

1908

Jan 2 The following firms had adverts in the Banffshire Advertiser on this date – and as named below –
Shearer – Clothier & Tailor, Town and Country Buildings, East Church Street.
R.Tindall & Sons Ltd. Ironmongers, China, Glassware etc, Cluny Harbour and 1 High Street.
L. T. McGarth, Ironmonger, Cluny Square.
Millers, Motor and Cycle Works, Cluny Square, Phonographs, Gramophones, Pathe Disc
Machines and Records.
Donald Grant, Family Grocer, 57 West Church Street.
Gibson, Chemist, West Church Street.
Nicol Bros. High Street, new Showroom now open. Exhibition of J. Marr Wood Co. Ltd (makers
to the King) Pianos and Organs at prices to suit all purchasers. Admission free.
H.A. McBain, 33 West Church Street, House Furnisher.
William Hendry, Cabinet Maker, Baron Street.
Alexander Gray, Corn Mills, Buckie, Oatmeal, flour etc, etc.
H.W. Gunn, Cycle Agent and Florist, 17 West Church Street.
George Paterson, 27 East Church Street, Watchmaker and Jeweller.
Thomson & Murray & Co. Fish Salesmen and Licensed Auctioneers.
George Webster, 26 East Church Street, Artists materials.
Dundee Equitable, 10 West Church Street, Boots and Shoes.
John Sandison, Draper and Hosier, East Church Street.
G.A. Edward, Cartwright and General Carpenter, 17 High Street.
P. Geddes & Sons, Tailor and Clothiers, Bridge Place.
Advertiser Office, West Church Street, Wedding Invitations, Wrapping Paper etc.
George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street, Boots and Shoes.
James Mackay, 5 and 26 East Church Street also 13 Duff Street, Macduff. General Draper.
The Little Wonder, 34 East Church Street, Furs, Muffs, Umbrellas, Bedding, Quilts etc.
Ralph Kynoch, Licensed Auctioneer and Commission Agent.
Calder & Smith, Tailors and Clothiers, Seaview Place.
Edward Hillocks, 8 Cluny Terrace, Furnishing Draper.
Monuments, George Scott, Sculptor, Baron Street.
George Webster, 26 East Church Street, Term Sale, Cycles to clear at 20/- upwards.
R. Gillan, Baron Street, Grocery Wine and Spirit Store.
J. P. Smith, (Lossiemouth), Tailor and Clothier, 1 Cluny Terrace, Successors to the late Mr Birnie.
Mitchell's Grocery Store, Bridge Place.
Wm. Wright & Co. West Church Street. Grocers and Florists.
Mrs Bruce, 36 East Church Street, Christmas Bazaar, China and glass, Mechanical and other toys.
Alexander Dallas, 68 West Church Street, China and Groceries.
R. Johnston, House Painter and Decorator, Bridgend.
James Innes, Master Mariner and Compass Adjuster.
Charles Bonnyman, Draper and Outfitter, 76 Station Road, Portgordon.
Leith Esson, Draper etc, 16 High Street,

Melrose's Tea – local agent – R.W. Watson, Globe Supply Stores.
Dales Dubbin.
Epps Cocoa.
H. Samuel, Watchmaker, Manchester.
Curr's Coffee Essence.
Crawford's Abernethy Biscuits.
Cooper & co. Teas, local agent Wm. Wright & Co. West Church Street.

The newly elected RWM of Lodge Gordon's Freemasons was J.L. McNaughton. H.Stagg was the
IPM.

A pedlar who had travelled on the train from Buckie to Elgin without paying his fare and then
went to America saw the law eventually catch up with him on his return. He had to count himself
very fortunate when compared to others who had been charged with the same offence a number of
years before when the sentence then had been enormous. He only had to pay a 10/- fine with a
further 10/- expenses.

The new parish minister, Rev. John Greenlaw, was a native of Aberdeen. He had spent the previous five years in Orkney, being first at Lerwick before moving to Holm.

Miss McKilligan was appointed as an assistant at Buckie Higher Grade School, at a salary of £75 per annum.

A poem is to be found on page 8 column 6 with the title – ‘Beautiful Home by the Sea’ by W. G. Mair, Portknockie.

The Banffshire Advertiser calendar for 1908 showed a picture taken from the brae leading to Craigbo looking across Blantyre Terrace towards the harbour and on towards Buckie.

The editor did not do as he had done on former years give a general run-down on activities during the past year in the first paper of the New Year. In the local news column he did give a list of all the building plans that had been passed, including new houses being built and extensions to shops, stores, Kirk and offices. A report on the shipbuilding industry was given the next week.

Jan 9 “There are indubitable signs that there is a slackening off in the drifter fever. Despite this the local yards are still busy building drifters and other boats while elsewhere drifters are being built on spec as adverts in the newspapers show.

W.R. McIntosh, built 5 drifters during the past year with another just completed an other on the stocks with a further order. George Thomson launched four drifters with another on hand also another order. George Smith, Senior, also launched 4 drifters with two on order. His son also launched four drifters but has no further order at this time. In Portgordon, William Geddes built no less than 12 drifters during 1907, one a month, with five further orders.

George Innes & Sons, Portknockie, launched three drifters with another almost ready to take to the sea.”

Jan 16 Estimates were invited for the construction of a house at the corner of Queen Street and West Church Street. (This was to be a manse for the assistant minister of the Free Church. Later it was occupied for a short spell by Buckie Town Council who intended to make it the Townhouse but the church authorities would not release it. For a long time it was used as offices by a number of different organisations, including Receiver of Wrecks and Driving Tests. It came into the hands of Moray District Council and their successors The Moray Council who sold it off in 1998/99. The new owner of the property was then a Mr Mowatt, a local man involved with architectural work, who following on extensive internal alterations, moved his operations there.)

A Trades’ Ball was held in the St Andrew’s Hall. Mr Peter Cormack was M.C. Songs were sung by Helen A. Johnston, and J. Stewart. **One of the dances was the new ‘Merry Chain’.**

Music was supplied by Mr Morrison’s Band from Portgordon.

Refreshments and provisions were supplied by Mitchell & Robertson and laid out at the end of the hall and in an ante room.

Sixteen children were killed with a further 32 seriously injured in a stampede in a cinema at Barnsley – many being crushed and suffocated. Twenty four years before 186 children lost their lives in similar circumstances at Sunderland.

In Paris on Monday of this week, 13 January 1908, for the first time ever man rose from the earth in a heavier than air machine and at a distance of 25 feet above the ground flew in a circle in the air at an average speed of 34 mph for a distance of 1630 yards before returning to the exact spot where he had taken off. With this feat he won a prize of £2,000.

