

1909

Jan 7 The Territorial Forces 'D'Coy. 6 Battalion Gordon Highlanders out station, Findochty, issued an invitation to all young men to join the local company. They were asked to meet in the local hall on Thursday 14th January at 7pm when enlistment would be made

The Rathven Parish Church was to reopen after extensive internal alterations with a dedication service on 10 January. A silver collection to be taken

The draper, ironmongers and shoe shops in Buckie agreed to close at 7pm with the exception of the months of September, December, Saturdays and Term days. Closing time on Wednesday to remain at 2pm.

Opening announcement - The Northern Dental Institute were advertising that they were to commence in business at St Andrews Square, Buckpool. (Later this firm changed its name)

Jan 14 The death toll in the Messina earthquake, Italy, had risen to 180,000

Several Buckie crews were engaged for the Shetland herring fishing at the following rates - £6 bounty - 13/- per cran for the he first two weeks; 15/- the next two weeks with 16/- the fifth week. 70 crans per week complement with 2/3 price for over complement of fish.

A poem is found on page 7 column 2 'Lines From Burns' This is good, written by J. D. Cullen and in the Doric.

Jan 21 Millers - Motor and Cycle Works, Cluny Square, were advertising that they had commenced hiring cars. Phone number 2 x 4.
They said how they had secured first class cars for hiring by the mile, hour, day, week or month, with rates to suit all.

Jan 28 George McKenzie took over the horse-hiring business etc previously carried on successfully by Charles Taylor at the Cluny Hotel stables.

A picture on page 6 shows the frontage of the Virginia Buildings on High Street with the following shops starting back from Newlands Lane - The Globe Stores, R. Watson, followed by John Green Draper and then D.G. McGregor, Watchmaker. (In 1999 D.G. McGregor now occupied the Globe Store shop, Victoria Wine was in Green's with McGregor's previous shop now occupied by an Optician.)

In the same edition of the paper John Green was advertising his winter sale taking up a page and a half of the paper. The previous week T. D. Yule, Draper, 30 West Church Street had a similar sized advert.

A poem is found on page 8 column 4 titled - 'In Old Portknockie' by Invercullen.

John W. Sandison, Flesher, late assistant to John Shearer, Cullen was informing the inhabitants of Cullen and district that he was to commence business on his own account as a flesher in the shop formerly occupied by James Hay, Flesher, on Seafield Street.

Feb 4 **Opening announcement** - John S. Simpson Jun. was informing all that he had commenced in business selling boots, shoes and slippers in the shop previously occupied by Gunn's Cycles at 17 West Church Street.

Advert - For Furniture, Carpentry and Joinery work see John Imlach and Sons, Ianstown.

A poem is found on page 3 column 3 titled 'A Tale' by Invercullen.

The farm of Easter Gollachy on the Letterfourie estate was let to Mr J. M. Gray, Garrowwood, Grange.

The newly elected elders of the Parish Church were as follows - James Allan, Blacksmith, Drybridge, Alex Dallas, Ironmonger, John Davidson, Clerk, John Dawson, Grocer, Robert G. Duncan, Jun. Painter, W. Downie Flett, Fishcurer, Malcolm Gray, Solicitor, John Innes, Fisherman, Captain Malcolm, Shipowner, George Thomson, Fisherman.

Feb 11 James Mackay, Draper, bought all the bankrupt stock of Bryden's Loanhead.

A notice in the paper gave full particulars concerning the installation of motors in sail boats.

The following fanciful advert was inserted by T. D. Yule, Draper, etc 30 West Church Street.

Grand Business Concert

At

T. D. Yule's 30 West Church Street

Programme

Grand SelectionOf Children's Millinery and Clothing by Best Makers
 Recitation.....Vote For Yule's Blouses by a Suffragette
 Solo (so low)Our prices by Comparison
 SketchT. D. Y's Pinafore(s) by the Little Folks
 SongOff To Yule's by One and all.
 Recitation.....A Yarn by a Cut of Wool
 Chorus Let Them All Come by the Staff
 Grand FinaleSatisfaction Given by Our Goods
 Conductor.....T. D. Yule

Doors open 9.am daily Admission free.

A poem is found on page 2 column 4 'Auld Scotia' by W. S.

Buckie Higher Grade School were advertising that they were to be producing a newspaper titled "Chronicle" produced by the higher grade pupils.

Feb 18 **Opening announcement** - Joseph Morrison, mason, 18 West Church Street was advertising that in addition he was to undertake chimney sweeping.

John Calder who had a boot and shoe shop in Portessie was giving notice that this was to close at the May term.

A poem is found on page 8 column 4 titled 'The Spring Morn' by W.G. M. Portknockie.

Feb 25 The joinery business 7 Blantyre Street, Findochty, including, dwelling house, shop and warehouse was for sale.

The death took place in London of the owner of Letterfourie Estate, Mr H.G. Shee

According to the holograph will of Sir Robert G.Gordon Bart. , Linn House and Drybridge were left to Miss Winifred Shee while Letterfourie and Buckpool went to Mr H.G. Shee.

After the latter Buckpool was left to Miss Winifred Shee the new proprietor, with the Letterfourie estate to Mr W. Glendonwyn Shee after H. G. Shee, but following the death of W.G. Shee in the interval the Letterfourie estate has passed to Patrick Shee of Glendonwyn, Dumfriesshire as his heir at law.

