

**1898**

Jan 6

Charles Innes Shearer, Clothier, Tailor and draper advertising Profit Breaking Sale Shearer opened his shop on East Church Street the previous year.

Newlands ,Draper, High Street were advertising a 'Closing Down Sale' following on the death of Mrs Newlands who had carried on the business after her husband William had died earlier.

Buckie Fish Supply Stores , Volunteer Hall Buildings, were advertising haddock at 2 1/2 and 3d per lb, smoked haddock at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 per lb, cod 2d to 2 1/2 per lb. Close fish (Gows) 4d to 5d per lb.

Lobban, Cluny Hotel was advertising that he had added a glass-sided hearse to his other wagons etc.

The Draper shop ' Little Wonder' was in Seaview Place then.

Restorene the most marvellous discovery of the 19th century. Used by all the courts of Europe. Use it to strengthen and invigorate the hair, beard or moustache. Sold in bottles for 1/6 and 2/6 - London address.

Advert – Gibson, Chemist, West Church Street, had taken over from George Wright.

The Globe Market, High Class Grocers, High Street. P.Forbes proprietor.

Adverts – John Esson, Tailors, Bridge End  
- P.Geddes and Sons, Tailors and Clothiers, Bridge Place.

Cowie and Son Engineers and Sawmillers, for all kinds of wood.

Cowie came to Buckie from Keith to use his engine to pull boats up on to the beach.

George Baxter and Co. Fochabers, was the main agent for Martins British Cable Tea.

Jan 13

The Buckie and District Tourist and Visitor's Guide to be on sale shortly.

Dickson, took over Ross, Butchers, on Cluny Square.

Advert - Teeth – whole set- one guinea, single tooth – 2/6 Five years guarantee – Goodman, Dentists, Aberdeen.

Twenty eight applicants for job as gas man in Buckie.

A.McDonald, Boot and Shoe Warehouse, 10 West Church Street. – advert

Jan 27

**Shore of Buckie Burns Anniversary Celebrations held in the Commercial Hotel. A long report was given on page 7, cols 1,2,3.**

A ball took place in the granary at the farm of Flour Mill, Tynet, farmer, Mrs Bruce.

Songs were sung by Misses McDonnell and Scott. Messers Downie, McNeish, Taylor, and Scott.. Music was provided by McWilliam and Petrie. Assisted by Scott and Slorach.. the M.Cs were Geddes and McKenzie. Committee , Bruce, Neish, C.Ross and H.Ross.

Among those present were - Misses McDonell, Petrie, McKenzie, Auchinreath, Geddes, Auchinreath, Downie and Watt, Auchenthalrig, Scott, McKenzie, McKay, Allan, Portgordon; Duthie and Jamieson, Bogmoor, Munro, Bogs, Rose, Tynet, Paterson, Damhead, Thomson, Enzie, Grieve Clochan.

Men – Slorach, Petrie, Paterson, McKenzie, Geddes, Auchinhalrig; Robertson, Scott, Ross,Portgordon, Smith, Paterson, Damhead, Pirie, Holl, Shaw, Stewart, Allan, Bogmuir, Gordon, Tulloch, Clark , Grieve, Geddes, Upper Dallachy.

Feb 3

New Lodge of Good Templars formed at a meeting in the St Andrews Hall.

Dance in loft at Preshome – Music by Grigor and Milne

Females present were – Ritchie, Preshome, Kessack, Broadmuir, Gordon, Wilson and Innes, Preshome, Mary Bonnyman, Maggie Bonnyman, Wilson, Innes, Johnston, all Clochan, Two Geddes from Drybridge, Oglivie, Muir of Holmie, Hutcheson, Pathhead.

Rodgers – Woodhead, Bonnyman, Scraphard, Green, Portgordon, Ritchie, Presholme, Dean, Holmie, Paterson, Presholm, etc.

Men – Dean, Flett, Christie, Wood, Johnston, Tulloch, McCurrach, Black, Watt, Wilson, Innes, John Adam and Joseph Adam, Findlay, Gray, John and James Paterson etc.

The Earnholm on her weekly visit to Buckie was delayed in harbour because of severe north westerly gales.

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Estimates invited for deepening and improvements to Buckpool Harbour

- Feb 17 Rev Rob Galbraith to succeed Rev J.B.Wood. as minister in the Buckie Parish Church. Wood went to Dundee.
- R.Gillan , Grocer, Baron Street, advert.
- Feb 24 **As usual the brose day was taken notice of at the Mill Berryhillock when Mrs Cruickshank had a company of 36 children and 19 adults – all of a scramble either for the brose or the ring.**
- Mar 3 Deskford doctor appointed Hon Surgeon to the Queen.  
In the local news.
- Mar 10 Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers and Upholsters were now advertising Buckie and Cullen
- Advert – James Calder Tailor and Clothier 37 West Church Street.
- Mar 17 Advertisers – Charles Clark – slater; Peter McLaren, grocer, Charles Nicol and Co, Painters, L.T.McGarth, Buckie Fish Supply, John Barclay, Plumber, A.Lyon, Ironmonger, Wm Geddes and Co. Timber Merchants and Commission Agents, Geo. Sutherland, Architect, James Merson, Merchant, Portessie, John Esson, Tailor, H.McBain, Undertaker, A.McDonald, Boots and Shoes, F.F.Angler, Alex Esson, Cowie and Son, Sawmiller, P.Geddes and sons, Tailors, James Mackay, Globe Market, Grocers.
- The Tourist Guide had a picture of the Craigmin Bridge.
- Mar 17 Rob. Anderson, Aberchirder, had contract for extending the Buckpool Harbour. He went broke on the job.
- Big adverts for tea at this time. A note said that in 1838 tea was 10/- per lb now in 1898 it is from 1/6 to 1/10 per lb. Geo. Baxter, and Co, were main agents for Martins British Cable Tea.
- Other tea was being advertised like Lipton's and Melrose's
- Cheap Excursion Fares from Buckie to Keith – Wednesday and Saturday  
Portessie to Keith and back – 1st class 2/6- 3rd class 1/0
- Buckie Orchestral Society were to put on their fifth concert in the St Andrews hall. There were 30 in the orchestra under the conductor, Mr J.S. Paterson. Vocalists Miss Milne and M.W.Kirkton.

Clearance Sale advertised at John Calder Boots and Shoes, 20 Cluny Terrace.

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- Apr 7 Charles Innes Shearer, Draper etc – advert
- Unity Lodge Good Templars held a Social Meeting and Concert in the St Andrews Hall. The other group of the Good Templars in Buckie was the Rolling Wave
- First three months of 1898 in the Enzie there were 17 births, 1 marriage and 7 deaths. The Enzie, of course, included Portgordon.
- Annual General Meeting of the Enzie Tennis Club – Miss Thomson , secretary/treasurer Mr Kennedy ,President and Mr Thomson, captain.
- Apr 14 Adverts – James Duncan, Painter and Mural Decorator  
George Webster Cycle Depot, Cluny Square.
- Buckie Fish Supply West Church Street (Flett and Geddes) sold to James Geddes, one of the partners.
- Fossett – ‘Up To Date’ London Circus and Hippodrome in the Commercial Park on Saturday 7 May
- James Mackay advert – Buckie Fraserburgh and Burghead.
- 22 April Mr Alex Geddes, 65, former postman in the Enzie and Buckie lost his life this week when paying a visit to Mr Ewing at the Sawmill croft falling forty feet over the cliff into the bed of the Buckie Burn. There was no fence at the place where he went over just down stream from Duncan’s sawmill
- May 5 Joiners in Buckie were agitating for a nine hour day.
- Andrew Hay Tailor and Clothier 12 East Church Street, opposite the P.O. was advertising ‘Summer Suits’
- Geddes the fish merchant was in the shop at 3 West Church Street which had seen a lot of changes.
- May 12 A 4lb loaf went up to 7d
- Tent at Fossett’s Circus fell down with a number of children being hurt, including Nettie Sandison, daughter of Sandison, Draper and Ernest Simpson, Bank Street.
- May 19 Offers were invited for the grass on the Cluny Park. A.B. Hendry, Solicitor.

