

1910

Jan 6 **Advert -**

Buckie Skating Rink
Great Reduction in Prices
Morning - Admission and skates 6d
Afternoon - Admission 3d Skates 9d
Evening - Admission 3d Skates 9d

The finest maple floor in Scotland
Grand Military Brass Band with all the latest tunes
Grand assortment of skates by the best makers

Sessions 11-1; 2.30-5; 7 - 10.30 daily

A meeting of all Terriers was called to discuss the War Office circular regarding the introduction of a Special Badge for members of the force.

The property at 36 and 37 (the numbers look strange) East Church Street was for sale. The advert spoke of this being a good opening for a Temperance Hotel.

The steam drifter **Fame BF655** was being offered for sale.

The newly formed Boys Naval Brigade held a concert in the Fishermen's Hall.

The Free Trade Union's cartoon this week drew a comparison between the hours of labour and wages earned by workers in Great Britain and those in Germany. By the figures given the British worker worked less hours and earned more money etc than his counterpart in Germany

The column Local News carried a piece on the Skating Palace on West Church Street which it said was gaining in popularity with 4000 (sic) attending each day. Friday and Saturday being extremely busy at the Palace of Light and Luxury with crowds being drawn from neighbouring towns and villages. Last Saturday the crowd was so large that not all gained admission.

An exhibition of figure skating was given at intervals by the lady instructor.

The new temple, in connection with Gordon Lodge 589, was consecrated by Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, Mr Grant. There was a large attendance of brethren in attendance with representatives from Dufftown, Keith, Portsoy, Banff and Cullen. A dinner followed the consecration while in the evening a ball was held attended by 40 couples. Music was provided by Lobban's Band while Miller and Ross were M.C's. Mr Grant in his speech said how the Buckie Lodge showed a great example to all other lodges being far ahead of any of them.

A poem is found on page 7 column 1 "The Last of the Pibroch" W.G. M.

The new shop the "Emporium" at 8 East Church Street Cash Drapery Store was owned by Charles I. Shearer who had the shop next door.

Jan 13 Elgin Rolling Skating Rink Ltd was offering shares at £1 each.

The town council received a petition from 15 ratepayers on Baron Street against the proposal to construct a boatyard on Baron's Green that had been open land from time immemorial.

A ball was held at Maryhill in the hayloft kindly given by Mr and Mrs Forbes. Ross and McIvor provided the music while George Jamieson, secretary, was M.C. The ball, which attracted 40 couples, continued into an early hour.

The married sisters connected with Buckie Lodge of the IOGT gave an AT Home to which members and friends were invited. Those who organised the event were – Mrs John Campbell, Mrs T. D. Yule Mrs Calder and Mrs Johnston. Nine new members joined.

A new zulu boat, the 'M' Slater BCK 57 built for John Slater, Buckpool was launched from the boatyard of W.R. McIntosh, Portessie. The new boat had a keel of 57', a beam of 20' and a depth of 12'.6" Overall, she measured 77'.

Jan 20 First class accommodation was being offered for steam drifters to lie up at the end of the fishing season, at Alloa on the River Forth.

The B.A. gave notice of the sequestration of the firm of G & J. Smith, Sailmakers, Iainstown.

Tee name – Mair 'Saucy'.

Jan 27 **Advert -**
Buckie Skating Palace – West Church Street – Grand Fancy Dress and Masked Carnival to be held on Wednesday 2 February 1910. Over £20 to be given away in prizes .
Egg and Spoon race open to ladies and girls
Original balloon race - open
Graceful Chariot Race – ladies only

Prizes for the most original and best-dressed male and female.

For men – 1st – Bicycle valued at £6.10; second pair of skates and tickets; third set of carvers.

For ladies – 1st – Powerful gramophone and discs valued at £6.10; second pair of skates and tickets; third waist belt.

Children's prizes – girl – pendant; boy – watch

No entry money to be paid for competitions

Spectators 1/- a few reserved seats at 2/- skaters 1/-

The following men were admitted as elders in the Enzie United Free Church – James Gordon, Glasterim; Alex Bremner, Birkenbush; William Geddes Portgordon. As deacons – William Michie, Core; Alex Garden, Portannachy; Peter Green, Portgordon.

The annual general meeting of ratepayers connected with the Public Park took place this week. There was a credit balance of £12.0 7 ½

It was agreed to plant more trees around the park.

Unity Lodge, IOGT, held a social meeting in the United Free Church Mission Hall, Main Street. Bro. W. F. Johnston presided.

Six new members were signed up.

The proposal to start a Soup Kitchen in Buckie was carried.

(Miss Shee, Letterfourie, gave a donation of ten guineas.)

Feb 3 A meeting, took place to consider starting a Minstrel Group in connection with the Free Gardeners.

Advert – R. Johnston, Painter, Bridgend, was giving notice that he was prepared to undertake coach painting.

(The Banffshire Advertiser was still costing 1d)

A poem is to be found on page 2 column 5 "The Old Musician" by W.G.M.

Lady Gordon Cathcart sent the annual sum of £20 to be distributed among the widows on her estate of Buckie and Gollachy. Dr Miller, South U.F Church, made the distribution. There was an increased number of applicants this year when compared to 1909. Those already receiving parish relief got nothing on the Lady's orders, while those in receipt of the Old Age Pension got measurably less than others.

The Skating Rink Carnival was declared to be a success – a brilliant spectacle.

The Liberal Party won the 1910 election with 273 seats in parliament, followed by the Unionists with 271, Nationalists, 82 and Labourites, 41 making a total of 667.

In the Highland League Buckie Thistle had now played eight games, drawn five and lost three. Goals for 10 and against 17. Five points gained.

The first people to contribute to the Buckie Soup Kitchen were - Miss Shee, Letterfourie, Lady Seafield, £5, George Stevenson, Butcher, 65 lbs. of beef; James Valentine, 100 2lb loaves; A. Smith, Don Villa, vegetables; Mrs Stewart, Hillocks Farm, turnips; John Dawson, Builder, turnips; A. Young, Cunningholes Farm, turnips; P. McLaren, Grocer, 35lbs tinned meat; Robert Grant, Draper, towels; James P. Pozzi, Stationery; John McWilliam and Sons, 100 2lb loaves; R. Taylor, Union Bar, Buckpool, turnips; John Mitchell, Grocer, 1cwt of split peas; F. W. Johnston, 'Advertiser' advertising; J. McWilliam and Sons, coal. Others gave similar things at a later time among them being James Mair Jun. Butcher, beef; Alex Imlach, mince collops, onions and a tin opener; Capt. Reid, split peas; W. Cowie, coal.

The Soup Kitchen started on Friday 4 February, in the Gasworks store on Baron Street when a boiler was provided by John Barclay, Slater and Plumber. Fifty families received rations and the daily number of rations issued amounts to close on 200.

Feb 10 Robert Hendry, Auctioneer, Keith, bought all the stock of the late R. Annand, Ironmonger, Low Street with the goods being sold off in the shop there.

The Minstral Group (belonging to the Free Gardeners) held their first practice on Friday 4 February in the Fishermen's Hall. Parties desiring of joining the group please attend. J. Cowie, secretary.

