

1906

Jan 4 There was to be a two day sale of grocery items and shop goods belonging to the Trustee Estate of P.I. Smith, 95 Main Street, both at Main Street and also in the Volunteer Hall.

The British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners – May Blossom Lodge were to hold a Grand Concert and Dance in the St Andrews Hall on the 17 January.

Opening announcement – Alex Birnie, Butcher, was to open a shop in Findochty that had been formerly in the hands of J. Mair and Sons.

Advert – G. A. Edward, Cartwright and General Carpenter, 17 High Street.

James Mackay, Draper, had now joined the businesses that gave a phone number in their adverts. **This was 2x1**

The children of Deskford Established Church Sunday school put on a Kinderspeil

Young Templars held a march through the streets of Buckie singing a variety of songs as they went.

**Tee names – Alex Mair ‘ Brother’ Portknockie
Flett, ‘Metal’ Findochty
Herd ‘Captain’ Findochty**

The editor’s report of the year 1905 is given on page 6.

During the early months of the year business all round was lean and bare with quite a number of businesses in dire straits, merging on debt. There was little or no money in circulation. As the boats set sail for Stornoway it was more in good faith than anything else and it turned out to be a broken reed. Disastrous winter fishing only made matters worse. With a better Shetland fishing some fishermen, at least, began to make a little leeway. Things were much better up to December for as the Shetland fishing allowed them to clear their feet the English fishing was a splendid success. This infused new life into kindred industries like boatbuilding where the construction of new drifters showed a strong impetus while net factories have been having a busy time. The imports of coal have increased due to the change in progress of the fishing fleet, up by 200 tons.

The building industry has gone through a lean time in common with the rest of the country. With masons and other tradesmen looking far afield for work. The number of plans submitted to the town council was down on the previous year. Among those submitted were for two smithies, on the High Street and another on Commercial Road. New houses were being built on Hall Street, West Carlton Terrace, Cathcart Street and Manar Street with a block of semi-detached houses on Garden Lane.

In his summing up he said that though trade had been generally dull there had been worse years than 1905.

At a public meeting held in the Fishermen’s Hall where Mr James Archibald presided, a local branch of the Fishermen’s Wives and Orphans was formed.

In the last ½ of 1905 the statistics for the Enzie read as follows – Births –20; Marriages – 6; Deaths – 8.

Jan 11 **Tee name – Slater ‘Bill’**

With the growth in numbers of drifters the B.A. carried a lot of adverts showing zulus for sale.

The Portessie Disaster Fund had risen to £257.17.9

Advert – **New and Lasting Perfume – Craigmin Bouquet - 1/- and 2/- Gibson, Chemist.**

Jan 18 The postmen in the local area had their usual thank you notices in the paper

The property at 50 West Church Street (in 1999 occupied by the Pastry Shop then Fowler’s Bakers) was once again up for sale.

The annual ball for the Auchenreath area took place during the past week at the farm of Dryburn when 20 couples were present. The names of all present were given.

The B.A. carried pictures of local singers who had recently won medals – Nellie Simpson, silver medallist, Robert Morrison, gold medallist, Adam Robertson, gold medallist and George C. Watson also gold medallist. Mr Watson, choirmaster of the Established Church in Buckie trained all three singers.

There was three Good Templars Lodges in Buckie at this time. Buckie, Rolling Wave and Unity.

Jan 25 The Liberal Party took the seat of Moray and Nairn from the Unionists with Archibald Williamson becoming their MP. Banffshire also was Liberal with A.W. Black being the MP with a 2,200 majority over the Unionists.

Feb 1 Nicol Bros. were advertising pianos and organs to suit all tastes.

It was clear that the Cluny Trustees still owned Cluny Harbour, this became known when a notice appeared in the B.A. which spoke of the necessity to do repairs to the middle pier which had been damaged when struck by a coaster.

Evangelistic Services were to take place in the Disciples of Christ Meeting Place, West Church Street, on Sunday 4 February and Wednesday 7.

The Gordon Evangelistic Mission was holding Special Evangelistic Services in the Fishermen's Hall commencing on the Sabbath, 11 February. Among the speakers to be soloist, Hector Munro, Converted Comic from Troon. Sankey's Hymns. Collection at the door.

Baptist Church Services continuing in the Volunteer Hall with the Rev. F.H.Cunliffe, Portobello.

Singer Sewing Machines opened a new shop at 4 Low Street.