Among the agents for Cooper’s Teas was Mr Alex Paterson, Merchant and Shoemaker, Cowfurich.

The property of 31 and 33 Wilson’s Land that had previously belonged to A.B. Hendry was sold to Alex Stewart, fisherman, 23 Wilson’s Land.

A chemist’s shop was to be opened by Mrs Innes at 19 West Church Street in property belonging to Mr H. W. Gunn, Cycle Agent and Florist. The shop was said to have double windows and fitted out with counters and cupboards in mahogany with glass fronts.

A man Mr James Phimister, died in Buckie this week aged 93. He was born at Farnachty in 1815, leaving there at the age of 12 to go to Rumbling Wells, Aultmore, where he took in land from the moor, built a house and lived rent free for two leases. He remained there all his life, thereafter, until he retired and came to Buckie 16 years before, taking up residence at 31 Land Street.

He was known to have attended Rathven Market for 83 years without a break. In his early years he went south to the harvesting along with bands of other workers from the north. He was also engaged in the slate quarries at Slateheugh. The deceased was unmarried. He was renowned for his good memory and could give a good report on the changes that had taken place in farming in his lifetime right back to when he ploughed his land with a wooden plough.

The farm of Connage was let at an increased rent to Mr George McConnachie, whose father was tenant of Ardoch, Deskford.

Lodge Gordon's Freemasons held their annual ball in their hall on Friday of the previous week. Mr W.Flann was M.C. Purveying was done by D.L.Fowler, Bakers, Buckie. Forty couples attended the function.

Opening announcement – Mrs Innes MPS, Chemist and Druggist, had an advert in the paper stating how she was to open for business at 19 West Church Street.

Jan 30 L.T.McGarth's advert spoke of a variety of musical instruments for sale also accessories for winter games – football, hockey, fencing sticks, roller skates, spring excises with chart, grips and dumb bells.

In Findochty, 32 new street oil lamps had been fitted up by Mr Beveridge, plumber, Cullen. They were lit for the first time on Saturday evening.

The Literary Society held a Burn's Night when the Immortal Memory was given by Provost Archibald who also presided.

In the musical part of the evening, J. D. Emslie gave a piano selection, titled 'A Nicht Wi' Burns'. Scotch Songs were sung by Misses Wiseman, McLaren and Mr Forsyth. Violin solos were given by Charles Hornby, the poem, 'To A Mouse' was recited by John Symon, the song, 'O' A' the Airts' was sung by Nellie Davidson while A.Imlach gave a reading.

Portessie Harbour Committee and Banff County Council both intended to raise opposing petitions against Buckie Town Council acquiring Cluny Harbour.

A concert was held in Enzie Public School to raise funds for the annual picnic and games.

John Green's (Draper) annual sale took up one and a half pages of the Banffshire Advertiser this week.. All kinds of items were listed giving both the normal retail price and the sale price.

Feb 6 Buckie Catholic Association (Drama Group) were to put on a production of the 'The Silver King'.

L.T.McGarth who was both an Ironmonger and Emigration Agent was telling how emigration rates were being reduced for the period up until 31 March. One could cross the Atlantic by second class cabin for £6 or by Steerage at £4. The fare was the same to the U.S.A. but a ticket to South Africa cost from £10.10 upwards. Assisted passages were available for farmworkers required in Australia who only had to find £6 towards their fare. Farm workers and domestic servants were required also in New Zealand but they had to pay £10 towards the cost of the fare.

L.T.McGarth had various things to kit out intending emigrants such as cabin trunks, saratoga trunks and Gladstone bags.

Twenty couples attended a dance that took place on the farm of Whitefield, Drybridge, by kind permission of the farmer, Mr McGregor. The dance began at 8.30pm and carried on until 3.30am. Music was supplied by Wm. McIvor and J.Milne. Mr Jameison was M.C. Refreshments were supplied by the committee.

Feb 13 **The contractors for the new villa to be built at the junction of Queen Street and West Church Street for Rev. Dr. Miller, were – Mason – J.Dawson; Carpenter, W.Geddes & Sons; Slater, John Barclay and Son; Plumber, John Barclay and Son; Plasterer, Wm. Smith, Portgordon.**

The Volunteer Force was to cease to exist as such after 31 March and was to be renamed the Territorial Force. Recruits would then have to sign on for four years not one as at present. (This was to prove different once the change had been made)

Joseph Hume was found guilty of the murder of ? Smith at Lhanbryd and was due to be hanged at Inverness on March 5.

The stable on Cluny Lane belonging to Dr Duguid was to be converted into a dwelling house. (Mr 'Mackie' McIntosh lived there for a long time right up until 1999 and probably much longer)

Feb 20 The following businesses (shops) agreed to shut their premises at 7pm from March 2 until November 30, omitting the month of September, Saturdays and term days.

Drapers and Clothiers

John Allan	Robert Grant	Calder and Smith	Alexander Esson
Edward Hillocks	T. M. Jack	J.Leith Esson	James Mackay
P.Geddes & Sons	John Sandison	John Green	T. D. Yule
J. P. Smith	Charles Innes Shearer		

Grocers and Ironmongers

Robert Annand	Peter McLaren	John Dawson	George Hendry
R. Reid & Son	Alexander Dallas	Robert Watson	R.Tindall & Sons

Boot and Shoe Merchants

John Calder	William McDonald	A. Cuthbert & Son	John Simpson
Dundee Equitable	George Sutherland		

Fleshers

George McKenzie	Allan McKenzie	James Mair Jun.	A.Birnie
Dickson Bros.			

Stationers

W.F. Johnston & Sons.

A poem is found on page 5 column 4 "The Portgordon Ball" (This was a Leap Year Dance with limited admission that didn't suit everybody, including the writer it seemed)

Feb 27 The death took place of Alex Lyon, Retired Ironmonger, 3 Cluny Square. He once owned the corner block now occupied by R.Tindall Scott & Sons at 1 High Street.

Opening announcement - James Scott was to add a retail department to his fish-selling business in premises next to the Fish Mart Building on Commercial Road. Telephone number - 13 y1.

Miller - Motors and Cycles was advertising 30 different models of cycles to choose from at Cluny Square and Cluny Lane.

Note - An enjoyable Leap Year dance was held in Mr Geddes's Hall, Portgordon, with an attendance of 30 couples. With music supplied by Mr Morrison the dance began at 8.30pm and continued through until 3.30am. A Corbett was M.C. (We were to hear more of this man.)

A concert took place at Shielburn in aid road improvements. A play was presented by the schoolchildren under the leadership of headmistress, Mrs Badenoch. There were a number of guest singers and a piper played a selection of tunes. L.T.McGarth gave an exhibition of fireworks in the playground. An enjoyable dance followed.