A poem is found on page 5 column 3 title 'Keep To The Right' by A.T.

Buckie school children had a half holiday for 'Brose and Bannocks' day.

Mr Gray owner of the Corn Mills on Garden Lane introduced electric lighting in his mill. Power was generated by a dynamo of 50 volts.

Mar 4 A sale of things of an antiquarian interest took place in Elgin last week which had belonged to Mr George Thomson, late of Mains of Gollachy. The sale drew interested collectors from a wide area. Among the items were stone axes, arrow heads and other implements. A claymore fetched £5.10 with sling balls, £2.12. 6 and a collection of Old Red Sandstone fossils, £1. 10

A poem is found on page 6 column 1 titled 'The Voice of The Tephryn' by W.G. M.

The Duke of Gordon offered the harbour in Portgordon to the village plus the sum of £2,000 to be spent on deepening and lengthening the east pier. A meeting was to take place to discuss the offer and whether to accept.

An interesting foot note spoke of as late as the 1870s there was houses on the opposite side of the road from the present houses on Lennox Place, Portgordon, with back gardens facing the sea. Since that time erosion by the sea has taken a big area of land away.

Mar 18 The sailmaker's business in Ianstown of Fraser Smith and Co. was to be dissolved but the business to carry on under the name of G and J. Smith.

A. Milne and Son, Masons, Buckie won the contract to build a new school in Wick. The total cost of the building to be £11,000 with the mason bill being £4,000

Tee name – Flett ‘Cornal’ Findochty.

For stealing a pen and pencil case from the Higher Grade School, a boy of 12, William Pirie, New Street, was sentenced by Sheriff Laing at Banff to receive 9 stokes of the birch rod. The accused had two previous convictions.

A week later it was said the boy had not yet fully recovered from the effects of the punishment, it being freely expressed in Buckie that the sentence was far too severe for the gravity of the crime.

A report – The launch of a new drifter has now become an event of comparative rarity. The Holly Bank was launched from the shipyard of William Geddes, Portgordon for Messrs George Geddes and Co.

A boy, John Wood of 310 Portknockie put a loaded cartridge in the fire causing an explosion which blew off 3 of his fingers and thumb.

James George Cumming (18) carter residing at 29 Land Street was knocked off the cart he was loading at the harbour when struck by the large kettle used for unloading coal. He was knocked off the cart and when the horse moved off the cart wheel went over his left shoulder and temple. His shoulder was dislocated, his shoulder blade and upper arm broken while six stitches required to be put in a cut on his head. The injured lad was able to walk home where he was later attended by Dr Hendry.

The new elders appointed by the South U.F. Church were – William Cowie, Cluny Terrace, Robert Young Mackay, Solicitor, John Reid ‘Rosie’ Fisherman, Alex Logie, Sailmaker, John Calder, Shoemaker, Allan Kennedy, Stationmaster, Rathven, William Bissett, Engineer, Robert Reid, Retired Shipmaster, Deacons – Alexander Smith, Inchgower, Alex Grant, Insurance Agent, James Mair, Jun, Flesher, George Coull, Fisherman, Oglivie Dawson, Mason, William Jack, Draper, John James Moir, Teacher, Hugh McCallum, Teacher, George Cowie, ‘Carrot’ Fisherman, James Valentine, Baker, Alex Flett, Shoemaker, Alex Jappy, Fisherman.

The Portknockie zulu fishing boat Sardius was fitted with motor power on the River Thames at Chiswick. A picture of the boat is given in the paper of this date.

Portknockie was to get a Public Park described as a handsome gift from Lady Seafield.

There was a letter printed in the B.A. concerning the flogging of the boy Pirie for stealing goods to the value of a penny ha’penny. The flogging was described as fiendish, brutal and inhuman. It was stated that since he had returned he was near to death.

Mar 25 Opening announcement – Robert Fraser, Sailmaker and Ship’s Chandler, Buckie and Findochty.

The burgh surveyor reported that the Rochomie Reservoir was now only about an inch below its full depth of 47 feet.

Apr 1 Miller’s Motor and Cycle Works, Cluny Square was advertising the latest in 1909 bicycles with over 50 models in stock to choose from.

Advert – Booth and Son Practical Chimney Sweeps, Buckpool. Army Contractors – wash houses, laundry stoves, hot plates, smoke stacks and kitchen ranges, swept from top to bottom. 35 years experience.

Buckie Thistle were to play Aberdeen F.C. at Victoria Park on Saturday 3rd April, admittance 4d, 2d with ladies free.

Newton Bros. Photographers, 52 West Church Street, opposite the school, was for sale. Included was a large new commodious building.

At the meeting held in Portgordon to discuss the offer of the harbour by the Duke of Gordon the majority decision was not to accept. The votes cast being 152 against 137 for. Many newspaper criticised the decision made by the menfolk of Portgordon for turning down the offer of the harbour, showing, as was said, ingratitude and crass stupidity

The price of a 4lb loaf had increased in price from 6d to 7d.

Buckie Town Council and Portessie Harbour commissioners had a conference in private regarding the provision of the forthcoming harbour extensions and provisional order.

A meeting of the May Blossom Lodge of Free Gardeners was held in the Recreation room of the Masonic Institute. There was a large attendance. The following 11 gentlemen were appointed honorary members – Provost Archibald, ex Baillie Mackay, Councillor Hendry, Dr Duguid Jun. Dr Hendry, Messrs J. McIntosh, Station Agent, John Sandison, Draper, G.P.Gibson, Chemist and James Murray, Fish Salesman.