R.Gillan Grocer etc Baron Street was the latest business to have a phone installed. His number was 3x1

Feb 1 George Smith Jun. opened a new shipbuilding yard between Buckie and Portgordon, just to the west of the salmon bothy and near to the Rocket Appliance Pole. He had negotiated the lease of a four-acre piece of ground from the Letterfourie Estate. A convenient launching spot is found in Davie Hythe adjoining where there is a good fall from the beach. The keel of the first drifter has already been laid for Wm. Murray 'Farmer' and Sons. It is to be ready by May while her engines will be fitted in Aberdeen by a Glasgow firm. He has also two other drifters on order one for Alex Reid 'Rosie' and Sons with a third on view.

The Ratepayers committee with responsibility for the Public Park held their annual meeting when it was decided to erect new metal gates at the entrance at a cost of £15.

Tee name Findlay 'Hooker' (Portknockie)

Lady Cathcart gave her usual £20 donation to be shared among the deserving poor on her estates of Buckie and Gollachy

Feb 8 Miss Grant, Wester Alves, arrived in Buckie to take up duty in succession to Miss Booth.

Advert – For Ladies and Gents Tailoring – For High Class work at Strictly Moderate Prices
Hats, caps, collars, ties, shirts, braces, studs etc.
Try John Allan, 37 West Church Street.

Feb 15 A. Milne and Son, masons, erected a formidable piece of scaffolding necessary for the carving to be executed on the front of the new Caledonian Bank. The work was done in 6 hours, consisting of six tiers of trestles with planking.

The firm of Wm. Spence, Engineers, erected a big crane at the point of the wooden jetty at Cluny Harbour. The apparatus to be used for raising extraordinary weights.

Two shear legs, made of wood, 42 feet long, by 12 " square, were connected at the top from which depended 4 and 3 wheel iron blocks with wire ropes capable of lifting 30 tons. Stabilising wire ropes were also placed in position from all sides. The apparatus will be used to lift heavy boilers and machinery of steam drifters and they could manipulate with ease the heaviest of masts. The apparatus is made to be removable and cost £100.

A concert took place in Enzie Public School last Friday evening to raise funds for the Picnic and Games Fund. There was a large attendance.

On Wednesday 14 February, there was found on the beach near the Gollachy Burn a seaman's boot. Inside were the decomposed remains of part of a human leg and foot, enclosed in 2 stockings.

The remains were later identified by Alex Thomson, mechanic, as having been part of the body of his brother James, who was drowned off the fishing boat Zenith in January of last year and whose other foot was found close by and buried a short time ago.

Tee name Cowie 'Duncan'

Plans were submitted for a new house on Newlands Lane for James Mackay, Draper.

The property of 50 West Church Street, still occupied by Mr Fowler, Bakers, was again offered for sale but no offers were received.

Feb 22 R.Gillan, Grocer, etc, Baron Street, was advertising ware **tatties** by the name of **Red Morayshire Cups**.

Tee name Thomson 'Green'

Mar 1 The death took place of Wm. Geddes, Shipmaster, aged 71. He was presumably the captain and part owner of the schooner, **Letterfourie**. The Letterfourie was launched at Kingston in 1896 being built there by the firm of J. Duncan. It was lost in a storm off the coast of Queensland while on it was to Manila

The SS Commerce discharged a cargo of coal at Portgordon on Monday of this week

Mr S. McEwan lately appointed male assistant at Buckie Higher Grade School took up his duties this week.

R. Watson, Globe Supply Store, now had the phone installed. His number was 1x2.

A man of 80 died at Rottenhillock, Deskford who served his time and worked at his trade as a mason besides carrying on his croft and taking part in the herring fishing industry.

Mar 8 On the estate of Gordon and Richmond, new farm houses were to be built at the Smirack, tenant T. Inkster; at Muir of Holmie, tenant, P.McCurrach and at Ryerriggs, tenant, George Simpson.

James Wood, Blacksmith, moved from his smithy at the Yardie to more commodious premises at Cluny Harbour.

Tee names Cowie 'Pum' and 'Dosie' They were to be partners in a drifter being built for them at Yarmouth.

The paper carried a report of crofters taking land into their own possession and dividing it up on the estate in the western isles belonging to Lady Cathcart. This action took place on the Isle of Vatersay and Bornish.

She was opposed to them settling in numbers on Vatersay where there was insufficient water, no school etc, etc.

Mar 15 The increase in coal imports at Buckie led to two big coal stores being built, one on Low Street for Murray and Smart and another on Commercial Road for Messrs McWilliam and Sons. At the same time the frontage facing the harbour was quickly filling up with other businesses.

John Barclay and J&T Campbell had a joint advert extolling the virtues of the Block Light . it was said to burn less gas and give a much better light than ordinary ones. The cost of a Block Light varied from 5/9 to 6/6 according to style. They were adjustable to fit any fixture.