- May 26 Big advert for the coming attraction of Lord George Sanger's Circus to visit Buckie on June 3. The first time for 22 years. This was a mammoth enterprise.
- John Simpson, Low Street, Term Sale.
- Alex Bremner opening announcement , as Slater etc at High Street.
- Day Trip to Inverness for 3/- 3rd class (train)
- H.A.McBain, Undertaker and Cabinet maker West Church Street, - advert.
- June 2 W.Gray, Draper etc High Street. – advert.
- Alex Morrison Draper, Berryhillock , Clearance Sale.
- June 9 Rathven Market – 40 cattle, and a few sheep – better than for some time. Clark of Carnoch got £103.10 for 6 fat stots; Smith, Darbreich got £12 for a fat heifer. Kessavck £13.10 for a fat heifer and £12.10 a calving quey. Ewe and 2 lambs £2.15
- June 16 Advert for Drybridge Pic Nic and Games W.Scott, secy. 2 July. Open to competitors from the Enzie and Rathven parishes.
- Two women from the Seatown were charged with throwing dirty water on the street. They were fined 2/6 or 1 day in prison.
- June 23 Death of Rev Wm Smith, at Oxhill . He was born at Cuttlebrae.
- June 30 Cairnfield Estate – Estimates invited for improvements to Pathhead farm house and a new house at Hillpark.
- Advert – Gillan, Grocer, Baron Street.
- Advert – Archie Dick employed by L.T.McGarth was building bikes in Buckie.
- Advert – Surprise Drapery Warehouse at Bridge End
- Advert – J.Hillocks and Son Drapery Warehouse were advertising Wallpaper.
- John Esson, Draper, Bridge End was selling bikes and cycling clothes.
- W.F.Johnston, Banffshire Advertiser was still the agent for emigration.

June 30 Buckpool woman was fined 10/- for keeping a dog without a licence.

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Bostock and Wombell Menagerie to pay a visit this week

Trespassers on Viewfield Plantation ? were warned that they would be prosecuted by the owner Cuthbert, Slater, Buckie.

Jul 7  
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*The first motor car ever seen in Buckie arrived this week. It was carrying Mr Barbour of Messrs R.J Barbour and Co. Blacking and Boot Polish who was touring the country and meeting with success the retailers of boots and shoes. It was said that the car had great value as an advertising medium as long as the novelty lasts.*

*The car was a product of Stirling Motor Carriage Company of Hamilton and is the property of the Scottish Hiring Corporation. It had seats for four and is propelled by a Daimler oil motor of 4 hors power. Its gearing corresponds to 3,6,9, 12 m.p.h. The mechanism works with admirable smoothness. The oil tank holds 4 gallons of petrol which is sufficient for 70 miles at a cost of 1/2 per mile exclusive of wear and tear. The new cost of this car is £350.*

July 14 Auchenthalrig Annual Picnic Saturday 30 July. The nearest railway station Fochabers-on-Spey.

Jul 21 Buckie Horticultural Society and Industrial Exhibition will hold their show in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 10 August. Admission 12 to 5, 6d ;5 to 8.30, 3d. Children half price.

Jul 28 A Cardno Hairdresser High Street – Shaving 11/2d haircuts 3d

An Ariel Road Racer with 2 gears with special lamps and accessories cost then £13.10

Aug 4 Fred Gunnetts Circus to visit Buckie

**Buckpool Harbour improvements – a retaining wall 110 yards long , 4'6” at the bottom to 2’ at the top was constructed.**

Aug 25 P.I.Smith Coal Merchant and Supplier of Oatmeal, Buckpool.

Sept 1 Smerick let to Tom Inkster, Slackend

Flower Show to ask for the use of schools and playgrounds to hold games.

**Note on Nicol Bros. James and Robert both served their time with Ashton Make up dining, drawing room and bedroom furniture.**

**Dining room – and Drawing room furniture - £8.10 to £25**

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**; bedroom £5.10 to £35.**

**They did an adornment of the Chapel with one piece costing £60. They work in hardwoods, mahogany, walnut, American ash etc. They have at present a staff of nine Sept. 8 page 5**

Sept 15 Notice read – No nets to be placed on the lands of Tannachy nor anyone to Pasture there on.

*Two fisherwomen from the Seatown were fined for dumping a chaff bed on the beach at the Yardie. A man from Bridge End who stole tatties off the lotted lands of Buckpool and took lodgings at a croft without permission was fined 5/- or three days.*

Sept 22 Advert – Peter Williamson, China Merchant Bridge End and 9 and 11 Main Street.

Two medals were gifted to the Cyclists Union, one gold one silver, by John Esson, Bridge End.

**Note on Alex Hendry and Son Carpenters and Joiners Sept 22 P7 Col 3**

Sept 29 Harvest Home at Arradoul saw 30 couples attend. Mr Mckay, engineer, Inchgowrie supplied the music. Mr and Mrs Grant were the hosts.

David Reid, Portgordon cycled from Buckie to Lhanbryde and back with a fair breeze blowing, in 1 hour, 12 mins and 7 seconds.

**On Tuesday of this week Mr Alex Wilson of Walkerdale was attacked by a cock while in the henhouse. It stuck its beak into his leg and only let go after he had strangled it. He was suffering great pain and had to travel to Buckie to see the doctor who said that a nerve had been badly damaged. He was in bed at his sisters in Buckie before he was able to travel home on Friday.**

Five generation in the Enzie. Mrs Kinnaird an old lady of 89 has been a great, great grandmother for the past 14 days.

**Opening announcement - An Italian Ice Cream and High Class Confectioner will open for business at 3 West Church Street. A.D. Antonio Jannetta.**

Oct 6 Little Wonder, W.Jack proprietor now had a shop at 21 West Church Street.

Oct 13 Mr James Grant Arradoul Mains was advertising that he would commence selling milk in Buckie as from 17 October.

Harvest Home at Mill of Buckie . among the guests were two families from Barhill Mr and Mrs Watson and Mr and Mrs Jessiman.

Sales on at Charles Innes Shearer, East Church Street and Browns Economic Warehouse, 8 Cluny Terrace.

James Mackay bought all the stock of Alex Stuart, Draper, Forres and also James Gibson, Draper in Aberdeen. Both businesses having gone bust.

Oct 20 Buckie Thistle had their first game of the new season against Elgin Victoria which the Thistle won by four goals to two. Reid 'Coug' was one of the stars.

**Thistle had adopted the Union colours of green and white. The Union was a very successful team before this time but lost seven players all at one go when they went south in search of work.**

L.T. McGarth was now selling Violins, Bikes, Seeds, Bulbs, Beds, Tools, Mandolins,  
The violins and mandolins being for the start of the 'Music season'.

Nov 17 **Two women in the Yardie were fined 1/- each or three days for dumping rubbish on the beach.**

A meeting was to take place to resurrect the Buckie Lodge of the Good Templars. This was to take place in the Masonic Institute. It was successfully re-launched.

Nov 24 James Mackay now carried Portknockie in his advert.

Dec 1 Wm Gray, Buckie and Aberdeen, Draper etc, High Street.

Dec 22 Milk was selling at ten and a third pence per gallon.

## **1899**

Jan 5 First Annual Association of Buckie Thistle held in the St Andrew's Hall

Grand Exhibition (first) of Buckie Poultry, Pigeon, Cage Birds, Rabbits and Cavies to take place in the Volunteer Hall. On 18 January.

Wm Gray, Aberdeen and Buckie, Draper etc, 13 High Street, large advert on front page, continued all year.

Lady Cathcart gave £25 to be distributed amongst the poor widows of the town.

This was done from the Methodist Hall.

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**Annual dance at the mill, Berryhillock hosts, Mr and Mrs Cruickshank. There were many children and adults. There was an airgun competition with 600 shots being fired. The children's competition was won by Alex Reid, Swailend and the adult competition by William Murdoch, jun. Kirkton.**

**Berrybauds, Clochan, annual dance took place on the Monday previously, hosts, Mr and Mrs Kessack. There were 25 couples present. The M.C. was Mr A. Flett while messers Dean, Holmie supplied the music.**

Buckie Thistle beat Aberdeen Reserves by 6 goals to one

The annual Catholic Ball took place on Wednesday in the St Andrew's Hall, Buckpool, with 70 couples being present. The names of all who attended were given on page 6 col. 4.

Jan. 12 The annual Auchenreath Ball took place with 25 couples being present.

There were even more agents in Portgordon selling tea – Wm Reid and Co. also, Alex Reid.

Jan 19 The annual meeting of the Ratepayers in connection with the Cluny Park to take place.

Buckie Thistle team to play Bishopmill in Elgin was as follows – Geddes, Clark and Geddes Cpt; G.Reid, McBain and Paterson; D.Reid, Kirkpatrick, Campbell, Black and Milne.

John Green, Draper etc, High Street took up a whole page with his advert of a sale.

Jan 26 Robert Ross, stationmaster at Drybridge moved to Attadale.

David Barclay, assistant ticket inspector at Inverness went to Drybridge.

The Dallachy annual Ball attracted a company of 30 couples, voted a great event.

Feb 2 It was proposed to go ahead with the construction of a new fishmarket near Cluny Harbour.

The formation of a Buckie Town Band was discussed.

James Birnie, Draper etc. I Cluny Terrace was advertising a clear out sale.

**Col. 2 page 5 had a good report under the heading 'football notes'.**

**Page 7 carried a good report on the ‘Shore of Buckie’ Burns Club annual supper.**

Feb 9 The farm of Mill of Buckie, farmer, John Hector, was advertising the sale of sweet butter.

