

1905

- Jan 5 The new president of the Shore of Buckie Burns club was John W.Gordon. They held their anniversary dinner in the Commercial Hotel with the president giving the 'Immortal Memory' See report in paper of 12 January.
- 'D'Company 6 V.B.G.H. were to be holding their Annual Ball in the Volunteer Hall on 13 January with music by Taylor's Band from Keith
- There were several advertisements for artificial teeth with each one **guaranteeing painless extraction**. If a set of teeth were bought this could be done for free.
- Mr Whipp (Whip'em oot) was at the Reaper's Hotel on a Tuesday afternoon
- Charles Brown, Aberdeen, was at Truelove, Hairdresser, on Thursday afternoon
- The Scottish Dental Institute called at McBeath's 44 West Church Street on a Tuesday between 1 and 3
- John Charles, Jun. was the agent for Empire Guarantee Insurance Company.
- The report on the Harbour Inquiry was not yet completed with a further chapter being given on pages 6 and 7.**
- Midway Cottage, owned by someone in America was to let. There was a stable and also 2 acres of arable land plus adjoining pastureland.
- George Webster 2 Cluny Square was advertising talking machines at 4/6. Superior quality, 6/6 and 8/6; high-class machines at 20/- and 40/-. Records of a splendid variety and best quality at 1/- and 1/6
- Accessories and repairs of all kinds .
- Sewing machines by best makers £3.10 - £6.10. Cabinet drop head £7.7
- Can be had on easy payments
- Repairs and all parts to any make
- Belts, oil, needles etc.
- Wringers, guaranteed best quality, cog wheels, 14",15" and 16" Cash prices, 16/-,17/- and 18/-
- Rollers re-rubbered at lowest cost prices.
- Waterproof coats, best quality to clear at 10/6 – 15/9 former priced at 15/- to 21/-
- Footballs in best leather all sizes – 2/6-10/6
- Incandescent, chimneys 2d – opal globes 6 and 9 mantles 2 ½d to 6d.
- Mains of Skeith, Deskford, had a new threshing mill installed, made by Messrs Wright Bros. Boyne Mills, Portsoy. It is driven by a 12'4"-bucket wheel. The new mill was able to thresh 8 quarters of corn in the hour with the oats being carried up to a high loft. A spout carried the chaff to whatever part of the steading it was decided. A few friends were present to see the new mill in operation and spent a pleasant hour.
- Jan 12 **The last instalment of the Harbour Inquiry that took place in the Masonic hall over a number of days during December 1904 was given on pages 6 and 7. In his summing up Commander Frederick said that the whole issue hinged around whether the Buckie Harbour would get the necessary money from the board of trade to construct Cluny Harbour as was wished.**
- Jan 19 The Annual Ball took place at Berrybauds farm Clochan the previous week when 25 couples were present.
- Buckie Poultry Show took place last week
- A new school was opened at Sandend on Thursday 12 January 1905**
- Jan 26 The annual meeting of local ratepayers took place last week when the subject under review was the Cluny Public Park.
- The farm of Mains of Gollachy on the Letterfourie Estate was let to Mr Dickson, Flesher, Buckie. The farm of Maryhill, Drybridge, also on the Letterfourie estate was let to Mr John Hector, Mill of Buckie.
- The drifter built by George Thomson on spec was sold this week to Messrs J.Coull and Sons, Buckpool.
- Tee name – Cowie 'Rich' Ianstown.**

The contractors who built the new Primary School at Portessie were – mason – A.Milne and Sons; Carpenter- A.Murray; plumber- J.Barclay and Son; plasterer- R.Hume; painter – W.McDonald, Portsoy; ironwork James Abernethy, Aberdeen. The architect was D & J.R. McMillan, Aberdeen. The new school, with three classrooms, opened this week when 55 pupils were present. The next day the roll had gone up to 69 with two being off ill.

Advert – George Webster, Wood Carver, Picture Frame Maker and Artists Colourmen.

Jan 26 **The Banffshire Advertiser of this date carried a supplement with on this being found a poem written to mark the 'Evangeline' disaster. The poem is titled – "Portknockie Disaster"**

Feb 2 A building site was for sale at Bridge Place.

A collection was taken in the Rathven Parish Church in aid of the Portknockie Disaster. The sum of £7 was raised.

Tee name – Mair 'Shanker' Portknockie. The person named was a crew member of the Evangeline. Another Mair but 'Shavie' was a further victim.

The laird of Auchlunkart and Tannachy, Andrew Steuart, died this week.

Hurricane winds hit the Buckie area and caused much damage to such as shop windows. A window measuring 5 ½ ' by 9' next to the entrance door to the Cluny Hotel was blown in. Andrew Hay, Draper, whose shop stands opposite the entrance to the station, had a plate glass window measuring 6' by 4' also blown in.

A piece of roof measuring 60' by 20 ' covering a building at Spencer's Sawmill was carried 100 feet and dumped across the railway line.

All over the town the wind played havoc with roofs and chimney stacks many of which were blown down. In the Seatown and Buckpool the thatch-covered houses suffered badly with the streets so strewn with grass and straw that they resembled farm courtyards.

Slates and thatch was blown off houses belonging to Archibald on Logie's Lane.

On page 6 and part of page 7 an extensive report is given of the Shore of Buckie Burns Club anniversary dinner held in the Commercial Hotel. The president, Mr J.A.Gordon, gave the Immortal Memory.

Feb 9 William Gray, Draper, 13 High Street was advertising that he was to be moving from this address with a big ale in progress. In fact the firm closed down its Buckie branch. They also had a shop in Aberdeen.

P.McLaren, Jun. 74 East Church Street, was advertising feeding stuff for horse owners and farmers.

Another poem on the theme of the Evangeline sinking was given on page 7 columns 4 and 5 written by Legge, Hillhead.

A fund had begun in aid of the dependants of the Evangeline disaster. The first list of subscribers is given on page 8 .

Also given is a fund set up called the Buckie Widows Fund.

Feb 16 members of the Loyal Cluny Lodge of Oddfellows 1041 were requested to meet in the lodge rooms on Friday at 1.30 p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Bro. Alex Milton, Colonsay Place.