Referee mobbed at Buckie chased from Victoria Park to the Cluny Hotel. The referee, Mr J. Gillespie, Aberdeen was mobbed by a crowd of between 300 and 400 at the end of the game between Aberdeen harp and Buckie Thistle in the Aberdeenshire Cup in which the Aberdeen side beat Buckie by two goals to one. The crowd though that being a native of Aberdeen he had favoured the Aberdeen side. Mr Gillespie, accompanied by police was chased along Cluny Lane, all the time being pelted with stones, before he was able to reach safety in the Cluny Hotel.

Feb 17 'D' Coy. Sixth Gordon Highlanders Territorial Force, held a Recruiting Meeting which took the form of a Grand Smoking Concert in the Volunteer Hall. The Terriers were all in uniform. A dance followed the concert.

Advert - Robert Ewen – late of the New Cemetery gave notice that he was prepared to under take all forms of garden work.

At the local Police Court, four boys were fined 1/ each or 24 hours in jail - for playing football on High Street.

A Navigation Class (under the Aberdeen College) was to start at Buckie Higher Grade School with Capt. Geddes, Findochty, as local instructor. Skippers and second hands were advised that they should avail themselves of this opportunity.

A poem is found on page seven column five titled " A Lullaby" by W.G. M.

(For some odd reason, the B.A. had stopped putting numbers on their pages, which numbered eight in total.)

The Buckie Lodge of Good Templars were celebrating their 39th anniversary .

A poem is found on page two column 5 titled "The Past" by J.M.

Since the Smoking concert held by the local Territorial Force 4 new recruits had joined the company. This brought the number up to 19 and only one below the establishment.

The final lime-light lecture of the season of the Christian Endeavour Society was given in the Masonic Institute. The subject was - Bible Manners and Customs - delivered by Rev Mr Gibson. This was illustrated by 80 beautiful views. The lantern was manipulated by Mr George Macpherson.

The weekly meeting of the Buckie Debating Society took place in the Masonic Institute on Monday when there was a large attendance. Mr James Hosie M. A., vice president, was in the chair. Balfour Downie submitted a paper on the poet Keats.

The death took place this week of James Grant, farmer, Arradoul Mains at the age of 62. He was a native of Dufftown and had been at Arradoul for 17 years during which time the steading had been completely rebuilt on modern lines. He began by concentrating on feeding cattle and breeding Clydesdales later putting almost all his energies into dairying. He farmed successfully in all the many aspects of farming taking many prizes at Shows for both his horses and cattle. He was a forward looking farmer taking full advantage of advances in science as it affected farming, continually raising good crops.

A poem is found on page 5 column 4 "I Think of Thee" with another poem on page 8 column 1 "The Budget Bill" by James Ferguson of Pasadena, California.

Mar 3 The Palace Skating Rink was advertising that a Grand Gymkhana and Fancy Dress and Masked Carnival was to take place on 23 march.

Estimates were being invited for the construction of Laundry and Art classrooms at Buckie Public School.

Estimates were also being invited for all trades in the construction of the new Baptist Church to be built on Cluny Place, Buckie.

A poem is found on page 2 column 5 "Scotch Mist" This is written in the Doric by R.D. J.

Poem Children's Merry Laugh by A.J. Page 3 column 5

Poem on page 3 column 5 "An Evening Sketch" by W.G. M.

With another recruit having joined the 'colours' the local Territorial company was now up to strength of 20.

Collections were being taken throughout the town while contributions continued to be made by shops, businesses and individuals towards the Soup Kitchen.

A poem is found on page 6 column 4 titled "Children's Merry Laugh" by A.J.

A new drifter company was launched called the Inverness Drifter Company with a capital of £10,000 with £5,000 being offered for public subscription.

The Thistle team beaten by Inverness Thistle in Inverness by two goals to nil was - Paterson, Reid and Duncan; Smith, Robertson and Clark; McLennan, Simpson, Clark, McKenzie and Stewart.

The B. A received a letter which spoke about the amenities of Buckie with special reference to paths and the one up the side of the Buckie Burn in particular. It spoke of one taking this ancient right of way having to pass the dung depot and then the difficulty of passing Mill of Buckie where one was ankle deep in dung etc. it was stressing the need for improvements. (Nothing changes only that in 1999 one was unable to use the path which no longer existed having completely disappeared within the past ten years)

Mar 10 A poem is found on page 3 column 5 "Memory of the Past"

Business announcement - George Thomson, Shipbuilder was announcing that his son had been taken into the business which was now trading under the title of George Thomson and Son.

The B. A. printed a second letter that had comments to make about the need to retain and improve the walk up the Buckie Burn side.

The B.A. had a picture on page 8 showing drifters tied up in the Canal basin at Inverness. There was a total of 81 when the picture was taken. The article went on to say how there was a great need for an anchorage much nearer home because of the loss of time and money

incurred travelling the distance from such as Buckie to Inverness to do what required to be done.

A poem is found on page 8 column 3 "Hoo Can I Leave?" by Seamus Macgaradh

Mar 17 Buckie Amateur Operatic Society was to present - "The Yeoman of The Guards"
The people playing different parts were - Wm. Yuill, Adam Robertson, H. Barclay, F.J. S. Paterson, Wm. Lobban, E. Hornby, H. Forbes, J. Forbes, John Winchester, W. Johnston, G. R. Duguid, Miss Wiseman, Miss Cocker, Miss Nicol, Miss Christie.
The musical director - John Barritt - Pianist - Miss Wright.

The town council received a letter from J. Johnston, secretary of Buckie Thistle F. C. asking if the members would intervene for them in the negotiation with the Cluny Eastates on the business of acquiring a new playing area. In Buckie. The Cluny estate wanted the present Victoria Park for building houses on. The Thistle had suggested a piece of ground to the west of Dar Buckie (This was eventually acquired in 1919.) while a site to the west of Queen Street was the choice of the ratepayers.

Four young joiners from Portknockie, Wm. Simpson and James Simpson, cousins, Alexander Geddes and George McKenzie left this week for the U.S. A.

At a meeting of the executives, chaired by John Barclay, it was agreed to close the Soup Kitchen on 19 March. Thanks were extended to the latest people to give contributions - Mitchell and Robertson, D.L. Fowler and John Guthrie, all bakers gave bread while John Winchester, farmer, Loanhead gave potatoes and turnips.

Buckie Thistle at last won their first game in the Highland League on 12th March 1910, when they beat the Seaforths, Fort George, by three goals to one at Victoria Park.

Mar 24 The Physical Culture Club were to stage a Grand Athletic Exhibition in the Fisherman's Hall.

The Buckie Catholic Association were to present the dram " A Marked Man" in the St Andrews Hall.

L.T. McGarth was advertising that ocean passages and railway fares to all destinations could be booked through him.

Canada, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and British Columbia (Vancouver) - £5.15

U.S.A. - New York, Buffalo and Chicago etc - £5.15

South Africa, Cape Town Rhodesia - £9.9

Australia (all parts) £15 or £5 assisted passages. New Zealand £16 with special terms for domestic servants.

A demonstration was to be given this week of the Minimaz Fire Extinguisher, by Arthur Perret.

The Unity Lodge of Good Templars (Buckpool) held a concert in the Good Templars Hall West Church Street on Sunday entitled "Little Jamie".

On the Saturday evening the Unity Lodge held an open meeting in the South U.F. Church hall on Main Street when many songs were sung by different people.