Feb 16 **Sketch of the new fishmarket, complete with clock and tower, to be built on the south side of the road at Cluny Harbour. (page 6) Mason – John Dawson; Carpenter – Wm. Geddes, Portessie; Plasterer- R. Hume; Slater – A.Mitchell, Cullen.**

**Feb 23 Buckie Parish Church purchase a new organ.**

Mar 2 The new officials of the Cycle Union were – President – James Archibald; Vice pres. – Wm. Smith; Cpt. David Reid, Portgordon; vice cpt. J.Mellis; Secretary/Treasurer – Andrew Forsyth. Committee – C.Goodbrand, J.P. Pozzi, Charles, Johnston, McGregor, Watson and Barritt.

**The B.A. carried a sketch of the proposed new bridge over the Buckie Burn at the west end of West Church Street, drawn by James D. Slater, Portessie. The estimated cost of the one arch bridge was put at £1,650. The length of the bridge to be 150 feet, 30 feet in breadth with the keystone 46 feet from the water surface. There were to be pavements of 4’ wide on either side with 3 feet parapet walls terminating in stone pillars that would have on top ornamental lamps in tripod form.**

Mar 9 Adverts – John Webster – Chemist and R.Gillan, Tea Dealer and Wine Merchant.

Where on Main Street was ‘Phillips Inn’?

## **1899**

Mar 30 The three senior teams in Buckie, Thistle, Union and Rangers, were called upon to meet with the Public Parks committee.

A major fire took place in Portessie, centred around Wm Geddes, house carpenter, causing damage amounting to £2,000. Others who were affected were – McIntosh, boatbuilder, James Smith, merchant and James Merson, Peterhythe.

*The Buckpool Harbour was built in 1857 with the architect being an uncle of Robert Louis Stevenson, author. It cost £15,000, with £10, 000 being advanced by the Fishery Board of Scotland and the remaining £5,000 being furnished by Sir Robert Glendonwyn Gordon, Bart. Letterfourie, superior of Buckpool. Since that time further improvements and extensions have taken place.*

- Mar 30 *Banffshire's largest town - Buckie an article copied from the Banffshire Journal.*
- April 6 Alex Dott, porter at Buckie to be stationmaster at Drybridge.
- John Esson, Draper, Bridge End was well into cycling and had a whole advert designed for this purpose reading – cycling suits – Norfolk and other styles to measurer – 25/- to 45/- - fit to finish the best.  
Cycling hose – tartan tops – 2/6 to 4/- finest with clan and fancy tartan legs – 4/- to 5/6  
Ladies cycling costumes to order.*
- April 13 Sketch of the proposed harbour at Craigenroan, Portessie. Estimated cost £13,000. **Page five**  
West pier, running north east of 730 feet long, east pier, running north west for a distance of 369 feet. The entrance to be 75 feet wide with a jetty.
- Apr 20 Arthur Stewart, Blacksmith, Broadley, rouped out, prior to going abroad.
- April 27 Wm Geddes House Carpenter, Portessie now had the word son included in the title of the firm. The firm had been in business for over twenty years. They were building a brand new premises up the brae near the railway which was to be equipped with up to date machinery.
- Apr 27 1899 A proposal that the Banffshire Volunteers, forerunners of the Territorials, be given kilts instead of trows.
- Buckpool fishermen agreed to contribute a tide's labour – five hours – towards deepening the harbour. Up till yesterday, 26 April, 500 free hours had been contributed by 100 fishermen. Twenty fishermen to put in a further 100 hours work today.**
- There was launched from the boatyard of Messers Geo. Innes and Sons, Portknockie, the largest zulu yet with a keel of 56', beam of 18'8" and depth of 11'. The boat named the Rhodeshia has been built for Wm. Wood and Wm. Mair.**
- The McIntosh boatyard, Ianstown launched a zulu for J.Main 'Ellen' of Nairn.
- (During the months of April and May 1899 many boats of the zulu design were being built all along the local coast from Cullen to Portgordon)

The death took place this week of a former headmaster of Buckie Public School – Alexander Horn at the early age of 47 years. He was 20 years at Buckie . He died at his farm of Brangan, Boyndie, Portsoy.

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**The schooner, Progress, of 168 tons, owned by A. Hendry of Buckie was driven ashore off Berwick as she was laden with a cargo of coal. The crew were all saved.**

**The Anne Stuart, also a schooner, owned by John McWilliam, coal merchant, Buckie, also went aground near the Holy Isle off the Northumberland coast. The skipper was a Portgordon man, by the name of Nicol. She was sailing from Newbury to Sunderland with a cargo of paving stones. The Anne Stuart was one of the few remaining Spey-built schooners being built at Kingston in 1878 for the Newfoundland trade. She had been involved in the coal trade in north England for the past two years. She was only partly insured.**

Alex Grant, Seedsman. Low Street, was advertising all kinds of seeds.

John Barclay, Plumber, was advertising the New Acetylene Gas.

Gibson, Chemist was advertising cameras for sale.

McIntosh, shipyard launched a zulu for a client in Stornoway.

May 18 The whole hiring plant connected with the Cluny Hotel was up for sale. – four carriage horses; four sets of single harness, 2 sets of double harness; 12 knee rugs. Usual stable accessories. One gig almost new, 3 chapel carts, 1 phaeton, 2 waggonettes, 1 large brake to hold 10 persons, 1 close carriage, 2 luggage lorries, 1 superior hearse, 1 bus. Bales of moss litter, quantity of hay and several loads of dung.

Among those who purchased horses and wagons was a person called Angus Beaton. Who was seen later to have taken over the Cluny Stables.

May 18 The Norna ( government vessel – fishing picket) came in on Saturday and stayed over Sunday.

May 25 Mr Lobban, sold the Cluny Hotel also the stables and adjoining properties to Mrs Millar, Kirriemuir with entry on 8 June.

June 1 Charles Davidson, Blacksmith, Garden Lane, Buckie sold out to John Stephen, Lonmay. Davidson retired from business.

June 8 Nurse Booth, Edinburgh, came to Buckie under the Jubilee Institute for Nurses Scheme to replace Nurse Wood who had retired.

Two local men were reported to have been kicked by horses on the same week – James Kinnear at Cleanhill and Joseph Legge at Swailend. None of the injuries, fortunately, proved fatal.

This week saw the formation of a cricket team with officials as follows - Hon Pres. Bryson, Strathlene; Pres. Dr Simpson, Cpt. Yuill, teacher, vice. MacPherson, teacher; secretary, W.Gray; Committee – J.P.Pozzi, James Asher, Alex Paterson, R.Watson.

June 15 *This was described as a nice cycle run – Buckie to Cullen on to Keith to Fochabers and back to Buckie a distance of around 37 miles.*

June 22 Opening announcement – Sutherland and Hendry Rope and Sailmaker – temporary premises – Granary, Buckpool.

An exhibition of horse-shoeing was taking place at all smiddies through out much of Scotland, including the local area by a D.McCauley, Glasgow. He was to perform at – Grants, Bauds, Wood, Findochty, Bain, Portknockie, A.Gray, Rathven, J.Stephen, Buckie, A.Rose, Drybridge, W.henderson, Arradoul, A.Mcwilliam. Portgordon, W.Henderson, Cowfurrich and J.Johnston, Clochan.

June 22 After three weeks without rain and bright sunshine the grass was all burnt, but this ended on Friday when there was rain in heavy showers almost all day, together with thunder.

New tatties had been given from Bryson, Strathlene and Simpson, Bank Street.

June 29 Pinders Ord circus paid a visit to Buckie setting up their big maquee in a field next to the Highland Railway station.

July 6 John Dawson, mason, won the contract to form the steps on Logie Lane.

The stats for Enzie during the last quarter of the year were – 21 births, 8 deaths and one

**The foundation stone of the Pringle Memorial Church in Fochabers was laid on July 5 1899.**

July 13 Estimates were invited for the alterations and extensions by John McWilliam and Son, Bakers for bakery premises and erection of two cottages on Cathcart Street.

J. Geddes 'Thain' Buckpool, had a carvel zulu boat built for him by Alex Wood, Lossiemouth for the herring fishing.

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July 27 The firm of J and J. Sutherland, rope and Sailmakers, Seaview Road, Buckpool, was dissolved. The firm to be continued by one of the partners, Joseph Sutherland.

The Buckie Horticultural Society were to hold their Flower Show on Wednesday 9 August in the Fishermen's hall.

Aug 3 A carter by the name of McRobbie was fined 2/6 of 24 hours for carrying offal uncovered.

