

1903

Jan 1

Buckie Thistle was to play Inverness Citadel at Cluny Park.
Admission 4d, 1d with ladies free.

The Citadel had been North of Scotland Champions in season 1900-1 and Arrol Shield Champs in 1901-2.
Girl clerks were wanted for the Civil Service, aged from 16-20. Salary 35 rising by increments to £190.
They had to have - Arithmetic, French or German, Geography, Algebra etc all on Leaving Certificate lines.
A special grant was given on marriage with a retirement pension at 65 of £120.

A number of tenements were for sale at various places in Buckie including Seaview Terrace and 14 East Church Street.

Work at the Cluny Harbour was suspended in view of negotiations to purchase by the town council from the Cluny Trustees.

**Some tee-names Flett 'Metal' and Thain 'Dandy' (both Findochty)
Wood 'Park' (Portknockie) - Thomson 'Green' (Buckie)**

A meeting of Buckie fishermen took place in the Fishermen's Hall to discuss the Buckie Harbour Question.
By a large majority it was decided that the best option was to support the purchase of Cluny Harbour with extensions made, over a new harbour at Craigenroan or an extension of the Buckpool Harbour.
A deputation was chosen to meet with the town council to put forward this view.

The review of the past year in the B.A. carried a large piece on the Coronation and also the cessation of the Boer War.

A poem is found on page 7 column 3 titles "A Happy New Year" The writer 'Nomad' was almost certainly a 'Templar'.

Jan 8

The business of John Gray & Co. Maybole Boot and Shoe Warehouse, 8 East Church Street that had had a presence in Buckie for many years was transferred to Dick Campbell their manager in Buckie for the past 12 years.

The usual note of thanks by postmen in the local area for the gifts they had received at Christmas time was found on the front page of the B.A.

The farms of Tarrymount (75 acres) and Park of Raefin (28 acres) on the Gordon, Richmond estate both presently tenanted by Mrs Garden, were to let.

The dwelling house and outhouses at 54 Land Street, Buckpool were for sale, suitable for a dairy!

Advert - Wm Gray, Tailor, 23 East Church Street, late of Wm Hay, Draper etc. Gent's own material made up.

Advert - George Paterson, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 27 East Church Street.

Lady Cathcart as had been the practice for many years gave the customary £25 to be divided among the widows on her estates of Gollachy and Buckie.

The ploughmen of the lower parts of the Enzie held their annual ball at the farm of Wester Bogs by kind permission of Mr Smith. The ball was not as well attended as had been usual while a number of ploughmen came without partners meaning that there was a shortage of ladies.

John Clark was M.C. while Mr Benzie provided the music.

The mill at Mill of Rathven was burned to the ground with an estimated damage in the region of £1500. The mill, a very old property, on the estate of the Countess of Seafield belonged to Mr Gray, corn merchant, Buckie. Despite the age of the property the mill machinery, all up to date, had been renewed only two years before.

A meeting was to take place in Portessie to debate the 'Buckie harbour question'.

More tee-names - Garden 'Pap' and Smith 'Gauger' both Portessie.

Jan 15

This week the annual meeting of ratepayers took place to discuss the Cluny Public Park

Messrs - Birnie, Brown, Scott, and Cowie. The members of the **Look Out** committee appointed were - Misses - Martin Dallas, Carruthers and Messrs - Thomson and Tulloch. The **Evangelistic Committee** - Misses - Smith, Herd and Messrs - Robertson, Bruce and Johnston. **Missionary Committee** - Misses - Scott, Campbell and Messrs - John Bruce, Murray and White. **Music and Social Committee** - Misses - Hendry, Stewart, McLaren, Martin and Messrs - McBain, Murray and Reaich.

Jan 22 A big deputation of fishermen was present at the recent town council meeting when a letter was read from the Portessie Harbour committee.

The annual Ploughmen's Dance for those in the upper parts of the Enzie took place at Berrybauds this past week. The bitterly cold weather had an adverse effect on the size of the gathering. The ballroom was tastefully decorated as ever by the committee. Music was supplied by Murray and Donald with the dance continuing through from 9pm until 4 a.

A new branch of the Caledonian Bank was to be opened in Buckie with James Archibald, Solicitor, in charge. Temporary premises were to be at 27 West Church Street.

A deputation, consisting of three members of the town council, was to meet with representatives of the Cluny Estates to discuss the question of the Cluny Harbour.

Jan 29 Advert - A.Cormack, 33 Yardie, was saying how he was prepared to act as Town Crier with all orders being promptly attended to.

Christian Meetings were to take place at 49 West Church Street with the Evangelistic Address being given by W.E.Tocher, Dundee. All welcome, with Sankey hymns being sung.

There were 34 candidates for the vacancy in the Buckie Parish Church.

Mr W.Cormack, Buckie, had been conducting dancing classes at the Holl, farm, Enzie, during the winter months brought these to a close on Friday with an assembly of forty couples. Prizes were awarded to Miss M. Allan, Cowfurrich (brooch) and R.Young, Lower Tynet (medal). Miss Stewart, Clochan and Messrs, Cormack, Grant and McIvor gave step dances and songs at intervals. Mr Shaw, Holl, supplied music.

A poem titled, 'The Snowdrop' is to be found on page 5 column 2 written by L.M.Ross, Forglen.

The Shore of Buckie Burns Club held their annual dinner to celebrate the birth of the poet in the Commercial Hall. The president, John Yuill, gave the Immortal Memory.

Feb 5

The Buckie Town Band gave a concert in the Fishermen's Hall

The Methodist Congregation in Buckie have secured the services of a permanent pastor, Mr J.Butler, Evangelist, who officiated at the Baron Street Hall on Sunday for the first time.