Trawlers operating in the Moray Firth were causing problems and outrage.

A poem is found on page 5 column 3 'Cullen Leap Year Dance' by O Tempora O Mores

Mar 5 Two bursaries of £4.4 (four guineas) under the Arradoul Bursaries Scheme and tenable for two years were available to scholars now attending public and state-aided schools within the parish who complete this year the attendance required for the leaving certificate. Those wishing to apply were asked to contact Mr John Simpson, Interim Clerk.

The schooner, Natalla, owned by Messrs McWilliam and Sons, Coal Merchants, Buckie, under the command of Captain Nichol, Portgordon, had a bad experience while enroute from Sunderland to Buckie with a cargo of coal. She was lucky to survive. Not long before the same ship had an equally exciting experience when trying to enter the harbour of Sunderland.

The death took place of Sir Robert Glendonwy, Gordon of Letterfourie. The report on his death told of his lineage, something that was disputed and corrected in a number of letters thereafter.

We were told how the House of Letterfourie had been burned down by the Covenanters, Gordon being a staunch Roman Catholic.

A poem is found on page 6 column 2 'Caledonia, My Home' by W.G. M. Portknockie.

Mar 12 Edward Hillocks Furnishing Draper still had two shops, one at 8 Cluny Terrace and the other at 20 Main Street.

Robert Gillan, Grocer etc, Baron Street in his advert spoke of the price of butter being so high he would like to recommend margarine.

The following tenants were present at the funeral of Sir R.G. Gordon, Letterfourie to St Peter's Church, Buckie, where he was buried.

McGregor, Whitefield, Weir, Greenbank, Sim, Maryhill, Jameison, Newton, J.Milne, Redburn, Ross, Williamson, Kelman, Puttingbrae, Kessack, Greenraig, Robertson, Hillhead, M. McIvor, Hillfolds, R.McIvor, Home Farm, Wilson, Walkerdale, Thain, Inkerman, J.Forsyth, Shielburn, A.Forsyth, Whitefield Croft.

A note in the paper read - W.F. Johnston have introduced a linotype machine - this copy of the Banffshire Advertiser is the first one to be printed on it with the print much clearer and sharper.

A poem is found on page 7 column 6 'The Heyday of Spring' by W.G. Mair. Portknockie.

A letter to the B.A. written on page 7, column 2 gave a correction to the ancestry of the laird of Letterfourie. The Gordons of Letterfourie were descended from Hon. James Gordon, fourth and youngest son of George, Earl of Huntly by his first wife, Princess Jane, daughter of King James 1. This Honorable James Gordon was Admiral of the Flett of Scotland from 1513 to 1573 and first laird of Letterfourie from whom the deceased baronet was lineally descended.

Mar 19 The new lifeboat, Maria Stephenson, was to be launched on Wednesday 25 March (1908)

The B.A. had another letter on the ancestry of Sir Robert G.Gordon of Letterfourie found on page 5 column 4.

A poem is to be found on page 5 column 4 'Old 'Guineas' by Invercullen

George Webster, Cluny Cycle & Motor Works, 18 High Street, Phone number 2y1

Mar 26 **Carpenters were invited to tender for the construction of a gate at the entrance to Victoria Park on West Church Street.**

Advert - P.I.Smith, Buckpool, Buckie, Grocers, Coal and Hay Merchants, Carters and Hirers.

L.T. McGarth (established 1890) Buckie Cycle Depot.

A cheap railway excursion to Glasgow was being advertised with the return ticket costing 6/-. Corridor carriages to be supplied for all passengers. Train to leave Buckie at 1235am, arriving at Buchanan Street Station at 7.5am.

The Territorial Forces new titles were
Yeomanry - Lovat Scouts etc
Royal Garrison Artillery
Royal Engineers
Infantry - Gordon Highlanders 6 battalions - Aberdeen and Banffshire

The draper and outfitters - Little Wonder was now being carried on by W. & J. Jack.

The property, Westlea, on West Church Street formerly the home of the late John Simpson, agent of the Town and Country Bank was sold to Robert Grant, Draper, Baron Street.

A poem is found on page 5 column 3 'The Gourmande's Dream' by John Dryde.

Yet another letter written regarding the lineage of Sir Robert G.Gordon is to be found on page 5 column 4.

The previous week a letter was received by the B.A. from a fisherman from either Portessie or Ianstown supporting Buckie Town Council in their purchase of Cluny Harbour, this week a second letter, written in answer gave an opposing view.

Ap 2 A number of local witnesses left Buckie on Monday for Edinburgh to attend the harbour purchase inquiry due to commence on Tuesday. There were representatives from both Buckie and Portessie giving their side of the argument.

Banffshire had to produce 22 officers and 745 other ranks for the new Territorial Battalion . 35 men enlisted on Wednesday evening for one year and one other for 4 years.

The Harbour Inquiry in Edinburgh is given on pages 5, 7 and eight

Ap 9 J. P. Smith , Tailor etc, who came from Lossiemouth to take over the business on Cluny Terrace formerly carried on by the late Mr Birnie had two adverts on the front page.

A poem is found on page 2, column 5 ' In The Gloaming Hour' by W.G.M. Portknochie.

The Edinburgh Harbour Inquiry takes up the whole of page 6 and part of page 7.

The following were all advertising bicycles for sale - Webster, Miller, Gunn and McGarth.

A child of three years of age was drowned in Buckpool Harbour. He was Robert Dougal Lyon, son of Frances Lyon, Labourer, 6A Bridgend . The bairn fell off the east quay into the water.

The new premier was the Right Hon. H.H. Asquith MP. A photo and report is given on page 6.

A poem is found on page 6 column 3 ' Dame Gossip' by Auld Nick - Invercullen

the town council passed plans for a garage at 18 High Street for George Webster, Cycle Agent, 26 east Church Street. Also a dwelling house on Gordon Street for Alex Edwards and a villa on Cliff Terrace for Alex Smith, Portessie.

There were lively scenes at the first town council meeting following the Edinburgh Inquiry.

Ap 23 Estimates were invited for the construction of two semi-detached villas on Cliff Terrace for Murray and Cowie, Fish Salesmen.

Shares in Buckie Gas Light Co. Ltd were being offered.

Messrs McIntosh, Shipbuilders, Portessie, were advertising that they were to start a barking department with orders solicited.

A meeting took place in the Wesleyan Hall, Portgordon, to consider improvements and extension to the harbour. Mr David Reid presided.

For good or for ill, as it was said, Buckie was to enter into possession of Cluny Harbour as of May 1909.