**Big shots of herring. The Nautulus BF 1718 of Findochty landed 180 crans at Wick while the Bonaza BF 2005, skipper Geo Herd, Findochty landed 130 crans which sold at 25/- per cran.**

Aug 10 Enzie Parish Church Sunday School pupils had a pic-nic at Wellheads. Music was played on the pipes by Taylor of Braes.

A lad was caught cycling between Cullen and Buckie without lights and was fined 2/6 of three days.

Around this time a boy was charged when caught fighting with others on the street. He was fined 5/- or three days in jail. Because he could not pay the fine he was taken off to Banff and put in prison. A letter in the B.A. a week later condemned the severity of the sentence for a crime which, as he saw it, was not worth the name.

The judges at the Flower Show in the flower and vegetables section to be Gow, Grant Lodge, Elgin and Grant, Cairnfield House.

There were exhibitors from – Inverness, Aberdeen and Peterhead amongst over 1,000 entries.

Aug 17 McCombie, Draper, Cullen now had a branch in Buckie.

John Esson, Bridge Place, essentially a draper had an advert which spoke of nothing but bikes.

Aug 24 Enzie Free Church were to hold a bazaar in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on Friday and Saturday 15 and 16 September. They later held a sale of work in Portgordon hall.

Mr John Taylor was appointed interim assistant at Buckie Public School. He was the father of Willie Taylor, former chemist in Buckie and a son of Mr Willie Taylor, formerly of Inchgower, later of West Street, Buckie. He came from Rothes to Buckie.

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A collection in the Enzie parish Church for Chalmers Hospital, Banff, raised £2.10. Since the church contributed to the hospital the minister could have a say in the people who were admitted.

Aug 31 A mammoth sale of megalica, china and earthen ware at Williamson's China Merchant, Main Street, Buckpool.

**A monster herring was landed from the Cullen boat, Grannie Margaret, BF177 skippered by J.Findlay. The fish measured 14 inches long, seven and a half inches in girth and weighed one and half pounds.**

Aug 31 Robert Anderson, Aberchirder, the contractor involved with the extensions at Buckpool Harbour went broke.

Milk was now selling for 10d per gallon.

Sept 14 Advert – James R.Boyle, Fishcurer, Cluny Harbour.

The Little Wonder, Outfitters owned by W and J Jack who had had their shop all over Buckie were now opened on East Church Street, opposite to the opening to the station.

Sept 21 Stables were to be erected for the burgh on Railway Terrace. Mason J.Dawson, Joiner, a.Murray, Plumber, J.T.Campbell who were also to do the iron sheeting. The burgh had only recently being applying for two horsemen.

Buckie Draughts club. President – Provost Webster, Vice Pres. John L. McNaughton, Secretary, W.Stewart, Committee, Esslemont, Smith, Calder and Ross.

A calf was for sale by W.Smith, Baddockcleys. (A croft which once stood near the roadway which leads through Buckpool Golf near the 14<sup>th</sup> hole.)

Sept 28 **Shearer's advert took the form of a question and answer on page 3 col 2.**

**A steam liner was in the process of being built at the boatyard of J and W.McIntosh, Iainstown, for an Aberdeen client. After seeing the boat taking form two Buckie men ordered boats made in the same style – Murray 'Bodge' and Murray 'Burd'. The boats cost around £2,500 with the engines costing £1,500. It was said that prices had risen of late.**

In the Enzie parish during the previous quarter the stats. were - 12 births, no marriages and 11 deaths.

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J.McWilliam and Sons, Coal Merchants, Buckie purchased a new schooner – Natalla, a three master, to replace the annie Stuart, which was lost. She arrived in Buckie this past week for the first time with a cargo of coal.

Oct 12 Duncan Forsyth Hairdresser and Shaver advert

With the South African or Boer War now in progress first class reserves were being called up This meant that two Buckie men, both in regular employment were called up.

**The Buckie Fishmarket was to all intents completed with the new tenants of the offices moving in.**

Oct 19 Names put forward for the municipal election were – James Bremner, Chemist, 4 Main Street; Robert Buchan, Baker, 42 Main Street, Wm.Clark, Photographer, 9 Baron Street, Wm. Downie Flett, Fish Curer, 52 east Church Street, Malcolm gray, Solicitor, 24 East Church Street, Henry Alex McBain, Cabinet Maker, 33 West Church Street.

The South Africa War was all the news, covering pages 7 and 8.

Some of the big adverts were by the following – McDonalds Boots and Shoes 10 West Church Street, Charles Innes Shearer, Draper etc, East Church Street, Alex Esson, Cluny Square, James Mackay, Gibson Chemist, West Church Street. L.T.McGarth, Globe, Grocers High Street.

D.Forsyth who had been in poor health sold his business on Baron Street to A.Truelove who already had a gents hairdressing business at 3 High Street and a ladies hairdressing salon on east Church Street.

A Cullen man, sergeant John Raffan, was killed in action in South Africa.

Nov 9 Angus and John Beaton, Cluny Stables advertised that they now had added a glass-sided hearse to their posting business.

**Opening announcement – James McCurrach, from London, was to start up in business at Drybridge - as a tailor guaranteeing outfits for both gents and ladies in style and up to fashion.**

Nov 16 Contracts were signed for alterations and improvements to Enzie Free Church – Mason – Wm Legge, Fochabers, Carpenter, Hendry Bros. Portgordon, Slater and Plumber, John Barclay, Heating engineers, Geo.Rae and Sons, Inverurie.

A Fruit and Provision shop to open at 17 Baron Street by Mrs J.B.Smith.

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Nov 23 L.T.McGarth was advertising tiled grates for parlours and sitting rooms.

Nov 23 The first steam liner to be built in the local area was launched this week from the boatyard of McIntosh, Iainstown, This was the 'White Rose' for an Aberdeen client. Her measurements were – 85 and half foot keel (ninety two and half over all) beam, nineteen foot two and half inches; from keel to top of rail, 13'9". She was towed away shortly after the launch, by a sister ship the Caledonia, to Aberdeen to have her engines fitted.

Dec 7 The bakers in Buckie threatened to go on strike for better conditions, a rise in the weekly rate, shorter hours and more payment for overtime.

Buckie baker firms at this time were – Charles Forbes, W.R.Byers, John McWilliam and Sons, James Mitchell, John Reid, James Valentine, John Bruce, Robert Buchan, John Gauld. They had a notice in the B.A. which said – owing to the rise in wages gratis this year. The men agreed on a 56 hour week, 26/- per week, 6d per hour for overtime.

The licence of the Union Bar, Buckpool was transferred from James Fraser to his son in law Alex Purvis.

Mr and Mrs Durward Lely were to give a series of Scottish songs and recitals in the Fishermen's Hall in January.

A.Truelove had an advert which said – Haircutting and Beard Trimming fashionably done

Ladies hair combing – cleaned and made into any style – Switches and Tails of best quality- Human hair to order.

Ladies hair cut and singed at 10 East Church Street.

Dec 21 The B.A. carried an insert, which informed of 15 proclamations of marriage.

Dec 28 The B.A. gave a break down on the building jobs which had been completed this year – Cruickshanks Lemonade factory on Cluny Lane (sic), McWilliam and sons, Bakery on Cathcart Street. Fish Market, G.Cowie and Sons Sawmill, House and shop for Mair, Butcher, on Main Street.

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Jan 4

Mrs and Mrs Durward Lely were to present Scottish songs and Story Recitals in the Fishermen's Hall on the 11 January. They were a celebrated duo who gave shows all over Scotland and likely the whole UK. They eventually retired to Fochabers, both being buried in Bellie cemetery. My mother, Mrs Agnes Fraser,

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was a 'home help' to Mrs Lely in the late 1960s early 1970s, before the work was known as such.

The cost of the seats for the concert were as follows – front seats, reserved, 2/-; second seats, 1/-; back seats, 6d.

Some of the songs which were to be sang were – Why I Left Home; As Jean Sat At Her Spinning Wheel; We'll Gang Nae Mair A'Roving; Farewell To Lochaber; Maggie Lauder; Scottish Emigrants Farewell; I Wish I Were Far Gadie Rins; Marc Of The Cameron Men; Nannie Wilt Thou Gang Wi' Me? Kate Dalrymple; Auld Lang Syne. In addition there was to be piano music played. At the beginning of the first and second parts of the concert.

George Webster, Cycle Depot, Cluny Square was advertising the last ten days of his clearance sale of second hand bikes, both ladies and gents. Ladies from £3 to £5; Gents from £3 to £4.10/-

John L. McNaughton, formerly major to be captain in the 6<sup>th</sup> V.B. Gordon Highlanders. (sic)

The heaviest and most prolonged rain for many a day together with melting snow had a major effect on all the local burns. A big lake covered the low-lying land between Buckie and Gordonsburgh. The burns where they met the sea washed away large areas of the beach. The roads were al badly pitted and in parts washed away.

There was a n Oddfellows Ball held at Bogmoor the previous week.

