour than any three ordinary men”.

A spectacle – The Great War in the Soudan (sic) – 1,500 bodies, 66 carriages, field artillery, ambulances and waggons. Put on 280 times in London.

Indeasia – The Queen of Eastern Star, the beautiful woman of Egypt has been engaged to take part in the above spectacle.

Aug 27 **Re-opening of Buckie Parish Church after being closed for seven weeks when the interior was being refurbished at a cost of £100. Services took place during the time in the U.P Church** Report given under Local and District News on page 4

Horse belonging to the Globe Market, Grocers, High Street, Buckie, bolted after getting harness caught fast in a hedge at Lintmill. The van was badly damaged.

Sept 3 The draper shop, ‘Little Wonder’ to re-open this week opposite to the Admiralty Buildings (sic)

Articles on the ‘Parish of Fordyce’ began this week on Page 3 Col 5

It was proposed that a railway be constructed up to the top of Ben Nevis. The blurb said that people from Edinburgh and Glasgow would be able to get up to the top and back in one day viewing along the way, the grandest glen, waterfalls, cateract, gorge and Ben.

A presentation took place for Rev John McCombie, M.A. B.D. who had been assistant minister to Rev W.S.Caie at Broadley for the past four years. He was to go to South Queensferry.

There were two performances of the Sangers Circus with 2,000 attending the evening one.

Sept 10 One could travel to Aberdeen and back on the Buckie holiday for 3/6 third class.

Sept 24 **The steamer, Adlerhorst, of Danzic (sic) lifted 1,000 barrels of herring from Findochty this week before going on to Buckie to complete her cargo. She was reputed to be able to take 400 tons. This was the largest craft ever to have entered Findochty harbour. It was also the first direct arrival at Findochty from a foreign port and the first to leave the port with cargo on board.**

Oct 8 The October Rathven Market was a complete failure with no stock whatsoever exposed and few people present.

Oct 15 The signal posts and cabin were removed from Buckpool Station this week

Oct 29 **The 'Star of Hope' the first Buckie steam liner was launched from the Aberdeen Shipyard of Alex hall and sons on Saturday for George 'Baron' Murray and four Buckie partners. Wm. Cowie, John Jappy, Alex Jappy and Wm. Slater**
Her dimensions were – length – 96'; 19'6" broad; 10' deep. She was reckoned to steam at 10 1/2 to 12 knots.

No drink was mentioned but a large sea serpent was reputed to have been seen in the sea off Lowestoft.

The price of bread was set to rise from 4d to 5d for a 4lb loaf.

The Cluny Hotel was sold for £5,000

Nov 12 General Booth and 55 officers of the Salvation Army together with a band were to pay a visit to Buckie on Wednesday and Thursday 24 and 25 November.

The Star of Hope entered her home port of Buckie for the first time on Wednesday November 11, 1896, creating a lot of interest. On board was ex Baillie Pyper of Aberdeen, not a friendly figure to many in Buckie as a result of his stance regarding trawling in the Moray Firth.

The Star of Hope left on the Friday, reaching Stornoway on Saturday before making for the fishing grounds around St Kilda.

Nov 26 1896 Remarkably, perhaps, the Cluny Hotel was inviting tenders to build new stables.

Big sale of new and second hand bikes in the Fishermen's Hall.

Buckie Horticultural society A.G.M. Pres. R.Y.Mackay, solicitor; Vice Pres. – J.Anton, Banker; Secretary, - J.W.Gordon, Law Clerk. There was also a large committee.

At a meeting of the Public Park Committee it was proposed that a drinking fountain be erected to mark the generosity of Lady Gordon Cathcart in providing the park and also as a mark of appreciation for the handsome gift of funds from Buckie sons in Johannesburg.

Dec 3 Buckpool Slaughterhouse which was built at a cost of 3800 was opened this week with all private ones now being closed.