Tee name - Wilson 'Bainie'

A poem is to be found on page 6 column 3 titled 'Progress of Buckie'. Written by Geo. McGregor, Whitefield. In connection with the 'Buckie Harbour Question' a deputation of town councillors left for London to meet with Lady Cathcart etc. The Cluny Estates were wanting £38,000 for the harbour as it was together with an area of land. The high figure being asked was a disappointment for many people in Buckie.

The S.S. came in to Buckie with a cargo of petroleum.

Mr Barnett C.E., who had been employed in connection with the Victoria Bridge after it had fallen in February of the previous year, was to be paid £100 with £5 extra for outlay. His bill had been greater but the town council got him to accept the lower figure.

Feb 19

As had been the practice for many years past the drapers in the town had held winter sales that were still continuing. Those involved were - Robert Grant, James Mackay, Edward Hillocks, Charles Bonnyman (Portgordon), Leith Esson, and The Little Wonder.

The following shoe shops were also advertising sales - Dick Campbell, D.E. and George Sutherland.

Robert Grant, Carpenter, Ordiquisch, Fochabers, was granted the license for 14 St Peters Terrace, presently held by Alex Purvis.

On the Buckie Harbour Question, Portessie sought legal advice on the matter. This was the first check to the town council since they evinced strong leanings towards Cluny Harbour as opposed to the Craigenroan Scheme.

At the meeting held between Lady Cathcart of the Cluny Estates and the Buckie Town Council representatives in London, the estate held out for £38,000 for the harbour and working plant, foreshore and ground to the north of the public road leading from the Yardie to Ianstown - i.e. from the Watch House to the Burn of Rathven.

Stone throwing was still continuing as badly as ever despite the numbers who had been fined for this offence. There was a letter printed outlining the dangers of this.

Feb 26

An advert spoke of the Temperance Hotel that had recently been built and the terms and the conditions on offer. Mrs Reaper was the proprietor.

Buckie Lodge of the Good Templars was to hold their 32nd annual soiree in the Fishermen's Hall.

On page 6 column 1 under the heading Craigenroan Harbour Question one can read the letter sent from their legal representative to Buckie Town Council.

Mar 5

A grand auction sale was to take place in the Fishermen's hall by R. Petrie Fraser who had on offer a large consignment of soft goods. The sale was to continue all week. The following week the same sale was to take place in the Town Hall, Cullen. The doors were open from 11 to 4 p.m. for private sales with the auction sale starting at 6 p.m. prompt.

Some time previously Charles I. Shearer had held a raffle for an American organ when people got a ticket when they bought 5/- worth of goods. Robert Gillan, Grocer, Baron Street had now a guessing competition where one had to say how many beans was in a jar. The winner to receive four beautiful pictures.

The firm of John Simpson, Drapers, of 4 Low Street had been taken over by Wares Cash Drapery Warehouse. His advert spoke of buying the business at a very low figure so that he was able to sell off the complete stock at bargain prices never before heard of.

An extension was to take place at the Lady Cathcart School. Mason -J. Dawson, Carpenter, A.Murray, Plumber, J&T Campbell, Slater, J.Barclay, Plasterer, R.Hume. The architect was Mr Fowlie, Cullen.

The schooner, Elizabeth Bennet arrived at Cluny Harbour with a cargo of slates for John Barclay.

Messrs Newton Bros. Photographers, with branches on West Street, Buckie and in Cullen bought over a business in Banff.

Mr John Barclay, Plumber, recently received a bundle of curios from his son William in Zululand. A description of the articles is given on the page.

The man who built the first house on New Street, George Paterson, Shoemaker, where he conducted his business, died this week. He was born in 1810 and was a son of a joiner who had a business on East Church Street.

Mar 12

Reaper's Hotel (The Highlander Hotel in 1999) was originally called Grange Villa. This was mentioned in connection with the death of ex Sergeant Reaper of the Banffshire Police.

P.I.Smith, 30 Great Western Road, Buckpool was advertising wagonettes and a phaeton for hire.

Rev Robert Howie, minister of the Church of Scotland, Broadley, resigned the lease of Backside of Enzie that had been rented by him from the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. An agreement had been reached between the two that he would have the use of the manse, rent free, at the pleasure of the Duke. A letter of thanks was to be sent from the church to the Duke.

George Webster, Cycle Builder, Cluny Square was advertising his 'Cluny' bicycle made by himself. It had a free wheel, 2 brakes, plated rims and Dunlop licensed tyres. Being sold from 8 guineas, he was also an agent for the following makes of bicycles - Humber, Triumph, Premier, Swift and Centaur. These cost from 10 guineas to £22.10.

Mar 19 Advert - R.Tindall & Sons, 1 High Street and Cluny Harbour, Wholesale and Retail ironmongers and Seedsmen.

Tee-names Geddes 'Foskie and Bowie 'Doss' (Portessie)

Mar 26 Mr and Mrs Durward Lely were to present the national drama - Rob Roy - in the Fishermen's Hall.

Buckie Draughts Club beat the Elgin Draughts Club

The Findochty drifter, Maggie Lauder, owned by Sutherland, Flett and Co. Fishsalesmen, was sold.

The burgh surveyor gave this report - The approaches to the Victoria Bridge are now almost complete. A wooden fence had been erected on the east approaches and been finished off with a coat of tar. On the south side of the Buckpool approach a wooden fence has also been erected. A strip of ground about 20' wide has been cleared and levelled and planted with 500 young trees in six rows, given by the trustees to whom the land belongs. It is hoped that the position is not too exposed for the trees whose growth would further improve the amenity of the place.

Ap 2 The drapers and outfitter's shop belonging to the 'Little Wonder' was at this time at 31 to 34 East Church Street. This was roughly across the street from where it was for a long time at number 37.

