

## 1912

Jan 4

**Attention all you dancers** - Dancing and kindred Accomplishments - Mr Peter Rothnie, Professor of Dancing in the Good Templars' Hall . On Friday 12 and Saturday 13 January.

**They gathered for the bells** - A big crowd was gathered on Cluny Square, as usual, to see in the New Year, 1912,. The Parish Church bell was rang for some time. Fireworks, of the cracking nature, were let off by the younger element. Mr Louis Iannetta successfully put off a large fire balloon from Square.

**What happened over the past year** - In his report of the past year (1911) the editor spoke of the number of handsome buildings that had been erected on Queen Street, Cliff Terrace and East Church Street. He continued by saying that the amount of construction going on bode well for the building trades but that Buckie was essentially a fishing town and the economy revolved around the fishing industry. The returns had been much better in 1911 than they had been in 1910 with the returns from the English fishing being especially good. The boat building industry had been rather slack but the prospects were looking much brighter, with local yards having orders for several drifters on their books.

Regarding the extensions to Cluny Harbour the extension to the north pier had been completed with a large part of the north east pier built. A considerable amount of excavation had already taken place for the new dock.

An important development had been the opening of the 11-bed hospital built by Rathven Council on the outskirts of the town.

Things of a more national nature were the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. The Moroccan crisis which saw Britain and Germany on the verge of hostilities. Italy declared war on Turkey.

A man called Burgess swam the English Channel, the first one to do so since the celebrated Captain Webb.

**Sunday School tea**- The children attending the Sunday School of the Gospel Hall at 49 West Church Street held their annual tea on Thursday evening. Messrs Miller, Morrison and Anderson delivered short addresses before the children enjoyed tea, buns and fruit.

**A nice little birdie story** - The *'Advertiser'* . carried an interesting story of a robin that had taken up abode in the shop and workshop of J & T. Campbell, Plumbers, on Commercial Road. It hopped in and out through an open window, quite unconcerned, every day, going out during the morning to return to rest late in the afternoon. It had been around for two months or more and one strange thing that had been noticed, about its coming and goings, was that it was never seen at all on a Monday. It had been suggested that it went a courting that day, the only day its ladylove perhaps was on hand. It was always backing again on Tuesday morning to continue its normal activities.

**Beaten by those eens over the toon** - A Buckie team of footballers beat a team from Buckpool by three goals to one, in a friendly encounter.

**She came tae the ayne o her dreel** - Miss Mathieson retired as infant mistress of Buckie Higher Grade Public School. She received a gold curb bracelet also a purse bag and sovereigns. The bracelet was contained within a green velvet case representing a shell and bought from D. G. McGregor. Watchmaker and Jeweller.

The bangle was inscribed - Presented to Miss Mathieson, High Grade Public School by the sea-faring parents as a token of love and esteem - December 1911.

Jan 11 **Opening announcement** - Frank H. Smith was advising that he had now taken up the business of boiler cleaning and had employed a staff of skilled cleaners for this purpose.

**Posties say thanks** - The *'Advertiser'* carried, both the previous week and this, notices of thanks by the various postmen of the town and district for the presents they had received at Christmas time. Among those mentioned were - George Dyce, Findochty and John Wilson, Drybridge and Kingscairn.

**Come in oot o the caul** - James Mackay, Draper, was advising that he had introduced a heating system throughout his much-extended shop on East Church Street.

**Snaps - Star Theatre** - near to the Highland Railway Station. Open every evening with an entire change of performance. Warm and comfortable. Admission charges - 3d, 6d and 1/-

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" **A Day in a Soldier's Life**" - an article is given on page 3 column 1. This tells the story of one soldier stationed at the Castlehill Barracks, Aberdeen, with the Gordon Highlanders.

**A new Kirk to be built** - The town council passed the plans for a new Wesleyan Church in Portessie. The old Methodist Church was up for sale because there was no room to expand.

**The Scotch (sic) Girls' Friendly Society (local branch)** held their annual social in the Masonic Institute.

**The kine o fowk ye like tae meet** - Mr Snape (Star Theatre) was to give the whole proceeds of a performance to the new parish hospital with all expenses waived. He did the same at a later date in aid of funds for Buckie Thistle.