Apr 8 The trial trip of the motor boat 'Pansy', Whitehills, took place. She was fitted with a 50hp Thorneycroft engine.

The drifter, Barbara Cowie, BCK 43 was launched from the shipyard of William Geddes, Portgordon and at Ianstown W.R. McIntosh launched the drifter Con Amore BCK 45. He had a second launch, a Zulu type vessel of the Islay type.

There was a record gate for the friendly match between Buckie Thistle and Aberdeen A , which Buckie won by three goals to two.

Apr 15 Newton Photographers on West Church Street were to continue under personal management.

The Unity Lodge (Buckpool) IOGT held their annual picnic to Cullen House but the weather was poor. At a Buckie Lodge open meeting and social evening three new members were enrolled.

Apr 22 The railway was advertising a cheap excursion from Buckie to Keith on Saturday 24 April to let supporters attend the Banffshire Football Cup Final between Buckie Thistle and Fochabers. The return fare was 1/- with juveniles ½ price. The train to leave Buckie at 2.45pm and from Keith in the evening at 8pm.

Buckie Cricket Club held a meeting in the Good Templars' Institute.

A combined Church Parade to the Parish Church was to take place, involving the members of the Odd Fellows and the Free Gardeners, on Sunday May 2nd. The parade was to start from the Masonic Institute at 5.30pm.

The Baptist church which formerly held their meetings in the Volunteer Hall had since its opening held their meeting in the Good Templars Hall. Their pastor was Rev. William Gibson.

The Portknockie motor boat, Sarduis paid a visit to Cluny Harbour on Saturday past.

Apr 29 Buckie Thistle were to play Aberdeen F. C's league team in a friendly at Victoria Park this evening. Admittance – 4d, 2d with ladies free. The town band was to be in attendance.

A Social meeting was advertised to take place in the Good Templars' Institute under the auspices of the Hope of Buckie Juvenile Lodge of Good Templars. Music, songs and recitations.

Tee names – Smith 'Powie', Smith 'Fling', and Smith 'Currie', all Portessie.

Buckie won the Banffshire Cup when they beat Fochabers by five goals to two at Keith. Both teams fielded guest players with Fochabers having 4 and Buckie 1.

May 6 Estimates for an extension to the Masonic Institute were being invited by D & J. R. McMillan, Architects, Aberdeen.

William Geddes launched another drifter, the Willowbank, A 261.

The Free Gardeners and Oddfellows were in their full regalia for their church parade. Rev Greenlaw spoke of the work of the friendly societies and their connection with old age pensions and the making of provision against old age.

The Gordon Richmond Lodge of Good Templars, Fochabers was visited by Buckie Lodge when they held an open night in the Drill Hall.

May 13 A displeish sale was to take place at Greencraig, Drybridge, Mr Kessack and at Fernking, Glen of Newmill, Mr William Gray. Among his things for sale was a work ox.

Note – the Northern Scot now gets notice of the weekend weather sent from London but somehow it does not seem to have improved the kind of it. It is probably the clerk's fault.

The contractors engaged to build the extension to the Masonic Institute were – Mason – A. Milne and Son; Carpenter, A. Murray; Plumber, John Barclay and Son; Slater, John Barclay; Plasterer, R. Hume; Painter, R. Johnston.

Mr McGregor who had been tenant of Whitefield on the Letterfourie estate for the past twenty years was leaving to move to Auchairn, Keith. He was percentor when services were held on a Sunday in the Shielburn School. He was also an office bearer of the South U.F. Church in Buckie.

A poem is to be found on page 7 column 2 'the Scottish Exile's Return' by W.G. M. Portknockie.

May 27 The chemists in Buckie decided that they would close on Wednesdays from 2-6 during the months of June, July, August and September and at 8pm every night except Saturday.

Note – A. Paterson's shop will be open on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 may. After these dates accounts will be settled at the Holl.

A groom was wanted by Dr Simpson, Buckie.

A halflin was wanted to drive a pair of horse at Nether Auchentae.

The property on West Church Street belonging to H.W. Gunn, late of Buckie (now in South Africa) was for sale. It consisted of two shops, 17 and 19 and also six dwelling houses on West Church Street and Cluny Lane.

The kind of fines that were being levelled in 1909 were - no lights on a bike, 2/6 or 24 hours; drunk and incapable, 2/6 or 24 hours; Breach of the Peace, 5/- or three days. 2/6 or 24 hours was also the sentence for begging.

The latest Buckie drifter to be built was the 'Regent Bird', built by A. Hall and Company, Aberdeen.

A total of 43 applied for admission to the Boys Naval Brigade.

Buckie Thistle held their AGM in the Good Templar's hall. The chairman said that he was pleased to related that they had acquired Victoria Park. This was good in that it was far more central than Cluny Park where shopkeepers found it difficult to attend matches held there.

During the season gates had moved between £5 and £16 with two matches when it had been as high as £18 and £19. The total income for the year was £170.

They had been sorry to lose their captain, William Thomson who had gone to Canada. But had signed most of the players of the previous season.