Mar 22 Wm. 'Beal' Geddes, shipbuilder, Portgordon was to launch two drifters this week. The first to be 'Lead Me' for Wm. Flett, James Murray and Wm. Black, all Buckie. Compound engines to be fitted by Wm. Spencer, Buckie.

Dr Bennett MD received a gold watch from the congregation of St Peter's to mark his long association with the choir of the church.

Mr Dawson, Builder, took possession of a steam crane capable of lifting 2 tons. This to be used in the repair of the middle pier of Cluny Harbour, damaged when struck by a coaster some time previously.

A meeting of Telephone Subscribers was to take place in Buckie.

Mar 29 A meeting of fishermen and others interested parties was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 31 March for the purpose of instituting a branch of the Royal Provident Fund for Fishermen's Widows and Orphans.

Special Evangelistic Meetings were to take place in the Mission Hall, Portessie. The speaker to be Wm. McKenzie, New Zealand. Sundays 3.15 and 6.30pm. Week nights 8pm.

Robert Grant, Union Bar, Buckpool, granted a Trust Deed in favour of

The Clydesdale stallion, 'Craigenroan' was to stand at stud at Mill of Buckie where a limited number of mares could be served at £1 per service payable at the end of the season.

Blackhillock Lime Quarry on the outskirts of Keith was advertising best quality lime shells for plasterers, builders and slaters.

Apr 5 The Memorial Stone was to be laid at the new building on West Church Street for the Buckie Lodge of the Good Templars on Saturday 14 April, at 12 noon, by John E. Sutherland, Esq. M.P

Buckie Life-Saving Apparatus Brigade was on strike after their officer had been sacked.

Before the stone was laid a bottle containing several documents were to be deposited in a cavity. Following the ceremony the first verse of the hymn "Yield not To Temptation" was to be sung. Later there was to be luncheon in the Masonic Institute Hall to which only a limited number of seats were available with a price ticket of 1/- each.

George Scott, Sculptor, Baron Street, was advertising monuments made from marble, granite or freestone. Letters also cut, painted and re-gilded.

The proposed golf course at Speybay had not come to fruition though the prospects that it would look good. An authority after inspecting the ground in question was of the opinion that a first class course could be made for around £1,000. There were also plans to build a first class hotel near to the proposed first tee.

Mr James Christie, Tugnet, took over the croft of Midwood, Clochan.

Apr 19 A meeting of shopkeepers were to meet to consider 7 o'clock closing.

The B.A. carried a large advert by a London firm that spoke of a new invention – the Neophone. 'A revolution in talking machines. Make disc records at home- can be fitted to any disc machine. It combines all the advantages of the 2 system, cylinder and disc.

Advert – Alex Grant, 22 Low Street, Seed tatties, vegetables and flower seeds.

The barrel-making factory planned by John W. Cowie, was now partly in operation on Commercial Road. A 20hp suction gas engine provided the power to drive machines for planing tops, and head rounding, also saws. Other machines for boring, trussing, cleaning etc were to be procured.

The town council visited the water works at Rochomie. Two horse brakes supplied by Mr Barclay, Commercial Hotel, carried them there. A picnic tea supplied by Provost Simpson was enjoyed while the new area feud for the new reservoir was inspected.

- Apr 19 **On page 6 two pictures by Clark, Photographer, show the Good Templar Hall on its site on West Church Street. A good report is given of the ceremony at which the memorial stone was laid. It speaks of 200 members of the Hope of Buckie, Juvenile Lodge being present.**

Page 7 carries a poem titled 'In Memoriam' about Alex Duthie, Portessie, an eminent scholar who died at the early age of 24. By A.J.

- Apr 26 The property of H. W. Gunn, Cycle and Motor Agent, at 17 West Church Street that had been greatly extended with a second floor and attic being added had now reopened. (The date 1906 is to be seen on the building facing down Cluny Place)

Grass parks on Burnside of Enzie were let. The farmer had recently died with his widow feeling that this was as good a way of making use of the land and at the same time earning money. (This was a practice that was to continue for many years thereafter with P. D. Allan, Bush, Keith taking the fields some years.)

In 1906 Mr Stables, Cuttlebrae paid £3.14 per acre for 18 acres of first year's grass. Mr Forsythe, Forres, paid 52/- per acre for 27 acres of second year's grass, while Alex Geddes, Easter Bogs paid 50/- per acre for 11 ½ acres of third year grass.

The death was announced of the death of Mr James Crombie, Aberdeen. He owned the coaster of the same name, a frequent visitor to Buckie. The first motor lorry to be seen in Buckie was sent there by Mr Crombie some 22 years before.

The shopkeeper failed to come to an agreement concerning the 7 o'clock closing. Quite a number of shopkeepers were missing from the meeting and were to be chased up.