Some more 'T' names - Cowie 'Dodie; Murray, 'Souter'; Reid, 'Mosh'; Cowie, 'Coup'; Cormack, 'Strathy'; Cowie, 'Dougal'; Cowie, 'Upple'; Cowie, 'Dod'; Murray, 'Drainie'; Reach, 'John'; Cowie, 'Rosie'.

Ap 30 The death took place of Mrs Murray, wife of a carpenter, 3 Duncan's Lane, Buckpool. (A lane that connected Main Street with the St Helena Brae, west of the Star Bar)

A poem is found on page 5 column 2 'Look Beyond' by W.G.M. Portknockie.

The heir to the estate of Letterfourie, William Shee died at the age of 28. He was succeeded by his brother.

At a meeting in the Fishermen's Hall an extension scheme for Cluny Harbour was decided with the resolution taken to raise funds to pay for the project.

A poem is to be found on page 7 column 2 'The Perils of the 'Grate' ' by Mephisto, Cullen

The owner/occupier of Alney Villa was P.Murray.

A dispenish sale was to take place at Whitestripe, Drybridge of sale items belonging to the outgoing tenants, A. & J. Newlands. They had three horses for sale also a gig and harness. Alex Bennett was going out of Hillpark he had two horses for sale. Two horses were also for sale at Muirton of Letterfourie where yet another dispenish sale was to take place. They all had reapers but only Whitestripe had metal rollers the rest all had rollers of stone.

A complaint was raised about foxes worrying lambs in Banffshire. At Auchroisk, Mulben 8 lambs were known to have gone missing. Foxes had frequently been heard and seen. Some thought that a rogue dog might have been responsible but after this was shot there was no indication that it had been eating lambs.

Miller moved to 5 Cluny Square into a shop previously occupied by Alex Esson, Tailor who was to move into the shop vacated by Miller. Miller was advertising a big sale of bikes at reduced prices, also 3 motor cycles and a motor car.

Though the B.A. said the streets in Portessie had been named some time before it now gave a list of the names together with the position of each.

The first anniversary social meeting of the Baptist Church congregation took place the previous Thursday in the Good Templar's Hall, when Rev. W.Gibson, the pastor, presided.

The first skyscraper to be built in England was planned with recent improvements in lift design. This was to reach to 300 feet above street level.

May 14 D. G. McGregor intimated that during the time that alterations were to take place to the Virginia Buildings on High Street they would be carrying on business in the shop next to L.T.McGarth on the north east quadrant of Cluny Square.

George Webster, Cycle Agent, 26 East Church Street, was advertising the fact that he was to move to his new premises at 18 High Street at the May term and was holding an extensive removal sale before this time.

May 21 Edward Scott, Tailor and Clothier, Portgordon was advertising that he was to move to 10 High Street, opposite to the Harbour Bar.

Opening announcement - Robert R. George, was advertising that he was to commence in business as an Ironmonger, in the premises presently occupied by George Webster, at 26 east Church Street, where he would be selling house furnishings, and builders' ironmongery.

George Sutherland, boot warehouse, 21 West Church Street, was advertising special lines for term trade - Ladies boots and shoes in prices ranging from 4/9 to 8/6 with gents boots and shoes from 7/9 to 11/9.

Changes at the May term - Stewart, Drodlland, Glen of Newmill was to move to Whitestripe on the Cairnfield estate; W. Robertson was to move into Hillpark. McConnachie from Deskford was to move into Connage on the Seafield estate.

The Cullen feeing market did not last long on Friday with the attendance of master and servants being poor. The young men present received rather higher wages and the demand for them appeared to be keen.

Enzie Public School H.M. Inspector's annual report read - "In the infant room good work is done, especially in Drill and Arithmetic. Reading, Recitation and singing should improve. The Junior Divisions taught with brightness and efficiency. Reading and Recitation are improving very satisfactorily and general intelligence is good. Some written composition should be done.

At the top of the school the high standard of former years is maintained. An effort should be made to secure greater regularity of attendance .

Grant earned - £203.19.6. Aid grant Sec II D(3) 330.

May 28 Offers wanted for the grass in Victoria Park amounting to about 4 acres. Offers should be forwarded to John Charles, Jun. Cluny Square.

Estimates invited for the building of new latrines at Findochty Schools for Rathven School Board.

L. T. McGarth was appointed local agent for the Cunard Line. The shipping company had two liners sailing steady between Liverpool and New York, the Lusitania and Mauritania .

The Duke of Gordon was proceeding with the work of improving the Portgordon Harbour. The Hopeman dredger was going daily to sea carrying 100 tons of silt from the inner harbour while stones were being carted away at low water. "It is understood that offers are being taken for the construction of 100 feet to the east pier which will keep back shingle from entering the harbour".

The improvements to the Virginia Buildings, High Street, owned by John Green, Draper, were to cost £2,000. This was to involve alterations to both front and rear elevations. The whole front was to come down being replaced with a two storey building surmounted by an ornamental tower at one end.

Two modernised window shops and one single window shop will occupy the ground floor and the second floor will be supported on 4 handsome polished freestone pillars.

The contractors for the work - mason - John Dawson; carpenter - Wm. Hendry; plumber - John Barclay & Son; slater - John Barclay; plasterer - R Hume; painter - James Duncan.

On term day (28 May) quite a number of flitting were to be seen. Happily the weather proved ideal for transference of household goods.

Jn 4 **Opening announcement** - Roderick Fraser (Elgin) had acquired the hairdressing establishment of Mr J. Menzies on Cluny Place where he was to open a branch shop.

His charges were as follows -	gents hair fashionably cut -	4d - with machine - 3d
	Singeing	3d
	shaving	2d
	dry shampoo	4d
	ordinary shampoo	3d
	beard trimming	2d

Children carefully attended to

George Webster "Cycle Builder" was advertising his new address at 18 High Street.

The Town Band discoursed a programme of music in the Square on Thursday night.

June 11 Notice read - No Picnic or Games to be held this year in the private grounds of Letterfourie House out of respect to the memory of the late Sir Robert Glendonwyn Gordon

The Enzie Picnic and Games were to take place on Saturday 4th July in a field, near the railway station, kindly given by Mr Stables, farmer, Cuttlebrae As per usual the games to be open to entrants from Rathven, Enzie and Bellie. P.Stewart, secretary.

Robert R.George, Ironmongery Warehouse, 26 east Church Street. "Now in full swing", it read.

Pinder-Ord Circus due in Buckie on Saturday 13 June had this advert - Wanted young man, catch-as-can- wrestler to stand 15 minutes before Tore McDermott, Irish 10 stone champion.