Two boats were launched at Findochty - the Fisher Lassie for Wm Flett and Co and the Mizpah for Joseph Campbell.

Another drifter joined the Buckie fleet. This was the Hearty BF 1090 built at Yarmouth for Richard Thomson.

Tee-names - Wilson 'Bainie' (Portessie) and Flett 'Yankie' (Findochty).

There was talk of the setting up a Royal Naval Reserve Battery for Buckie. The pay for reserves was 16/3 per quarter for second classmen and seamen with 30s per quarter for first class men and qualified seamen. Each had to undertake 28 days training per year.

The setting up of a permanent battery at Buckie would have this advantage that men would not have to travel to Aberdeen where there was little left after paying expenses.

The site for the batter had not yet been established but it was thought that this would either be to the west of Buckpool or in the neighbourhood of Ianstown. A drill building costing around £7,000 would be built. The probable equipment to be 2 big guns. The staff likely to be 2 instructors, naval blues jackets who would be stationed in Buckie permanently.

Tee-name - Mair 'Bobbin Shy'.

General Sir H.Macdonald a native of the Dingwall area committed suicide in a Paris hotel.

Apr 9 A woman and her child fell off a train as it was crossing the bridge over the River Spey at Garmouth. The woman died of her injuries while the child recovered. This was the second fatal accident within a very short time on the local coast railway due to the train door opening.

John Wesley, the Wesleyan preacher said how the cause of earthquake was sin.

Tee name - Bowie 'Doss'

Paper report - For some weeks past a stirring religious revival has been in evidence along the coast. Ever since the meetings of W.F.Stewart in Buckie there has been a deep interest manifested in both townspeople and fisherfolk. Mr Tocher for a considerable time has been addressing gatherings in the Gospel Hall at 47 West Church Street.

In Portessie the movement has been of a most lively character with many attracted from Buckie and adjoining towns. The Wesleyan Chapel has been filled to overflowing every night with auxiliary meetings taking place in the Public Hall.

Mr Hughes (Barrow- in -Furness) is also engaged in Gospel work in the Mission Hall (Portessie) and good work is being done there.

The movement has now spread to Findochty where Mr McFarlane and others have been undertaking principal labours.

Every place, the Chapel, Salvation Army Barracks and hall is nightly filled and meetings even being conducted at mid-day.

Not for many years have been such times (some say not since the time of James Turner) and it may be remarked that on Sunday morning there were about 20 baptisms by immersion in the Buckie Burn in connection with the Christian Brethren in Buckie.

A stone throwing battle took place at the Gollachy Burn on Sunday 29 March between Buckpool and Portgordon loons with up to 30 being involved. All except 8 pleaded guilty to the charge of creating an unruly mob and breach of the peace. They were fined 2/6 each or 24 hours in jail.

Mr P.Thain shipbuilder, Main Street, launched a zulu fishing boat for Farquhar and Grant.

On Sunday first the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was to be dispensed in the Presbyterian churches in the Enzie with Friday being a Fast Day.

The town council heard that there was still £60 adrift from the subscriptions pledged in connection with the building of the Victoria Bridge. It was suggested that some may have put their name to a figure in the belief that the bridge would never be built.

Plans were forward for new buildings and grain mill on Garden Lane for Mr Gray also a shop and house at the corner of West Street and West Church Street for Mrs Fraser or Purves. Mr Anderson had plans for a stable, byre etc. at Newlands Lane.

Apr 23

Archibald Munro, flesher, Main Street, Buckpool went broke he was up in the bankruptcy court in Edinburgh.

Enzie Draughts Club presented Mr Bruce, farmer, Lower Mills, Tynet with an umbrella for giving them the free use of his loft to hold their events. Messrs, Milne, Stewart, Forbes and Watt sang Songs. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Apr 30

A displenish sale was to take place at East Arradoul - Mrs Benzie. She had 2 horses, 3 dairy cows 3 yearling stinks and 2 calves for sale also all the normal harness etc.

A sale was also to take place at Tarrymount where there were four horses, 7 cows, 6 2-year-old stots and queys, 13 yearlings and five calves.

The Gordon Richmond estates spoke of a new stable block and turnip shed to be built at the farm of Tulloch; new byres and turnip shed at Chapelford and new dwelling houses on both the farm at Broadley and Dryburn.

A poem is found on page 3 column 3 titled "A Contented Citizen" an outsider is looking at the sad fate of councillors who are always to blame for whatever.

The Portgordon shipyard of J.Gregor launched two zulu boats in the same week. Also launched from W.R. McIntosh's shipyard in Portessie a zulu 'Crown for a Nairn buyer. George Thomson also launched the 'Modest'.

A new drifter for the Buckie fleet was built at Yarmouth for John Cowie, 6 Commerce Street who was to be skipper. This was the Isabella, BF 1121.

Mr Kelman, farmer of Burnside of Enzie was to be given the let of the 'chapel' lands, formerly worked by the Established church minister, for a period of five years.

The great revival meetings that had been going on since March were mentioned.

Tee names - Jappy 'Berry'; Cowie 'Rosie'; Murray 'Barron'.

The sale at Backside of Enzie (The Enzie Manse farm later called Kirkland) was advertised that included 2 horses and all the usual implements.

R. Buchan, Baker, Main Street, went bankrupt.

The ordination of Rev John Anderson, MA BD (Parish Church) in succession to Rev Galbraith took place this week.

The contractors to build the new meal mill for Mr Gray were - mason - John Dawson carpenter, Alex Murray; slater, John Barclay; plumber, J & T Campbell.

Two poems are found on page 7 column 3 one 'An Appreciation' by H Enry and 'The Councillors Complaint' by A Buckie councillor.

The bargain was signed this week between the town council and Cluny Estates Trustees. Re Cluny Harbour.