It was being reported that Roller Skating was on the wane in the south but it was claimed not to have yet reached its zenith here (Buckie) Another carnival night proved to be a great success with males and females decked out in a variety of costumes.

A good write up of the event is given on page 5 column s 2/3 of this edition.

A poem is found on column 4 page 8 by a Findochty Fisherman This speaks of the government requirement for fishermen to acquire certificates by men who perhaps didn't have the necessary book learning to allow them to achieve this.

Mar 31 Buckie Skating Palace - Great Reduction in Prices -

Morning admission and skates 3; Afternoon admission and skates 6d; Evening admission and skates 6d.

Saturday morning admission and skates 4d; Afternoon admission and skates 6d; Evening admission and skates 9d.

Exhibition given every Wednesday and Friday evenings by instructors - G. Butt and Miss Grant.

A sketch of the Baptist Church to be erected on Cluny Place was given in this edition.

In December 1903 the Baptist Home Missionary Society for Scotland sent two of their missionaries, Rev. A. Bremner and W. J. Lipatt to conduct a mission in Buckie. With a view to establishing a permanent church.. Later in January 1904 Rev. H. McKenzie began regular Sunday services in the Volunteer hall. These were held after adherents in other churches had been dismissed which gave them a chance to attend. This inevitably led to a large congregation. The Rev Gibson came to Buckie in April 1907.

Architect - George MacPherson, Buckie, Mason - Andrew Morrison, Carpenter - Alex Murray, Slater - John Barclay, Plasterer - R. and J. Hume, Plumber - R. Tindall And Sons Ltd., Painter - James Duncan

Church treasurer - W.F. Johnstone. It was intended that the new church would open on January 1st 1911.

Buckie Physical Culture Club was formed on 24 December 1909 with a meeting in the Volunteer Hall. Mr Shackcloth was appointed instructor. He was an athlete with a known reputation. The club was to give a demonstration on 13th April in the Fisherman's Hall with contests among members. The instructor, himself to give an exhibition. Singers to sing songs as a diversion.

The number of rations issued by the Soup Kitchen came to 7530 with the actual cost per ration being 11/2d. the income amounted to £71.1.1 with expenditure of £53.1.9 giving a credit balance of £17.19.4, which was deposited, in the Union Bank. It was remitted to a small committee to arrange for the storage of the boiler.

Apr 7 A suffragette demonstration took place in Buckie this past week when Miss Frances Parker and Miss Kate Macrae delivered speeches in support of votes for women.

A poem is to be found on page 2 column 4 titled "Help each Other".

At the J.P court this week the fines given out were 7/6or 4 days for a Breach of the peace; 5/- plus 2/6 or 48 hours in jail for cycling without lights.

At the Police court a fine of 5/- or 3 days was given for loitering or obstructing the pavements or paths. Five people were fined for different cases.

A labourer was fined 5/- or 3 days for stealing rags and bones from the dung depot. He chose to go to jail.

The offer of £104,000 for extension to Cluny Harbour was accepted by the town council, subject to the council being awarded a Public Works Loan.

Aberdeen Evening Express was full of admiration for the way in which the courts in Buckie, Police and J.P. dealt with loiterers. These were said to be, in the main, fishermen who stood around on the pavements or sat on window sills with their legs stretched out causing people to have to walk on the muddy streets. This habit took place all over the place, as was said, this side of the burn; over the burn, doon the brae or up the brae. Whether the subject was the big shots they had made or how a salesman had tried to swick them, they apparently had no concern for other people whatsoever.

Apr 14 The Palace Skating Rink was to hold a Fishermen's Fancy Dress and Masked Carnival.

A. Fraser Steamer Agent was advertising Best Lines to Canada and the USA.

A new burial ground for Rathven was proposed.

Two streets were names in Iainstown by Dr Campbell ? King Street and Crown Street.

Apr 21 A meeting was called to test the interest in starting up a Harriers and Physical Culture Club. This was a bit odd since a Physical Culture Club was known to be already in existence as shown by an advert back in March 31.

The Palace Skating Rink was to close for the summer season with it being planned to re-open early the next summer.

The B.A. of this date carried a picture of Robert Gillan's Grocer, Wine and Spirit Merchant's shop on "one of the finest and best equipped grocery establishments in the north". The long counter tops were French-polished with white enamel fronts.

For lighting a number of gas lamps hung from handsome brass pendants.

R. Watson, Globe Stores, High Street, was advertising a big reduction in the price of sugar to all tea buyers. Buyers of 1lb of tea were entitled to 1 stone of sugar, at 2/9 per lb. "to further advertise the quality of our various brands of tea."

The first picnic of the year took place this week when members of the Rolling Wave, IOGT went by brake to Fochabers. The weather there was much better than in Buckie and games went on until 3.30 pm when a visit was made to the Castle gardens where a picture was taken before returning home at 6.30 pm.

A crisis in Buckie Thistle Affairs - The grievance accompanied by a man with a pair of horse and a plough came from Mill of Buckie to Victoria Park where a furrow was ploughed from one goal to the other thereby stopping football being played. The grievance, speaking to an official of the club, said how the directive had come from the Cluny Estates Mr McDonald factor for Lady Cathcart had written to the football club saying that he was to resume the ground from Mrs Hector and that he would keep in view to send the club notice to quit. This was done by registered post on 10 November last and the club had to move by Whitsun 1910. Mrs Hector then wrote saying she couldn't give the ground to the club after May 1910. Therefore, it may be readily assumed that the club were assured of finishing their season 1909-1910. As has been stated the matter is now in the hands of legal agents and the query will be fought out in the court of law.

Apr 28 Buckie was to play host to Aberdeen's full league side in a match here for some time but Victoria Park was now unavailable.

A displesh sale was to take place at Bogend Farm, Rathven this was instructed by the owner John Garden, Esq. Solicitor, Leith. Among the items for sale were three first class horses.

Opening announcement - William Geddes, FBOA FSMC (Optician etc) was to open new premises at Cluny Harbour. He had previously been in business in Findochty.

John Allan, Outfitter, was claiming to be the sole agent in Buckie for Swan collars.

On Monday a fleet of 19 battleships carried out a series of manoeuvres about 8 miles off Buckie. This created a lot of interest in the town with a large crowd watching the operations during the afternoon.

A harrier and Culture Club was formed in Buckie following a meeting in the Volunteer hall with Mr Shackcloth as instructor.

A poem is found on page 7 column 4 "The Prodigal Son" This is written in 3 parts . Part A - The Wa' Gaun; Part B - The Hame Comin'; Part C- The Unco Guid.

The death took place in America of S. L Clemens (Mark Twain) at Ridding, Connecticut. He was the author of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

May 5 For riding bikes without lights the fine had now risen to 10/- .

Buckie Hibs beat Gordon Street Thistle by three goals to nil. The Hibs also beat Buckpool West End by the single goal of the game.