Mr Corbett, Portgordon accepted the challenge at first Buckie, then Fochabers before going to Elgin, being successful on two occasions

A New Deer man asked Buckie Town council if they would lease him about ½ and acre of land to erect a wooden building for making reciprocating rotary turbines for fishing boats. The decision was that they had no suitable ground in the meantime.

Three new drifters arrived at Cluny Harbour after having their engines fitted. The drifter, Enzie', belonging to Portgordon, the Letterfourie, built at Portgordon, had her engines fitted in Glasgow while the Blithesome, built at Speymouth had hers fitted at Yarmouth.

The traders and feuars took the decision to support the proposal to extend the Cluny Harbour and to raise money for the project .

June 18 **The induction of Rev. Charles Mathieson MA as colleague and successor to Rev Alexander Miller DD was to take place in the South United Free Church on Friday at 1.30pm. In the evening a social meeting was to take place with tickets at 1/- each.**

Albert Truelove, Hairdresser, High Street, was to re-open the hairdressing saloon at Low Street, next to the Bowling Green , as a branch shop.

Frederick William Sim, farmer, Maryhill, Drybridge , went broke. He left for Canada where he said he aimed to stay and failed to meet with his creditors at a meeting arranged in Keith.

Around 340 fisher girls drawn from an area from Nairn to Fraserburgh left on the steamer St Clair for Lerwick at midnight on Saturday. Some of the girls had a long wait in wet weather having been in Buckie all day and still a weary voyage ahead of them.

A poem is found on page 6 column 3 called 'Heroes of the Sea' by W.S. (Worth getting a copy)

June 25 Developments were continually taking place to develop the perfect golf ball. The newest one was called 'the orange dot'. This was made by Dunlop rubber Company, Birmingham. The local agent was George Webster.

The Cluny Harbour Bill was read for the third time in the House of Lord and passed.

R.Dougal, Postmaster at Buckie for the previous 8 years was promoted to Grangemouth.

There was a measles epidemic raging along the coast with the school attendance being badly affected.

Jly 2 Local bakers agreed to reduce the price of a 4lb loaf to 6d.

H.W. Gunn 'Great Guns are Booming' 17 West Church Street was advertising that he was to give up his business and go abroad. There was to be a great clearance sale of cycles, accessories, oil paintings and thousands of pot plants.

The annual Drybridge Picnic and Games were to go ahead after all but in a new venue. They were to take place in a field at Hillocks by kind permission of the farmer, Mr G. Stewart. The games, as per usual, to be open to all comers. James McCurrach, secretary.

Robert Young, traction engine proprietor, pleaded guilty to two road offences - a) driving at excessive speed and b) going without having a man on foot in front. He was fined £1 with £1 expenses on 14 days imposed on each case.

The B.A. received a 'bilin' of new tatties, Duke of Yorks, from A. Imlah, High Street. The tatties were planted on 29 April and lifted this week.

Heart of Midlothian football player, Bobby Walker, was to spend a holiday in the area with his friend John Grant at Arradoul.

Mr Corbett, Portgordon, wrestled Tom McDermott in a challenge match for the Irish Cup in front of an audience of 600 in the Pinder-Ord tent at Elgin on Saturday and beat him. He had the Irishman twice on the mat in 7 minutes.

Allan McKenzie, Butcher, 1 Gordon Street, was advertising his beef prices as follows -

Boiling beef	8d per lb;	stewing beef	9d per lb.
Mince	8d per lb;	Sausages	6d per lb.
Roast	9d per lb;	Mutton	8d and 9d per lb
Steak - fillet and rump	1/- per lb.		

Jly 9 A meeting was held in Portknockie to discuss the proposal to construct a recreation park. A large committee was formed.

The Australian Star newspaper of 18 May 1908 carried a story about a Buckie-born artist, George Gordon Wilson who had just completed a picture measuring 6'8" of 'The Crucifixion' showing the suffering figure of Christ on the Cross. It was described as a masterpiece. Mr Wilson was a son of Mr James Wilson, JP and Commissioner of Supply of Wilson's Land, Buckpool, Buckie.

A note spoke of the 1908 being very dry up till that point with vegetation very badly scorched. A feature spoken of was the clear sky that allowed a paper to be read out of doors throughout the whole 24 hours.

The Enzie Picnic and Games were said to be growing in popularity with every passing year. this year there was an attendance of 500. Dancing was again very popular with music being supplied by Mr A. J. Morrison, Portgordon.

The special games for children was much appreciated

The winners of the events were as follows -

Heavy Hammer	- R. Mair	(101'5"),	A. Gordon and C. Morrison
Light Hammer	- R. Mair	(107'6")	C. Morrison and A. Gordon
Heavy Ball	- C. Morrison	(40'8")	A. Gordon and R. Mair.
Light Ball	- C. Morrison	(43'2")	A. Gordon and A. C. Clark
56 lb Weight	- C. Morrison	(24'2")	A. Gordon and R. Mair
28 lb Weight	- C. Morrison	46'8")	A. C. Clark and A. Gordon
High Leap	- A. C. Clark	(4'6")	A. Robertson and R. Mair
Vaulting with Pole	- A. Robertson	(7'8")	A. Corbett and A. C. Clark
Long Leap	- A. C. Clark	(18'4")	A. Robertson and R. Mair
Hop/Step/Leap	- A. Robertson	(39'1")	A. C. Clark and R. Mair
Short Race	- A. C. Clark		R. Mair and A. Robertson
Long Race	- A. C. Clark		R. Mair

Medal for heavy competitions	- C. Morrison
Medal for light competitions	- A. C. Clark
Medal for air gun competition	- Wm. Mitchell, G. Geddes and A. Murdoch.
Dancing competition, Highland Schottische	- 1 st Miss Smith, Baron Street, Buckie
	2 nd Miss Coull, Cathcart Street, Portgordon.

Jly 16 Advert - Robert R. George - Ironmonger - Rubber Garden Hose, Lawn mowers, Garden shears, Weed forks, Brass jelly pans.

Fraser Hairdresser, Cluny Place, opposite Masonic Institute, Buckie
Ladies Hairdressing - Ladies' hair pointed and singed (by arrangement) at home or shop.
Hair switches from 2/10 upwards, all switches made on the premises therefore we can sell them at keenest prices. Compare our prices with others.

Advert - R.Tindall & Sons Ltd, 1 High Street - Great Cheap Sale - 40 piece tea sets from 8/6 upwards. All manner of tools e.g. hand planes- 2/10. Jack planes 3/10, trying planes 4/11.

26 inch (Disston) hand saws - 5/1
22 inch (Disston) panel saws - 4/2
28 inch (Disston) rip saws - 5/9

Advert - L.T.McGarth Sporting Goods
Golf club and ball; Tennis racquets and balls; Cricket bats and balls; Fishing rods and tackle; Air guns, slugs and darts.