May 14 Big alterations taking place to the front of Tindall's shop at 1 High Street to create two big widows.

Peter Grigor, Forklandstype, Clochan, to become tenant of Tarrymount.

Portessie to be joined to Buckie written in the B.A. May 14 1903

Portessie or Porteasy was began in 1727 as a fishing station when the laird of Rannes had five houses built and invited people from Findhorn to take up residence there. Smith was one of the names of the people.

Buckie at this time had 913 resident fishermen and boys while Portessie had 268 fishermen and boys making a total number of 1181.

May 21 While the shopkeeper in Buckie continued to dither regarding the closing time at night Cullen merchants took the decision to close at 7 p.m. during the months of June, July and August - Saturday excepted. Closing time on Wednesday to be 2 p.m.

A big sale was to take place at 18 High Street of China and Furniture where John Williamson was giving up business.

Opening announcement - Thomas A Forbes, Flesher, West Street in a shop previously being occupied by Mr McBeth, Flesher.

James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street., bought the whole stock, shop fittings and furniture of George Malcolm 493 New City Road, Glasgow.

Mackay had a shop in Portknockie and another in Fraserburgh. All the tailoring in Buckie was done at 37 West Church Street. (In 1999 this was a arts and crafts shop)

A new drifter was added to the Buckie drifter fleet. This was the Liberty, built by John Duthie and Sons, Aberdeen for the four Reid 'Mosh' brothers.

The Buckie Bowling Green opened again for its second season.

May 28 A tie in the Sunlight Cup was to take place in the Public Park between Buckpool Union and Buckie Caley. The Union was to be given 4 goals of a start. The Caley still won by the odd goal. Admission to the game was 3d, 1d with ladies free

The Dundee Equitable was to move from Cluny Square to 10 West church Street next to Mr Mitchell, Baker. (Fowler the baker later took over this property)

Sites were being looked at in Buckpool for the proposed Naval Reserve Station.

The officials appointed at the AGM of the Enzie Tennis Club were - President - A.J.Taylor Enzie P.O., captain, John Ross, secretary and treasurer, Miss Bonnyman.

June 4 The new D.E. shop at 10 West Church Street was opened this week.

The grass on Cluny Park was advertised for sale.

There was to be no Flower Show in Buckie this year. Because of lack of interest the committee decided to suspend the Horticultural Society Show for a time.

Wm. Duncan, Roslyn, Buckie, retired as organist and choirmaster in Enzie Parish Church after a period of four years received a gold mounted umbrella from the choir. Miss Guthrie made the presentation.

The members of Buckie Town Council at this time were - Provost Simpson, Baillies, Hendry and Birnie, councillors, Gibson, Duguid, Milne, Clark, Reid, McGarth, Archibald and Gray.

There were still rumblings concerning the Craigenroan Harbour.

June 18 The Drybridge Pic-nic and Games were to take place on Saturday 27 June within the policies of Letterfourie House. Wm Scott, secretary.
There were winners from Inverurie and Clayton from Elgin.

A Walking Competition was to take place among the Volunteers of D.Company. The Walk was to start at the armoury at 8.15 pm.

William Mavor (15) and George Mavor (13) 12 Great Western Road were fined 5/- and 1/- respectively for being present in pursuit of game on Easter Gollachy. They were said to be allowed to run wild.

W.R.McIntosh launched a zulu, the Excellent, for A.Gardiner, Cullen

June 25 Advert - W.H.Robertson, 5 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown, Plasterer, Modeller, and Cement Worker.
Another new drifter, the Welfare, BF 1296 was built at Shields for Reid 'Mosh' and Hay Seaview Road, Buckpool.

Amenity improvement - A freestone gable was built for A.Lyon, High Street, The shop front of Tindall and Sons at ground floor level was opened up with large iron girders and columns. Both, it was said, would enhance the look of this prominent corner of Cluny Square and High Street.

The annual Deskford Pic-nic and Games took place the previous Saturday in the orchard, kindly given by Mr Park

July 2 James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street, had branch shops at Portknockie and Fraserburgh.

John Esson, Draper and Cyclist Outfitter, Bridge Place.

The bairns of the Catholic School had a picnic at Drybridge.

July 9 Enzie Draughts Club were to hold a Pic-nic and Games at Tynet on 18 July. Light sports and air gun shooting ere only some of the attractions. Admittance adults 6d, children 3d. J.F.Scott, secretary

The statistics for the Enzie in 1902 were - Births 29, deaths, 16 with 5 marriages.

July 16 The Enzie Pic-nic and Games were to take place on Saturday 1 August in a field near to the railway station, given by kind permission of Mr Stables, Cuttlebrae. Wm. Quinn, Secretary.

L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger was to open a new department - China and Glass - in the shop next door to the east. (In 1999 this was occupied by Malcolm Smith's 'Gent - Elle', a ladies and gents - modern style clothing outfitter, mainly for the younger element.)

The local stone masons went on strike with those working for Dawson and also A.Morrison being locked out.

The fishing boat Cheerful was launched at Branderburgh for Portknockie owners.

Mr William 'Beal' Geddes, shipbuilder, Portgordon had only been in business for 12 months and in that time had built 4 zulus and one drifter. With orders for another zulu to be ready fast for the Yarmouth fishing. He had also been booked to build another drifter for George Cowie 'Pum' and Co. of Buckie. This would be similar in dimensions to the Leader, being 88' long 18' beam and 9' deep. Weight 17 tons.

The Leader, the first drifter built by Wm Geddes was completed over the last four months by 20 hands.

She was built for John Hendry and Sons and John Morrison of Portgordon.

She was launched on Saturday by Miss Jessie Hendry, daughter of one of the owners watched by a great number of spectators.

The Leader was to go to Leith to have engines fitted.