- May 12 A notice in the B.A. said how the Letterfourie Grounds were closed to the public and would not be available on the Buckie holiday.
- The baker firm of Mitchell and Robertson 50 West Church Street, (Where the Pastry Shop was located in 1999) signed the Trust Deed.
- The railway authorities were offering a cheap day return trip to Aberdeen for 3/6.
- King Edward VII died on May 6. The new sovereign was King George V.**
- The B.A. reported that a break -in had taken place at the Porter and Ale premises of Elsie Gibb at 5 Great Western Road.
- Buckie Town Council got the government loan they had sought for extensions to be made to Cluny harbour.**
- Opening announcement -** David Gow opened a fish shop on High Street.
- Alex Dallas, 68 West Church Street was advertising lawn mowers repaired and sharpened.
- May 19 A new Academy was to be built at Fordyce with tenders being invited for all trades.
- P. I. Smith Buckpool Station had an advert in the B.A. saying how he was to be selling off all his horses and roadsters
A further notice spoke of P.I. Smith no longer being the agent for Moray and Nairn Laundry Co. Ltd Elgin and anyone handing in laundry did at their own risk
The odd thing being that for weeks after Smith was still advertising himself as a laundry agent and also for carrying out all forms of carting.
- All places of business in Buckie closed for the funeral of King Edward VII. A service took place in the South U.F. Church to which the town council, public bodies and the general public were invited.
- J.P. Coats Manufacturers, Paisley gave schoolbags to every school pupil in Scotland. Teachers got Gladstone bags, suitcases and purses, with the compulsory officer not forgotten.
- The new custodian of the Good Templar building on West Church Street was to be Mr David Mayne.
The Institute was now open for all forms of social entertainment, including dancing. It should prove to be a decided acquisition for the town, with a hall with upright piano, ladies and gents rooms with lavatory and hand basins, committee rooms, smoking room and billiard room. The last two being upstairs. All could be let on reasonable terms. Anyone requesting the use of the hall etc was asked to contact Wm. Johnston, Parkview, South Pringle Street.
- A poem is to be found on page 8 column 3 'Stanza' W.G.M. Portknockie.
- May 26 In answer to a letter it was said how Buckie Thistle had paid Mrs Hector £16 for the use of Victoria Park during the past year.
- June 2 **The laying of the Memorial Stone of the Baptist Church was to take place on Wednesday 8 June 1910 at 3.15 pm by Rev Alex Bremner, Port Glasgow, the founder of the church in Buckie.**
- The Buckie (Cluny) Harbour Loan. The Public Works Loan Commissioners agreed to grant £6 for every £1 collected locally.**
- June 9 **Advert -** The Enzie annual Pic-nic and Games was to take place on Saturday 25 June in a field belonging to Mr Stables, Cuttlebrae, near the railway station. P. Stewart secretary.

The property of 36-38 East Church Street was for sale. It was then occupied by Mr Jack, Draper and Mrs Bruce, China Merchant. (It stood on the opposite side of the street from the roadway leading to the railway station.

The Hon. C. S. Rolls successfully flew from Dover to Calais and back on Thursday June 2 1910 leaving Dover at 6.30 pm and arriving back at 8 o'clock. The plane was a Short - Wright bi-plane.

Deacons of the Baptist Church were Charles Christie, John Coull, W. F. Johnston, John Johnston, Alexander Murray and James Smith,

June 16 The Baker and Confectionery business at 50 West Church Street belonging to Mitchell and Robertson , who had signed the Trust Deed, was for sale. Included in the sale were the dwelling house, shop and bakehouse, stabling for two horses with loft and also a 28 foot feu not built upon. (Even in 1999 this piece of land , next to the 'Pastry Shop' was still lying vacant.) The property was first built in 1896.

F. J. S. Paterson MA, Teacher at Buckie Secondary School and well known Thistle football player, was to become the new Schoolmaster at Grange, near Keith.

The first church parade of the local Territorial Company took place on Sunday past, led by the pipe band and officers, Captain Gordon and Lieutenant Taylor.

Juvenile members of Buckie Lodge held a picnic in the policies of Letterfourie House by kind permission of Miss Winifred Shee.

The first new tatties of the season were lifted from the garden of ex Provost Simpson, Bank Street. This was a new variety called, **Come and See**. This was exceptionally early for Buckie.

June 23 Drybridge Picnic and Games were to be held this year in a field at Greenbank belonging to Mr John Weir, farmer, on Saturday 9 July. James McCurrach, Tailor, Drybridge , was secretary.

The Portknockie Picnic and Games were to take place at Brunton Hillock - Bauds Wood, on Wednesday 6 July. This was described as being the most ideal place in which to hold such an event.

Buckie Town Band played a selection of tunes on Cluny Square on Thursday evening when a large gathering of people turned up to hear them play and were much appreciative.

On Saturday teachers and pupils of Buckie Higher Grade School held a Pic-nic at Woodside, Farm. They travelled by train to Findochty and then walked from there to the Pic-nic site (almost two miles) The field was kindly give for the event by the farmer, Mr Simpson. Sports were held, including 100 yards, 220 yards, 1/2 mile, throwing the cricket ball, long and high jump, sack race for boys and thread the needle race for girls also a tug of war.

Buckie Lodge of Good Templars held their annual picnic and games at Loch Na Bo, near Lhanbryd. They travelled there by a brake, 2 waggonettes, with some preferring to cycle.

The Gordon Highlanders held their annual camp at Burghead this year. Where they stayed for 14 days. The site was much superior to that at Aultmore where they camped the previous year. Ground conditions were very much better while there was plenty good quality water for the 1500 men.

Present there were - 5th, 6th and 7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders with some Army Service Corps.

The B.A. of this date carried a story and photograph about the draper shop, T. D. Yule, 30 West Church Street. It told of how the interior of the shop had been much improved and also the exterior, which had been faced with sandstone, columns and cornices, made from Greenbrae Quarry, Hopeman. (In 1999 the shop front was altered when the shop next door occupied by R. S. Cruickshank. Television and Radio, was extended to take in both shops)

June 30 **The B.A. carried a good advert for the Portknockie Picnic and Games, joint secretaries, Joseph Addison and John Donaldson. Again the site chosen for the picnic was again being**

praised with the following jingle - *The broom, the briar, the birken tree Bloom all around the verdant lea.*

It was a time when picnics were all the rage. The Parish Church Sunday School held theirs at Bogmoor travelling by train to Fochabers (on Spey) before walking up to Bogmoor. The South U.F. Church Sunday School bairns went to Drybridge. Both events took place on Saturday when they enjoyed bonny weather.

Two girls of 13 and 14, both named, from Peter Hythe were charged with stealing flowers off graves at Rathven Cemetery. What was said to be disturbing was that the parents did not treat the matter very seriously. They were admonished with a warning.

Enzie Picnic, unfortunately, did not enjoy the best of weathers with it being quite cold and blustery, which had an adverse effect on the size of the crowd. The Games manager was P. Stewart while Mr Murray, Tynet was secretary. J. Johnston and Adams amused the bairns. A. Sim and J. Paterson were in charge of refreshments while A. Murdoch, Blackhill looked after the dancing. Music was supplied by A. I. Morrison's band from Portgordon.

The winner of the High Jump was R. Mair, Portknockie at 4'6" with G. Geddes and A. Corbett 2nd and 3rd. Corbett cleared 7' in the Vaulting competition, the only event that Mair failed to win. He won the Long Leap with a leap of 19' and the Hop-Step and Leap with a leap of 38'2".

In the heavy events Mair was again the most successful throwing the Heavy Hammer a distance of 83' 4", Light Hammer, 101' 6", Heavy Ball, 32'2", Light Ball, 39'8", 56lb weight 22.10" and the 28 lb. weight 48'6".

Miss Matilda Duncan, Broadley, came first in the Highland Schottische with Mary Innes, Clochan, second.