A Buckie skipper, George Murray, 'Neiper Deedle' was washed overboard from his boat, the Milky Way, BF 1519. He was aged 37 with his home being at 72 Seatown. Others in the crew included, Cowie, 'Steener', Murray, 'Neiper' and Cowie 'Duncan'.

Jan 11

An airgun competition was held at Berryhillock, Deskford, on New Year's Day. Cakes and sweets were given out.

A Buckie carter, F..... L....., of Bridge End. was fined 7/6 for Breach of the Peace with the option of 7 days. He had been up on the same charge the previous year.

Geddes 'Bosen' and Murray 'Souter' residents on William Street, Buckpool were complaining about the state of the street.

Nine men from the Buckie company 6 V.B. Gordon Highlanders left for the South Africa and the Boer War.

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Jan. 18 An appeal was made for gifts and comforts for the Gordon in South Africa socks, scarves being mentioned along with pipes and tobacco, also soap.

Three other Buckie men were passed fit to serve abroad with the Gordons – Pte. John Campbell, plumber; Pte. John Bowie, blacksmith and Pte. Taylor, also a blacksmith.

The feu, together with stable, on Banff Street, opposite the Police Station was up for sale. George Wright, Chemist, Rothes and John Dawson, Builder, Buckie having some interest. The stables consisted of three stalls, harness room and hay loft. The stable was still in existence up until the 1980s and used by the daughter of Arthur Reid, builder, who had the yard at this time.

Feb 1 *Menu provided by the Cluny Hotel for the Shore of Buckie Burns Club annual celebration –*  
*Scotch Haggis; Roast Beef; Roast Mutton; Braised Turkey; Roast Duck;*  
*Ox Tongue; Rabbit Pie; Steak and Kidney Pie;*  
*Vegetables – Turnips; Brussel Sprouts; Peas, Potatoes and Carrots.*  
*Savouries –*  
*Macaroni and Cheese; Cheese Straws.*  
*Sweets –*  
*Plum Pudding; Trifle; Apple Tart; Jellies, Creams; Strawberry Tarts; Open Jam Tartlets; Blanc Mange and Marmalade Tart. Stewed Prunes, Stewed Figs and Red Currant Mange.*  
*Service of fruit.*

Feb 8 Mr Birnie, Cluny Terrace, sold two game cocks – one to Wales and one to Thirsk at £3.10/- and £2.10/-

Captain Smart was appointed pilot at Cluny Harbour in place of Thomas Lawson. Cpt Smart is a certificated master, formerly of the S.S. Hartfell.

Feb. 22 Preston Villa, owned by Cpt. Geddes was up for sale.

There were snow drifts up to and over 20 feet deep on the Keith to Buckie railway line. This was reputed to be the deepest snow ever known. Sixty men were

employed casting a way through. Three snow-ploughs had broken down and failed to force a way through.

A terrific southerly gale forced two Portknockie boats ashore on Papa Westray, in Orkney. One was the Daisy the other the Rhodessia. The skippers were George Mair and William Wood, respectively. Although both crews were saved it is thought that both boats would become wrecks.

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**The Buckie town clock on the 'Auld Kirk' was stopped by the strength of the wind. This was only the second time that this was known to have happened.**

Mar 1 **Roderick Johnston, Bridge End, started in business as a House Painter, Decorator, Paper Hanger and Glazier.**

The line from Buckie to Keith was eventually cleared this week it was found that some drifts were indeed 24 feet deep between the top of the Enzie Braes and Drybridge. The force of the wind had been so strong that a sleeper fence meant to stop snow drifting on to the line was itself carried off and dumped on the railway.

Mar 8 John Calder, Shoemaker, was to build a house on Cluny Terrace.

The iron railing which has now been erected down the middle of the Logie Steps has been truly welcomed and seen as a big improvement.

Mar 15 There was high hopes that the formation of a Town Band would come to fruition with a number of instrumentalists meeting in the vounteer Hall to practice.

Wm McIntosh, Ianstown, launched a carvel zulu, 'Children's Friend A.162 for a Stonehaven man. It is believed that this was the first Stonehaven boat of the carvel design. She was 56.6 feet long.

Robert Buchan, baker, was informing people that he had just bought an important piece of machinery for his bakehouse. This was a 4 hp. Oil engine which was to be used to drive a dough-making machine and biscuit maker. It cost a ha'penny an hour to run.

A new building was to be built on Main Street for Sutherland and Hendry, Rope and Sailmaker. The mason was Milne. The powers that be found that the building had been started at the wrong end of the feu but when they approached the builder he was less than keen to knock down and start again and since he was now up to the chimney heads he was allowed to continue.

Mar 22 The sailmakers got a rise in wages but we weren't told how much this was.

Stone throwing seemed to be a very common occurrence with countless number of boys, some older, being charged. In the main they were admonished unless they had been guilty of the same offence before hand. Three fishermen were fined 5/-.

Mar 29 The contractors to build a house for Mr Johnston, Banffshire Advertiser, on South Pringle Street, were – mason – Andrew Morrison, carpenter, Wm Geddes and Son,

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plasterer, R.Hume, plumber, J.and T.Campbell, painter, R.Duncan, slater, John Barclay.

The Earnholm a cargo boat and regular visitor to Buckie called in and discharged 150 tons of goods.

Ap 5 A new shop and house to be built on Cluny Terrace for Mr John Calder, Shoemaker. The firms engaged were – mason, A. Milne; plasterer, R.Hume; carpenter, W. McBeath; plumber and bells, J and T.Campbell; slater J.Barclay.

In Portknockie Mair ‘Shy’ and Wood ‘Woodie’ had a boat called the Spider, a zulu 77 feet long built and launched by George Innes and Sons.

The Innes boatyard also launched a second boat called Cawdor Castle, 76 feet long, for a Nairn man.

Ap 12 A number of tailors were out on strike for an increase in wages.

Rev Caie, formerly minister at the Enzie Parish Church, died in Aberdeen.

This was the last time that the Boot and Shoe shop at 10 West Church Street went under the name of McDonald.

Apr 19 A youth was fined 2/6 with the option of two days in jail for throwing stones. Another was fined 1/6 for riding a bike without lights.

George Sutherland was advertising himself as successor to McDonald, Boot and Shoe shop at 10 West Church Street.

Apr 26 A Bowling Club for Buckie? A meeting was to take place in the Masonic Institute to which all interested parties were invited.

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**A new steam *drifter* bought for a Portessie crew, names Farquhar and Simpson. The boat was to be built at Yarmouth, 76 feet long, 17.5 beam; 8.3 feet deep. She was due to arrive home in two month’s time.**  
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Thomson's boatyard were to launch 3 zulus. One was already named – Prossom BF 293. The others were BF. 309 and BF. 297.

May 3 Mrs G.Stewart and Co. China Merchants were advertising that they were to move from High Street to better premises on Cluny Terrace at the term. (May28)

A Wm. Smith whose parents lived at Mill of Buckie was killed in action at Ladysmith in the South African War.

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Talk had continued for a long time regarding the kind of bridge which would be built across the Buckie Burn. This kind was well received - 3 arches with the width between – 28'; the centre span to be 35' with the two side arches 25' To be built of Peterhead granite with the inside of the arches in brick covered with a layer of concrete. Other masonry on the bridge to be of Hilton or any other local stone.

May 10 Two pubs in Portgordon were up for sale at more or less the same time. The first was that of Mrs Inkster on Main Street the other belonging to Mrs Kessack at the corner of Station Road and Lennox Place. Mrs Kessack's premises had been a pub for 50 years with the property including stables and outhouses.

The boatyard of Gregor at Portgordon launched two boats in one week, one was for Wm Smith and Co. of portessie called the Supreme and another for Flett, Ianstown.

W.R. McIntosh also launched two this past week the Laysmith for 'John 'Fling' Smith and another for a Stornoway man.

**A licence was granted to Miss Elsie Gibb to open a 'pub' for the sale of porter and ale only at Great Western Road, Buckpool.**

May 17 The steamer Tjalve drew 17' of water as she entered Cluny Harbour but she was safely berthed and able to discharge her cargo consisting of 770 tons of salt.

**The death took place this week of former carpenter, William Calder who came to Buckie from Latheron, Caithness around 1870. He was the first to deck a boat in Buckie.**

Gilbert Anderson opened as a Fruiterer, Poulterer and Greengrocer at 17 Baron Street. This was another shop which was to pass through many changes over the years. Just prior to the 1939-45 war it was a chip shop owned by Louis Jannetta. After the war a bookie's business was carried on here by Johnnie 'Pope' Murray.

James McKenzie, Shoemaker, Bridgend was advertising the selling off of all his shoe manufacturing plant, with a whole list of what this involved being given.

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Angus and J. Beaton had an advert in the paper saying how they were selling all their horse-hiring plant at the Cluny Stables. This included 4 horses and a pony, also a hearse.