James Street, Buckpool was seen as the main thoroughfare going west as opposed to Land Street and as such was to have a greater number of gas lamps erected.

Plans were put forward for a new stable on Murray Street, for John Bruce, Baker. Where was Murray Street?

Truelove had a hairdressing shop at 6 High Street next to Pozzi, Newsagent. (Like the former shop at 4 High Street, this is now part of Pozzi's)

Mr Bryson, Strathlene House and estate had given £100 and Muckle Sands to Portessie Harbour Commissioners to build a harbour. He was now asking this back from Buckie Town Council now that they had taken over Portessie and the harbour project looked to be doomed.

On page 8 column 4 a report is given of the wedding of the new parish minister Rev John Anderson, and Miss Margaret Smith together with a list of all the wedding presents they received.

July 23 A poem is found on page 3 column 3-titled Blackpool by H. Enery.

Andrew Mitchell, Muir of Newbigging, Clochan, was fined 2/6 or 24 hours in jail for carrying fish offal without this being properly covered.

There were over 100 people present at the Enzie Draught's Club Pic-nic and Games held in a field kindly given by Mr Bruce, Lower Mills, Tynet. Mr Morrison's band provided the music for dancing on a specially provided platform.

A blue-backed shark was caught by the Findochty boat Bloemfontein 13 miles north east of the village. The fish that measured over 4 feet in length was a rarity in these waters more commonly found in the Black Sea. There was no sail for it and it was later cut up and used for bait.

The newly appointed organist of Enzie Parish Church, Broadley, was Edward Insch, Fochabers.

The death took place of the Pope. Leo XIII, reckoned to be the 257th Roman Pontiff. He was an Italian.

July 30 The Loyal Tuessis Lodge of Oddfellows were to hold their annual games at Dallachy on Saturday 8th August. The games were open to competitors from Bellie, Enzie and Speymouth.

An article on Rathven - Peter Fair was given on page 6 column 1

Aug 6 A new drifter came home to Findochty - the Bloemfontein. She was built at Selby, Yorkshire.

The dangerous caper of throwing stones was still continuing with a number of boys and youths being fined.

Aug 13 Buckie Thistle were to stage a Grand Smoking Concert in the Cluny Hotel. The Thistle was also to hold a Pic-nic and Games in Cluny Public Park.

A new headmaster was appointed to Enzie Public School. He was Nathaniel Nicol who was moving from Fraserburgh.

A note spoke of the progress being made at the Findochty shipyard where rails had been laid to a depth of 10 feet at H.W. Engines for haulage of boats up the slipway were receiving attention.

Temperance addresses were given on Cluny Square, the West UF Church and the fish market when in all cases encouraging audiences were present.

Aug 20 A six-mile Walking Competition was held in the Enzie. There were 12 entries.

Alex Milne, builder, Buckie was to build a culvert over the Rathven Burn near the village to replace the wooden footbridge. The contract price was £30. The waterway to the culvert to be 5' wide and 60' long. The culvert to carry a roadway of 18' wide.

A five-a-side football competition at Banff was won by a team from Buckie Thistle, namely - Davidson, Reid, Fender, Smith and Leask. The winning team received £2.10 to share among them.

Aug 27 Buckie Thistle won the Sunlight Cup by 10 goals to seven over the Union who had 6 goals of a start.

A.J.Taylor. Enzie Post Office was appointed registrar for the Enzie district.

George Webster, The Cycle Depot, was advertising the Quadrant motor bicycle for sale at £50 for a 2hp and £60 for a 3hp. The Quadrant was first in the race from Glasgow to London non-stop reliability trials during 13 and 14 May.

Sept 3 George Cowie and Son and Co. Commercial Road had an advert in the paper stating their willingness to fit either new or existing fishing boats with steam engines. Guaranteed to propel vessels at 5-6 miles per hour.

Matthew Quin, farm servant, Clochan was given 14 days in jail for false pretences and stealing. He had three previous convictions.

The opening match in the new football season saw Elgin City come to Buckie to play the Thistle at Cluny Park. The match on Saturday first was scheduled to kick off at 4pm with admittance being 3d for adults, 1d for boys with ladies free.

An article in found on page 8 columns 2 and 3 extolling Gordon Castle, Fochabers and its gardens

Sept 10 A Juvenile Ball was held at Cowfurrich in Mr Stewart's granary. The music was provided by Mr Milton's String Band. Tea was served. The M.C. was Mr Allan. Dancing continued until the early hours.

Portessie 'tee names'. Garden 'Pap'; Smith 'Fling'; Smith 'Miss'. Wilson,'Turk'.

Sept 17 **Opening announcement** - R.&C. Taylor Horse Hirers etc Cluny Hotel. Dogcarts, wagonettes, landaus and carriages. A first class, glass-sided hearse has been acquired. Careful and experienced drivers. Moderate charges. Orders may be taken at the stable or hotel.

Advert - Madame Vere MBIMS , professional palmist and crystal gazer. Can be consulted daily at 61/2d . For a short time only. Appearing at the bazaar in the Fishermen's Hall.

A number of steam drifters were for sale by Massey, Hull.

Music books in stock, apply to L.T.McGarth, Cluny Square.

Advert - Carving, Gilding, and Picture Framing also artist's materials. George Webster, Cluny Square.

Repairs took place to the bridges on the railway between Buckie and Rathven. This was the first time they had been seen to since being built over 25 years before. A train and crane travelled from Inverness together with 30 men to do the work who worked non-stop from dawn till dusk, being fortified with hot coffee etc throughout the time.

A new zulu fishing boat, the Mary was launched from the Portessie shipyard of W.I.McIntosh for John and William Cowie 'Carrot'. This was the shortest boat built in five years being only 76 foot overall. The beam was 19'322 with a depth of 11. She was all set for Yarmouth.