July 7 The Sheriff at Banff described the Shielburn area as a deserted part of the country, where a man up on a cruelty charge to his two horses, was said to live in something like prehistoric conditions at Shielburn Croft.

A census taken of vagrants in Banffshire found these figures – Ordinary vagrants 112; Tramps seeking work 30; Holders of pedlar's licenses but acting as vagrants 34. Men women and children in 1909 had numbered 234 in 1910 this figure had fallen to 176.

A Portknockie farm servant charged with riding a bicycle without lights was fined 7/6 plus 5/- expenses. George Watt, Tynet was fined 20/- for being drunk in charge of a horse in Portknockie.

To cope with their new extension, aerated water business, Messrs W. & J. Cruickshank last Friday, 1st July put on the road a finely equipped motor waggon (sic) - the first of its kind north of Aberdeen. The vehicle has attracted a lot of attention on it runs to Huntly, Banff and Forres.

It takes a load of five tons with ease and can also pull a trailer with a further three ton load. Speed is dictated by road conditions but a regular 5mph is normal but if "scorching" could cover twice this distance in 60 minutes. Mr Simpson has been secured as the driver and everything points to the venture being a successful one. The makers of the wagon is Messrs Foden Ltd, Sandbank, England.

Still more picnics – A party of 220 from the West U. F. Sunday School went to Woodside Farm in carts given by Messrs John Anderson, Gordonsburgh, John Wilson, Walkerdale, Mrs Hector, Mill of Buckie and W. Duncan and son. Some adults went by brake.

The Episcopal Church Sunday School held their picnic in the Enzie going there by train. The Sunday School pupils of the Mission Hall, Portessie went to Urquhart by train.

Local painters, wives and girl friends went to Craigellachie by 3 conveyances where in addition to a picnic a variety of sports were participated in.

The Portknockie Picnic and Games was a 'Red Letter Day' for the village. This was the second year such an event had been held and once again it had been a great success. The event took place in a field supplied by Mr Farquhar at Woodhead.

As at Enzie, R. Mair was again a very successful competitor. He threw the Heavy hammer a distance of 97'4" and the Light Hammer, 24' 5".

He also won the 100 yards print and ½ mile race.

The Sword Dance competition was won by Jeannie Mackay with Nettie Coull 2nd and A. L. Cooper 3rd.

Miss Mackay also won the Highland Schottische and the Highland Fling.

Jul 14 The old established Boot and Shoe business in Bogmoor belonging to Mr James Robertson, was for sale.

The B.A. spoke of Buckie Thistle getting a new ground near to the St Andrew's Hotel ??

George McKenzie sought his reinstatement as an amateur. He had been a signed player with Aberdeen F.C.

Buckie Thistle entered for the Highland League, Aberdeenshire Cups and Qualifying Cup.

The prize-winners at the Drybridge Picnic and Games that took place in 1910 at Greenbank Farm were -

James Riddell of Garmouth who came first in the Heavy Hammer, Light Hammer, Heavy Weight, Light Weight, Heavy Ball and Light Ball. G.Geddes was first in the High Leap, while A. Murdoch was the winner in the Vaulting, Long Leap and Short Race.

In the Highland Dancing competition, Jeannie Smith, Inverurie was first in the Highland Fling followed by Jeannie McKay, Arradoul and Kitty Thomson, Aberdeen. There was the same placing in the Sword Dance.

Buckie tradesmen, their wives and girl-friends held a picnic at Gordon Castle, Fochabers to where they went by 3 brakes. The day was pleasantly spent with those present participating in a number of sports.

Jul 21. Alex Kessack, farmer at Greencraig Farm, Drybridge died this week

John Black, Blacksmith, Cluny Terrace also died.

The property of 81 Main Street, formerly the Harbour Bar, was for sale. The owners were refused a license.

Shares were being offered in the Strathspey Mining Syndicate Ltd. 7.500 ordinary shares at £1 each were on offer. The search was on for iron ore and manganese at Arndilly.

The notice said that it was not intended to call up more than 5/- per share, what, it was estimated would be sufficient to prove the value of the mines at depth.

No more was heard of this.

Bostock and Wombell, Royal Menagerie, established in 1805, was to pay a visit to Buckie on 22 July when they would set up shop on the Commercial Park.

The following piece of doggerel was used to introduce the Good Templars Advert -

Oh! Peter Fair, thou aul-time market
Whaur mony a lass and lad hae larkit
An wandered idly ower the stance
Singing an wishin' for a dance

Visitors to this year's Peter Fair were asked to look out for the Grand Temperance Tent and Dancing Board.. Taylor's famous string band from Keith was to be in attendance.

Both the Highland and Great North of Scotland Railways were advertising cheap day excursions. The Highland as far as the Kyle of Lochalsh and Loch Maree. To reach the latter one took the train to Achnasheen then by the coach that would be waiting.

The G.N.S.R. were advertising a special day return trip to Aberdeen.

A poem is found on page 2 column 2 called Jack Johnson's Victory (Heavyweight World Champion Boxer) by Pugilist.

The choir members of the Parish Church held their annual outing when they went by three brakes to Delfur, Orton. It was showery but it was said that all enjoyed getting' weat.

Cargoes in and out of Cluny Harbour during the past week were - three cargoes of coal in with a cargo of herring going out.

Jul 28 The wedding took place of Robert Riddoch, Mason, Buckie, and Ella McKnockater, daughter of George McKnockater, Stone-cutter, Cummington, Moray.

Opening announcement - Allan McKenzie, Butcher, 1 Gordon Street, was advertising that he was shortly to open a branch shop on Low Street in the shop formerly occupied by the late Robert Annand, Ironmonger.

Peter Fair. The writer of the day said how this centuries old fair was still as popular as ever. The first indications of the Fair was the number of tinker and hawker tribes seen on Thursday wandering around the streets of Buckie trying to get people to buy their wares.

Friday morning started off dull and it did **appear as if for the first time in many years Peter Fair was to be held on a wretched day.** This wasn't the case, however, for apart from one shower in the morning the day turned out splendid with King sol shining down with all its brilliance.

The usual feeing and buying and selling of horses took place in the morning. Those being employed for the harvest were being offered £3.10 to £4 as lifter, £4.10 to £5.15 as bandsters with men to build, £6.10.

There were very few horses forward with the best changing hands for between £60 and £70. Poorer quality animals made between £10 and £30 with a few non descript going for only a few pounds.

Each train to Rathven brought a full complement from Buckie leaving the town looking deserted. In keeping with the practice of recent years most businesses closed their doors at 4 to allow their employed to get to the Fair.

At the Fair there were all the usual variety of amusements from showdy boats to shooting galleries and trails of strength..

The Portknockie Games committee had brought along their dancing board. This was an innovation that made a decided hit, at a penny dance to music by the Taylor's Band from Keith and Piper Morrison, Buckie.

There were as usual a number of refreshment tents set up by the following –

R. Taylor and C. Taylor, both Buckie, J. McIntosh, Forgue, Mrs Davidson, Keith, Mr Simpson, Cullen, The Buckie Lodge of Good Templars, The 'Committee' Portknockie Picnic and Games, A. Souter Gordon Arms, Fife Keith, Mrs Wilson, Buckpool, Mr hunter Do, Rathven Parish Church, Mrs Grant, Portsoy, R. Watson Glabe Stores, Buckie, Donald Grant, Grocer, Buckie, Antonio, Buckie and Louis, Buckie.