A major earthquake ruined the American city of San Francisco. Thousands of people were believed to have lost their lives with over 200,000 made homeless.

- May 3 The tennis courts at Low Street, Bowling Green were to open for the season on 9th May, with the Bowling Green, itself, opening on the 16th.

A new police station was to be built at Portgordon.

- May 10 L.T.McGarth was advertising bicycles built to one's own specification regarding, height, weight etc.

Agreement had been reached by the shopkeepers, regarding closing at 7 p.m. This was to take place during the months of June, July and August with Saturday excepted. Wednesday closing to be at 2.

This involved the following shops – **Boot merchants** – John Simpson (Provost), C.Bittener, John Calder, Dick Campbell, Alex Cuthbert, D.E. Wm. McDonald, George Sutherland.

Drapers – John Allan, James Birnie, J.Leith Esson, Alex Esson, John Green, P.Geddes and Sons, Robert Grant, Edward Hillocks, T.M.Jack, Charles Innes Shearer, John Sandison, T.D.Yuill. (The absence of James Mackay was noted)

Grocers – J.Dawson, George Hendry, Alex Imlah, Peter McLaren, Robert Reid and Son, R.Watson (The absence of R.Gillan and Alex Grant was noted also Wrights)

Butchers – Dickson Bros., Allan Mckenzie, George McKenzie, James Mair Jun.

Ironmongers- Robert Annand, Singer Sewing Machines, R.Tindall and Sons. (The absence of L.T. McGarth was noted)

Booksellers – James P.Pozzi, W.F. Johnston and Sons.

Considerable excitement was created on Friday evening when six zulu fishing boats, crowded with fishermen and boys were launched from the beach at Baron Street, by Mr Barbour's engine, into a rough sea. With all hands to the oars they eventually made it round and into Cluny Harbour.

Most of the fishing boats and drifters set off this week for the west coast. The Firth had been dotted with fishing boats leaving all the coast ports.

The vicinity of the railway station, Marine Place and Commercial Road was crowded during the past week with men from Lewis, Harris and places on the west coast mainland all in Buckie looking for a place as a hired man on the boats as they set off for the herring fishing. Their gear was stacked up within the station, itself; especially in the underpass making it difficult for intending passengers to get through.

The numbers were up on previous years though there had been a considerable fall off in demand for their labour.

With the move from sailing boats to drifters there was a reduction in the size of the crew required with the majority of the crew now being shareholders.

Nevertheless the possibility of gaining a place on a boat was a great incentive, especially since the rewards could be high.

One hopeful crewman from Lewis, who had a croft to work and also a small boat at home, told the B.A. of a person he knew who had got a berth on a drifter the previous year who had been to the west coast fishing, Shetland and then Yarmouth ending up with £100 at the pay off. It was the possibility of gaining this kind of money that was the pull.

The railway authorities gave a cheap fare of £2.10 from Stornoway to Buckie, single for men coming to Buckie to try their luck. The agreement was that the same cost of ticket would apply at the end of the season. There was some concern that those who failed to get a berth might have to pay for a higher – priced ticket if they had to go home much earlier.

It was not only the islesmen who were adversely affected by the introduction of the drifter; Buckie sailmakers were finding their occupation now practically gone. Large coal stores had taken the space they formerly occupied.

No more sailing ships were being built with 90 new steam drifters being acquired in the Buckie district in the last 2 to 3 years, with this number steadily being added to.

Other changes taking place. It was not seen as uncommon for drifters to run a distance of from 100-200 miles to port with a big shot of herring on board. The herring shoals too being further afield than they were in earlier times.

May 17 **Opening announcement** – Alex Birnie was to open a butcher's shop at the new Mackay's Buildings on East Church Street, in the shop previously occupied by J.Melvin.

Great efforts were made to refloat the trawler Veronica that went aground near the mouth of the River Spey with the loss of her whole crew of eight. Different methods were employed as were told in the report in the paper of this date.

A meeting took place in Fochabers –on-Spey (note the name) in connection with the proposed new golf course at Speybay.

Gale force winds were responsible for breaking the large window of the bar on Cluny Square belonging to the Cluny Hotel. The same window measuring 8' by 5' was broken, again by the wind only a year previously. Fortunately for the owners the window was covered by insurance.

May 24 **Opening announcement** - George Watson, House Painter, and Decorator, 5 South Land Street.

Opening announcement – Alexander Miller Jun. Cycle and Motor Mechanic was to open for business at 2 Cluny Square in the shop previously occupied by George Webster, Cycle Agent etc.