When men were involved in the construction of the new cemetery at Rathven they had occasion to open up a hillock which stood within the confines. Found inside were two circular rings of stones, the outer measuring 48' in circumference. Many of the stones were water worn with some being roughly fashioned. The type of stone indicated that some had come from the Gollachy Burn area. It was marked down

as another stone circle, of which there are a number in the area, although this one had not been marked on maps.

Dec 10 **Rev Alex Miller, Free Church gave a donation of £130 in stock towards the permanent establishment of the Arradoul Bursary Fund.** What is this ?

Dec 17 The following drapers agreed to close on Christmas Day and New year's Day – Newlands, Green, Mackay, Sandison, Leith Esson, John Esson, Alex Esson, Simpson, Wilson, George M. Brown, J. Hillocks and Son, John Jack, Shearer, Jas. Birnie and James Calder.

Dec 24 The headmaster and his wife, Mr and Mrs Kennedy entertained the scholars of Enzie Public School at a Christmas party. After tea and sweet things the pupils sang a lot of Scotch songs before they left each with an orange and a cake. Ladies who helped were – Mrs Farquharson, Core, Miss Smith, Tarwathie, Miss Thomson, Newbigging, Miss McCurrach, Oxhill, Miss McConnachie, Core, Miss Chrystie, teacher and Miss Jeannie Chrystie, Fochabers.

Collection of subscriptions were still continuing to pay for the erection of a bridge over the Buckie Burn at the western end of West Church Street.

Dec 31 **Poem on Page 3 Column 4 'The Tynet Burn' by A.Y. Lintmill**
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Jan 7 Unity Lodge Good Templars held their Annual Social Evening in the St Andrew's Hall.. Henry J. Geddes, Secretary.

James Bruce, Flour Mill, Tynet, had a not in the B.A. thanking all his customers for their custom. He had installed a new piece of machinery and was now able to supply bruising of oats and barley on Wednesday and Saturday forenoons. Rates oats 6d per quarter with barley 7d .

A. McWilliam, Balcksmiths and Engineers, Portgordon was advertising a completely new angular self-locking steering gear which could be seen at Logie Bros. Low Street, who were agents.

An advert - Animated photographic exhibition together with a concert party production in the Fishermen's Hall .

Advert – Artificial teeth – Sets, top and bottom, £1.1 Single teeth 2/6 each. Local agent at 12 East Church Street. Supplied by Scottish Dental Supply, Aberdeen.

The B.A. carried adverts from firms located all over – From the USA – organs and pianos; from London – tea, Mate or Paraguyan; from Glasgow, mufflers and shirts, cashmere etc; Aberdeen, Watches and all items of jewellery.

The Enzie Tennis Club held a Converzatione. It was a most pleasant

event with the school all gaily decorated.

Mr Alex Thomson, New York the freehold owner of the feu at Midway Cottage, (between , John Thomson, ejected from the property. He won too.

Jan 14 W.F. Johnston was still the agent for emigrants wishing to leave for the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Advert – Proved by over 100 years of usage and countless numbers of satisfied customers – the ‘Poor Man’s Friend’ ointment for skin diseases and wounds of every description. May be purchased from any chemist. Produced at Bridport.

Jan 21 Dance at Whitefield, Drybridge.

Jan 28 Mrs J.B.Smith, China and Stoneware, 21 West Church Street. To retire as from 30 January 1897.

Alex Grant, Auchentae, at 86 the oldest tenant on the Cluny Estate of the Buckie district, died this week. He had lived all his life on the croft succeeding his father. He had five sons and four daughters. One of his sons opened the tailor’s shop on Baron Street. Another son emigrated to New Zealand with one of his sons then being awarded the Victoria Cross during World War I

A petition had been put in circulation addressed to the Queen asking that Britain be called Britain and not England as had been the case. A number of town, including Buckie, signed the form. It would seem that they weren’t too successful since the practice is still quite common today in 1998.