McIntosh, Boatyard, Ianstown launched a boat called the Violet.

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The Anchor Inn on Low Street was extended.

**A meeting took place of the Police Commissioners to discuss the purchase of Cluny Harbour**

**The fishing steamer, Figate Bird, BF 398, recently launched from the McIntosh yard, arrived at Cluny Harbour after her engines had been fitted in Aberdeen. She left two days later for the west coast. Her owners were – George ‘Burd’ Murray, his son also George, and Peter ‘Bodge’ Murray. The engineers were George Mckenzie and his son. The crew, together with the cook, amounted to nine.**

**A big fire took place on Commercial Road, the premises of George Cowie and Son and Co. Engineers and Sawmillers. This was the same site once occupied by Watsons, Morayshire Sawmills, which was burnt down only six years before.**

June 7

Pinder-Ord circus paid a visit to Buckie on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1900

*John Cowie opened as a Tobacconist, Stationer and newsagent at Merson’s Building, Marine Place on Wednesday, 6 June.*

*Wallace F. Kerr opened his shop at 17 West Church Street, formerly occupied by Badenoch, Butcher. Kerr was a Hatter, Hosier and Gents Outfitter*

The Cluny Stables were taken over by George Reid, late of Dufftown, as a hiring establishment. He advertised posting in all its branches with carriages, waggonettes, dog carts, lorries etc, also a hearse. Lorries meet all trains said the notice.

Duncan’s Boatyard, Kingston, launched a fishing boat.

**(Buckie) Rangers won the Sunlight Cup, a cup donated by the soap manufacturers, Lever Brothers.**

The Buckpool, boatyard of Thain, launched a boat for a Nairn man.

**With the capture during the South African war of the city of Pretoria there was much rejoicing throughout Buckie, with bonfires and flags flying everywhere.**

June 14 A sample of early tatties was handed in to the B.A. offices by Rob. Falconer, Cluny Cottage. The tatties had only been planted in mid April.

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The early tatties were **Duke of Yorks**, a common early tattie today but this was the first mention of this strain.

June 21 Peter Williamson, China Merchant, was opening a further branch at 16 A, High Street. He had other branches at Bridge End and 9-11 Main Street.

The Buckpool Boatyard of Geo Smith launched the June Bowie BF 409 for Alex Geddes 'Bosin'. She was to be used for the herring fishing.

The following local men set off for South Africa to work this week – Isaac Noole, James Bruce, James Inkster, Robert Thomson, James Guthrie and Alex Black.

June 28 It was reported that a number of beach seats recently set up at Strathlene had been *wantonly injured*.

D.McGregor, Watchmaker and Jeweller now had a shop on High Street.

July 5 An extension was to be made to the Union Bar, Buckpool.

John McWilliam and sons, Coal Merchants were to move their office from High Street into the new suite of offices provided at the new Fish Market building on Commercial Road.

Early strawberries from Baillie Simpson, Bank Street and Mr Mather, Anchor Inn, Low Street.

Mr and Mrs McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Holmie, gave their annual pic-nic on Friday for the local children, who enjoyed tea and cakes and played many games, racing, jumping and dancing.

The Drybridge Pic-nic and Games attracted a crowd of 400. It was said that the event was increasing in popularity year by year. Apart from the games, there was Highland Dancing, and an airgun shooting competition, together with an Aunt Sally. Constable Cruickshank, a successful competitor at a number of local

games won the medal for the best all-round athlete. Goodall, Bogside, came first in both the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance.

**A fountain had now been erected at the entrance to the Cluny Park coming in for some sarcasm as was expressed in a letter to the paper. The writer described it as a mongrel between a tombstone and a common pump and not worthy of the money which people had donated for its construction.**

July 12 Buckie Football Pic-nic and Sports to be held in the Cluny Park.

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A grand 5-aside football tournament for juniors only. See secretary George Bruce, 20 Land Street.

Launch – Rescue, BF. 436 for W.Garden and Sons, Portessie from McIntosh, Boatyard, Ianstown.

July 19 The Portessie Harbour Bill received Royal assent

**A massive famine which was prevalent over much of the country of India was showing no signs of abating.**

**Massacre in Peking (sic) – all China aflame**

Wm Gray, Draper, 13, High Street who had another shop in Aberdeen gave it up concentrating on the shop in Buckie.

July 26 Sanger's mammoth Circus to visit Buckie on Friday 27 July. The circus contained 500 horses and ponies together with herds of elephants. 1,200 men and women take part in a spectacular pageant re-enacting the charge of the fearless Gordon Highlanders in a battle in the South African war.

The barber, Truelove, had given up his Baron Street shop. He still had his gent's shop at 3 High Street and ladies' on east Church Street.

The SS Bangor came in to Buckie with a cargo of Welsh slates.

The fine for a Breach of the Peace was for one person, a regular offender, 12/6 or ten days another – 7/6 or five days.

The Buckie Games previously mentioned were organised by Buckpool hearts F.C. The Games and Pic-nic, the first in Buckie for some years was an acknowledged success.

The 5-a-side competition was won by Ianstown Rovers.

Aug 2 Buckie Horticultural show was advertised to take place on Wednesday 8 August. It did take place but with 700 entries this was considerably lower than it had been on previous years.

James Mackay, Draper bought the property of 26 East Church Street.

Dallachy Oddfellows held a Pic-nic and Games at Upper Dallachy in a field given by Mr Geddes.

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The Portgordon bobby at the time, J.Cruickshank, won all the heavy events as he had been doing at all the other similar events for some time.

Aug 9 John Hillocks of Hillocks and Son, Drapers, Main Street, died this week.

Aug 16 Enzie annual Pic-nic and Games was to take place at the farm of the Holl. The events were open to all comers. Entry to the field was 6d for adults with children 3d. J. Scott was secretary.

Someone who had paid his first visit to Peter Fair for forty years remarked on the changes which he had found. In 1860 the site of the fair and market was near to the farm of Rannachie now it was some distance to the east. (I would presume that the construction of the Buckie to Keith railway line played a part in this.) He spoke of there being fewer animals for sale than he had remembered although the usual sweetie and refreshment places were as numerous as ever, as were the cheap Johns. A number of the well kent folk seemed to be missing as he walked round looking for them he was left disappointed. "Father time had been diligent in creating all the many changes which had taken place".

Aug 23 The boatbuilding firm of J.&W. McIntosh, Portessie went broke with their yard, machinery and stock up for sale.

P. McLaren, for whom it is assumed McLaren's Brae is named after, continued to advertise as a Grocer and Provision Merchant.

R. Dougal, a clerk in Glasgow was appointed postmaster in Buckie in succession to A.Hendry who had retired.

A youth Wm. Mackay, Cleanhill, Rathven took arles of 1/- from the farmer of Burns in Deskford and appropriated them for his own use and did not take up the employment as he had promised. He was severely reprimanded and fined 10/- with the option of five days in jail.

L/cpl, Ralph Kynoch of 40 Great Western Road, Buckpool, who had been severely wounded in the South African War arrived home. He was later discharged as being now unfit for further service.

The new Free Church in Cullen opened this week. There was a long report plus a sketch in the B.A.

Sept 6 Mrs Kessack who had an inn at the corner of Station Road and Lennox Place in Portgordon and which was recently sold died this week at the age of 72.

The Buckie steam drifter, Frigate Bird, left for the English fishing.

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The Portgordon boatyard of John Gregor launched a zulu boat to be named "Greens" for Alex Coull and others.

Wm Gray, Draper, 13 High Street had a notice in the B.A. which stated that he would open his shop from 7 am until 10 pm until the whole trade recognised regular hours. It would appear that the normal closing time was 8 pm then but no indication was given as to what he was agitating for.

G.Anderson who had the shop at 17 Baron Street had a notice in the B.A. that as a professional jobbing gardener he was prepared to enter into an agreement with a lady or gentleman to look after their gardens.

Constable Cruickshank the Portgordon bobby must have been better liked than one of his former colleagues for when he left he was presented with a rocking chair paid for by a collection round the village. His mother who looked after him was presented with a silver tea service. He was posted to Gardenston, changing over with the policeman there.

In 1900 both Chapelford and Wellheads in the Enzie had achieved 'Harvest Home' in the remarkably short time of three weeks. This says much for the ideal weather conditions prevailing during August and into September.

Sums of money were still being gathered for the bridge which was in the process of being built across the Buckie Burn at the west end of West Church Street.

Sept 27 G.Webster, Cycle Depot, Cluny Square had a big advert in the B.A. advertising all kinds of bikes together with accessories.