Banff 'tee' name' Wood 'King'

The town council spoke of the naming of the Portessie street names. Lady Seafield was to be given the opportunity, as superior, to name them.

The steam drifter, Robin 1321 built by Duthie and sons of Aberdeen for John and George Smith and Son 21 Reidhaven Street.

Sept 24 Temperance meetings took place in the St Andrews hall, West U.F.Church and the Institute Hall.

A presentation took place for Mr and Mrs Kennedy, Headmaster at Enzie Public School, who was moving away. Mrs Kennedy got a purse of golden sovereigns while Mr Kennedy got a gold Albert watch chain, suitably inscribed.

Messrs Farquharson and Martin, Engineers, Commercial Road completed the fitting up of the most powerful gas engine between Aberdeen and Inverness. This was a 23hp 'Tangyes' engine to drive the machinery of the meal mill erected by Alex Gray on Garden Lane. After being fitted up the engine and machinery were tried and found to be in excellent working order.. the mill was expected to be in operation in about two weeks.

Wm Geddes, Portgordon, launched a zulu , Mizpah, for Jack and Co. Avoch.. Mr Geddes already has another zulu fitted with Messrs Macdonald twin screw propellers.

Oct 1 A house was to be built for John McWilliam, baker, on Cathcart Street. Esk Dale. His brother had a house directly opposite called Westfield. (In 1999 this was the hairdressing Salon called the 'House of Hair Fashion')

Opening announcement - hay and Smith, Ladies and Gents Tailors, Portgordon. (Late of McKimmies, Edinburgh).

James Mackay, Draper East Church Street. The tailoring department was at 37 West Church Street.

Wm Geddes, Portgordon launched a zulu, Cynosure for Messrs James Innes Portgordon and Alex Jappy, Buckie.

Gibson, Chemist, Buckie had a big advert praising the virtue of Sansoline for getting rid of dandruff etc.

Wm McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Holmie had 2 Spring-grown leeks that weighed 2lbs and were 5 feet in length.

James Reid, Garden Lane, had a stem of duke of York potatoes where one weighed 1lb 14 ozs another 1lb while all the others were uncommonly large.

Page 7 carried information about the death of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

The Royal Naval Reserve battery was likely to be sited at Buckpool following an agreement reached between Sir Robert Gordon Bart of Letterfourie and the Admiralty.

A booklet written in conjunction with a bazaar to be held in the Fishermen's hall and called the Bazaar Book is worth reading. One part speaks of looking into the future when Buckie would swallow up all the places from Portgordon to Cullen with long lines of houses, terraces and streets. Cullen would become the Brighton of Buckie and Banff the ancient seat of the courts of law. Water would be taken from the River Spey while the Bin Hill would become a pleasure park with electric trains running every quarter of an hour from the centre of the town that by this time would have gravitated to east of Craigenroan. When a fishing boat not propelled by steam or electricity shall be regarded with as much curiosity as we regard the log canoe of our primitive forefathers.

The book many illustrations, a history of the church in the parish of Rathven- the church in Cullen and notes on education in Scotland. The history of Buckie written by Mr Murray 'Deedle' is very interesting.

Oct 8 The corn mills built on Garden Lane were to be opened shortly. Bruising and hashing was to take place each morning.

The fleet of local drifters was added to by the Rubicon BF 1351, built at Yarmouth for Alex Clark and Co. Portessie. Another new one was the Atalanta also built at Yarmouth for Lewis Duthie and Sons, Portessie.

The final of the Sunlight Cup was played this week between Buckie Thistle and Wednesday Union. This was the fourth trial to settle the custody of the cup. The Union team was to be drawn from - Long, Winchester, Innes, Smith, Duguid, Stuart, Gray, Clark, Brown, McKenzie, Bain, Hendry, Robertson, Murray and Milton.

Page 7 carried information on the funeral of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

Oct 15 Advert - Alex Gray, Grain, Coal and Manure Merchant, Corn Mills, Buckie -

supplies the following at lowest possible prices - oatmeal, pinhead, medium or fine; flour, 1st and 2nd quality; wheat, meal, wheat, whole; maize, whole, ground, kibbled; bran, oats, whole or bruised; pron, dust; barley, whole or ground; oilcake - cotton cakes; beans, whole or ground; split peas, pot or barley; Household Scotch coals delivered at any station in wagonloads direct from pits, also manures (all kinds) in season.

All Saints Church, Buckie, School Bazaar in the Fishermen's hall on 3,4 and 5th December. The Bazaar Book just published - cloth cover (2/6) art paper cover 1/-. Can be had from booksellers or Rev. T.W.H.White, The Rectory, Buckie.

A Harvest Home was to be held at Arradoul mains to celebrate the end of harvest. This had been completed in the short time of five weeks with the crop in good trim.

Two new drifters both built at Hull, one for Portessie the other for Ianstown owners. Both cost £3,000 each. The Wallflower was built for Smith 5 Blantyre Terrace, and George Smith, and sons, Grant Street, Ianstown. The Earn for George Farquhar and Messrs Simpson and Sons, Portessie.

The Thistle took the Sunlight cup in 1903 when they beat the Union who had 6 goals of a start. The Thistle scored 7.

The Thistle were to play in their new colour of costumes at Keith. The team to be Birnie, Robertson and Forbes; Duncan, Speedie and Coull; Black, Davidson, Shearer and Leask.

The Victoria Bridge was not yet open for steam engines. This was the answer given by the town council to a man who had said that to get from one part of Buckie to the other he had to go via Inchgower.

The building in 1999 the Access Point for Moray Council at the corner of Cluny Square with West Church Street was built for Dr Duguid in either 1866 or 1867. This was one of the earliest buildings on Cluny Square. This was mentioned following the death of Mrs Duguid whose own name was Turner. Her father had Arradoul Mains before Grant.