The Banffshire Advertiser had published a booklet running to 108 pages (crown quarto) containing a full report of the Board of Trade Inquiry into the Craigenroan and Cluny Harbour Schemes. Only a limited number had been printed. The cost of the booklet – 1/6 with postage of 2 ½d

The Natalla and SS Clune discharged Cluny Harbour on Monday. McWilliam, Coal Merchants, Buckie owned the Natalla.

70 widows on the Buckie and Gollachy estates benefited by the distribution of Lady Cathcart's annual gift of £20.

The Enzie annual Ploughmen's Ball took place at Wester Bogs last week. Sudding and Barron supplied music. Mary and Agnes Thomson, Bogs served tea. The proceedings were enlivened with several songs being sung while James Coull, Portgordon, danced the Highland Fling. The committee was – George Grieve, James Coull, Robert Pirie and Joseph Forbes.

The Spey fishing opened at Tugnet and other stretches of the Spey this week. It was so cold due to the piercing north westerly winds that those with rods or working at the nets could barely endure it. Nevertheless 160 salmon and some trout were landed at Tugnet with those with rods further upstream also caught one or two salmon.

Feb 23 Members of the Baptist Church continued to meet in the Volunteer Hall, West Church Street on Sundays. The service at 11 am on the previous Sunday was conducted by Rev James Ings (Grantown) who also took the Gospel Meeting at 7.45 p.m. when Sankey's Hymns were sung.

A concert was to be given by the Buckie Choral Society in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 24 February.

The Rolling Wave Lodge of I.O.G.T. (mostly comprised of fishermen) were to hold an open recruiting meeting in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 11 March. A musical programme would also take place.

Buckie were to meet Keith Strathisla in the Public Park on Saturday 25 February with a kick off at 3.30 p.m. Admission 3d for adults, 1d for boys with ladies free. Whooping cough was prevalent in Buckie at this time.

Mar 2 A notice read –In the Gospel Hall, 49 West Church Street William MacFarlane, Bristol will address a series of Gospel Meetings every week night at 8.00p.m., Saturday excepted. And Sundays at 7.45 p.m. Commencing on Sunday March 5 with Address to Christ at 3.00 p.m. All are cordially invited. No collection – hymn books provided.

Notice – Annual Meeting of Scottish Building Trades Federation, Banffshire Branch. The annual Meeting of members will be held within the Commercial Hotel on Saturday 11 March at 1.00 p.m. A large attendance of members is requested. All connected with the building trades who have not yet become members are invited to do so. John G.Fleming, secretary, Keith.

P.McLaren, Jun. 74 East Church Street, was advising that he could provide the following for carters and farmers – clover hay, timothy hay, oat straw and pea straw.

The Buckie Bowling Club too the decision to appoint a full time greenkeeper.

Aberdeen University was to confer the degree of DD on Rev. A.Miller, U.F.Church, Buckie.

Boys were fined 1/- or 24 hours in jail for throwing stones. This had been a long term problem in Buckie. The Provost threatened to introduce the birch rod for this kind of offence in an effort to stamp it out.

Charles Forbes, carter, Buckpool, was fined 2/6 or 3 days + 5/- expenses for driving a spring cart without lights.

The Baltic Shoe Shop was now at 14 High Street.

Buckie Thistle won the tie with Keith Strathisla in the semi final of the Elgin and District Cup By four goals to one.

In his report the reporter of the day used the expression ' the Jags' to describe Buckie. This was the first time that this had been noticed.

He also spoke of the Keith team and supporters travelling to Buckie by 2 horse brakes. The Thistle did not appear to have the same fear of Keith as formerly.

The fund in aid of the Portknockie Disaster had now risen to £511.2.11 with the Buckie Widow's Fund at £22.11.

Mar 9 A long list of the wild birds, which came under the Protection Act of 1905, was given on page one.

Banffshire Fiar's Court met to strike fiar's prices for the 1904 crop. This included barley, oats, bere and oatmeal.. examples – oatmeal per boll of 140lbs – 11/6; barley straw per quarter – 10/-

Mar 16 Walker and Co. were to stage a Royal Cinematography and Concert in the Fishermen's Hall . They were to give half of the net proceeds to the Portknockie Disaster Fund and also the Buckie Widow's Fund.

John McWilliam and Sons boat, the Natalla called into Buckie to discharge a cargo of coal.

The Evangeline Disaster Fund had now reached £541.4.5.

The Independent Order of Good Templars was introduced to Scotland in 1869. In 1871 a lodge called the Buckie Lodge was opened in Buckie. Though over the years the number of members fluctuated at this point in 1905 it stood at 100. W.F.Johnston was Chief Templar and also the oldest member. In 1872 a group of fishermen formed another lodge. This was called the Rolling Wave, consisting almost entirely of fishermen. William Murray was Chief Templar A third lodge was formed in Buckpool in 1905 called the Unity Lodge. The Chief Templar was George Smith, Boatbuilder. Meetings took place in the Free Church hall on Main Street until a hall was later built on the 'Pitch' between Alexander Street, Hay and John Street.

Mr McBeath, North Pringle Street, submitted plans for an extension to his workshop.

Mar 23 William Gray, Draper, 13 High Street, was advertising that he was to give up business in Buckie. He was holding a big closing down sale.

James Mackay, Draper, appeared to have given up his shop in Portknockie since it was not given on his advert. His shop in Fraserburgh was at 48 High Street.

The D.E. Boot and Shoe Shop at 10 West Church Street had a big advert in this edition of the B.A. Part of it read – Assassination is a terrible word but it well describes how we have treated our profits. Mockery in not a pleasant word but see the extra value - only such a word describes our prices.

Extremely low tides did not allow steamer to enter Findochty with coal and it had to return to Fraserburgh. At Buckie about 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening the outer basin and part of the inner basin was dry. Nine fishing boats arrived but could not get past the point of the north pier.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon gave a lease of the ground for the Tugnet Golf Course.

The drifter that George Thomson built on spec was sold to John Coull and sons; Buckpool was named and launched.

Mar 30 D.Campbell 8 East Church Street, Boot and Shoe Warehouse was having a mammoth sale.