The latest business in Buckie to take an interest in selling bicycles was R.Annand, Low Street. He was advertising the agency for Wearwell Cycles. The names of two models being given – the Intrepid at £4.19.6 cash and the Merlin at £4.15. Ladies' s models 5/- extra.

Concerning the Land Seizures that had taken place on South Uist a number of crofters were served with interdicts.

May 31 Buckie Gas Coy. were to stage a Grand Exhibition in the Fishermen's Hall . There was to be a demonstration of the 'Main' Gas Cooking and Heating Stoves. In addition there was to be interesting cookery demonstrations.

A displesh sale was to take place at Barhill Cottage by order of the representatives of the late James Forbes. Among the things for sale were – a useful dairy cow, spring cart, chapel cart, box cart, 2 sets of gig harness, set of cart harness, single plough, 3 wheeled grubber, set of harrows, drill harrow, bushel and straik, quantity of weights, fencing wire and tools.

Wm. Robertson, Flesher, Portgordon, was to move into more commodious premises on March Street. He had been in business in Portgordon for 37 years up till then.

Mr Scott who had been miller at Tynet with Mr Thomson for 16 years was to leave having taken over the meal mill at Inveramsay. He and his wife were given a number of presents prior to their departure.

Estimates were being invited for all trades for the construction of a new Wesleyan Methodist Chapel on Pringle Street.

Mr William ‘Beal’ Geddes, Shipbuilder, Portgordon was appointed a J.P.

The new Caledonian Bank building on East Church Street was opened for business this week. There could be little question that it was the finest business edifice yet built in the town. (In 1999 this would still be true)

June 7 Advert – The Enzie Annual Picnic and Games were to take place on 7 July. J.Newlands secretary.

Pinders Ord, Circus, Hippodrome and Menagerie were to pay a visit to the town. (In 1997 Moray District Council had taken the decision to stop circuses visiting the town after the urine from elephants with a previous circus had ruined much of the grass surface on Merson Park) In June of 1999 an other circus owner was disappointed not to be allowed to visit the town even although they now had no other animals apart from horses. (Changed days from those when there was a vast array of all kind of wild animals)

This week the SS Ardgowan discharged a cargo of oak trees for boat-building purposes.

The Enzie had its wettest day for over twenty years. One farmer said that he had never known turnip sowing to be so late. (It used to be a well known phrase that one went home after the May term to ‘how’ neeps. (i.e. to single the growing turnip plants with a hoe, leaving one every seven or eight inches.)

John Bain became stationmaster at Buckpool. He had been a clerk at Maud Junction for the past 16 years.

Jun. 14 Advert – The Drybridge Picnic and Games were to take place on Saturday 30 June in the Drybridge Picnic Grounds kindly granted by the laird, Sir Robert Gordon, Letterfourie. It was stressed that these Games were open to all comers.

William Spencer who had within recent years had bought the engineering business etc. from Cowie and Sons and Co. had now sold the engineering, timber merchants and steam sawmilling business to Alexander Rose Smith as of the 26 May.

Fisher girls, coopers and others connected with the herring curing business collected at Buckie from towns and villages along the coast. Between 4 and 500 then left on board the SS Ninian for Shetland.

H.W.Gunn, Cycle and Motor Agent, 17 West Church Street, who had recently added on further stories to the building (see date 1906 on the building facing down Cluny Place) was taken to task because the ceilings of the attic rooms were only 7’4 “ high. He had them altered.

A paper report told of severe fighting in Zululand

Jun. 21 **W. & J. Cruickshank said how they were to prosecute anyone known to have used their lemonade bottles to hold paraffin or any other obnoxious matter.**

The newly bought over sawmills on Commercial Road were advertising firewood for sale at a price of 8/- for ½ ton or 6d for ½ cwt bag.

Three Buckie women went to Iceland on contract to gut herring. Miss Jessie Ann Murray 'Dottie', Yardie, her sister Nellie and a companion were engaged by Sawyers and Holloway, Lowestoft. The contract was for a period of 14 weeks at 25/- per week, 8d per barrel and 4d per hour. The current rates at home were 3d per hour, 8d per barrel and arles.

Gigantic rhubarb – Displayed in the shop window of M.B.Cruickshank, Berryhillock is a stalk of rhubarb taken from the garden of Lorimer, Shoemaker, Kirkton, Deskford. This one stalk weighs 3lbs 3 oz and measures 2'6" in length with an average girth of 8 ½ inches.

A motor car was used in the advert for Elleman's Universal Embrocation, used for all aches and pains. Said to banish quickly such as Lumbago, Sciatica Rheumatism et, etc – implied like the speed of a moving car.

A poem is found on page 6 column 2 – The Golfing Craze by Strathlene.