Officials elected were – Hon. Presidents, Copt. Waring MP and Rev Dr Miller; President, Mr J. L. McNaughton; vice president, A. B. Hendry; captain, George McKenzie, vice captain, G. Clark; secretary, James Cowie, 56 Gordon Street, treasurer, James Cumming, committee- A. Thomson, A. Mackenzie, J. Johnston, A. Milne, A. Davidson, W. Campbell, D. Grant, W. McDonald, James Murray.

The membership fee for season 1909/10 was set at 5/-

Buckie Thistle were still not being admitted to the SFA because of money still claimed outstanding to Peterhead in 1906.

- June 3 The railway company G.N.S.R. were lodging objection to the extension to Cluny Harbour.
- The drifter Craigmin BCK 4 7 built for John Murray, 'Farmer' Seaview Road, arrived in Buckie this week . she left later for the Shetland fishing.
- The solicitor firms of Archibald and Gray were to join.
- The Buckie Literary and Debating Society started a cycling club with 30 members. They had their first run to Cullen and back on Wednesday evening.
- June 10 **Opening announcement** – Temperance Hotel at 14 Low Street by Mrs Fowler who took over from Mrs Legge.
- The extension of the east pier at Portgordon was now taking place.
- The Buckie paper was to print photographs of Thistle players. The first two were – George 'Dod' McKenzie, C/F. and John P. Clark 'Johnny' late of Falkirk, St Mirren and Clyde.
- The Enzie Picnic and Games to be held in a field near to the railway station belonging to Mr Stables of Cuttlebrae, on Saturday 10 July. The events were open to competitors from the parishes of Enzie, Bellie and Rathven only. Three money prizes to be given if there be 4 entries in each event. A medal to be given to the competitor amassing the most points in the heavy and light sections. The winner of the airgun competition would also be awarded with a medal. Morrison's Band, Portgordon to be in attendance. The Games to start at 3pm with Tea being served at 5pm.
Admission to field – Gents 1/-, Ladies 6d with children 4d. P. Stewart, secretary.
- Change in ownership – D & G. H. Murray, Butchers and Poulterers 26 East Church Street were advising that they had acquired the business of A. R. Birnie.
- Duff House, Banff was to open as a hotel in the Autumn.
- A total of 400 salmon were taken from the sea nets last week at Portgordon with a further 1000 at the Speymouth fishings.
- A travelling horse dealer, James Pearce was fined 7/6 or five days for having a dog following his cart but running loose. A number of others were to be fined similar amounts for the same offence.**
- The Motor Boat magazine gave a list of the names of 34 boats that had been fitted with motors up till then . There was a wide range of motor types – Thorneycroft, Gardner, Blackstone, Fairbanks, Kromhorst, Alpha, Kelvin, Beardmore – Peek, Wear, Parsons.*
- Jun 24 **Opening announcement** – G. Downie and Co. General Ironmongers at 57 Main Street.
- John R. Gordon, Banff, bought over the photographic business of Newton Bros. at 58 West Church Street, opening as the Art Photographic Studio.
- James Pratt was appointed the new stationmaster at Portgordon. He was formerly clerk at Cullen. (It could have been his son 'Duggie' Pratt who was clerk at the Buckie station at a later time)
- Buckie Lodge IOGT held their annual picnic at Loch Na Bo. They travelled there some by horse brake and others by bike. It took them 2 hours. Tea was served at 5.30 before the party set off for home at 8.30.
- David Reid, Portgordon, won a number of prizes at Shows at Gloucester and Osselt, Yorkshire with his Orphington hens and cocks.
- The first drill of the newly formed Boys Naval Brigade took place in the Volunteer Hall when 48 boys were in attendance. They were under the command of Captain Taylor and given instruction by Mr Nebbs. It was decided that in future all drill would take place in the Fishermen's Hall.**
- The B.A. carried a photograph of the Thistle player – J. Shand an I/R/ from Stonehaven.

Jly 1 **Note** – Parties willing to let lodgings to men of the Royal Navy when ships are anchored off Buckie are required to send in their applications to Mr John L. McNaughton.

Boots for big folk – Boots for bairns – J. S. Simpson, Central Boot Shop, 17 West Church Street.

A poem is found on page 2 column 4 'The Grave of Swinburne' by W.G. M.

An accident took place at the construction of the extension to the Masonic building on Cluny Palce. Mason Bruce Flett, 2 East High Street, Portgordon and labourer, William Simpson, 18 St Peter's Terrace, Buckpool were hurt when the scaffolding gave way. Mr Simpson was carrying up a load of lime at the time. Alex Hendry, Mason, 23 Wilson's Land hung on to the wall and escaped injury.

The Buckie Lodge of Good Templars started up a cycle club with P. Green as secretary.

The children belonging to Enzie Parish Church Sunday School marched from the kirk to Cairnfield where a picnic was held. Sports took place while refreshments of different kinds were served.

Ten people were charged at Banff Sheriff court for allowing their dogs to roam about with collars. Each was fined 6/6.

Mr Nebbs, chief coastguard, handed into the B.A. a sample of Duke of York potatoes which he had just up in his garden and also some ripe strawberries.

The B.A. carried another photograph of a Thistle player. This was F.A. Davidson, goalkeeper, better known as Charlie.

Jly 8 Buckie Thistle were advertising their Sports due to be held on Saturday 24 July. Among the events taking place was a Five-a-Side competition and also a Six mile Marathon race.

Buckie Thistle made a successful application to join the Highland League. Other teams in the H/L at this time were Caledonian, Citadel, Clachnacuddin and Thistle, all Inverness, also Forres Mechanics, An army team from Fort George and Elgin City.