Hay and Smith, Ladies and Gents' Tailors, Portgordon had this in their advert – For style, fit and wear, try -----

John Thomson, Turriff, was appointed greenkeeper at Buckie Bowling Green.

The Plymouth Brethren in Portessie opened a new hall off Station Road.

Mr J.Grant MacPherson assistant teacher at Buckie Public School was appointed head teacher at Tomintoul. The school is a Dick Bequest School. His salary was to be £165.

Scholars at Enzie Public School were granted a week's holidays to mark the wedding of their head teacher, Mr Nathan Nichol. Mr Nichol was presented with a telescopic drawing room lamp from staff and pupils. R.Tindall and Sons supplied this.

Mrs Thomson, 57 West Church Street, was having a sale during April and May of ladies and children's millinery, hats and bonnets.

Apr 6 A special railway fare of 5/- return was on offer from Buckie to Glasgow in conjunction with the Scottish Cup Final between Rangers and Third Lanark. The train to leave Buckie at 2.15a.m and reach Glasgow (Buchanan Street station) at 8.40 a.m. Time of departure from Glasgow to be 11.15 p.m. reaching Buckie at 5.45 a.m.

Apr 13 **opening announcement - Charles Forbes**, Baker, 14 Baron Street, moved from Bridgend. He had a tearoom added to the premises on Baron Street for the convenience of customers and summer visitors.

Gospel Addresses – First of a series of addresses by Herbert Grinstead, Evangelist will start on Thursday evening, Meeting place – Disciples of Christ, West Church Street.

Gillan, Grocer etc. Baron Street was advertising seed tatties of various kinds as follows – Duke of York, Sharpes Victor, Forty Fold, Langworthy, Grigor Cup, Champion and Up to Date.

A ewe belonging to Mr G. Benzie, Blackhillock, Deskford dropped a lamb on 22 March and another on 6 April, both fully matured. This was the first time in his life he had ever known the like to happen. For 24 hours before the ewe dropped her second lamb she would not allow the first to suckle but afterwards took to both lambs.

A whole supplement was given over to a photograph of Re Miller who had been honoured by Aberdeen University.

Apr 20 **A public meeting of ratepayers was called to discuss the Burgh of Buckie Harbour Accommodation. The business was to discuss the contents of the letter from the Board of Trade.**

A Grand Scottish Concert by the Banffshire Choir was to take place in the Fishermen's hall. Soloists – Mary Gordon, London, Mary Reaich, Nellie Simpson, Zena Gray and Messrs George C. Watson, Adam Robertson, Robert Morrison and John Rogers, Huntly. Pipers, George Scott and Alex Morrison. Conductor, George C. Watson. 6 Low Street.

A dispenish sale took place at Mains of Gollachy, farmer, Alex Gordon. For sale were one pair of horse, 3 dairy cows, 2 one-year-old stirks and 2 calves.

George Webster, Cycle Builder, was advertising apart from bicycles and motor bikes a light motor car of 5 hp and 2 speed for sale at £108.

The Evangeline Disaster Fund had now reached £576.10.2

The Buckie Town Council's application for a grant to extend Cluny Harbour was turned down. £15,000 had been promised in favour of a harbour scheme at Craigenroan in 1901. This, it was being, said was still available.

Frederick Commander RN who oversaw the big inquiry thought that the Craigenroan Harbour project was the better of the two options.

Page 7 gives a report on the public meeting of ratepayers which met to discuss the harbour question recently following a letter from the Board of trade.

Apr 27 Miss E. J. McKenzie Draper, Marine Place granted a Trust Deed on behalf of her creditors.

The Arradoul smiddy and 2 acre of arable land were let to Mr Geddes of Mayen, Rothiemay.

The Baptist Church that had been meeting regularly on a Sunday in the volunteer hall introduced a baptistery with five people being immersed. The first took place on Sunday.

The trial trip of the new Frigate Bird, B.F. 24, built to replace that lost off Yarmouth took place this week. She was built in Aberdeen for skipper George Murray.

On page 6 a report is given of the public meeting that took place to debate the latest stage of the 'Harbour Question'. Around 1,400 people were present. The motion to buy Cluny Harbour was carried by a large majority of those present.

May 4 H. W. Gunn, Cycle and Motor Agent 17 West Church Street was advertising motor cars for sale from 100 guineas.

John Esson, Cyclists Outfitter, Bridge Place was advertising the following makes of bicycles – Raleigh, Osmond, Star, Riley, Rambler, Lea and Francis, Townend, Reliable. Prices from £5.5 to £25.

George Webster had a similar advert but with some different makes - Triumph, Humber, Centaur, Elswick, Raleigh, Cluny and Victoria. Prices as above from £5.5 to £25.

L.T.McGarth had even more brands not already mentioned – Raglans, Swifts and Bradburys.

Quite a number of men came off the train from the west seeking employment in the fishing industry.

May 11 Andrew Hay, Tailor and Clothier, was to move from his present premises at 42 East Church Street to nearer the centre of the town at 25 East Church Street.

Buy Buckie's best boots –

When you're buying buy the best

Leave what's common to the rest.'

George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street.

Fit Wood-Milne revolving heel pads- Special quality- special prices, 10d – 1/- usually 1/1 and 1/3

The Evangeline Fund had now reached £601.10.2. J. P.Coats, Manufacturers, Paisley gave £20.

Pages 6 and 7 told of the debate by the town council on the 'Harbour Question'.

May 18 **Opening announcement** – John Allan, late cutter to A & W.S. Ramsay, Airdrie, Ladies and Gents Tailors gave indication that he was to commence in business for himself at 37 west Church Street in the premises previously occupied by James Mackay's tailoring department.

Advert – T.D. Yule, 30 West Church Street, West End Millinery House. This shop, like many others, passed through a lot of different hands in May 1999 it was taken over by R. S. Cruickshank who had the shop next door. Their business was in radio, t.v. and doing electrical contracting.

L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger, essentially but who had a lot of other interests, was advertising beekeepers' appliances and supplies.

The death took place of Canon Clapperton at the age of 84. He was a native of Fochabers.

The schooner Natalla arrived back in Buckie and was taken to the outer basin to be cleaned.