A meeting was to be called to which all those interested in setting up a Saturday Cricket Club were invited.

The Gordon, Richmond Estate, Fochabers were inviting contractors to tender for various contracts. Among those was for the erection of a wooden house at Fochabers (Swiss Cottage?)

A displesh sale was advertised of the effects belonging to the late Thomas Ingram, Carter, 23 Land Street.

Robertson, Chemist, who moved from Portknockie to take over the chemist's business on Main Street, was advertising artificial teeth. Guaranteed painless extractions were free when sets of teeth were bought. He carried out extractions on different days at Buckie, Findochty and Portknockie. (Mr Robertson was the man who had the big house, Struan, built on Cluny Square. In 1999 this was an Abbeyfield home.

Tee name Bruce 'Bobs'

Jly 5 The fine being awarded for riding a bicycle without lights was 2/6 but with an additional 5/- expenses on top.

Jly 12 **Opening announcement** - J.D. Innes, Wood Carver and Designer, was starting up in business at 83 Portessie.

A Buckie man bought a former trading steamer, Duchess, and had it converted into a drifter with a capstan being fitted.

Mr John Hepburn had his plans for a cowshed at Elsley Place passed by the town council.

Jly 19 An advert spoke of a dance that was to take place at Drybridge Picnic grounds on Saturday 21 July commencing at 3pm. There was also to be a shooting match, and a grand tug of war between married and single men.

Garmouth and District were to hold their ninth annual Highland Games

L.T.McGarth was advertising a new bicycle – The Raglan Universal for £5 cash

The boats returned from Shetland this week.

Jly 26 400 stones of hay, in tramcoles, were for sale at the farm of Hilton.

Miller's Motor and Cycle Works 2 Cluny Square (the building is now occupied by the Clydesdale Bank) was advertising the Singer Royal bicycle for sale at £7 cash.

Apart from Millers the following were still advertising the sale of bicycles – H.W.Gunn, George Webster, L.T.McGarth and John Esson, Main Street who did a big trade with country people and who was also a draper or cycling outfitter.

Dick Bequest passes at Enzie Public School were – Annie Gordon, 3rd Maths, 2nd Latin; Bella Gordon, 3rd Maths, 3rd Latin; Bella Gray, 2nd French; Mary Jane Grant, 2nd Maths. Maggie Kelman, 2nd French, 2nd Maths, 2nd Latin; Maggie Laing, 3rd Maths, 3rd Latin; Alex McPherson, 2nd Maths, Robert Shand, 2nd Latin; John Smith, 2nd French, 2nd Maths; Jeannie Stewart, 3rd Maths 3rd Latin.

The Enzie school closed on Friday for 8 weeks of summer holidays.

A long report on **Peter Fair occupying** a whole column on page 6.

- Aug 9 The Ironmonger and Stoneware business ran by Mrs Campbell on Cluny Terrace was to close as she was retiring. The property was later also up for sale.

Buckie Good Templars were to hold a Grand Bazaar in the Fishermen's Hall in aid of the building fund for the new institute.

On page 6 can be found an account of the reminiscences of a ninety-year-old Buckie woman. In it the changes that she saw having taken place are outlined.

- Aug 16 The opening ceremony of the Buckie Good Templars *institute on West Church Street* was to take place on Friday 31 August.

A boating tragedy at Buckie claimed the lives of five cousins. Three males and two females. The men were brothers, Bruce, sons of Bruce, Carter, Braeheads, Portessie. The girls were on holiday from Glasgow. There was one survivor, George Fordyce. A full report of the tragedy is given and of the rescue attempts.

An article titled – Buckie An Appreciation and Anticipation is given on page 6 column 2

Sea serpent was reported to live in Loch Broom according to one report measuring 200 feet in length. It is supposed to live in the deep caverns and unfathomed caves among the summer Isles. Another party was attacked by the same animal that raced in on their boat and was only scared away when a shot from a rifle was fired at it. They said that it measured 60-80 feet long with a dorsal fin measuring 5 feet in length and 4 foot wide at the base.

- Aug 23 A sale of growing on the lotted lands, near to the Old Hall, belonging to the late Thomas Ingram, Carter, Land Street, was advertised. 1 ½ acre of oats; 1 ½ acre of barley; 1 acre of tatties, 100 early cabbages and 400 late cabbages.

Wm. Hendry, House Carpenter was advertising that he had taken over the business of his late brother James and was to continue with cabinet making and upholstery. He had engage a skilled man for this purpose. 28 Baron Street. Telephone number 3x4

Buckie Thistle Football Club held a meeting when a committee was elected. The following players had been signed for the season – Davidson, A.Robertson, Lowden, Robertson, G.Reid (cpt.), Duncan, Jack, Shearer, Clark, P.Cormack, Pringle, Reid, G.Innes, J.Duncan, Reid, Stewart, Wilson, Bain, Black, McKenzie, T.Robertson, Thomson.