Feb 4 **Coal famine in Buckie!. Cargo boats carrying coal were unable to get into either Cluny or Buckpool Harbours , the openings being blocked following severe weather conditions. A fortnight had gone by without any supplies.**

The firm of Thomson and Smith, fish salesmen, was dissolved.

Feb 11 Wm Wright and Coy. Grocers and Provision Merchants leased the property at 39 West Church Street.

Rathven Market , held on the 4th of the month, when all the roads were blocked with snow, saw only one stirk for sale, this being sold for £6.5.

The gamekeeper at Cairnfield, in mistake, shot a male shoveller which he thought it was a duck. The shoveller is a rare bird being found commonly in North and south Africa. The bird is meantime being stuffed prior to going on show at Cairnfield where anyone interested will be given an opportunity to see it.

Feb 18 R.Gillan, bought the business of Messrs W.F.Wright and Son, Baron Street, after the firm had signed a Trust Deed. Gillan came from Elgin where his family owned a grocer's business.

James Mackay, Drapers etc Buckie also had a shop at Burghead at this time.

Feb 25 Edwin Dinnie was giving an exhibition in the Fishermen's Hall. He lifted, with apparent ease, 130 lbs on a bar bell with one hand and with the other a 56 lb weight. His abnormal muscular development gave cause for wonderment and a worthy son of a famous father (Donald Dinnie)

Enzie Reading Club held a Social Event in the School with a tea and interesting programme. Miss Bonnyman and Miss McCurrach carried out the arrangements for which they were praised by Mr Kennedy, headmaster.

A meeting of the Cyclists Union took place in the Masonic Institute when the following officials were appointed. - President, Dr Duguid; Vice Pres. W.Smith; Cpt. J.P.Pozzi; Vic. J.D.Knowles; Secy/Treasurer, W.Pickford. Committee – Yuill, McLeod, Webster, Sutherland, Bowie.

On no other branch of the Highland Railway was there so much snow as on that between Buckie and Keith. The worst parts were at Tarrymount, Pathhead and Birkenbush. At the first the depth was 10' deep for ½ a mile with the other from 6 to 8' deep and ¼ in each case.

Mar 11 L.T. McGarth had the following advert – “At The Sign of The Wheel’ get your bicycle and requisites for the opening of the cycle season.

John Esson, Draper, Bridge End, was also advertising bicycles of many makes, Royal Riley, Peregrine, Singer, Rudge, Rambler, Townsend, Grosvenor. Ladies – Royal Riley, the finest, lightest, swiftest and most elegant.

Mar 18 Evangelistic meeting by Mr W.S. King held in the Mission Hall, Portessie.

When modifications were being done to a property in Buckie a spade, half guinea of George III reign, 1791 was discovered. Unfortunately for the finder, or whatever, Dr Cramond declared the coin to be counterfeit.

A concert to take place in the Fishermen's Hall to help raise funds for the construction of the Victoria Bridge.

Two urns were found in the Foulford Bridge area in the woods above the Barnyards of Cullen when men were digging a track to put in a new water supply. Thirty years before urns had also been found in the same area. The urns had peculiar markings on them while also

holding bones., unfortunately at least two of the urns were damaged either through roots growing through them or whilst the men were digging.

An article on page 6 col 1 of a man who became a famous fishing rod maker in London who was at one time a forester on the Seafield Estates at Cullen.

Mar 25 Cheap Railway Excursion – Keith to Buckie return – 1/- third class; 2/3 first class.

Advert – Wm. Geddes and Co. Timber Merchants, Buckie.

Apr 1 Notice – All Scottish people who object to the term of England and English being used in place of Britain and British in violation of the Treaty of the Union, are invited to sign the Petition which can be seen in the Town and County Bank, Low Street, J.L. McNaughton's office, Logie Bros., Gibson, Chemist, P.Geddes, Tailor, Bridge End and the Banffshire Advertiser Office.

Two hundred names were collected in Buckie and sent to Edinburgh. Why so few one might well ask?