Mitchell's Grocery Stores, Bridge Place was advertising 'New Tatties' for 1d per pound or 9d per stone. Coming down in price.

On page 6 the B.A. again carried the photograph of a Thistle player. This time it was George Clark better known as 'Dooda' who was 21 and played at centre half.

Jly 15 **Advert** – A Grand Picnic and Games to take place at Greenmoss, Drybridge in a field belonging to Mr Forbes, Maryhill. The events being open to contestants from Rathven, Deskford and Enzie only. With the death of the laird of Letterfourie the annual Games were no longer being allowed to take place within the policies. Another change was the restriction on contestants, formerly these had come from Elgin and as far away as Inverurie.

Advert - Buckie Thistle are open to receive names of likely players for season 1909-10. Those interested were being asked to contact Mr J. P. Clark, Baron Street.

Mr Peter Bonnyman, Clochan, was ordained to the priesthood in St Andrews Cathedral the previous week. He was born in 1883 and attended first Enzie Public School and Later Milne's Institute in Fochabers.

The B.A. had a photograph of Thistle player on page 6. This was Alex Duncan whose position was L/H. he gave up football to join the Benedicts but has since returned and picked up the sport again.

The 1909 Enzie Picnic and Games were enjoyed by a good crowd. Though the weather was cool it nevertheless kept dry. Dancing as usual was much enjoyed especially so on the extended dance floor. Competitors entering for the various events were slightly less than on previous years. P .Stewart, secretary.

A selection from the 'Sifted Facts' carried by the B.A.

Big Ben weighs 12 tons

Admirals receive A salary of £1,825 per annum

King Leopold of the Belgians regularly rises at 6 o'clock
House flies attain their full growth in 4 weeks. There are 12 generations in a year.

July 22 **The biggest herring ever landed in Buckie was taken in Shetland waters by SS Dove skippered by Alex Smith. The fish measured 15 inches in length and was 8 ½ inches in girth.**

Four battalions of Gordon Highlanders Territorial force along with Engineers and Army Service detachments were under canvas at Braewyner, tenanted by Morrison and Wilson. Though those from Buckie and Keith marched to the site those from Aberdeen etc took the train to Aultmore and marched from there.

The latest Thistle photograph in the B.A. was of George Smith (20) an outside left .who was formerly with Strathlene.

Jly 29 **Notice** – Duff House Ltd – A Magnificent New Hotel with unrivalled accommodation in Scotland. Capital £60,000

Peter Fair - The weather was good with the crowd reaching record dimensions. A number of farmers were present looking for harvest hands but these were short of demand. Wages being offered were £6.10 to £6.15 to men capable of building stacks and scything. Men to lift and bind were being offered lower wages at £5 to £5.10. For boys it was £4.

A large number of horses were forward for sale and also a few cattle but sales were stiff. The best horses changed hands for from £35 to £40, second best - £15-£25 with only £10 being offered for inferior animals.

Among the locals who had tents on the ground were – A. Mather, Anchor Bar, Mrs Wilson, Buckpool, Mr Hunter ditto, R. Taylor ditto had two, C. Taylor, Rathven Parish Church, R. Watson, Globe Stores, Donald Grant, Grocer, D. L. Fowler, Baker, Buckie Lodge, Good Templars, James Smith, Findochty, J. Lindsay, Victoria Hotel, Portknockie and W. Simpson, Royal Oak, Cullen.

The railway from Buckie to Rathven was busy 4411 tickets were purchased at Buckie (In 1908 this was 4336.) At Rathven the number was 3300 (In 1908 this was 3514.0

A special train carrying ten truck loads of horses left Rathven for the south.

Between 6 pm and 7.30 pm the Highland Special train ran nine times between the two stations

There was a number of new games being offered with the most attractive being that described as Hoop – La. This involved trying to place a ring over articles on the stall. Looked easy until one tried.

Tee names - Cowie 'Dodde' Portgordon (Shore Street, Portgordon)

The Good Templars Congress was held at Falkirk. The total Scottish membership in 1909 measured 89,807 consisting of 43,562 adults and 46,146 juveniles.

The Aultmore camp site proved to be a poor choice. Not only was the food poor but the water was foul. The local Terriers went on strike when asked to dismantle all the tents after they had done their own. They were called all kinds of names by an officer from Aberdeen

The report of this can be read on page 2 columns 2 and 5.

On June 12 of this year George Scott, Joiner, Buckpool, rescued a woman, Elsie McConnachie first from being burnt to death and then from being drowned in the River Spey. After her clothes had been set alight by a fire being used to boil water for tea at a picnic they were having he tossed her into the water to douse the flames. He was awarded The Carnegie Medal for Bravery, a medallion and a purse of £10.

A poem is found on page 7 column 4 'A Paen' by James Ferguson, Pasadena, California

Another poem is found on page 7 column 3 titled 'To The Gull' by W.G. M. Portknockie

Aug 19 Durward Lely and Company were to present the acclaimed most successful play of the century 'A royal Divorce' - a story of Waterloo.

Sir Robert Fossett And Sons Circus was to pay a visit to Buckie on August 24 followed by Cullen the next day.

An American Bazaar was to be held in the Volunteer hall on Saturday first. Every article to cost 6 1/2d Entirely new stock.