Mr F.A. Thomson, Bogside, won the National Agricultural Diploma at Leeds. (This was the same man who later took over the farms of Braes and also Burnside of Tynet. Braes of Enzie was later given up but his grandsons were carrying on Burnside of Tynet in 1999. The big house at Burnside, a substantial mansion and a former bonnet laird's house, was demolished in the 1970s? with both sons building modern houses near by.)

A letter from South Africa found in the B.A. made the suggestion that the Buckie Burn be deepened up to a point beyond the sawmill with the bridge at Bridgend and the railway bridge being converted to swing bridges and the new one knocked down. He asked that his suggestions be treated seriously.

On page 6 one reads that a ratepayers association was formed to look into the Buckie Harbour Affairs.

May 25 **Opening announcement** – Donald Grant, late of William Wright and Co. was to open at 57 West Church Street, selling teas, groceries, provisions and confectionery.

Plans were submitted by the Richmond and Gordon estate to build a new farmhouse at Chapelford, alterations to the dwelling house at Leitcheston and a new stable wing at Dryburn. (In 1999 the steading at Dryburn had been converted into dwelling houses).

The Enzie Annual Picnic, (sic) (previously this had been spelt Pic-nic) and Games were to take place on Saturday 8 July. C.Stables, secretary.

Mr Steuart, laird of Auchlunkart and Tannachy estates left the sum of £3,972.

The 400th anniversary of John Knox was marked in Buckie churches on Sunday.

There was the possibility of introducing a motor into fishing boats. Mr Archibald (presumably solicitor) had a run from Buckie to Banff in a motor yacht, Napier Major, and got the idea for this.

John Esson, Draper and Cyclist Outfitter who had been in business at Bridgend for a considerable time was to move to 39 Great Western Road at the May term, (28th of the month) where he would have more room to conduct his business. He was advising his many country customers with whom he did a lot of trade.

June 1 William Robertson, MPs Portknockie, was advertising artificial teeth. Painless extraction was guaranteed and free on purchase of a full set of new teeth.

An American child evangelist, Lonnie L. Dennis, who had attracted huge crowds when he appeared at Peterhead while at Fraserburgh hundreds failed to gain entry to the Dalrymple hall to hear him preach, was next to be in Buckie where similar large crowds were expected to flock to hear him.

June 8 The Drybridge Annual Picnic and Games were to take place on Saturday 24 June. Unlike the Enzie Games that were open only to competitors from Bellie, Enzie and Rathven, the Drybridge Games were open to all comers. There were to be heavy, light events also dancing and piping. The prizes to be 6/- .4/-, 2/- if 4 competitors were entered. In the dancing and piping competition the prizes were - 8/-, 6/- and 4/- again if four competitors entered. The entry money for all events to be 1/-. The Games to start at 1.30, the dancing competition at 4p.m. with tea being served at 5 p.m. Admission to the field, men, 1/-, ladies, 6d and children, 4d.
A new dancing floor measuring 1000 square feet had been acquired. James McCurrach, secretary.

Opening announcement – William McDonald, Boot and Shoe Shop, Bootmaker and Repairer, 46 West Church Street.

L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger, Music Seller, etc, etc, had a set of bagpipes, silver and ivory mounted for sale at a cost of £4.10.

Mrs Smith, Sidlaw, Portessie N.B. (North Britain) was advertising comfortable apartments both for summer and winter with moderate charges. Close of Buckie Golf Course.

A considerable tonnage of ironwork for the Duke of Richmond and Gordon's electric works on the Spey at Fochabers was landed at Buckie from SS James Crombie.

Nicol Brothers, High Street, Buckie made an altar in oak for St Mary's Episcopal Church, Cullen.

June 15 **The town council heard a break down of the estimated cost to purchase Cluny Harbour from the Cluny Estates and all other additions.**

Price to Cluny Estates	£32.000
Estimate of cost of repair to structure	£07.000
Expense of provisional order if unopposed	£00.250
One half of conveyance of harbour	£00.215
Cost of necessary bond	£00.335
Cost of dredging harbour	£00.150
If provisional order is opposed additional	<u>£01.250</u>
Making in total	<u>£41.400</u>

A loan of £42,000 repayable by equal annual instalments of principal and interest in 50 years will cost each year - £1,949.10.

Statement of claims in connection with Craigenroan and Cluny Harbour - balance on current account with the Town and Country Bank to date - **£1,119.19.11**

Claim by Messrs Steven CE Edinburgh	£00.502.8.2
This claim admitted the extent of	£00.125.15.2
Account rendered by James Fraser	

CE Inverness for examination of Cluny and Craigenroan Harbour plans for extension etc.	£00.483.11.0
Ditto for work in connection with B. of T. inquiry	£00.079.12.0
Statement of extra work by Town Clerk in Connection with Craigenroan Harbour Sept. 1902 - Oct. 1903	£00.003.5.4
Ditto of extra work in connection with Craigenroan and Cluny Harbours – 10 June 1902 – 20 May 1905	£00.126.12.0
C.Taylor, Peterhead, account for concrete work at Cluny Harbour	£00.016.19.0
To meet possible contingencies	£01,000.00.0
Additional expenses of B of T inquiry, already paid	<u>£00.140.00.0</u>
Total	£04.986.08.5

June 22

James Perry, senior, was an architect, born 1821 died 13 January 1906 at 38 East Church Street He was married in St Peter's Church on 29 May 1886 to Martha Jane Gerry. By Rev. A.Gerry.

In 1905 John Perry, a Post Office Clerk, also lived at the above address where his wife gave birth to a daughter the previous week

Buckie Lodge IOGT were advertising a cheap railway excursion to Fraserburgh on the local holiday Monday, 31st July. The fare starting from Portgordon to Portsoy was 3/3 return. It was said that for those wishing to proceed to Peterhead the train would stop at Maud Junction to await the Peterhead train.

Bostock and Wombell, Royal No 1 Menagerie - 1805-1905. Sole proprietor, E.H. Bostock, Scottish Zoo and Hippodrome Glasgow.