The Highland railway running to and from the Market Stance was busy with 4953 tickets being sold on the day for Rathven (the previous year it had been 4411)

A motor car and a number of brakes also kept up an efficient service.

Arradoul Public School closed for the summer holidays on Friday. Before closing all the pupils were presented with schoolbags, the gift of Mr J. Coats, Ferguslie House, Paisley. The headteacher also got a handsome present. Mr Coats also added two copies of Forsyth's Elocution for class use.

Mr Mackay (a merchant in Glasgow and a former pupil of the school) was present together with his wife. They left a sum of money to be divided among the children for a Peter Fair treat.

The annual swimming gala took place at Cullen the previous week.

The drifter, Boyndie Burn built for a Buckie man, was launched at Banff.

The draper shop, Allan's 37 West Church Street was advertising as special this week, ladies and gents umbrellas also Gents, Youths and Boys waterproofs.

Aug 4 Swallows International Circus was to pay a visit to Buckie on Saturday August 12, setting up shop in the Commercial Park.

Alex Stuart took over the long established Boot and Shoe business at Bogmoor formerly belonging to the late John Robertson and which had been continued by his son for some time, James Robertson.

There was a notice in the B.A. advertising the coming Huntly Show. The great attraction billed was The Great Aeroplane Flight – *the First in the North*. The pilot to be D. Graham Gilmour Esq. Renowned aviator.

In the news item, however, people were told that whether the flight took place or not depended on the strength of the wind. It was impossible to fly when wind speed was greater than 10 mph. It was said that Bleriot who won fame in his cross Channel flight would not take off in a wind of 5 mph.

The best time for flying was in the early morning or at dusk when calm conditions were most often experienced.

There was likely to be a big crowd present hoping to witness the first attempt at flight in the north.

Alex Esson's employees, wives, girl friends and friends, a party of 45 went on a picnic to Gordon Castle, Fochabers.

Farmers, farm labourers and agriculturists were wanted in the state of Queensland, Australia. Assisted passages were available for those with £50 in funds with free passages for wives and children. Queensland (it said) wants men of right class to till its soil. Millions of acres await settlers.

Dr Crippen accused of murdering his wife was arrested in Canada along with his girl friend, Miss Le Neve. He was later found guilty and ultimately hanged.

Aug 11 Estimates were being invited for a large extension to the shop of James Mackay on East Church Street.

Buckie Town Council planned to borrow £55,500 for the purpose of carrying into effect the construction of works authorised by Buckie (Cluny) Harbour in October 1909

In order to construct a blockyard to produce the huge blocks required for the north pier at the point required - the Gordonsburgh end of the then harbour - the Freuchny Burn was to be diverted through 2 x 24" pipes.

Jones, Sawmillers and Engineers who previously had their premises near where Herd and McKenzie's Shipbuilding yard was later located were contemplating erecting a boatyard at Ianstown.

Aug 18 Estimates were being invited for the construction of new supplementary and manual instruction rooms at Enzie Public School.

P. T. Clarke took over the chemist's business of J. R. Henderson, 29 Grant Street, Cullen.

The County of Banff Secondary Education Committee was advising that the Arradoul Endowment, amounting to £15 or thereby, divided into bursaries of such amounts as the committee may determine, was open to pupils attending schools in the parish of Rathven, Anyone intending to apply was asked to contact John G. Fleming 103 Mid Street, Keith.

Still being without a recognised park, Buckie Thistle were to play Turriff at Cluny Park on Saturday 20 August in the semi-final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup.

The team chosen to represent Buckie was - Davidson, Reid and Duncan; McGregor, Geo. Clark and Russell, J. P. Clark, F. Smith, Geo. McKenzie, P. Cormack and W. Stewart.

The Turriff failed to turn up at the time, arriving 2 hours after the intended start after their motor had had five punctures on the way. Buckie thus won the tie with a walk-over.

Buckie Skating Palace was to re-open on Saturday 20 October. The following rates to apply - morning sessions - admission 3d with skates 3d; afternoon admission 3d skates, 3d; evening session admission 3d, skates 9d.

The importance of Peter Fair at this time was made apparent when reference to it was even made in an eulogy for a Deskford man who had recently died. It said that he had attended 67 consecutive Peter Fairs.

The B.A. told how warships had been practising in the Moray Firth all the week.

The extension to James Mackay's shop on East Church Street was of some dimension and costing £2,000. The contractors were - A. Milne and Son, Mason ; A. Hendry and Sons, Carpentry work; Slater, John Barclay, Plasterer, R. Hume, Plumber, J. & T. Campbell; Painter and Glazier, R. Duncan and Son. All of Buckie.

When the work was completed it was said how the shop would rival anything then found in the cities.

The Baptist Sunday School went by train to Drybridge from where they walked up to the policies of Letterfourie House where a picnic and sports of various kinds took place. Aerated water, milk and buns were served. It was a beautiful day and all enjoyed themselves.

Sept 1 Extensions were planned for the Buckie Gas Works with shares of £1 being offered.

A Cake and Candy Sale was to take place in the Good Templars Institute on Wednesday 21 September in aid of the building fund.

From this date the Banffshire Advertiser had again started to number the eight pages. It said how it was now appearing in a new and enlarged form moving from 8 page crown to 8 page demy.

In a brief note it said how the first Banffshire Advertiser had been printed in Banff by a Mr Paterson on 25 October, 1839. It did not stay long in operation and six years later saw the establishment of the Banffshire Journal. (The first Banffshire Advertiser to be printed in Buckie by W.F. Johnston, was in 1881)

Mention was made of the £100,000 extension to the harbour and how since 1839 Banff in 1839 had a population of 7,000 when that of Buckie was only half this number. In 1910 the situation had been quite reversed .

Motor Scorching (said the headline) A man from London but presently staying at the Duff House Hotel, Banff was convicted in his absence of driving a motor car, LD 20, on the Huntly to Keith turnpike on Sunday 14 August at a speed of 23 and a half miles per hour. He was fined 30/- with the alternative of 10 days. (One would have to ask how they were able to measure the speed at which he was travelling.)

Experiments were to take regarding the possibility of growing sugar beet in Moray. It was said that it need a warm, bright summer with a deep fertile soil. (In 1999 Norfolk is an area where the crop is grown to a large extent but during the war years, 1939-45 I know that it was grown, apparently quite successful, in the fields of Burnside of Enzie.)

Two suffragettes gave an open air address in Portknockie on Friday evening. The meeting summoned hurriedly by the village drummer was held at the Brae head at 7.30 pm and lasted about an hour. Before the second speaker had a chance to speak it was getting dark and the small gathering had begun to disperse. There was neither a chairman nor did anyone give a vote of thanks.

On page 5 of this edition of the B.A. a sketch is drawn of the proposed extension to Buckie Cluny Harbour. What was involved in the new extension to the old harbour was a basin constructed to the east of the present inner harbour and an addition to the north pier of 100feet.. The extension to the north pier was to be built of concrete blocks weighing between 9 and 14 tons in weight and cemented together, being joined also at the corners by metal straps.

The new basin would be 550 feet in length by 370 in breadth giving 4 and three quarters acres of harbour space, capable of holding 130 steam drifters as against 70 at present. The firm engaged to do the work was Charles Brand and Sons Contractors, Glasgow.