Macleod and Webster, Carvers, Gilders and Picture Frame Makers moved from Bridge End to Cluny Square. They also said that they did an extensive cycle trade with cycles for hire and repairs done.

Apr 8 Alex Esson was advertising tweed suits made up for 38/- - a special line.

John Wilson, Draper, Baron Street. was also now selling linoleum, oilcloth, and of course wall-paper.

Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers etc, High Street were advertising dining room suites from £12.10 upwards; Bedroom suites in mahogany, ash and walnut from £13.10 to £25; Mahogany wardrobes with mirror - £6.10 - £15; sideboards with glass backs - £7 to £25. Also in stock – Venetian Blinds, kitchen, hall and office furniture.

May 6 Macleod and Webster – Ladies and Gents Cycles – Cluny Square.

Roup at Greens of Addie – outgoing tenant – Donald McKenzie – 2 mares, 4 cows, calved and to calve; 3 calves; 6 stirks, single and double ploughs, wooden harrows, 2 box carts, 2 box barrows, barn fan etc. Only 20 minutes walk from either Drybridge or Enzie Stations.

L.T.McGarth – ‘useful articles ‘ Paints, bird cages, seeds for farm or garden, lawn mowers, bedsteads, mangles, wreaths on marble stands.

McDonald, Boots and Shoes, West Church Street.

Ladies boots elastic, lacing and buttoned – large variety – 4/6 to 7/6

Ladies glove hide laced and buttoned shoes – 3/6 to 6/6

Gents Oxford Shoes – 5/- to 10/6

Ploughmen's Boots, specially strong, 6/- to 13/6.

Buckie Lawn Tennis Club- Cpt – James Archibald, Solicitor; Vice Miss Simpson; Sec/Treasurer – A.B.Hendry, Solicitor; Committee – Dr Bennett, Miss Wilkie and Mr Fraser.

John Hutcheson, Tobacco Commission Agent , believed to be responsible for the name Virginia Buildings on High Street, later moved to Inverness was now up on a charge of fraudulent bankruptcy.

‘News – ‘Maldministration in the Congo’

Herd, Hairdresser, to move to 25 East Church Street.

June 3

The Enzie and Portgordon Schools decided to unite to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria (‘Sixty Glorious Years!') with a picnic. A total of 600 bairns to be involved. A total of £8.10 was collected in subs towards the event, in the Clochan area, with £10 already gathered in Portgordon with more to come. There would be a fireworks display at each school after the pupils had returned there.

Mr Chisholm, Burgh Surveyor reported that a number of seats had been erected on the various beaches within the burgh as well as the beach itself being tidied up.

The sum of £300 has now been raised in subs towards the construction of the Victoria Bridge.

New Item ‘White Slave Traffic in Paris of Irish girls from as young as 12 years’

Clark, the Photographer, moved from Baron Street to Low Street.

James Gordon, Poor Inspector died this week. He was born at Glasterim and attended the Slackhead School. He started out in life as a law apprentice before entering the banking profession, first in Keith and later in Buckie. He was for a number of years employed by John Hutcheson, Tobacco Manufacturer, of Buckie now of Inverness. He was manager of the Gas Works from the start in 1860 besides being a correspondent for the Banffshire Journal for 20 years. His on also John followed him as Poor Inspector.

June 10

Shearer, Draper’s advert –

Rich and poor may now be nicely clad,
 Enormous bargains can now be had -
 All sorts of Garments, both for youth and age
 Defying censure, even of sage.
 You cannot fail to be completely suited, if you call
 At Shearers, this is undisputed
 Mark what you want and hasten with all speed
 Although your *ready money* scarce squares your need
 Depend upon it you will be delighted

Embellished in the best, if not near-sighted
 Surprise will be evinced by every crony
 At what you've bought and what it costs in money

Men's suits from 21/6; moleskin trousers 6/9; overcoats, 20/-

June 10 Seaview Terrace improvements – A retaining wall has been built; the road has been widened by 1' at the north end of Cathedral Street while the gradient has been considerably reduced. A cart approach has been made to the houses on Seaview Terrace with the bank in front tidied up and grass seed sown also a fence erected.