James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street and 48 High Street, Fraserburgh, was advising that the tailoring department was moving from 37 West Church Street to his newly built commodious accommodation at 26 East Church Street. Here would be carried on all fitting, cutting, and workroom. Mr Campbell manager now had a financial interest in the business. Mackay's had just recently bought the goods of W.H.Fraser, Dundee.

The newly built St Mary's Episcopal Church in Cullen was opened on Thursday 15 June.

The B.A. was made the recipients of two buildings of new tatties. One came from George Stewart, 8 Cathedral Street (Duke of Yorks) with John Forsythe, Strathlene handing in some Sharpe's Victors.

Following a long dry spell people were plagued by clouds of dust due to the strong winds.

Sheriff Reid who was introduced by Captain Simpson opened the newly extended 18-hole golf course at Cullen on Saturday 17 June 1905.

The course was laid out under the direction of Charles Neaves, professional at Lossiemouth. He and James Dalgleish, Nairn professional, proceeded to play an exhibition round.

Neaves went out in 38 and returned in 41 to give him an overall score of 79 while his partner went out in 41 and returned in 40 to give a score of 81. The bogey round is 78.

The fishing boat, Angus Wood, BF 451, berthed at Portsoy was fitted with a steam boiler and twin driving screws. Besides doing this steam also works the capstan and other work. The Angus Wood in an ordinary zulu with a 58' keel. She incurred a lot of interest before she set sail for the fishing on the west coast. The story is written on page 6

The annual Deskford Pic-nic and Games took place on the previous Saturday.

Gibson, Chemist, West Church Street, was advertising cameras at a cost of from 3/- to £12.

Advert - G. McKenzie, Butcher, and Buckpool phone 6x6. (This was one of the first shops to advertise a phone number)

June 29

Like the Drybridge Games, Enzie Games were also advertising a large new dancing board. (Dancing it appeared was a big attraction at both games)

Buckie Harbour Affairs – The Ratepayers Committee decided, that after considering all the figures submitted by the town council in connection with all the liabilities of the burgh, that while having every desire for extension to be made to Cluny Harbour were of the opinion that the present scheme for the purchase of Cluny Harbour by the burgh of Buckie was utterly impracticable and should be abandoned for the present.

It was decided to open a Free Gardeners Lodge in Buckie following a well-attended meeting at which Rev White presided. The Buckie lodge to be part of the British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners. Mr T.Campbell was appointed W.M.

Dr William Cramond, Schoolmaster at Cullen was awarded a government pension of £80 for service towards ecclesiastical and burghal history. Among the books he had written were 'The Annals of Banff and 'The Annals of Elgin' both published by the New Spalding Club. He was also the author of 50 other books, pamphlets, and booklets on burghs, parishes and castles.

Bostock and Wombell, Menagerie were advertising their horse Linus which had a mane and tail reaching to the ground and then well beyond. There was sketch of the horse in the B.A.

The B.A. again carried the debate that took place by the town council on the Harbour Question. This is given on pages 6,7,and 8. The option of purchase was rejected. Representatives of the ratepayers were also present.

Jul 6 **Opening announcement -** J. Melvin gave notice that he/she was to open at Mackay's buildings on East Church Street for the sale of teas, coffees and other refreshments.

Lord George Sanger's Circus was to pay a visit to Buckie on Friday 14 July. L.T.McGarth who had both shops on his block on the north east quadrant of Cluny Square was to give up the china and glass department in the east shop. This was to be let to George C.Watson, Choirmaster, of the Parish Church. Entry was to be in August.

The Peterhead drifter, Pursuit, ran down the Cullen boat, Faith, at Ballasound. A boy of 15, James Findlay lost his life. His mother who had four other children lost her husband a short time before. A fund was began to help her.

Tee name – Murray 'Lockie'

Two girls found a ring in a ploughed field on the farm of Burns, Deskford that had been lost 38 years before. The ring belonged to a Mrs Anderson, formerly Milne whose father was tenant of the farm then. It was given to her by her future husband and found by her niece Barbara Milne whose father was then the farmer. Barbara was accompanied by her cousin, Nelly McKenzie, Broadbog. Although the ring must have been turned over at least 200 times it was none the worse for its time in the soil.

Jly 13 For fruit, vegs, etc, etc, try Grant, 57 West Church Street.

Messrs A. Bonnyman, and Co. Merchants, Clochan, had served a petition for cessio. This appeared in the Edinburgh Gazette. The company were later given leave to withdraw it.

On page 6 the paper tells of animated scenes at the town council meeting when the resolution was passed to purchase Cluny Harbour.

Jly 20 The name given to the new lodge of Free Gardeners set up in Buckie was 'May Blossom'

Jly 27 George Webster, Cycle Builder and Agent, Cluny Square was advertising that he was to move to new, more commodious premises at Mackay's Buildings, 26 East Church Street.

Thomas Campbell was at this time the R.W.M. of Lodge Gordons (Freemasons)

To provide motive power for fishing boats a new company had been formed with the Buckie firm or R.Tindall and Sons, Iron Merchants, Aberdeen being appointed agents.

The Cullen Widows and Orphans Fund had reached over £50.

Aug 3 A new store was to be built for J & T Campbell, Plumbers etc. on Commercial Road. This was the round-roofed building that once stood at the entrance to the railway station.

Peter Fair 1905 report - On Wednesday and Thursday a collection of wanderers began to arrive at the site with their caravans and tents while a number of itinerant pipers could be heard tuning up in odd parts of the ground. As time progressed five rows of tents and stands began to take shape along with amusement stalls, all fairly accurately lined up as streets.

On the Friday, the day of the fair, there appeared to the writer to be more sellers than buyers if the heap of sweets in some stalls was a measure although the sweets did appear to be more edible than was known to be the case in years gone by.

There were a number of beer tents with the following being represented – A. Mather, Anchor Inn, Buckie; B. Kilpatrick, Central Hotel, Keith; J. Bremner, Keith A. Souter, Gordon Arms, Fife Keith; Wilson, Buckie; Hunter, Buckie; R. Grant, Union Bar, Buckie; W. McPherson, Portgordon; J. Bremner, Seafield Hotel, Keith; Rathven Parish Church (Temperance); Mrs Grant, Portsoy; Milne, Victoria Hotel, Portknockie; W. Simpson, Royal Oak, Cullen; Buckie Lodge IOGT with a stall in front for sweets in charge of P. McLaren, Merchant, Buckie; R. Watson, Globe Market; Wm. Smith, St Andrews Square; R. G. Wheeler, Portgordon; Mrs Davidson, Commercial Hotel, Keith.