- Aug 30 Team to play Elgin City to be – W.Imlah. A.Robertson, A.Davidson, G.Clark, G.Reid, A.Duncan, Thomson, T.Robertson, G.McKenzie, Black, Meredith.

Local players to meet at the new training rooms in the Good Templar Institute, West Church Street at 3.45pm. Enter by side door.

Passes in the Leaving Certificate at Enzie Public School were – Isabella Gordon – Lower Maths. Annie Gordon – Lower Maths; Margaret Laing – Lower Maths; Jeannie Stewart, Portgordon, – Lower Maths and English; Janet Gordon – Lower English; Isabella Hay – Lower Latin and Higher French.

Written articles on Provosts and Town Clerks of Cullen found on page 7 Column 1 and part of column 2.

- Sept 6 Advert – Now Open in the Volunteer Hall, the 6 ½d Great American Bazaar Company from New York with a large assortment of China, Glass, Earthenware, Tin, Enamel and Fancy Goods, also a large selection of tools, cutlery and jewellery

The D.E. Boot and Shoe shop 10 West Church Street were advertising girls' strong boots with sprigs for back to school at four different prices; girls' strong lacing boots at 2 prices and girls' button boots at 2 prices.

Boys' strong boots with tackets and sprigs; light boots with tackets and sprigs; strong boots with tackets; strong boots with tackets – lorne.

The Banffshire Advertiser this week reported that on Sunday 2 August 1906 the temperature in Buckie was 115 degrees in the sun and 85 degrees in the shade. There was not a breath of wind and it was stifling. At the same time the temperatures in London on Friday were 129 degrees in the sun and 92 degrees in the shade.

Page 6 gave a full report on the opening of the Good Templar Institute.

- Sep 13 Buckie Thistle were still playing their games in the Cluny or Public Park with admission for adults 3d, boys 1d and ladies free.

George Sutherland, Boot and Shoe Warehouse 21 West Church Street was advertising his business hours as – Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm; Wednesday 8am till 2pm and Saturday 8am till 10pm.

On Saturday the Cluny Harbour was filled with boats and drifters home from the herring fishing. A large detachment of Highlandmen left for their homes on the 7.56am train. They filled every odd corner in a specially heavy train from Aberdeen on account of the holiday there.

The SS James Crombie was unable to get into the harbour and discharged her cargo on the north pier extension.

Portgordon drifters averaged £1,000 with sailboats between £200 and £400.

Plans were forward for the construction of a back kitchen at 129 Main Street, Buckpool.

- Sep 20 **Tee names – Smith 'Laird' Ianstown Smith 'Gauger' also Ianstown**

A cabbage weighing 26 lbs. 6 ½ ops was grown in the garden of Captain Malcolm West Church Street.

Buckie Thistle beat Keith Strathisla by 4 goals to 2 and Huntly United by 9 goals to 1.

- Sept 27 Advert – P. I. & Co Great Western Road Coal and Carting Agents. Agents also for Hossacks aerated waters.

A 14-ton boiler for the new drifter Parvain arrived by rail from Glasgow. Now lying on the wooden jetty.

- Oct 4 John Esson, Draper and Cyclist Outfitter was fined 5/- with 7/6 expenses for having no lights on his bicycle.

Lewis Milne, Mains of Findochty was the new tenant farmer of Rannes

Enzie Public School opened on Tuesday after the long summer recess. Extensive alterations had taken place during the holidays.

Tee name Alex Murray 'Deadle' former a resident in the Seatown sailed for the States.

A good article on Cullen House is to be found on page 6 columns 1, 2 and 3. This was copied from the magazine Country Life.

- Oct 11 the street lights were lit for the first time for this autumn on Friday.

A start was made this week on the construction of the new golf course at Spey Bay. Ben Sawyers went over the ground on Saturday and marked off the greens etc.

The new course led to the feuing of sites first for a hotel near to the first tee and sites for two villas. Application had also been made for two other sites. A site for a new villa at the west end of Portgordon has also been spoken for.

Oct 18 A. Rose Smith who only quite recently bought over the business of Wm. Spencer, Engineering Works and Steam Sawmillers (originally owned by Cowie and Sons and Co) signed the Trust Deed

Oct 25 John Calder, Boot and Shoemaker was to open a branch shop at 116 Portessie in premises long occupied by Mrs Masson

A major storm that affected many parts, including Buckie, did considerable amount of damage.