Oct 22

Advert - Grand Football match between Buckie Thistle and Keith Strathisla was to take place in Mr Hector's Park, West Church Street on Saturday first October 24 at 3.30 pm. Admission adults 3d, boys 1d with ladies free.

Mr Hector gave his permission on the understanding that a certain sum be set aside to go to some local deserving fund.

The team to be - Birnie, Forbes and Robertson; Fender, Reid and Thomson; Coull, Black, Duncan, Shearer and Leask.

This would appear to have been the first game played on this ground which in time was called Victoria Park. This ran north to south immediately beyond the Public or 'Low' School.

Cullen was to have new reading and recreation rooms.

Mr Inkster, farmer at the Smerick held a Harvest Home when a large company of friends were present. Dancing commenced at 8pm and continued through until morning.

Music was supplied by Sudding and Grieve's String Band. Songs were sung by several ladies. The crop was harvested in good order.

The ice-cream shop of Antonio and Lucia Jannetta on West Church Street was broken into with £8.15 in money stolen also 200 2d, 3d and 4d cigars.

There was a row amongst the following people on Land Street – Maggie Calder, 25 Land Street, George and Alex Davidson, masons, 38 Land Street, Wm Cormack and Mary Jameison also of 38 Land Street.

Oct 29

Wm Robertson took over the chemist's business of James Inglis on Pulteney Street, Portknockie.

James Mackay, Draper, Buckie, bought the Trust Drapery stock of M. Mark 69 Byres Road, Glasgow.

The first meeting of Buckie M.I. Association took place last Thursday when Mr J.Anton gave an interesting paper on Longfellow.

This week the election of office bearers was to take place.

Being advertised was a Grand Historic New Century Photographic View Album of Keith, Fife-Keith and Newmill with pictures both ancient and modern. Thirty-two interesting views of Keith.

Portraits of six Keith celebrities- James Ferguson- astronomer; James Gordon Bennett, Founder of the New York Herald; Robert Sim, Keith Poet and Historian ; R.W. Dempster, Composer and Vocalist; Wm Knight, Poet; Wm Donaldson, Boy poet of 13 years.

The booklet also contained biographical sketches and historical notes extending to 8 pages.

Price 1/6 with postage 3d

Also of a lesser size , a medium photographic album containing 28 interesting views of Keith Fife Keith and Newmill 1/- with 2d postage.

The above can be had from I.M.Lawrence, Bookseller, Stationer, and Fancy Goods Merchant, Mid Street, Keith.

Nov 5 H.W.Gunn, Cycle Agent, 17 West Church Street, Ariel Motor Cycles 21/2 hp for £50 Minerva for £40.

George Webster, Cycle Builder had an advert with a special line in gas lamps at 3/6, 4/6 and 5/-

Tee name - Thain 'Gouk' Portgordon.

The new grain mill owned by Mr Gray on Garden Lane produced its first meal on Thursday of last week.

Nov 12 L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger, was advertising Musical Instruments.

The contractors to build the house (Esk Dale at corner of Duguid Street and Cathcart Street) for Mr John McWilliam, Baker, were – mason, Morrison, carpenter, W.Geddes and Sons, Portessie, plumber, J&T Campbell; slater, J.Barclay; plasterer, R.Hume; painter, R.Duncan and Son.

A note as written - A rumour has been circulating in the town that Robert Gordon Bart. Letterfourie was to build a monastery. We believe the rumour to be untrue and that any building Sir Robert constructs is a private nature. (So there! The writer was wrong though.)

The speakers at last week's meeting of the M.I.A. gave a talk on the steam drifter versus the zulu. Messrs Slater and McIntosh being the leaders.

Buckie Thistle v Fochabers Wanderers in Hector's Park on Saturday 21 November at 2.45 pm. Admission – 3d, 1d with ladies free. The last time the two teams had met Fochabers won by 7 goals to one. Buckie this time round won by five goals to two.

The town council agreed to open the Victoria Bridge to steam engine traffic. It had been two years since it was first opened and the councillors were of the opinion the cement etc had had time to harden completely.

Cathcart Street was named from High Street to South Pringle Street. The street is 34 ' wide with pavements of 8' wide on either side.

Nov 19 The 'Weekly News' spoke of the use of 'Tee' names in Buckie and the reason for this. It said that in Buckie they had another odd way of naming persons that by using the initials of their Christian names only. J.L.McNaughton, Town Clerk, R.Y.Mackay, Burgh Prosecutor, A.B.Hendry, Junior Baillie. The monetary value of time was said to be fully appreciated.

The first meeting of Deskford Draughts Club took place this week when the following were appointed as office bearers – ? Gray. Shoemaker, President; James W.Smith, Vice President; Wm Murdoch, senior. And John McLean,. Joint secretaries; committee – Wm. Murdoch, jun., James Fordyce, Lawrence McHattie, James Spence and W.Stevenson.

The town council agreed that a memorial would be erected at Cluny Harbour for the Board of Trade. What form this was to take was not yet disclosed.

Nov 26 The B.A. carried this note – Messrs W and J Herd 7 McKenzie boatbuilders, Findochty, beg to announce the completion of a slipway in connection with their boat-building yard. Capable now of repairs and cleaning of all classes of vessels.

Flett, Sutherland and Co. Findochty were agents for steam drifters built at Selby and Hull. "our price is much cheaper" said their advert.

Advert – A.Carr- Upholsterer and Funeral Undertaker, Farquhar Lane.

James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street and 37 West Church Street (Tailoring Department) also had a branch at 14 to 16 Kirk Road, Wishaw and the Hitchcock Building, Portknockie.