Oct 11 **The formation of a Choral Union took place in Buckie this past week.**

Oct 18 **George Paterson opened his shop as a Watchmaker and Jeweller at 27 East Church Street, the property recently bought by James Mackay.**

\*\* *The skipper and crew of the Aberdeen trawler, Craig Gowan came face to face with a sea monster a mile or so north of Rattray Head. A good description of the monster was given by the skipper who spoke of the effect it had both on him and the members of the crew.*

Oct 25 **A Town Band was formed in Buckie this week with a huge committee which included the majority of the shopkeepers, doctors, solicitors in the town at the time.**

Alexander William Black, Liberal, was elected to represent Banffshire as its M.P.

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Nov 1 A Portknockie woman, Hillhead, won a six guinea sewing machine in a draw ran by Charles Innes Shearer, Draper and Outfitter, Buckie.

James McRobbie set up in business as a solicitor at 4 Union Terrace , near to the Union Bank.

The death took place this week of James Kessack who had been in business in Buckie as a horse hirer for 40 years. He was the first to start a 'bus service from Buckie to Keith which proved to be successful up until the coming of the railway. He was said to have had a pawky humour and kept his passengers amused on the journey to Keith as he recounted some of his many quaint stories.

**The new Town Hall in Cullen was opened on Wednesday 31 October 1900.**

Nov 8 John Williamson late of Fraserburgh had a note in the paper that he had bought over his father's China business at Bridge End and Main Street.

A monster apple was grown in a Buckie garden weighing 19 and a quarter ounces and measuring 14 and a quarter inches in circumference.

Nov 22 A meeting was to be called with the intention of setting up an Enzie and Rathven Ploughing Association.

A report on the state of the bridge over the Buckie Burn said that good progress had been made by the builders Messrs Stuart and Son, Peterhead. The keystone for the central arch had arrived from Peterhead and weighed 5 cwts. It was finely polished with the date 1900 cut and gilded this was to be set into the north face of the bridge. There was only one problem the roadway over the bridge would have to be brought up a distance of 3 feet to meet with the street level.

Nov 29 A Literary Society was began in the Enzie in connection with the Parish Church with meeting to take place fortnightly. Some of thos present were keen that ladies

be admitted by the Rev Howie said that there was already an organisation - a Womens Guild which was performing successfully.

Plans were being made to cross the Atlantic from the US to Europe by a submarine boat (sic) It had been reckoned that the journey would take 16 days with the crew having to exist on the rations of food and water on board during this time.

Miss Cocker came from New Pitsligo as headmistress of the Lady Gordon Cathcart School.

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John Taylor who had been stationmaster for 10 years on the Highland Railway at Buckie was transferred to Kinloss with George Riach, meantime at Kinloss moving to Buckie.

A note said that the keystones in each of the three arches had now been put in position in the bridge over the burn.

The train on the previous Saturday, the day of the November term was unable to move beyond Pathhead because of the number of persons on board, being greatly increased at Drybridge. The majority of the passengers were farmers and servants making for the feein' market in Keith. It was decided that half of the train would be taken on as far as Enzie and left with the engine reversing to pick up the remainder. The servants and farmers having dismounted at the Enzie wasted no time in stating their bargaining with many a deal being made. The train was later by more than an hour in reaching Keith.

A meeting took place in Portessie in connection with the lighting up of the village. It was understood that Bryson, gave £10 towards the project with Lady Seafield believed to be giving the posts free.

At a meeting of the Buckie Town Council much discussion took place regarding the bridge over the Buckie Burn being 3 feet too low. It was away below the foundation of the chapel walls it was stated somebody somewhere had made grave mistake – but who made the mistake?

Dec 6

An evangelistic meeting took place in the Meeting Hall on West Church Street opposite to the Public School.

It was decided at the meeting in the Commercial Hotel of farmers and farm servants etc, that the new organisation would be called Enzie and District Ploughing Association.

Wm. Smith of Baddockleys, was a salmon fisherman.

The firm of Thain Bros, Ship Chandlers, Rope and Sailmakers, Portgordon Was dissolved.

There were plans laid to extend the gas to Buckpool for both private and industrial premises.

A new channel was to be cut at the mouth of the Spey to allow boats to reach the old shipping port of Kingston.

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Alex Murray, 'Burd' one of the partners in the fishing boat Frigate Bird, had his foot torn off when he got it entangled with a rope as the vessel was entering Grimsby. He spent 8 weeks in hospital in Grimsby before returning home.

The members of the committee of Enzie Ploughing Association were – J.Simpson, Woodside, A.Robertson, Hillhead, Wm. Gordon, Hillpark, W.Shand, Pathhead, A.Gordon, Glasterim, W.Kelman, Burnside of Enzie, A.Geddes, Bogs of Cairnfield, A.Brown, Westerside, Wm Ross, Hilton, A.J.Taylor, Enzie P.O., George Thomson, Gollachy, George Garden, Cleanhill, A.Forrest, Tollbar, Wm.. Clark, Buckie.

Dec 20 **The Sunlight Cup was won by the Rangers who beat Buckpool Hearts by four goals to three. The Hearts had a goal of a start.**

L/cpl Ralph Kynoch, former Gordon Highlander who had fought through the South African War and been badly wounded was discharged as being unfit for further service. His home was at 40 Great Western Road, Buckpool.  
The bakers were on strike for an improvement in conditions.

Dec 27 Charlotte Williamson or Harler, China Merchant, High Street, Buckie had a notice in the paper that she had bought over all the stock of Peter Williamson.

John Williamson had been advertising for some time that he had bought over all the stock which was formerly the property of his father and was continuing the same business at Main Street, Buckpool. An odd situation.

Reid and Slater were reported to have had alterations and extensions done to their property at 20 Wilson's Land, Buckpool. A Reid and Slater had later a General Store at Seaview Road; were these the same people?

A description of the bridge over the Buckie Burn was given – 140' long, a carriageway of 21' wide with pavements of 3'6" on either side. The top of the arch was 45' above the surface of the water.

Miss McLaren, headmistress of the Lady Gordon Cathcart School, High Street left for a position in Edinburgh.

The Pringle Memorial United Free Church, Fochabers, was opened this week. The name Pringle comes from the man, Alex Pringle, a collector in Inland Revenue who in his will left £3,000 payable on the death of his widow for the building of the church on the corner of Main Street and East Street.

The architect was D.J.R.McMillan, Aberdeen

The firms who built the church were – Mason – Wm Legge, Fochabers; Carpenter, G.R.Cameron, Keith; Slater, George Murray, Lossiemouth; Plasterer, George

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McKay, Keith; Plumber, Thomson and Co. Banff; Glazier, J.Gavie and sons, Aberdeen; Painter, Edward Copland, Aberdeen; Heating Rae and Sons, Inverurie; Iron Railings, Francis Shand, Fochabers.

## 1901

Jan 3 Both Charlotte Williamson or Harler and John Williamson were continuing to say that they now owned the business of Peter Williamson, China Merchant. He continued in business for some time but eventually Charlotte Harler came to have the shop at Main Street before later moving back up town to the junction of Harbour Street and East Church Street.

G.Sutherland successor to A.McDonald now had the Shoe shop at 10 West Church Street

Nicol Bros. were now advertising that they had businesses both in Buckie and Cullen.

Globe Stores, High Street, P.Forbes owner, R.Watson Branch manager.

Adverts – P.Geddes and Sons Tailors, Bridge End; James Calder, 37 West Church Street, Tailor; R.Gillan, grocer, Baron Street, John Simpson, Draper, 4-6 Low Street; John Green, High Street, Draper;

Jan 10 Enzie Tennis Club Conversationeze

G.Webster, Cycle and Sewing Machine Agent. Cluny Square.

Jan 24 Berrybauds Annual Ball, Clochan P8 Col 2

Adverts- Alex Lyon 1 High Street and Cluny Square – Ironmonger  
L.T.McGarth – Cluny Square – Violins

A.McDonald Boot and Shoe Shop in Buckie for 20 years now taken over by George Sutherland. Big sale advertised.

Jan 31 John Wilson Draper 15 Baron Street signed Trust deed and bought over by David Dewar, Aberdeen. Stock sold off in Buckie at massive reductions.

James Mackay bought over the Trust Estate of A.G.Horne, Draper, Ellon. He opened the shop there until the stock was sold off.

Advert – P.I.Smith – Buckpool Station, Grocer and Coal Merchant.

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Feb 7 **The Queen Victoria Bridge over the Buckie Burn which had not been without problems during its construction not least that as planned it was 3 foot too low in comparison with the street level on either side, collapsed early on the morning of Thursday February 1, 1901. Each of the three arches snapped cleanly away from the granite pilasters . It was suggested that the green masonry simply could not contend with the hurricane winds snow and sleet which occurred during much of Wednesday evening and into Thursday morning. The burn was banked up by a twenty foot heap of stones, lime, sand, bricks and scaffolding. The three foot of material had been added to take the bridge up more of less level but there still required around 200 cart loads to be added.**

Feb 14 John Esson, Draper, Bridge End, Cyclist Outfitters and bikes.