Bee Goods - foundation and super comb sections, and section crates; hives and bar frames.

Albert Truelove, Hairdresser, High Street opened his branch shop at Low Street previously occupied by Mr Wilson in the building next to the Bowling Green. It was said to be a most up to date hairdressing salon with separate rooms for men and women

Mr L.T.McGarth was to sail the yacht, Sheila, from Buckie to Inverness and down through the Caledonian Canal to Oban. It had been purchased by an Oban man.

The annual Drybridge Picnic and Games were to take place after all but on a field at Hillocks. It was seen as being a wise decision not to allow the Games to go into abeyance.

Tee name - Findlay 'Hooker', Cullen

Article - Cullen - 'Some Memories and Impressions' by Joseph Dunbar is to be found on page 7 columns 4 and 5.

Jly 23 Allan McKenzie, Butcher, 1 Gordon Street, owned two trotting ponies, 'Dash' and 'Butcher Boy'. He won prizes with both at Stonehaven, Inverurie and Ellon.

The village of Lhanbryd had always been spelt up till then without the letter 'e' at the end was spelt this way in this edition of the B.A.

The recently built hotel at Spey Bay that was built in conjunction with the opening of the golf course was proving to very popular and fully booked for the summer. It was said that there was every likelihood that the planned extension, to double its size, would take place very shortly.

A visit was made to Cluny Harbour by the motor boat, 'Forbeses' owned by J & G Forbes, Boatbuilders, Sandhaven. She was 28' in length with a 4'6" beam. Powered by a Kelvin petrol motor capable of doing from 14 to 16 knots.

Part II of Cullen - 'Some Memories and Impressions' is found on page 6 columns 1 and 2

George Webster, Cluny Cycle and Motor Works, High Street, was advertising for good second hand cycles with high prices being paid.

Peter Fair - Peter Fair took place on Friday of the previous week when all were blessed with splendid weather. There appeared to be a larger crowd with more stalls and tents than the previous year. it was noticeable that a number of merchants from Buckie were present having wakened up to the value of a day's business at Peter Fair.

Early in the day a horse market took place also the traditional feeing market. There was, however, only a small number of servants who were quickly picked up. men were being offered from £5 to £7.7 with women, of which there were very few, £3.10 to £4 and boys, £3 to £3.10.

harvest was expected to begin in about 7 week's time and was predicted to not be as heavy as the previous year.

Good horses were scarce with prices correspondingly high, changing hands at between £60 and £70. Horses of secondary quality made from £10 to £30 with a large supply of inferior animals only making a few pounds. Some highland cattle also appeared at the market.

It was well into the afternoon before the crowd started to gather when a strong southerly breeze tested the fastenings of tents and stands.

The goods of the stalls were much as they had been the previous year but the growing popularity of bananas was evident by the quantities for sale on a number of stalls.

Fortune Telling appeared to be popular with no less than 6 different tents touting for business.

Football and games of skill and strength were well to the front while among the amusements were - boat swings, shooting ranges, Kaye's Gallopers, Birds of Fortune, bagatelle boards, coconut shies, hand organs and gramophones.

A lorry load of pot plants found a ready sale while Cheap Jacks drew large crowds around them very quickly.

Locals who had tents, beer, tea, etc and other wise were - A.Souter, Gordon Arms, Keith, John Stewart, Seafield Arms, Portknockie, A. Mather, Anchor Arms, Buckie, Mrs Wilson, Buckpool, Hunter, Buckpool, R.Taylor, Union Bar, Buckpool, W.MacPherson, Portgordon, A. T.Bruce, Portknockie, Mrs Grant, Portsoy, W.Simpson, Cullen, W.A.Barclay, Star Inn, Buckie, Mrs Davidson, Commercial Hotel, Keith, R.Watson, Globe Market, Buckie, D.Grant, Merchant, West Church Street, Buckie, Buckie Lodge I.O.G.T., Rathven Parish Church, Charles Forbes, Baker, Buckie, Antonio Ice Cream, Vendor,.

The Buckie to Keith railway was busy with ticket bookings from Portessie and Buckie for Rathven amounting to 4,336 and 3,514 from Rathven on the return trip. Seven truck loads of stock left Rathven Station for the south .

Mr Miller's motor car plied between Cluny Square and the fair and was liberally taken advantage of.

Among the new graduates from Aberdeen University were - W. J. Pirie, Buckie, MB ChB; James G.Muterer Lennox Place, Portgordon, MB ChB; W.J. Reid, MA Portgordon who graduated BSc.

Aug 6 The monumental mason, George Scott who had his business on Baron Street, lived at South Blantyre Street, where his wife gave birth to a son the previous week.

Advert - 'Salter' typewriter - the only standard writing machine manufactured in Great Britain - Glasgow address.

Advert - Cluny Hotel Stables under new management - Charles Taylor - hiring in all its branches - cabs, waggonettes, dogcarts.

Aug 13 Buckie Thistle player, James J.Innes, played a trial for the 'Stripes' (Aberdeen F.C.) at Pittodrie

Buckie Thistle held their AGM in the Good Templars' Hall when the following officials were appointed - Captain - Wm Thomson, vice cpt. George McKenzie, Secretary, D.Grant, Committee - Alex Milne, James Lowden, Wm. Campbell, N. McCandie, Wm. Landles, James Mitchell, Alex Birnie. It was agreed that the Thistle would enter for the Scottish Qualifying Cup and the Aberdeenshire Competitions.

Aug 20 A sale of baker's plant etc, belonging to the Trust Estate of D.L.Fowler, was to take place at 40 Main Street, Buckpool on 25 August. Among the items for sale were - one horse and one mare, two , two wheeled bread vans, 3 sets of harness, 1 dog cart and all the bake house fittings and equipment also some baking materials.

Mitchell's Grocery Store, Bridge Place was advertising tatties for sale at 7d per stone.

The town council, discussing harbour affairs decided to advertise for a Harbour Master, a man and a handy man..

The salary to be offered the Harbour Master to be £100 per annum together with a free house.

Aug 27 Buckie Thistle were to hold a Five - a - side tournament and Sports in the Victoria Park on Saturday 29 August. Teams had entered from Macduff to Elgin.

Durward Lely 'Scotland's Greatest Tenor' and Company were to present Ian McLaren's world famous play - The Bonnie Briar Bush - in the Fishermen's Hall. Mrs Lely also had a major part to play. Her dresses, we were told, were all specially made for her by Jays Ltd, Regent Street, London. (Both Mr and Mrs Lely are buried in Bellie Churchyard, Fochabers.)