Part of the job meant the removal of 125,000 cubic yards of solid rock. A labour force of between forty and 70 would be employed at different times.

Sept 8 The dwelling house, Benreay, formerly used as a boarding house, was to let. It had 3 public rooms and five bedrooms. (Up until 1998, and for a number of years before this, Benreay was the centre for the local doctor's Group Practice. They moved from here then to a purpose built centre at Ardach, just off Highfield Road.)

Following a 4 all draw at Mossett Park, Forres, Buckie Thistle, without a park, played Forres Mechanics at Strathlene in the first round replay of the Scottish Qualifying Cup on Saturday 10 September 1910. The Thistle won the tie by four goals to two. Forres later lodged a protest in that the game had been played on an unregistered ground. This was upheld with the result a further game had to be played, this time back in Forres. This time with a strengthened team, the Mechanics won the tie by three goals to nil

The price of a 4lb loaf went up a penny to 7d.

Thomas Lawson, 2 Marine Place, was involved in the rescue of a man from Cluny Harbour.

Business announcement - Joseph Sutherland. M.T. M. a.r.e. Consulting Marine engineer and Naval Architect was advertising that he was setting himself up in business and was offering to supervise the building of any new vessel and repairs of all kinds. He said how he had a long time experience as a sea-going Chief Engineer.

The Royal Burgh of Cullen was given the offer of a town clock by Dr and Miss Lawrence, a brother and sister, natives of Lintmill, in memory of their father.

Sept 22 A report was given in the Northern Scot (copied by the B.A.) by a visitor to Buckie who later wrote down his impression of the place. A number of the things he said were less than complementary but a number were known not to be true as was later pointed out by a B.A. scribe.

Three Slochie loons left the village for Buenos Aires last week. They were - Alex and George Smith and Alex Lorimer.

The contractors engaged to build the extensions to the Clochan School were - Mason - Wm. Legg and Son, Fochabers; Carpenter, Alex Murray, Buckie; Slater, Wm. Black, Portgordon; Plasterer, Wm. Smith, Portgordon; Plumber, George Mackay, Fochabers; Painter and Glazier, John Taylor, Fochabers. The Architect was Wm. Hendry, Buckie. The whole job to cost £600.

Robert Hume Master Plasterer, (74) of Craigendarroch, Cliff Terrace, when engaged in plastering the inside of the north wall of the new Baptist Church building, sustained fatal injuries when he fell 14 feet to the floor after the scaffold on which he was working gave way. He was the son of Wm. Hume, plasterer, born near Wilson's Land in a house that had to be removed with the construction of the coast railway in 1886. For over 100 years the name of Hume had been synonymous with plastering in Buckie, enjoying the most of the contracts. His brother John was involved with the deceased in the business.

Buckie Thistle were fortunate enough to secure their old ground, Victoria Park, on West Church Street. The surface was not very good with part of it having recently been ploughed up but it was private and central. The write of the day said that the field adjoining the old field would have been better and there would have been no need to move the club house and referee's box for the 130 yards ??

Sept 29 A ex Pupil teacher was required for Enzie Public School. The salary was £40 per annum. If music could be offered this was a recommendation.

The B.A. carried the following note - The 'Advertiser' office will close at 2 pm on Saturday afternoons from now on.

The Buckie section of the Boy's naval Brigade started drill for the season in the Fishermen's Hall under the command of Chief Coastguard Mr Nebbs. It was said that a number of boys who were present the previous year had still to return.

Fochabers was to have the installation of an engine to provide the electrical power required when ice and grue on the Spey created difficulties. (A good report was given)
It was said how Fochabers was a forward looking place with electric lighting, a Public Institute, a fine school, Milne's Institution, free drainage and water supply. Not many other places of a similar size could claim this.

A writer in the B.A. referring back to the visitor's report on the town and copied from the Northern Scot said that his description of the clothes worn by fishermen and girls was fanciful while his description of the town layout, as unplanned could only refer to the Seatown and nowhere else. The grid iron layout of the main streets had been praised elsewhere.

The clock on the North Church Steeple was now lit , a boon for some though not perhaps all, it was said.

- Oct 6 **The fishing boat, Diamond of Buckie then operating out of Scarborough created a remarkable record when for three days on the trot the vessel arrived back in port with 60 cran of herring. The three night's fishing earned for the crew £200. The hot weather, it was said, took the herring to the surface.**

The warships were still engaged in operations out in the Moray Firth about 8 miles. An officer and a seaman lost their lives when they set off for the shore at Inverness and it is believed their boat must have capsized. The body of the officer, without clothes on, had been found. It was thought he might have took his clothes off to make it easier to swim ashore only to fail to do so.

The Annual General Meeting of the Literary Society took place in the Masonic Institute. Hon presidents - Dr Miller and Provost Archibald, Alex Muir MA and J. Anton. Hon vice presidents - Captain Malcolm and Mr Fraser. President - James Hosie MA, Vice president, Mr Yuill, secretary, J. Hood, Treasurer, Miss Reaper.

- Oct 20 Mr Jack, Draper, bought the premises on East Church Street just to the west of the entrance to the G.N.S R. railway station . the property had previously been owned by ex provost Webster.

Fisher people in Portknockie at this time rented land off local farmers on which to grow tatties.

Plans for extensions to Cullen Harbour were given on page 6 column 3.

The B.A. carried a photograph of the Findochty drifter, Misteltoe BF 188 that came to grief when trying to enter Yarmouth in a storm. One crew man lost his life in the incident. James Cowie 'Dosie' jumped off the quay and saved a member of the crew of the ill-fated Mistletoe.

An appreciation is given of Provost Archibald on page 8 column 3

- Oct 27 The farm of Cuttlebrae, near Clochan, in the Enzie was let to Mr Alex Mclean of Mill of Rathven. The farm was on the Richmond Gordon estate.

The first whist match to take place in Buckie saw the Buckie Lodge of Good Templars in opposition to the Catholic Association The match took place in the Good Templar's Hall. The Catholic Association won the match by 323 points to 260.

Severe gales in the Moray Firth caused damage to the harbour extension work

- Nov. 3 The Ceremony of handing over the keys to the new clock in Cullen, is described on page 2 column 4

The year 1910 appeared to have been a record year for tatties. Charles Forbes, Baker, Baron Street, lifted 22 tatties from one stem weighing in total 19 lbs. One tattie itself, weighed 2 lbs. 9 ops.

Mr Miller proprietor of the Skating Palace was to introduce to Buckie an Electric Theatre - Rolling Skating had ceased to be the craze it once was. The first showing of films at the Skating Palace was set for November 3rd 1910. Some of the films to be shown were – The Convict, The Two Brothers, A Pennyworth of Potatoes, One of the First.

The ill-fated drifter, Mistletoe of Findochty was to be blown up as the wreck was affecting traffic passing in and out of Yarmouth.

The extension to the Buckie Gas Works involved a new and much larger gas holder.

Buckie Thistle played their first home game of the season against The Seaforths (Fort George) and beat them by four goals to nil. Their first ever win in the Highland League, the previous season had been against the sodgers.

The B.A. carried a monstrous notice advertising the opening of the Electric Theatre.