Three more steel hull drifters had been built for local fishermen. These were built at South Shields – Succeed, Vine and Guide Me Built for James Smith ‘Jeckie’ Portessie; James Flett, Lossiemouth and Wm Thomson, Pringle Street, respectively.

James Murray ‘Souter’ was having a drifter built by G.Smith, Main Street, Buckie. He was formerly skipper of the Sublime.

Dec 3 Estimates were invited for a new house and chapel at ‘Whiteash’ 4 miles from Buckie. Trades required were – Carpenter, slater, plasterer, plumber and painter.

The farm of Hilton on the Letterfourie estate amounting to 411 acres and presently tenanted by Wm Ross was let to Messrs Rattray, Balornie, Morayshire. The present rental was £460. Mr Ross intended to emigrate to Canada.

The M.I.A. in Fochabers celebrated its 25th session.

Tee name Wilson, ‘Benzie’, Portessie.

The signs were ominous that Buckie was not now to get the naval reserve station. The Admiralty were finding it difficult to come to an agreement with either Letterfourie or Seafield regarding a site. It seemed very much on the cards that this would now be going to Banff.

Dec 10 A large crowd witnessed the first boat being pulled by steam power up the new slipway at the H& M boatyard in Findochty. The boat was the Valkyre BF 1947 of Portknockie. The slipway had taken 7 months to construct.

Dec 17 Buckie Thistle was to play Inverurie in Hector’s Park during the festive season.

There were 12 proclamation of banns of marriage in the Parish Church with a similar number in Rathven.

The license was given for a portable theatre to hold performances in Hector’s Park on West Church Street.

Mr A.Lawson, teacher at Portgordon School, was appointed choirmaster in the Enzie U.F.Church.

Dec 24 Buckie Thistle was to play Elgin Rovers at Hector’s Park

There were 14 proclamations of banns for marriage.

Tee names – George Flett ‘Oakey’ Findochty and Isaac Ross ‘Jude’

The drifter Honeysuckle was launched from the boatyard of Wm. Geddes in Portgordon. This was built for George Cowie, ‘Pum’, Buckie. It was to be towed to Aberdeen to have engines fitted. Its dimensions were – 80’x 18x9. Geddes had a further order for a drifter from Alex Coull, Alex Green and son, all of Portgordon.

Dec 31 Buckie was to play Aberdeen on January 2. Admission, 4d, 2d and ladies free,

Adverts – Newton, Bros. Photographers, West Church Street; L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger etc. Cluny Square; P.I.Smith, 30 Great Western Road, Horse Hiring, Wagonettes and phaeton; G.Sutherland, 21 West Church Street, Boot and Shoe Warehouse; James Mackay, Draper, Buckie, Portknockie and Wishaw; F F Angler Watchmaker and Jeweller, 18 West Church Street; P.Geddes and Sons, Bridge Place, Tailors and Clothiers; Geo. Paterson, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 27 East Church Street; Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers and Funeral Directors, 19 High Street also at Cullen; J.D.Wares, Cash Draper Warehouse, 4 Low Street; J.Leith Esson, Draper and Outfitter, 16 High Street; D.E. Boot and Shoe warehouse, 10 West Church Street; P.McLaren, merchant, 72 East Church Street; G.P.Gibson, Chemist, West Church Street.; Alex Gray, Grain, Coal and Manures, Corn Mills, Garden Lane; George Stevenson, Butcher, 2-4 Bridge Place with branch at Findochty; Robert Gillan, Baron Street, Grocery, Wine and Spirit Store; The Little Wonder, W. and J.Jack, East Church Street; Dick Campbell, Boot and Shoemaker, 8 East Church Street; Edward Hillocks, Draper and Outfitter, 8 Cluny Terrace; A.Carr, Farquhar Lane, Upholsterer and Funeral Undertaker; R & C Taylor, Horse Hirers,

Cluny Hotel Stables; R. Johnston, House Painter, etc, Bridge End; Globe Stores, High Street, P. Forbes and Co. Grocers etc; R.Tindall and Sons, Cluny Harbour and 1 High Street, Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers.

Tee name – Anderson “Coy” Portknockie.

Joseph Scott 3a Seaview Terrace, fishsalesman, was charged with driving a vehicle on the Ballindalloch to Tomintoul road without lights to show in which way he was going. He was fined 2/6 with 2/6 expenses.

The annual Aultmore ploughing match took place at Badenhanen by kind permission of the farmer Mr John Riddoch.

In the annual summing up of the year just past the editorial spoke of the boat-building industry being busy. Five zulu fishing boats had been launched by W.R.McIntosh at Ianstown with a further three at Portessie. He had for five more zulus to be ready by the end of April. George Thomson on the other hand had had a poor year with only the one zulu being launched. This was presently awaiting a purchaser. They were presently engaged on the construction of a haddock boat. George Smith had launched 3 zulus and two Islay boats and had in hand a steam drifter for James Murray ‘Souter’. In Portgordon, both Mr Grigor and Mr Geddes had also done well with Grigor launching 3 zulus and Geddes with 2 drifters, with auxiliary steam, and 2 zulus. He had also on hand an order for a steam drifter for Alex Coull and Alex Green sen. and jun. Mr Grigor was in the process of building a new type of auxiliary boat with a round stern and had also an order for a drifter for a Portgordon crew.

The depression in the fishing industry had an effect on the coopering trade who were then working for a 1d less a barrel than they had been the previous year at 11d per barrel. On top of this they were restricted to 30 barrels per man per week which gave only 27/6 as opposed to 32 to 35/- the year before.

The wood side of the business of Messrs Cowie and Son and Coy. was sold to Wm Spencer.

The building industry was not too busy either although the outlook promised to be better. The largest building job in view was the new infant school at Portessie with contractors being invited to tender for the work

Tee names – Geddes ‘Cowie’ Cowie ‘Dosie’.