A football club representing Findochty and Portessie was formed at Findochty on Thursday night. It was to be named Strathlene United. D. Marshall, Cooper, was appointed captain with J. Annand, vice captain and J. Sutherland, Tailor, secretary .

The choir of the South U.F. Church went on strike. Rev. Mr Mathieson, junior colleague acquiesced in a request preferred by some of the members of the choir that Amen should be sung at the end of the praise.

Last Sunday, in deference, it is understood to the wishes of some of the members of the congregation, Dr Miller sent a note to the conductor, Mr Emslie, withdrawing permission. The consequence was that at the evening service all the choir absented themselves except 2 or 3 who did not happen to be present in the morning.

The strike will continue, it is said, till an understanding is reached.

Sept 3 A poem is to be found on page 3 column 5 'The Black Man's Burden' (after Kipling)
Written by James Ferguson, Pasadena, California.

The poem hinges around the fact that 3 million natives had been done to death in the Congo by Belgian officials in the past few years.

Sir Robert Glendonwyn Gordon, 9th Baronet of Gordonstoun and Letterfourie, premier Baronet in Scotland and Nova Scotia who died on March 4 1908 aged 83 left in addition to real estate a sum of money probably exceeding £100,000 in value and a personal estate in the U.K. valued at £22, 184.

John Charles, Junior, was appointed librarian in place of A. Fraser, who had resigned.

The sentence now for cycling without lights was 5/- with 7/6 expenses or 3 days in jail.

A number of skippers were fined under Harbour Byelaws for entering Lerwick Harbour at a greater speed than 4 knots per hour. The fines ranged from £3.10- £4.10 with expenses on top. Half of the fines paid went to the relief of the poor people of Lerwick

This issue of the Banffshire Advertiser carried the last advert of H.W.Gunn, who had carried on the business of Cycle Agent, Florist and Picture Seller at 17 West Church Street for a number of years.

It was he who had the building which housed in 1999 the various businesses, The Candy Box, Louis's Chip Shop and Homewise, Estate Agents etc. brought up to its present height. (See date on face of the building) H.W.Gunn, like so many others around this time, went abroad.

Sept 10 The farms of Maryhill and Greenmoss, Drybridge, were let to Mr T. Forbes, Shepherd, at a rent of £110. The farms were on the Letterfourie estate.

The Buckie Thistle team to play Huntly was as follows – J. Reid, G. Reid, Duncan; Stewart, Clark, A. Duncan, F. Paterson, Thomson, McKenzie, Cormack and Stewart. The Thistle lost.

Sept 17 They were advertising for a handyman at Cluny Harbour with the wage to be 16 shillings per week with some small extras

A second man was also wanted to be fully employed under the orders of the Harbour Master. If qualified he would be allowed to act as pilot. The salary for this person to be £16 per annum. Captain Smart was appointed Harbour Master.

The appointees were - 'Man' James Maxwell, 14 Cathedral Street, while James Grant, 21 Bridgend got the job as 'Handyman'. There were 4 applicants for post one and 6 for post two.

The street lights were lit for the first time this winter on Saturday 12 September.

The town council passed the plans for the extension of both James Street and Sutherland Street also a site on the south side of Elsley Place for Mrs Alex Hepburn.

Mr Robert McKenzie, son of the farmer at Auchenreath secured the post of assistant auctioneer with a livestock company in Dublin. There were 200 applicants for the post.

A poem is found on page 8 column 3 titled – ‘The Emigrant’s Return’ by W. G. Mair, Portknockie.

Sept 24 Joseph Calder Baker, Buckie was selling off both his stock and also his plant.

D.G. McGregor, Watchmaker and Jeweller, returned to his former shop at Virginia Buildings after the whole building had been renovated. He was temporarily next door to L. T. McGarth on the north east quadrant of Cluny Square.

A note told us that six thousand people sleep in the open air in London each night. It is believed that the number would have been equalled in 1999, despite all the hostels etc.

A poem is found on page 8 column 3 titled ‘A Fish ‘Tale’ by Invercullen.

Oct 1 1908 The death took place at 13 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon of George Thomson, late farmer of Mains of Gollachy. He was buried in Dipple Cemetery. Mr Thomson, while farmer at Gollachy, found a number of cists on his land and also a large number of stone artefacts.

A poem is found on page 2 column 4 titled ‘The British Banner’ by W. G. Mair.

The following number of applications for Old Age Pensions had been received - Buckie (60), Buckpool (15), Clochan (12), Enzie (9), Portgordon (27), Drybridge (5), The oldest male to apply in Buckie was aged 91.

The death took place of James Wilson, Arradoul and Inchgower Distillery. He was aged 65 and the son of John Wilson, Kilnhillock, Tochineal. He was one of a large family. His father was for many years factor to the Earl of Seafield.

James Wilson was educated at Aberdeen Gymnasium and Aberdeen University and a contemporary of Dr Miller, Buckie.

He went to New Zealand where he stayed for some time before returning and joining his uncle, Alex Wilson, who had formerly had a distillery business at Tochineal but who had moved to the Cluny estate and set up the distillery at Inchgower in 1873. He was to become a partner and then manager on the death of his uncle. He bought Arradoul House, after being a tenant of the Cairnfield Estate, where he was responsible for the planting of many trees and flowers. He was a tenant of Mains of Buckie where he was heavily into the breeding of cattle. He was a life member of Buckie Golf Club. He was unmarried.

Oct 8 With the onset of the dark nights the main item being advertised by the ironmongers in the town was lamps of various descriptions. R. Tindall Scott and Sons, High Street and Cluny Harbour, L.T. McGarth, Cluny Square, R.George, East Church Street. L.T.McGarth was also into furniture, beds and bedding.

The Speybay Hotel was to be doubled in size with a further 14/15 bedrooms being added. The contractors to do the work were the same as had built the first part. Mason, A.Milne and Sons, Buckie, Carpenters, Robb, Rothes, Plumber, Douglas, Elgin.

Recently installed was an ingenious method of lighting the hotel using petroleum gas.

Tee name - Murray ‘Con’

Some boys were fined 1/6 or 24 hours in jail for loitering - the crime was sitting on a window sill at 48 Main Street.

News Item - European War Clouds - ‘Crises In the Balkans’

A poem is to be found on page 6 column 4 'The House of Lords'. The theme is about people being forcibly moved off the land. What the Squire says in secret told openly in verse. It is supposedly the Squire speaking.

This was copied from the Newcastle Liberal Monthly.

- Oct 15 The town council passed plans for stabling at Garden Lane for Wordie and Co. Also passed were plans for alterations and additions at Low Street for A. Milne and Son, Builders.