Antonio was there with his ice cream stall while there was also a tent for palmistry.

There were smaller stalls laden with a great variety of goods, some with bunches of bananas of a doubtful quality.

There were three lorry loads of flowers, also a lorry with beer being served from a barrel. One stall had for sale, dulce, crabs and buckies. At another stall one could have their photograph taken while you wait. Dotted over the place were a number of ice-cream barrows all touting for trade.

Among the amusement one found shooting galleries, coconut shies, a stall where you could try your hand at ringing a pocket knife, short and easy, football kicking, seven sets of high and low fliers and bicycle circle, 2 merry-go-rounds. As always there was a crowd gathered around the 'try your strength' stall.

Kayes were there as was Chewsons and places where you could have your fortune told.

Noise was everywhere generated by the Salvation Army band, the town crier, steam whistles and different organs blaring out tunes like "Stop Yet Tickling Jock", "Navaho" and other well know ditties.

The begrimed proprietors of each stall and amusement stand together with their assistants were ever ready to collect the rich harvest of coins from their juvenile and frequently adult patronage.

The crowd was most dense in the afternoon though at no time was it as dense as had been seen in the past. The conduct of the crowd was exemplary in marked contrast to the previous year being the best on record with no police cases whatsoever.

The demand for harvest labour was light with the harvest being early and the crop light. As a result of this wages were low with binders being offered £5.10-£5.15, bandsters, £4.5-£5 and women, £3-£3.10. It was predicted that the harvest, as the previous year would commence in about three week's time.

In the morning when any trading was done one saw only a few stirks forward. There was also an absence of good quality horses though those termed as useful changed hands for between £30-£40 with seconds going for from £18-£25.

Mr Dickson, Flesher, Buckie bought a roadster for £30 while L. Milne, Mains of Findochty bought a five year old mare for £35. Six wagonloads of horses left Rathven station, later for the south.

Railway tickets sold at Rathven on the day of the fair was 3,300 with a grand total from all stations amounting to 8,744. The previous year this had been 8,899, in 1903 the figure was 7,718 and in 1902, 6,862.

Aug 10 L.T. McGarth was advertising 'the first season of cheap bicycles' with prices ranging from £6.10-£9.10

Advert – "Make your sea boots last longer use 'So Soft' – softens and waterproofs leather and preserves it from the deleterious effects of salt water". Sold in tins at 4 ½d at Mitchell's, Bridge Place.

H.W. Gunn, Cycle Agent, 17 West Church Street had plans forward for an extension to his property. These were passed.

Deskford Flower Show and Annual Picnic was to take place on Wednesday 16 August in the Public School.

John Watt, secretary.

James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street, besides now being a valuator and auctioneer was also now selling furniture.

Advert – George Sutherland (successor to A. McDonald) boot and Shoe Warehouse, note new address 21 West Church Street. (They were formerly across the street)

Tee name – Sutherland – ‘Bull’, Findochty.

The title of the new golf course at Tugnet was to be known as Spey Bay Golf Club Ltd.

Aug 17 Allan McKenzie, Flesher, Buckie was to open a branch shop at 8 Findochty. His Buckie shop was at 1 Gordon Street.

On page 5 of this date one can see a nice sketch of the proposed new Caledonian Bank. The feu had been bought by Mr Archibalds’s father some time previous and would replace two old thatched houses. Sandy Fraser had occupied one for a long time in the property referred to as the ‘auld hoose’. The building was to be of three stories with the bank and offices on the ground floor and a dwelling house on the floors above. Mr Archibald, solicitor was to be agent.

It was to be built of Morayshire freestone – finely scable dressed and polished with a special carver being employed to execute the carved work on the façade. All the internal work to be completed to a high quality finish with pitch pine being extensively used throughout.

The cost of the building to be close to £3,000

The contractors engaged for the erection of the building (all Buckie apart from the architect) were – Mason – A.Milne and Son; Carpenter, A.Hendry and Sons; Slater, J.Barclay and Son; Plasterer, R.Hume; Painter, James Duncan; Ironwork and Bells, J & T Campbell, Plumber, J.Barclay and Son. Architect – R. J. McBeth, Inverness.

A councillor moved that steps of concrete should be laid on Jock Grant’s Brae at an estimated cost of £14. (It should be noted that this was later known as Calder’s Steps after the man of that name who lived in the building at the top of Cluny Terrace)

At this time, too, the brae that leads from the present south end of Baron Street to Seaview Place was known as Duncan’s Lane. There had been a request made to the town council to have a path made from the foot of Duncan’s Lane across Baron Street and up steps, still to be laid on to the Stroup Brae. (Another Duncan’s Lane was in existence that linked the St Helena Brae to Main Street in Buckpool)

The town council were discussing the motor car act that dealt with the speed of cars. Baillie Hendry said that they weren’t bothered with motor cars in Buckie. He continued by saying to Dr Duguid, “You will be going in for one yourself doctor, shortly”. The reply was, “Well, If I could raise the money”.

Tee name – Smith “Doan”, Peterhythe, Portessie

Aug 31 In the Scottish Qualifying Cup played at Cluny Park, Peterhead beat Buckie Thistle by five goals to 1. The referee was blamed - not something new.

George Sutherland, Boot and Shoe Warehouse, had dropped the following insert in his advert – (successor to A.McDonald)

Mr Christian took up duty as assistant master at Buckie Higher Grade School.

A powerful new gas engine was installed at Mr Gray’s meal mill on Garden Lane. This burned coal to produce gas working out at a cost of 1/- per day. Previously the mill was using piped gas from the gas works that was costing 8/- to 9/- per day.

The Buckie drifter, Modest, BF 1225, skipper Cowie ‘Rosie’ was run down and sunk by the Hull trawler, Jacinth H 840 55 miles ENE of Fraserburgh on Friday of the previous week. The crew were all saved and later landed at Hull.