The channel along. The retaining wall on Gibbs' Lane has been laid in concrete while the channel on Wilson's Land has been causewayed.

For the Jubilee Celebrations the entrance to the Cluny Public Park is to be festooned with flags and evergreens with the sign 'God Save The Queen' and figures 1837 – 1897 prominently displayed. Cluny Square to be decorated with flags upon poles erected in the form of an octagon with streamers enclosing a smaller square having diagonal streamers and a floral crown suspended in the centre with shields and banneretts in appropriate places. An effort will be made to have something similar on St Andrews Square.

June 10 New China Shop opened at 23 Gordon Street by Mrs Stewart and Coy. To be selling China and Stoneware also dealing in ropes and nets etc.

Mrs Newlands who carried on the business on the High Street of Draper etc, after her husband died was buried this week in the cemetery at Dipple. The cemetery is situated in a field on the other side of the Spey from Fochabers and just off the narrow road leading from 'Baxter' towards Inchberry and Rothes

June 17 the Star of Hope, Steam Liner called into Buckie this week to take on board nets for the herring fishing.

News item 'Disaster to British Troops in India'

June 25 A cow belonging to Mr Ross, Williamston, Enzie produced three calves this week all of which survived.

The B.A. of this date carried a big report of all Jubilee happenings both local and elsewhere.

July 1 Wm Clark, photographer opened his new studios at Low Street.

A course of three lectures was advertised to take place in the Volunteer Hall for residents of the parishes of Rathven and Enzie under the aegis of Technical and Education given by the Glasgoe Veterinary College. The lectures to be concerned with the Care and Feeding of Horses, especially, and the healthy care of all other farm stock. All farmers and farm servants were invited to attend the meeting to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. 1,2, and 3rd July

Ginnetts Circus making their first visit north of Aberdeen were to visit Buckie on 2 July.

The B.A. received a gift of early strawberries from mr John Simpson, Shoe and Leather Merchant, Bank Street also early tatties from Forsyth, Strathlene called Sharp's Victor.

William Milton, Road Foreman, Tynet was fined 7/6 also James Farquhar, Bauds, the same for riding a bike with no lights.

The Earnholm came in this week carrying 200 gutters returning from Scrabster.

The Auchenthalrig Pic-nic and Games advertised for Saturday 17 July, open to all comers. Charles Paul, Tynet, Secretary.

Drybridge Pic-nic and Games – to be held at Letterfourie on Saturday 3 July, open only to competitors from Rathven and Enzie.

The statistics for the Enzie first half of 1897 were – 27 births; 14 deaths and 8 marriages. At the same time Buckie had 159 births; 79 deaths but only 6 marriages.

At the Drybridge Pic-nic and Games two local policemen won both the heavy and light events. J.Cruickshank, Portgordon, threw the heavy hammer, 84'622 and the light hammer, 103' 82. He however tied with Constable Clark of Buckie with P. Clark wining the medal in a play off tossing the 25 lb weight. James Cormack, Buckie, won the medal for Highland Dancing.

July 15 Alex Cardno opened as a hairdresser at 3 High Street.

The smack Sweet Home discharged 212 barrels of petroleum at Buckie.

Constable Peter Clark ('Peter Feet') was transferred from Buckie to Keith.

Three bathing shelters were erected at convenient points on the local beach, above high water. " They ought to add greatly to the attractiveness of Buckie to summer visitors."

July 22 Buckie boat, Bethany (BF. 1443) was lost with all hands. Wm Reid 'Rosie' skipper; also his son James. Wm Reid, 'Rosie' cousin and his son also called James. George Murray ' Costie' and David Jappy 'Spirl'

Frank Ross, butcher, was fined 5/- for killing a sheep in the Cluny Hotel stable yard contrary to the Burgh Police Act.