A grant of £5,000 was given from the Fishery Board for extensions and improvements to Cluny Harbour. This money had been previous ear-marked for the proposed harbour at Craigenroan. First spoken of back in 1901.

An application was made to the town council for financial help to improve Victoria Park on West Church Street. The club were then paying £8 per annum for the lease of the ground off the Cluny Estates. A grant of £5 was agreed to be given for both Cluny Park and Victoria Park.

Fighting and being drunk, both men and women, especially among the pedlar and vagrant class though also others was extremely common with the local paper having reports of both Police Courts and J.P. Courts.

It was not a good time to be living with high levels of unemployment and poverty in many parts of the country. Hunger marchers from the north east of England coal mining areas marched on London where many were charged with disturbing the peace in the west end. Suffragettes, women clamouring to get the vote, caused disruption in the House of Commons.

- Oct 29 The contractors to build new schools in Findochty were as follows - Mason, A. Milne and Son, Carpenter, A. Murray, Buckie; Plumber, Messrs Campbell, Buckie; Slater, A. Davidson and Son, Elgin; Plasterer, James Ingram, Cullen; Painter, R. Duncan and son, Buckpool; Ironwork, Youngson Bros., Elgin. The architect was R.B. Pratt, Elgin.

Buckie Thistle beat Macduff Fife in the Aberdeenshire Cup. The team was - Reid, Robertson and Duncan; Thomson, G. Reid and G. Clark; Paterson, J. Stewart, McKenzie, Cormack and J. Clark.

- Nov 5 The Little Wonder had an advert in the B.A. that read - Ladies and Gentlemen's Outfitting Establishment, 34 East Church Street. The Premier House for Inexpensive Millinery and Furs.

L. T. McGarth was advertising violins 3/4 size to full size from 6/6 upwards. Melodeons from 3/6 and up; single and double barrel guns from 17/6 to £5. Also hammerless guns.

Two farm workers were fined, one at the Smerack and the other at Auchentae for assaulting a fellow worker at the Smerack where two men were bodily thrown off the top of a stack by the felons.

In the new pavilion built at Victoria Park a meeting took place where it was agreed on the creation of a new Banffshire Football League.

A poem is to be found on page 8 column 2 titles 'An Election 'Sail' at Cullen by Piper Pan.

- Nov 12 Plans were passed for a house for Mrs Jappy or Pirie at Moray Street and Miss J.G. Taylor at Chancellor Road.

At the J.P. court this week a number of people were up on Breach of the Peace charges also for being involved in a domestic squabble between neighbours.

The new postmaster in Buckie was to be Mr W. Clayton who was to move here in three week's time from Kilmallock in the south of Ireland.

The Free Gardeners Friendly Society only recently set up in Buckie was making splendid progress with its funds in a prosperous condition. Five new members joined the May Blossom lodge within the past few weeks.

T number of Scotch (sic) fishermen being charged at Yarmouth for disorderly conduct was as large as ever this past week being fined 10/- with the option of 14 days.

A poem by W.G.Mair is to be found on page 5 column 3 called 'The Spoiler of Our Shores'.

The B.A. carried the following pieces of information - the Windsor Forest is 66 miles round; Canterbury Cathedral is 514 feet long;; A crow will destroy seven hundred thousand insects every year.

The fifth article by John Kinloch M.A in the series titled 'Land For The Landless' (Fair Rents and Full Security) was printed in this edition.

In the Elgin District Cup Keith Strathisla beat Buckie Thistle by five goals to three. Buckie's share of the gate amounted to 1/6. The Keith secretary said that he hardly had the nerve to hand over such a sum. The previous season B.T. travelled to Elgin and Keith and never got a red cent towards their expenses. It was said that it was time that each team that had to travel should be guaranteed 15 or 13 fares.

Nov 19 'Land For The Landless' article six.

Nov 26 An ingenious water system had just been installed at Sunnybrae farm, Findochty. Water was found by a water diviner from Ellon. A well 30 feet deep was dug and a pipe laid and built up before being carried 332 yards to the steading and fields.

John Scott MA Head teacher at Broadford Public School, Strath Inver was appointed Head of Deskford Public School.

The full allowance of Old Age Pension was 5/-

The officials appointed at the meeting of Buckie Draughts Club were - President , A.B.Hendry; vice president, Cpt Malcolm; secretary, Robert Asher; captain, C.Garden. it was agreed that they would hold weekly matches.

The Deskford Draughts Club had also again started up.

Memorial windows in Rathven Parish Church - Two stained glass windows in memory of the late Mr and Mrs W. G. Bryson of Strathlene were presented to the church by Mr Nathaniel Bryson.

The pictures show the 'Adoration of the Magi' and 'he Ascension of Our Lord'

Dec 3 *Tee name Anderson 'Peach' Findochty.*

It was decided to go ahead with the carriage road to Rathven providing way leave can be got from the tenants W and A. McLean. The sum of £25 was got from Lady Seafield with a further £5 from Lady Cathcart towards the cost of the road which will run for 685 yards.

Dec 10 A poem titled the 'Isle of Erin' written by H.Henderson Caithness speaks of the Liverpool barque of that name that was lost off the Orkney Islands between October 19/20, 1908. A total of 19 lives were lost including the captain his wife who acted as steward and his son who was purser. The captain was a local man.

Dec 17 The Buckie Steam Drifters, Engineers and Firemen were to hold their second annual ball in the St Andrews hall on 24 December. Gents' tickets 4/- from members of the committee.

Boats, both sail and steam, were now nearly all home from the English fishing. Some drifters did very well during the last week making from £100-£200 (Handsome). The sail boats all did well generally, averaging out gross in the £250 range though some were as low as £200 , others £400.

The drifters grossed between £500 and £900 with an average of £700. The previous year the figure had been £550.

For the fishing since the beginning of May drifters had grossed between £1,000 and £2,000, averaging out at £1,300. The average in 1907 for the same period was £2,000. Sail boats average was £400 as opposed to £600 in 1907.

Dec 24 *Proclamation of banns of marriages between fisher couples in Buckie Parish Church on Sunday numbered 20.*

During the past year 33 building plans had been passed by the town council opposed to 55 in 1907 and 29 in 1906.

Tee names - Smith 'Currie' Portessie

Dec 31 The following organisations were all to hold concerts over the festive season - May Blossom (Free Gardeners), Rolling Wave I.O.G.T. and Buckie Orchestral Society.

A further 10 fisher couples were proclaimed on Sunday in the Parish Church.

This week railway lines in the local area were blocked by snow drifts due to a blizzard that blew out of the north.

A total of 80,000 were believed to have been killed by an earthquake in Italy which created a massive tidal wave or tsunami and also began fires.