Peace was declared between Russia and Japan.

Sept 7 Dr Manddella, expert palmist and clairvoyant, 25 years experience, may be consulted daily for one week only at Mrs Forbes, Sefton House, Land Street, Buckpool.

Traction engines were busy engaged beaching boats home from the herring fishing.

17 children were confirmed at Preshome by Bishop Aenas Chisholm, Aberdeen

Father Aenas Geddes, son of James Geddes, Garden Lane, was appointed to the RC Church at Inverurie.

The death took place of Mr Kelman, 72, farmer, Burnside of Enzie. He injured himself in the harvest field and didn't recover though attended by two doctors. Mr Kelman, who was a celebrated rifle shot, competing at Bisley on several occasions had been at Burnside for nine years. He was a native of Mortlach and had been twice married being survived by his second wife.

Cullen tee name – Addison ‘Sack’

Sept 14 Advert – Visit the Great American Bazaar in the Fishermen's Hall all articles 6 ½ d. Come and see the bargains.

Madame Vere MB IMS – Renowned Egyptian Palmist and Crystal Gazer.

The Salvation Army was advertising that they were to hold a special Harvest Thanksgiving service in the Hall on Cluny Terrace. They raised the sum of £12.

Tee names – Findochty – Herd ‘Captain’

Coull ‘Coullie’ Buckie

The Liberals took the Elgin Burgh from the Conservatives with John E. Sutherland being elected MP.

The town council agreed to make steps on Jock Grant's Brae (better known in 1999 as Calders's Steps, linking Baron Street and Lane to Cluny Terrace).

They also had a look at the proposed line of steps from Duncan's Lane across Baron Street and up on to the Stroup Brae. The Cluny Estates were intimating an interest so it was agreed to meet with the facto.

Once again the town council were discussing the ‘Harbour Question’. The dialogue is given on page 7.

Sept 21 The street light were lit for the first time this season this week.

The fishing boat ‘Boys’, skipper Geddes ‘Foskie’ ran aground at the mouth of the Buckie Burn when she took a lump of water as she was entering the Buckpool Harbour.

Tee name – Alex Smith ‘Don Binnie’ Portessie.

William Geddes, Shipbuilder, Portgordon was to install a set of triple expansion engines in a new drifter he was building. The engine was to be supplied by Wm. Spencer, Engineers, Buckie.

The engines would be considerably larger and able to produce more power than those previously fitted into vessels engaged in herring drift net fishing. It is expected that the engines will attain a speed of 11 knots per hour with comparatively small coal consumption.

Sept 25 The harvest was completed in the Enzie with ploughing began on most farms. The crop was lighter than normal but the quality of grain was good.

It had been proposed to amalgamate the two railway companies, Highland and Great North. This was of interest to Buckie since both companies served them. The proposals were not well received by the business fraternity who thought that prices for transport of freight were likely to rise with no competition.

Oct 5 **Notice - Football playing is strictly prohibited in my park in West Church Street. All trespassers will be prosecuted. John Hector, Mill of Buckie, 5 October 1905**

A number of fisher girls left the town this week for English ports.

Oct 12 L.T. McGarth, Ironmonger, had the following advert – Winter Sports for Winter Evenings – Sandow Developers – (Health Exercises with chart of exercises)
Dumb Bells and Fencing sticks
Boxing gloves 10/6 set of four
Footballs – association footballs – 8/6, 9/6 and 10/6
Melodeons – warranted by best makers – 5/- to 20/-
Violins – specially selected from 10/6 to 60/- - violin cases, bows and strings

Chanters – practising bagpipe chanters at 6/6
 Magic lanterns – fretwork outfits
 “Make a choice – go for something”

Advert – “We got no grant for harbour extension but you have GRANT giving sterling values in teas and provisions. Donald Grant 57 West Church Street.

The Rolling Wave IOGT to resume meetings in the Fishermen’s Hall on Saturday.

The debt outstanding on the new UF hall in Portgordon was standing at £300. £25 was collected in the village while a sewing class was started with a like object in view.

Two men lost their lives when engaged in the construction of a new bridge across the River Spey at Orton to carry the railway. The river was in spate at the time with a strong wind blowing and a boat on which the men were using in the course of their work on the bridge was swept away and overturned. One of those who lost their lives was William Smith, 45, a carpenter from Portgordon who left a widow and 11 children the oldest being only 14.

Oct 19 Buckie Town Council had drawn up a new set of Standing Orders – given on page 3

H.W. Gunn, Cycle and Motor Agent, 17 West Church Street was advertising a great clearance sale to get rid of much of the stock to allow alterations to take place.

Buckie Draughts Club held their annual general meeting when the following officials were appointed – President – Bailie Hendry; vice president, Captain Malcolm; captain, G.Thomson, secretary/treasurer, G.Stewart, committee – Garden sen., Calder, Esslemont, Moir, Geddes, W.Hendry, Birnie, Chalmers, W.MacPherson, Grant. The club to meet four times weekly.

The zulu boat ‘Boys’ BF2062 that went aground at the mouth of the Buckie Burn during a storm required to have a new keel fitted and some planking, costing £100. It had had to be pulled up three times away from the sea.

A letter to the B.A. asked for a road link to be made between East Church Street and the Great North Railway Station.

Tee name Mair ‘Gault’ Portknockie.

Oct 26 The chemist business of James Bremner, Main Street, Buckpool was sold to Mr Robertson, Chemist, Portknockie.

The new head teacher appointed to Shielburn School was Mrs Badenoch. The assistant was Miss Benzies.

Nov 2 H. Samuel had had the same advert in the paper for a long time which read – Bargain of a lifetime – The Acme – Silver Lever pocket watch at 25/-

James Cowie ‘Diddle’ (80 Seatown)

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon opened the Public Institute, Fochabers on Friday October 25 1905. There were parties present from many places around including Buckie and Elgin while the Black Watch band was in attendance.

Nov 9 **Estimates were invited for the work of constructing a hall for the Buckie Lodge IOGT. Offers to be sent to Alex L. B. Melvin, Glendonwyn Cottage, Buckie Convenor of the Company. Architects – D & J.R. McMillan, Inverness.**

The Masons (Lodge Gordons) were to hold their annual ball on the 27 December (St John’s Day).