At this years Peter Fair 150 horses were present. The high figure of

£70 was paid to Mr Milne, Mains of Findochty for a young horse which had been champion gelding at Keith Show in 1896 besides winning a number of other prizes elsewhere. It went to a Glasgow buyer. Most of the horses sold went south as van or 'bus horses.

Three coopers were charged with ringing door bells, two were admonished but one was fined 5/- or five days in jail.

Aug 5 A local carter was fined 2/6 with the option of two days in prison for committing a breach of the peace.

Aug 12 Enzie Tennis Club were beaten in a match with Buckie Tennis Club.

Two men were fined 2/6 or 24 hours in jail for sleeping on the wrong boat. "This kind of conduct cannot be tolerated", said the beaks.

The Buckie Flower Show took place on Wednesday 11 August, 1897 when a large number of entries were presented. There was a fine myrtle in full bloom put in by J.A. Green, Merchant, Buckpool who also had in a Veronica. W.F. Johnston, Advertiser, had forward liliums as had John Simpson, Bank Street who also had in ferns. The judges were – Smith, Innes House and Gow, Grant Lodge.

Aug 19 A rare fish was landed at Aberdeen this week, this was a king fish which was brought in by the Star of Hope. It was sold for 31/- to a naturalist. It is a number of years since a king fish was previously landed.

A shepherd living at Rochomie was charged with stealing a sheep from the farm of Raefin. The case was found to be not proven.

A vagrant woman was fined 7/6 with the option of five days for being drunk and incapable. She went to jail.

Aug 26 Dickson opened a butcher shop on East Church Street.

The laird of Letterfourie allowed his tenants a 15% reduction in their rents.

Sept 9 Heavy gales strike the Moray Firth causing serious loss of life and losses to fishing boats.

900 barrels of fish were landed from Walter Flett's curing yard for Stettin.

John Steinson, a retired farmer, of 7 Main Street, Buckie was fined £3 or 15 days for holding a shebeen at his house.

Sept 30 Mr Cuthbert, Prospect, Cottage, wife of the shoemaker, gave birth to triplets. She got £3 of a bounty from the Queen.

Oct 7 Flett and Geddes late of Cluny Harbour to open a fish shop in the

Volunteer Hall Buildings with Miss Barbara Smith as manageress.

Donald McBeath, Shoemaker, Low Street, signed the Trust Deed.

The cycle race competition, from Buckie to Fochabers return a distance of 16 miles was won by C.Goodbrand in a time of 46 minutes and 6 seconds.

At the October Rathven Market there were only 6 cattle forward.

The Konigsberg sailed from Buckie on Saturday night with 1,092 barrels of cured herring on board. This was the last shipment of the season. During the season 13,111 barrels had been exported, less than the previous year when the figure was 17,459.

J.P. Pozzie was appointed president of the Cycling Union.

Joseph Scott, 21 Land Street, Buckpool won the 'raffle' for a five guinea sewing machine put up by Shearers, Drapers etc.

A boy at Rothiemay got six of the birch rod for stealing £1. 07 pence.

Oct 21 The Gunboat Jackall was achored in the bay just off the town.

A Deskford man took arles of 2/- at Keith feein' market but failed to turn up at the farm as had been agreed. He had did the same thing previously. He was fined 25/- with the option of 10 days.

Rev Caie asked to be allowed to resign on account of ill health. He asked for the allowance of £100 which was paid to aged and infirm ministers and an annuity of £20 from the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. He had been 11 years in the Enzie.

Nov 4 A new Volunteer Hall was opened at Cullen on Wednesday 27 October.

A total of 23 skippers were fined at Yarmouth under the Merchant Shipping Act (Board of Trade) for not exhibiting on both sides of the mainsales the distinguishing letters and official number of their boats. Six of them were from Buckie. They were each fined 2/6 with 9 shillings costs.