The successful contractor for the new Buckie Water Scheme at Rochomie was George Pirie and Sons, Aberdeen. Their price was £11,620 exclusive of engineer's fees with the contract to be finished within 14 months.

The work entailed the creation of a dam wall across the valley and reservoir at Rochomie. A new 6" pipe and other pipes of 8" and 15" in diameter to be laid from Cluny Square to the reservoir. 10,000 tons of clay puddle was to be imported from Tochineal. The embankment across the ravine to be 56 feet high above the outlet pipe. The width of the embankment to be 10' at the top and 290' at the bottom. Landscaping around the reservoir to form part of the contract. Before work could commence a number of trees in the ravine had to be felled and removed.

Nov 1 The Banffshire Journal had a report on the new dam judged to be the largest yet made in Banffshire.

A note read – "Only an all wise Providence knows why Great Britain has hitherto despised the metric system. It is simplicity itself. This was written in 1906. It took a long time for the penny to drop. It was not until 1971 before decimal coinage was introduced while using the measurement system had to wait a further year or two.

Buckie Thistle beat Turriff by four goals to two in the Aberdeen County Cup. The team was Davidson, Robertson and Lowden; Clark, Reid and Duncan; Milne, Thomson, McKenzie, Black and Cormack.

Nov 8 The death took place of W.G.Bryson, Strathlene House at the age of 89.

Mr Bryson, as factor with Seafield Estates, was responsible for the construction of the main drain through the farmlands of Rannas, Woodside and the Home Farm at a cost of £10,000

Lady Seafield gave him the estate of Strathlene and a handsome honorarium. When the Portessie fishermen were keen to have a harbour built he gave them the Muckle Sands and £100 towards the project. He was not opposed to the construction of a harbour at Craigenroan, see as being a good site for such, but considered it was beyond both Portessie and Buckie to build harbours without help.

Tee name Stewart 'Will'

Nov 15 the Natalla carrying a cargo of scrap iron had a narrow escape when attempting to enter Sunderland harbour with high seas running. It almost sank on a number of occasions and only good seamanship saved both the ship and crew from being lost.

Nov 22 **Opening announcement** – Ralph Kynoch, licensed auctioneers and commission agent advised that he was opening for business at the Fish Mart buildings.

The county of Banff had 4 people registered as illiterate at the recent election. At the same time the number in Elgin and Nairn was 11 with Inverness 367.

Albert Truelove, Hairdresser, 4 High Street, who also sold and repaired umbrellas was now advertising gramophones for sale.

Nov 29 the Wesleyan Methodist Church was to hold a three-day Bazaar in aid of the new building fund.

The Good Templars were also to hold a Bazaar to raise money for the Building Fund.

George Smith, Junior, Boatbuilder opened another yard to the west of his father's yard on Main Street, Buckpool. This measured 140 feet by 100 feet with enough room for three drifters to be

built simultaneously. He was not sure that he would continue with the yard he recently opened near to the Rocket Appliance. This would depend on orders. At present he had a drifter nearing completion there and booked up for the next 12 months.

Dec 6 In answer to a question it was said that in season 1898-99 Buckie Thistle scored 90 goals with only 29 being scored against. They played 22 matches, won 15, lost 5 and drew 2. They beat Lossiemouth by 12 goals to nil at Buckie on 4 March 1899.

Dec 13 Advert – H. McBain, House Furnisher, 33 West Church Street.

Mr Peter Smith left for Chilli (sic) where he had got a government post as a fishery instructor.

Evangelistic meetings were continuing in Buckie with daily services taking place in the Mission Hall, Portessie and the Gospel Hall on West Church Street, Buckie.

A poem is to be found on page 6 column 3 titled 'Santa Claus' by Nomad.

Settlers were wanted for New Zealand – Find an ideal home – reduced rates for the following - Farmers, agricultural labourers, shepherds, woodcutters and men able to milk cows and manage livestock. They must be able to take £25 with them.

Also required - Domestic (women) servants who were granted free passage but had to be able to provide no less than £2.

Dec 20 The former Engineering and Steam Sawmilling business belonging to Mr Rose Smith was up for sale.

The Enzie Parish Church held a Sale of Work in Portgordon and raised the sum of £40.

When the town council met following the recent municipal election councillor Archibald was elected provost.

The B.A. carried a picture of the newly constructed Methodist Church on page 7. The church was estimated to have cost £1,250 to build with £400 going towards meeting this bill being raised from the bazaar that was held the previous week.

Dec 27 There were reasons for believing that a Recreation Club would be started in the near future in the Enzie.

Mrs Reid, Oran House, opened a new Sunday School attached to the Wesleyan Church, in Portgordon, on Sunday.