L.T.McGarth was advertising bird cages. And cabin trunks for emigrants

Dundee Equitable Boot depot – Cluny Square.

Feb 28 P.Williamson was advertising a Public Conveyance by road for fishermen between Portessie and Portgordon

James Mackay bought over the Trust Estate of G.M.Brown, Draper, 8 Cluny Terrace.

Mar 7 W.R.Byers, Baker, 50 West Church Street, was sold to D.L.Fowler.

A hall for the Enzie Free Church to be built in Portgordon.

Mar 28 Buckie Bowling club Ltd was set up with assets of £500

John Barclay, Plumber/Slater was president.

Andrew Forsyth, Tailor, Bridge End went bankrupt.

The introduction of steam drifters into the fishing fleet has been most pronounced this past year.

Opening announcement – J.G.McLeod Cycles, at 31 East Church Street, near the entrance to the railway station.

April 4 Their first advert for a long time – John Gray and Co. The Maybole Show Warehouse, East Church Street were holding a clearance sale. The firm had their headquarters in Maybole, Ayrshire, with branches throughout Scotland. The firm was began in 1836.

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L.T.McGarth was advertising himself as a cycle agent.

The Little Wonder, W.J.Jack, was now on East Church Street.

April 11 Advert D.L.Fowler 50 West Church Street – Biscuits, bread and rolls.

Ap 25 George Stevenson, Flesher, Bridge Place.

George Paterson, Watchmaker and jeweller, 27 East Church Street, advert.

Alex Grant, 22 Low Street, Seedsman.

May 2 Letterfourie Gardens – James Green – was selling all kinds of annuals at 6d per doz  
Petunias 1/- per doz. Agent in Buckie Alex Imlah, Grocer, High Street.

Advert – P.I. Buckpool Station, Hay and Straw on application Carting and Hiring done.

May 9 Buckie Thistle v Inverness Citadel – last match of the season played on the Cluny Park admission 4d.

May 16 Notice. The pathway leading south west from the wooden bridge over the Buckie Burn has become dangerous on account of reconstruction of the bridge and has been closed.

Robert Grant, General and Fancy Draper, to open at 15 Baron Street in the shop formerly that of John Wilson on 22 June..

Alex Paterson, Grocer, High Street, giving up.

Mrs J.Lawson opened a shop at Bridge End selling Fancy Goods.

**Clark, Photographer, to move from Low Street to Baron Lane. The feu he had was taken over by the bowling green. He had a studio built looking out on to Wilson's Lane.**

James Mackay now had a shop in Fraserburgh.

Buckie annual Picnic and Games will be held in Mr Hector's Park

June 20 John McIntosh, Tailor and Clothier to move from Ianstown to 17 Baron Street, next door to Robert Grant.

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July 4 John Smith and Sons now had the Cluny Stables and were advertising their services including a first class hearse. Careful drivers. All forms of horse hiring.

The Buckie Flower show to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 7 August. Lady Cathcart presented a silver medal to be given to the competitors gaining most points over all.

July 11 A fire took place in John Gauld's baker's shop on Union Terrace.

The Globe Store, High Street, was selling fresh fish for the first time  
Lemons, plaice, halibut etc 6d per lb Salmon 1/9 per lb.

July 25 Sergeant George Reaper, former police sergeant was to have a house built for himself on West Church Street. Later this was to become Reaper's Temperance Hotel, which only became a licensed premises in the late 1950s when Mrs Currie late of the St Andrew's Hotel took it over.

The house was built by John Dawson, mason, Wm Geddes and Son, carpenter, John Barclay, slater and plumber, R.Hume, plasterer, R.Duncan and son, painter and glazier.

Aug 1 " A Weet Peter Fair " see page 5 column 3

Wm Clark, Photographer had now moved to Wilson's lane off Baron Street.

Aug 15 George F.Gibb and Co. 59 Main Street, Boot and Shoe Warehouse. A varied experience in the district and the south. Repairs promptly executed.

Aug 22 **Half barrels of herring for sale at 9/- each. D.Chalmers, Fishcurer**

Mr Paterson, Wellheads, Enzie, started the 'hairst' the previous Thursday when he

cut a field of barley.

Edward Hillocks was advertising that he was opening a shop at 8 Cluny Terrace as a Draper and Outfitter. This shop was formerly occupied by Mr G. M. Brown, also a Draper.

Aug 29 James Bonnyman, Lexington, USA a former Clochan loon then the track superintendent of the Chatanvega - Rome and Southern Railway invented a handcar with automobile attachment which has a speed of 30mph. He has made several trips on his machine between Chalanoooga and Rome and found that it has worked with great satisfaction. The inventor is the youngest son of George Bonnyman of this city and succeeded his brother in his present position.

D.L. Fowler's cream scones were described as delicious.

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Sept 5 **Walker and Co. World Famous Cinematograph to present an Electro Drama Exhibition in the St Andrew's Hall.**  
**The programme to include a Royal Visit to the Colonies; Special Local Cinematograph of Buckie Public School scholars and teachers leaving school; the same of St. Peter's School.**  
**This to be combined with a Grand Concert with a caste including Scott Skinner, violinist and composer.**

*The B.A. carried a letter which spoke of the need for a harbour at Craigenroan, Portessie and calling for a public meeting to be held.*

L.T. McGarth was advertising , wringers, mangles and washing tubs also musical instruments. The last to be ready for the dark nights.

The street lamps were lit for the first time this season on Saturday evening.

Sept 19 New Harbour plan for the Craigenroan – sketch was included in the B.A.

Oct 3 **David Herd was advertising that he was to open for boots and shoemaking at Farnachty in a house known as the 'Mains'.**

Buckie Town Council agreed to do away with the burgh horses and carts which together with wages to men and maintenance was costing £311. 18.1 annually.

**On Monday afternoon, 30 September, 1901, the opening of the new bowling green, Buckie Bowling Green, took place at Baron's Green by Lady Cathcart who was introduced by the president, John Barclay. The green itself was constructed by Duncans of Inverurie while the pavilion was constucted by A.Milne, mason who also did the tiling. A.Hendry and sons were the carpenters while the iron railing were made and erected by Cowie**

**and Sons Engineers.**

Oct 10 **A new First Offenders Act had been brought in and was applied when two boys were charged with stealing 3 pipes and tobacco from a jacket at the Great North Station. One was dismissed with an admonition while the other got the benefit of the First Offenders Act.**

Hillocks, draper now had a shop at Cluny Terrace and 20 Main Street. which had also been a draper's shop for at least the past 20 years.

Oct 17 Five boys were charged with playing football on the street at Buckpool. Four were fined 2/6 each, one 1/6 with the option of 24 hours in jail.

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Nov 7 Advert – Robert Reid, Plasterer and Cement Worker, 9 Richmond Place, Portgordon.

Sketch of a Motor Car – Messrs Cadbury's new car.

The standard fine in 1901 for riding a bike without lights, a common offence, was 2/6

John Calder, Bootmaker, Cluny Terrace was advertising 'sea-boots' home made.

Mention was made of Jock Grant's Brae, but no indication was given where this was. Later evidence told that it linked Baron Lane with Cluny Terrace.

George Gibb, Shoemaker, 2 Gibbs Lane, Buckpool was mentioned in a notice.

The following drapers in Buckie were all in business with many advertising sales, advertising winter sales – John Esson,, Bridge Place, Shearer, Mackay, Hillocks, Sandison, P and I Geddes, Bridge Place, John McIntosh, Baron Street, Robert Grant, Baron Street. Birnie, Cluny Terrace. Simpson, Low Street, W& J Jack 'Little Wonder', Gray, High Street.

Dec 12 A Scott, Flesher, Baron Street, went broke.

George Sutherland, Boots and Shoes, 10 West Church Street, successors to McDonald, was advertising a big sale before moving to new premises.

Elgin City were to play the Thistle on 28 December with Clach being visitors on January 1. Both matches to be played at the Public Park with admission being 4d for men, 2d for boys with ladies being free.

Wm Clark Photographer moved to new premises on Baron Street.

Carver of Yarmouth were advertising steam engines for fishing boats.

26 Dec.

In a resume of the year the B.A. said that 1901 had been a busy one in the shipbuilding trade. All the boats being built were of the carvel zulu type. W.R.McIntosh, who had two yards one at Portessie and another at Ianstown, launched 8 boats all together with Alexander Cormack at Gordonsburgh launching four and George Thomson three.

Over the past 12 to 15 years it was said the size of the boats had almost doubled in size being now on average 80 feet overall in length, with a beam of twenty feet. The Queen Victoria Bridge which had fallen down in February had been rebuilt, unfortunately the firm which had the misfortune to see their work collapse went to the wall.