Mr J.W. Cowie, Engineer, was making preparations to start a barrel making factory on Commercial Road. The motive power was to be provided by a 10hp oil engine.

Tee name – Wm. Stewart ‘Skipper’

- Nov 16 Buckie Joint Railway Ball was to take place in the Masonic Institute Hall on November 24.
- A sale of carting and hiring plant was to take place at 92 Main Street, belonging to the Trust Estate of Mr P.I. Smith, Coalmerchant Etc. Buckpool. Among the items for sale were – 5 horses, various carts, lorries waggonettes, a float and phaeton, also harness for all horses and quantities of straw, hay, moss and coal.
- The Aberdeen trawler Star of Hope A411 sought shelter in Buckie from a gale. The Star of Hope was the first Buckie steam liner, owned by four or five Buckie partners before she was sold and converted to trawling.**
- The comedian, Harry Lauder, paid a visit to Buckie last week.
- The ‘Harbour Question’ had yet to be answered being again raised through a letter to the B.A.
- Nov 23 A stone slab was erected on the wall of Rathven Cemetery to Alexander Innes, a Lieutenant in the 42nd Royal Highlanders and Captain in the Enzie Volunteers who died at Loanhead on 15 September, 1779. Others were names on the stone erected by Depute Sergeant Major Charles Innes, London. George Scott, Sculptor, Baron Street, Buckie did the work.
- Nov 30 The Cullen Wesleyan Methodists held a bazaar in aid of a Cullen Chapel.
- A new edition of the ‘Annals of Cullen’ by W. Cramond, LLD had been printed. Cost 1/- postage 2d extra. It could be had from George Sievwright, The Square, Cullen.
- L.T.McGarth had intimated that he was not to stand for re-election to the Buckie Town Council.
- The Portessie boat, Pomegranate, BF1648 was sunk off the coast of Norfolk Yarmouth with 7 crewmen losing their lives The boat was run down by the steamer, Hogarth 4 miles off Lowestoft. Among the crew members were Smith ‘Stripie’, Portessie, and Murray ‘Lockie’.**
- Dec 7 Speed merchant – the fishing boat ‘Burd’ BF1465 left Yarmouth at 2p.m. on Friday and reached Buckie at just after 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, doing the distance of 360 miles in 40 hours.
- The Aberdeen trawler, Star of Hope, which was only recently in Buckie and which earned itself fame as the first steam liner in Buckie when built in 1896 was wrecked at Collieston on Tuesday of the previous week with three of the crew being drowned.**
- The contractors engaged to build the Good Templars hall on West Church Street were – Mason. Andrew Morrison, Carpenter, Alex Murray, Plasterer, R.Hume, Painter, R.Duncan and Son, Plumber, J & T. Campbell, Slater, John Barclay and Son.
- A steamer ran down the Portgordon boat, Industry BF2033, skipper, William Mair, near the mouth of the River Elbe. James Hendry, part owner and crew member was drowned. He left a widow and 7 children all under 13. He stayed at Richmond Place. Among the survivors were – William Innes, skipper, William and James Farquhar, brothers, and Charles Hendry.**
- On pages 7 and 8 one can read how the ‘Harbour Question’ was raised yet again at the council nomination meeting.
- Dec 14 The yearly sale of dung in Portknockie was again advertised.
- Truelove, Hairdresser, High Street, who had also advertised the repair etc of umbrellas was now advertising the sale of ‘Talking Machines’ or phonographs.
- When speaking of the boats from Scotland at Yarmouth they were described as Scotch. In 1999 the only thing now known as Scotch was the stuff that you can drink.
- It had been a successful year for a number of drifters it being reported that some had grossed from £1,900 to £2,150 for the past six weeks at Shetland and Yarmouth. The effect of this was to stimulate the boat building industry at home. W. J. McIntosh had on order a drifter for George Flett, ‘Yankie’ Findochty, William ‘Beal’ Geddes, Portgordon had one on order while Herd & McKenzie, Findochty had two.**

A disaster fund began in Portessie for the dependants of those lost off the Pomegranate had risen to £166.1

Yet another fishing boat run down. The Glengerry BF690 skipper, William Smith, 'Gager' Ianstown while being towed by the Lossiemouth boat, Coryphanena was run down by the Middlesborough steamer, Severen. Fortunately the damage was less than might have been and more so since the steamer left the crew to their fate without taking very much notice.

Dec 21

Wyness, Jeweller, Keith, had taken the shop next to L.T.McGarth, on a short-term basis where he was holding a big sale of the kind of goods to be found in such a shop. It will be remembered that the same shop had been only recently taken over by George Watson, Choirmaster, selling china and glassware. There was no indication that he had given this up.

A sketch is given on page 5 of the proposed Buckie Good Templar Institute to be built on West Church Street.

A cargo of straw arrived at Cluny Harbour from France. This was the first such cargo and necessary to meet the shortage caused by the small crop grown locally over the previous two years. The cargo consisted of 180 tons of straw in bales heaped high on the deck of the ship. Carts from both the town and country area were busy during the 11 hours it took to empty the SS Sea Spray.

A bazaar took place in Portgordon to build Sunday school and young men's institute for the Wesleyan Methodist congregation. The amount raised was £125.18.3

Dec 28

A woman, Mrs Thomson, was able to recognise remains being that of her son though only part of a leg was encased within a stocking. Her son being James Thomson 'Law' whom was drowned on 27 January less than 2 miles off Buckie off the fishing boat Zenith.

Two boys walking on the railway line near the Gollachy burn found the stocking and bones inside. It is believed that someone else had found the stocking first on the beach and had thrown it up on to the line without being aware of what it had contained.

The idea of starting a permanent disaster fund was proposed in Portessie following on the Pomegranate disaster.

The jubilee of Rev Canon Kyle, Preshome took place the previous week.

A Buckpool man was blacklisted. He was the first ever to have this done in Buckie. He had been convicted of being drunk and disorderly three times in the past 12 months.

The Portessie Disaster Fund had risen to £227.10