Nov 11 The Buckie Fish Supply Stores had the following advert – fresh haddock – tuppence ha'penny to threepence ha'penny ; Arbroath smoked haddock, threepence ha'penny to fourpence ha'penny; fresh cod – tuppence to tuppence ha'penny; close fish – fourpence to five pence. All per pound. Other fish at reasonable prices.

R.Gillan, Baron Street, was advertising India, China and Ceylon tea at 1/8 per lb.

Mr Simpson, Leather Merchant, Bank Street, had one of the shop

windows first cracked by a stone thrown from the beach but the window was completely blown in due to the high winds of last week. The window which measures 9' by 8' will cost £9 to replace.

Nov 18 1897 The first burial at the new Baremuir cemetery took place this week with the funeral of Jessie Reid, Portgordon.

It was agreed that a light would be erected at the head of the steps leading from the Seatown down to the Yardie, also that the steep path leading down to the steps would be fenced off.

The Cyclists' Ball took place the previous Friday in the St Andrew's Hall. The names of many of those who attended were given in the paper. Many of the shopkeepers in the town attended the event as was seen by the names.

Nov 25 A Christmas tree and sale of useful articles was advertised to take place in the Town hall, Cullen.

A team called Buckie Thistle was formed last week in the Masonic Institute. Robert Duncan, jun. Was elected captain, James Paterson, vice cpt. Bertie Stage, secretary and D.Sutherland, treasurer.

Between 50 and 60 applied for the job of caretaker at Buckie Public School. Under Rathven School Board.

A baker from Bridge End was fined 5/- or two days for driving a vehicle without lights.

The Star of Hope had proved to be a failure as a steam liner and was to be converted into a trawler. It had only been built a year previous at a cost of £3,100. It had been bought by Thomas Walker, Aberdeen to which two of the original partners had already sold their shares.

A Cullen man was fined 10/- of 15 days for kicking doors on Land Street, Buckie.

The farm of Maryhill, Drybridge, on the Letterfourie estate, was let to Mr Clark, Gateside, Deskford.

A new football club, Union, was formed in the Masonic Institute. Cpt. C.Goodbrand; Vice cpt. J.Rennie; secy/treasurer, George Sievwright, Draper, Colonsay Place.

Dec. 2 A destructive gale hit Britain led to damage in Buckie.

"Shades of Ireland", it was said. Donald McKenzie retired farmer from Greens of Addie, now living at the 'Caravan' was shot at through a window as he was tending a pot on the fire. A shotgun was used with Mr McKenzie being hit by 50 pellets in his leg and shoulder. He was

fortunate not to be killed.

A Coopers' Ball was held in the St Andrew's Hall with over 80 couples being present.

Dec 9 **There were only three cattle at the December Rathven Market. No business was transacted.**

Up to this date a total of 43 applications had been received for the minister's post at Enzie Parish Church.

Dec 16 The B.A. showed a sketch of Cluny Harbour and where the extensions were to take place. This was the creation of a first basin and an extension to the north pier.

Dec 23 The Cluny Hotel stables were now advertising that they had a glass-sided hearse.

A bull calf was on sale at 1 Sutherland Street.

Dec 30 Charles Black was advertising that he was starting as a slater at 44 East Church Street.

The business of Newlands, Draper, High Street, was advertising a 'Great Closing Down' Sale.

Nicol Bros. Bought the property formerly occupied by Newlands, Draper, at 13 High Street, for "1,175.

There were 80 couples at the Oddfellow's Ball held in the St Andrew's Hall. Morrison's Band, Portgordon, supplied the music.

George Baxter and Co. Fochabers, had this in their advert – 60 years ago tea was a luxury costing 10/- per lb, now it could be had for from 1/6-1/10 per lb from a number of local agents – James Cowie, New Street, George Cowie, West Church Street and James Simpson, Cathedral Street, Buckpool. At the P.O. Dallachy per W.Watson, Forgie, Alex Stronach. There were no less than four agents in Portgordon – Mrs Innes, Richmond Place, Miss Jane Rose, Mrs McDonald and Alex Morrison.