Now Open

MILLERS

New Electric Theatre and Skating Palace

Every Evening at 7,8 and 9

Doors open at 6.30

Entire change of films every session

Matinee on Wednesday and Saturday at 3 pm

Pictures 7-8 admission 3d

Skating 8-9 admission and skates 3d

Pictures 9.15-10.15 admission 3d.

Schoolchildren 2d to all sessions

GREAT ATTRACTION

Nov 10 **FISHER GIRLS GO ON STRIKE AT LOWESTOFT** Elsie Findlay, Jeannie Findlay, Isa Findlay, Maggie Findlay, Belle Addison, Lydia Addison, Barbara McBeth and Jeannie Runcie Employed by the firm of James Donaldson failed to start work because of a grievance. (what this was we were not told).

James Donaldson made a claim for £2.4.6 against each girl saying how their stoppage had cost him £20.

The Bench fixed the damages at 10/- with 10/- costs. Donaldson said he would be pleased to hand over any fine to the poor box and said how he had only brought the charge as a test case. Further he would hand the girls their return fare home and was still prepared to take them back to work.

The Mayor said that he had not heard anything so liberal for a long time.

In a mixed whist return match between the Catholic Association and Buckie Lodge of Good Templars the Association proved once again to be the victors.

The Thistle registered a second win in the H/League by beating old rivals, Elgin City at the Station Park in Elgin. The City were meantime at the bottom of the League.

Nov 17 The Town Council of Cullen were proposing to take over the harbour from the Harbour Commissioners.

Robert Shand, late of the small farm on Minduff, Drybridge, died at Parkhill and was buried in the Broomhill Cemetery, Keith. He was born at the farm of Allanbuie and migrated to the Cairnfield estate fifty years before. At his death he was the oldest tenant on the Cairnfield estate.

He once was the farmer of Pathhead, later, Minduff and Hill Park. he lived for a long time at Pathhead where his son, John was then the farmer. He was tenant of Minduff for 12 years before retiring from farming at Whitsun last. He was for many years an office bearer in the Free Church.

A picture of the Cullen Town clock is shown on page 7 on columns 3 and 4.

Nov 24 The farm of Greencraig, Drybridge, on the Letterfourie estate, was to let. The previous tenant Mr Kessack had died some time before.

Jones & Son Ltd were asking permission to construct a slipway on the foreshore, north of the seaward end of Blantyre Terrace.

The community of Portgordon turned down the offer of the harbour plus £2,000 for an extension to the east pier owing to the likely expenditure required for maintenance etc. With the work of extending the pier and the clearing away from the mouth of a large amount of stones etc the Duke was now appealing to Parliament to repeal and amend the previous Portgordon act to enable him to levy increased and additional harbour rates. It was the present Duke's father who had the Portgordon harbour built of concrete and spent about £30,000 on it but latterly it had got silted up.

The B.A. has on page 6 columns 3 and 4 a picture of Buckie Cluny Harbour staff in their new uniforms supplied by the town council.

The picture shows – Charles Scott, clerk, Captain H. H. Smart, Master Mariner, Harbourmaster, James Hossack, Pilot and James Grant, 'handyman'.

The uniforms were made by Alex Esson, Draper, Buckie with the picture taken by Misses Clark, Photographers, Baron Street.

Dec 1 **With the return of the herring fleet from Yarmouth there were now 80 boats already in the inner basin and looked very crowded.**

The top boat at the East Anglian fishing made £1,500 with the poorest only £200. The average was about £480.

In general sail boats did poorly with figures as low as £70 and the highest £300 giving an average of £150.

Fishworkers also did badly with some returning with nothing at all. A special train went from Aberdeen to fetch 200 workers home.

Portknockie 'T' name Mair, 'Bidz'.

A farmer was fined 5/- or three days for not having a name plate on his cart.

James Cowie 'Dosie' was awarded with the Royal National Lifeboats Institution Award For Bravery for rescuing the crew member of the Findochty fishing boat, Mistletoe.

In addition he was given a silver medal, the highest award a framed vellum and £5.

Page 8 of the B.A. carried pictures of the exterior and interior of the Electric Theatre and Skating Palace.

The advert for the Theatre etc said how 7 films would be shown from Monday until Thursday with a further and different seven from then until the end of the week.

At intervals pictures with songs would be given.

A Bazaar was to take place in the Wesleyan Hall, Portgordon, to raise funds to pay for a road from Portgordon to Speybay Golf Course. Admission on both days, 22 and 23 December was to be 6d. The secretary was J. Bonnyman.

A further Bazaar was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on the 14th and 15th December by Buckie Parish Church to raise funds in aid of the new manse building fund.

A front page notice was advertising the fact that Gray and McBain had now opened their extended premises at 33 to 35 West Church Street and were now showing in spacious saloons a very heavy stock of everything in the furniture line. (For a long time the firm had been known as H. McBain, Cabinetmakers etc. but apparently he had gone into partnership with Gray some time before the premises were extended.)

Plans were put forward for and extension of the premises and also alteration to the bakehouse on Gordon Street for James Archibald. These were passed by the town council.

Opening announcement - James Bryan, Dental Surgeon (Glasgow) was advertising that he was to commence in business at Benreay, Cluny Place.

Dec 15 Geddes, Tailor and Clothier, Bridgend, bought the property at 14 East Church Street, formerly owned by James Green, Draper., High Street.

A bull together with 23 cows and heifers were shipped abroad to Canada from Mains of Buckie. The animals belonged to Mr Wilson, farmer.

There were 18 proclamations of marriage announced in the Buckie Parish Church on Sunday.

Captain Waring , Liberal, was returned unopposed as MP for Banffshire. He had now held the seat three times.

Dec 22 **Notice** - No football nor any other form of recreation allowed to take place on the lands of Mains of Tannachie. George Mackay .

A poem is found on page 2 column 3 titled "Our Sailors" by A.M.

The poem was apparently written as an appeal for funds to assist old and distressed British Merchant seamen now awaiting relief.

Dec. 29 The B.A. carried the usual thank you notes from posties in the local area for their 'Christmas Boxes'

John Wilson, Drybridge- Kingscairn
Robert Scorgie, Letterfourie – Hill of Maud
William Smith, Rathven – Rannas

A Hogmanay Ball was to take place in the Fishermen's hall on Friday 30 December beginning at 9 o'clock

Admission Ladies and Gents 2/-

On Monday night, 2 January a late dance beginning - 7.45 pm Lady and Gents both 1/6.

A New Year's Dance was also to take place in the Good Templar's Hall on Monday 2 January with Miss Smith's band providing the music. The dance to start at 10.30 pm. Double ticket – 1/6

A mining disaster took place at a pit near Bolton on Christmas Eve when no less than 337 lives were lost.

One woman, Mrs Joseph Darbyshire lost her husband, father and two brothers, also her mother who died of shock

Lodge Gordons 589 AGM RWM. John Allan, PM. Wm. Crombie, DM. J.L McNaughton, SM. H. E. Stagg, SW. D. L. Fowler, JW. Wm. Flann, Sec. J. S. Cumming, Treasurer, A. Cruickshank, P-y. M. A. Cowie, Chaplain, J. Greenlaw, IG. Wm. Smith, SD. J. Ross, JD. J. Winchester, Mus. Dir. A. Robertson, Jeweller, D. McGregor, M.C. A. Miller, Stewards, Wm. Hunter, A. Robertson, Auditors, Wm. Robertson, and A. Hay. Tyler, George Howie.