L. T. McGarth was advertising bicycles for long journeys – Aberdeen or Inverness. Models – Swift, Raglan and Hazelwood. Two or three speed gears with coaster hubs and the best of brakes for safety.

Buckie Operatic society were to hold a Café Chantant in the Fishermen's hall. For sale was to be tea, fruit, flowers, candy. There was to be also, a great variety of amusements, concerts, shooting gallery, grand art gallery, fishing pond. The orchestra will discourse music at intervals throughout the day under the conductor William Lobban. Admission 3d T. C. Pirie Hon. secretary.

Newspaper report (Aberdeen Evening Gazette) – copied into the B.A. Spey Bay is the New Health Resort. The sleepy, quiet, easy going place has been transformed with the changes beginning with the coming of the railway in 1886. The report went on to speak of the new golf course, tennis courts, the beach of sand once the tide retreats and of course the new hotel. The place was so attractive we were told that applications for feus were constantly being received with houses springing up. (Hindsight tells us that the number in actual fact was quite limited with less than ten all told).

So great has been the demand for accommodation at Speybay this season that operations will begin shortly on the building of a new wing to the Gordon Richmond Hotel consisting of 20 bedrooms..

Boys Brigade – The Boys Naval Brigade at the drill in the Fishermen's hall on Monday night had on their new uniforms of cap, belt, and haversack. The boys looked exceedingly smart.

In the opening match of the new football season Buckie Thistle beat Buckie Wednesday by four goals to two.

On Saturday the Thistle were to play Portsoy with the Thistle team being – Davidson, W. Duncan and G. Reid; F.J.S. Paterson, G. Clark, A. Duncan; J. Paterson, J. P. Clark, J. Reid, G. Smith, and B.G. Cooper.

St Mary's Episcopal Church was formerly consecrated by Bishop Rowland Ellis – Aberdeen on Sunday.

Sixteen hundred cubic yards of shingle were to be removed from the entrance to Portgordon harbour. Estimates for the work to be received by the Gordon Richmond estate people.

The famous racehorse, Flying Fox was sold to M. Blanc for 37.500 guineas. With another horse Cyllem making 31.500guineas.

The box bed in which Grace Darling was born was to be sold.

Aug 26 A new dwelling house was to be built on the Nether Buckie estate at Baremuir.

The railway authorities took the step due to the cycling boom to introduce special rates for carrying bikes on the railway. Up to 12 miles out 9d return. This had previously been 6d each way.

Some Sifted facts –

Women criminals are said to have larger hands and feet than the average woman.
In the Fiji islands there are white people who indulge in cannibalism

Sept 2 L. T. McGarth was advertising a special sale of surplus ironmongery to mark the end of the herring fishing on Saturday 11 September at his shop on Cluny Square.
Among the items for sale was to be furniture, carpets, beds, mangles, wringers washing machines, cooking stoves, churns, milking pails, paraffin lamps of all kinds, a great assortment of tools, bid cages, musical instruments, fishing rods, guns of various types, golf clubs, dungarees and oilskin coats.

Lorimers Dental Rooms 'late Northern Dental Institute' St Andrew's Square.

The new school at Findochty was opened on Monday August 23 by Provost Archibald, Buckie.

Mr P. Sudding got the contract to remove 1600 cubic yards of stones at the entrance to Portgordon Harbour with horses and carts beginning the work on Wednesday on this week.

The salmon fishing on the river Spey closed for the season on Thursday. During the time 7 boats and crews had been involved catching fish at the river mouth. The fish caught have ranged in weight from 7lbs to 40 with the average being between 10 and 25 lbs. A feature of the past season had been the failure of the grilse fishing – the poorest for 40 years. Had this been average the past season would have proved to have easily been the best on record.

Buckie lost their first ever Highland League game when they lost at home to Inverness Caley by 4 goals to two. (No indication of the team that played was given in the report)

The team from Fort George was the Seaforth with the H.L.I. having moved away.

Buckie Thistle 'A' who were to play in the Banffshire League etc were to play Cullen with their team being chosen from the following players – Love, Law, McGregor, J. Esslemont, Scott, A. Duncan, Diver, Peter Cormack, Milne, Taylor, Ross, Simpson, Russell etc.

Sept 9 Miller's Motor and Cycle Works, Cluny Square were to open a Great Roller Skating Rink at West Church Street.

James Geddes 14 Gordon Street, Portgordon was to dispose of his ironmongery department.

Minduff on the Cairnfield estate was to let. The present tenant was Mr Robert Shand, formerly of Pathhead.

R. Tindall and Sons Ltd was advertising that they were now prepared to do plumbing work in addition to the tinsmith department.

A rare fish – a sea lamprey adhered to the rudder of a haddock boat on Friday and the boat had to be beached before it could be detached. Nobody had seen one landed here before. It measured 3 foot long with an eel – like body with a large sucker mouth. An enterprising person put the fish in a box with a peep hole and had it on Cluny Square where he was charging 1d to have a look.

Peterhead and Buckie Thistle drew 2-2 in the Scottish Qualifying Cup. The last time Buckie was in the competition in 1906 they were beaten by Peterhead by 5 goals to one in the Public Park. due to a misunderstanding and dispute that followed Buckie were excluded from the SFA until this season. Peterhead F.C. was an amalgamation of clubs and a big defeat for Buckie was predicted.

The Buckie team was – Davidson, Duncan and G. Reid; F. S. Paterson, G. Clark and A. McLennan; J. P. Clark, J. Clark, J. Shand, J. Reid, A. McPherson and W. Stewart.

The B.A. carries a good story of the three car loads of players and officials that set off from Buckie, their experiences on the way to Peterhead and also the apres game activities. For the record the cars were a Singer, Humber and a Thorneycroft.

Tee name Bowie 'dick'

Sept 16 The town council were to have wells dug in Portessie

The Thistle asked the town council for the loan or sale of a beach bathing shelter for the referee on match days. It was agreed to sell them on with the burgh surveyor to fix a fee. A member asked whether the shelter was after the referee had been stoned from the park.

R. Tindall and Sons Ironmongers, Tinsmiths and Plumbers got their first plumber job at a villa to be built for G. S. Hendry on High Street.

Tee name - Cowie 'Diddle'

The House of Lords passed for the third time the Buckie Burgh and Buckie Cluny Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

H. A. McBain, Cabinet Maker, West Church Street, dispatched to a well known northern MP the first of seven of an order for 11 bookcases made of beautifully figured and highly polished oak. The design reflects credit and the workmanship of the best and they have been made entirely in Mr McBain's workshop.

The fittings are the newest style with the shelves being moveable to fit any size of books.

The centre bookcase is a pretty piece of work. The top part, the front of which has open shelves, has on each side a carved Corinthian column which, receding a little, are cases with glass door. The pediment on top is chaste in design and finely made

The lower part is fitted with drawers while the centre has glass panelled doors and the side doors fitted with squares of panels of oak.

Notice - King Edward VII was to visit Cullen House on Thursday going along the top road.

Sept 23 A poem is found on page 2 titled 'Autumn' by W.G. M.

A Jubilee Sale was advertised to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on October 8th aid of the fund for making the road to the Rathven Churchyard. The road was first planned long before but nothing came of it, now with Mr Byson's legacy and subscriptions it is to be carried through. The sum of £41 was raised.

School classes marched to the Toll Bar and Inchgower Distillery to await the passing of the King and his entourage. This was meant to pass at 12.45 pm but it was not until 1.25 that it came in sight. In the rear seat of the first car sat Mrs George Kepple the known mistress of the King and mother of Barbara Castle, former MP.

Sept 30 Did you know? Shin guards for footballers came in first in 1874. Before 1745 there were no regular roads in the northern part of Scotland but only tracks. Manchester City spent £5,570.19.5 on the transfer of players in season 1906-07. The first time ever that a referee used a whistle was in 1878 this taking place on Notts Forest ground. English international players were paid £10 a match in 1907/8. The word billiards comes from the French word billiard meaning a stick with a curved end.

Oct 21 Estimates were invited for extensions to the Star Inn for Charles Taylor.

Tee name – Cowie 'Dod'

Oct 28 A dispenish sale was to take place at the farm of Windsoer on the banks of the Tynet Burn. The outgoing tenant was William Logie.

Advert - John Milne, Cartwright and Joiner, High Street.

Nov 4 John Bruce Master Baker who had a shop on Gordon Street, Buckie for a long time before moving to Ellon died during the week.

Opening announcement - Chisholm Bros. Were advertising that they were to open a Hairdressing Salon at 42 East Church Street, opposite to the entrance to the GNSR station.

Notice - Alexander Rae LDS RCS Surgeon Dentist, Nairn, aimed to visit Buckie every Friday, calling at Mrs Paterson, 27 East Church Street.

The newly appointed Professor of Divinity at the University of Dunedin, New Zealand, Rev John Duthie, Tarland, was at one time an assistant teacher at Buckie Higher Grade School.

Nov 11 The Crown Hotel, Newmill, Keith was completely destroyed by fire this week.

A poem is found on page 5 'A Woman's Question' (religious) by R. L.

Buckie played their very first game in the H/L on Saturday against Elgin City, at Victoria Park, when the score was 2 goals each.

A poem is found on page 7 column 3 'What Will Christmas Buy' by A.J.

Nov 18 Notice - The "Emporium" Cash Drapery Establishment at 8 East Church Street will be opening at an early date.

The advert carried the following piece of doggerel -

Advice Tae The Thrifty

*Thrifty fowk wha hain the siller,
Hae ye thochts o' bargain's great,
En' yer care an' be fu' cheery
Extraordinar anes for a' wait.
Min the "Emporium" that's the place for
Prices cheap as e'er ye saw,*

*O' they'll please ye, claes o' a' kin's
Really fine, aye unco braw!
In yer saunters gies a look in
Until then ye'll throw awa'
Money which is ill tae gairther
It shortly needna be sae sma.*

Barking Works for sale at Findochty - Alexander Smith 287, Findochty.

L.T. McGarth , Cluny Square , was once again advertising musical instruments and all kind of things for winter sports.

The B. A. each week at this time was printing cartoons by the Free Trade Union.

A painter was fined at Buckie Police Court for breaking a window. He was fined 15/- with the option of 10 days in jail. Baillie Davidson was on the bench.

The death took place of Robert Annand, Ironmonger. He was a native of Keith and came to Buckie 30 years before after working for a spell in London at Woolwich Arsenal. He was first of all engaged with engineering in connection with extensions at Cluny Harbour. He was an experienced flute player and keenly interested in music of all kinds. He was 66 and unmarried.

A poem is found on page 3 column 2 'The Folly Of Our Ways'

Nov 25

A Free Trade cartoon is again printed.

At this time forty people were attending the Evening Classes held at the Deskford School which meet twice per week.

A number of boys were fined 1/- each for the common practice of stone throwing

The Buckie Lodge of Good Templars held a Social Evening with Bro. W. F. Johnston presiding.

A number of Territorial soldiers were fined for not attending camp without asking permission to be absent.

The Findochty boat, Sunshine BF550 was run down by a Russian brig 20 miles off Yarmouth. The Russian vessel was enroute for France. The crew of the Sunshine were rescued by the Buckie boat, Pursuit.

Alex Sutherland wrote a poem on page 6 column 4 describing his experience.

A poem is found on page 7 column 4 "A Visionary Albain" by Seamus Macgaradh.

Another poem is found on page 7 column 2 'Before Its Too Late' by Anon ***

Dec 2

The 'Emporium' 8 East Church Street, opened on Saturday 27 November with the following quote S. P. Q. R. - Small profits quick returns.

Notice -

Roller Skating Rink
West Church Street
GRAND OPENING
by Dr Duguid on
Wednesday 8 December
Opening ceremony at 3 pm
Admission free on presentation of invitation card
First Session - 7 pm to 11 pm
Admission 6d- skates 1/-
Grand Maple floor
"If you would be graceful learn to skate"

The rink will be open every weekday from 11 am - 11 pm
A capable attendant will be in charge - Ladies and gents instruction
Lavatories, cloakroom, refreshment etc.

At a big meeting held in the Fishermen's Hall, there was overwhelming support for the case of Free Trade.

The majority of shops were to close at 7 pm, with the same conditions as the previous year.

Lodge Gordons were presented with 2 pictures by Lewis B. Barclay Engineer to Water of Leith, Edinburgh. He was the second son of James Barclay, Craigard, East Church Street, Buckie. The pictures, steel plates of large size framed in deep oak mouldings with gold strips. One depicts the National Bard being elected as Poet Laureate for Lodge 2, Cannongate, Kilwinning in February 1787 and his election as Laureate took place on March 1st 1787. The other plate represents His Majesty (then Prince of Wales) as Grand Master Mason of England. It is gratifying that Mr Barclay is so mindful of his native town more especially of the craft with which he is associated.

Buckie Thistle had now played six games in the Highland League - losing 2 and drawn four. In their game on Saturday past they drew 2-2 with the Seaforths (Fort George) at Buckie.

Dec 9 'The event of the season' May Blossom Lodge Free Gardeners - Grand Concert and Social Gathering to be held in the Fishermen's Hall on the 24th December.

Palace Skating Rink Latest times of opening - Morning admission and skates 6d; Afternoon admission and skates 6d ; Evening admission and skates 9d.

Grand Fancy Dress And Masked Carnival will take place shortly with prizes.

Miss M. Nicol, daughter of Mr R. Nicol, Cabinet Maker was recently awarded the ALCM She was already a very successful vocalist.

Dec 23 **The Jubilee took place of the West United Free Church.**

George Tyrell, formerly with a well known studio in Edinburgh was appointed manager of the new John Gordon's Art Photographic Studio in Banff. Mr Tyrell later, was to carry on a very successful photographic business in Elgin.

At the first meeting of the 'new' town council Mr Archibald was re-elected provost.

Dec 30 Buckie traders took the decision to close their shops on New Year's Day, Saturday 1st January, including bakers and the following butchers - James Mair Jun, A. McKenzie, Dickson Bros. D& G. H. Murray, J. Smith, George McKenzie, J. Mair and Sons, and George Stevenson. The licensed grocers, A. Cruickshank and Son, Robert Gillan and Wm. Wright and Co. were also to close.

Miller's Cycle and Motor Works, Cluny Square were advertising that they had just received a consignment of roller skates with prices from 1/9 to 25/- a pair.

Buckie Thistle were to play two games at the New Year. The Citadel on New Year's Day with a kick off at 12 noon and the Clach on Monday 3rd January. Both H/L games and at Victoria Park.

George McKenzie, Butcher, Buckpool and Portgordon had the following advertisement.

Best boiling beef 6d to 8d per lb.

Stewing steak..... 10 per lb.

Finest steaks- Rump etc. fillet1/-per LB

Sausages 6d per lb.

Mutton gigots 9d lb. other parts 6d - 8d per lb.

Finest farm fed pork7d - 8d per lb.

A few lovely sheep skins (all colours) - keen prices

Lovely calendars - "A Royal Group"

Rev John Greenlaw was appointed Captain Chaplain of the local territorial Force. He had been previously acting chaplain of the 1st Orkney R.G.A. V. (He came to Buckie from Orkney)

Lodge Gordons' Office Bearers - appointed 1909 - R.W. M. W. Crombie; P.M. J. L. McNaughton; S. M. H. E. Stagg; D. M. T. Campbell; S. W. G. Scott; J. W. W. Flann; Sec. W. Johnston; Treas. A. Cruickshank; S. D. P. Sudding; J. D. J. Simpson; Proxy Master, A. Cowie; Chaplain, Rev J. Greenlaw; I. G. G.S. Hendry; Director of Music, H. A. McBain; Jeweller, D. G. McGregor, M.C. A. Miller; Stewards, D. Fowler, W. Hunter; Auditors, R. Y. Mackay, M. Gray; Tyler, George Howie.