**Fae the north tae the south** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion Seaforth Highlanders left Fort George for Shorncliffe, Kent. They had been at Fort George for two years.

**Maybe he wis richt enough-** A householder in the Seatown declared the well near his house to be unsanitary. The town council said that everyone wanted wells near to their doors until they got water and drainage installed.

Jan 18 **He went broke** - P. I. Smith & Co. Grocers, Coal Merchants, 96 Main Street, granted a Trust Deed in favour of Alex Gray, Grain Merchant.

**It wisna good tae sell** - The for sale advert for the property at 30-32 Main Street had been in the 'Advertiser' for a long time.

**The population of Buckie** - Someone had asked what the population of Buckie was. The answer given was that at the census of 1911 this had been 8897.

**Three Buckie fishermen died of exposure** after their fishing boat, **Sublime, BF 1913** went aground and was wrecked at Spey Bay. Some of the rest of the crew, mainly all Murray 'Smacker' were rescued by some Portgordon men among them being - Alex Reid 'Bold' and John Geddes 'Boon'

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**A monster advert** - John Green, Draper, High Street took up a whole page of the 'Advertiser' with the items included in his annual clearing sale.

**The following dentist firm also had a big advert** - it read - Dentists - Mr Faulds and Mr Mclean both late of Glasgow Dental Hospital, Anderson's Medical College and Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, are to open in Cullen on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**A Ball was held at the farm of the Smerick** when Mr and Mrs Thomas Inkster entertained 30 couples. G. Davidson and W. Reid, Fochabers supplied the music. Arrangements were carried out by Alex Murdoch, George Pirie, and James Inkster.(secretary), Mr Pirie was M.C.

**Buckie Literary and Debating Society** held "A Nicht Wi' Burns" in the Masonic Institute. Songs sung were - "I Gaed a Waefu Gait Yestreen", "O Puirtiths Cauld", "Old Rob Morris", "Aye Waukin O", "Ae Fond Kiss", "Lord Gregory", "O Open The Door", "She's Fair and Fause", "A Bluid Red Rose", "Lady Only".

Provost Archibald, who presided, expressed the hope that the Shore of Buckie Burns Club might be revived.

**Rochomie gets a look over by an expert eye** - A water engineer from Airdrie came to Buckie on the invitation of the town council to inspect the water supply and works. He inspected the sources of supply and made a preliminary examination of the reservoir at Rochomie.

**Advert** - Get Tenansiline - a new liquid cement for mending and making.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Gordons' meantime in Delhi, India** had new colours presented to them by King George V who was on a tour of the country .

**Drapers holding sales** - In addition to John Green mentioned earlier the following drapers and clothiers were also holding their annual clearance sales - Sandisons, 22 East Church Street; J. Leith Esson, 16 High Street, Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon; Shearers' 7 East Church Street; Robert Grant, Baron Street, T.D. Yule, 30 West Church Street; E. Hillocks, 8 Cluny Terrace, James Mackay, 5 East Church Street.

Feb 1 **Death of Turning Mill owner** - Wm. . A. Duncan, of Wm. Duncan and Son, Turning Mills, (Buckie Burn) died at his home, Roslyn, South Land Street. His father, some years before, fell on the ice going down the steep hill to the mill and died later of his injuries.

**Opening announcement** - Menzie's Ladies and Gents Hairdressing Saloon, Low Street, was advertising his services. He took over the premises on Low Street from Albert Truelove.

**Brass Band Concert** - The brass band , 24 members strong, called Besses O' Th ' Barn Band are to pay a visit to the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 24 February when they will give two separate performances, one at 3.30 pm and again at 8 pm.

**Buckie Junior Choir** is to present 'Pearl' The Fisher Maiden in the Fishermen's Hall. Pianist - Miss L. McLaren; Conductor - Mr J. D. Emslie. The costumes, described as brilliant and magnificent were made by McIntyre of Edinburgh.

**Buckie Amateur Operatic Society** is to give a performance of **Iolanthe**.

**A poem is to be found on page 2 column 5.** "The Grave of Swinbourn" by W. G. Mair.

**On the short leet-** The headmaster of Enzie Public School, Mr N. F. Nichol, is on the short leet for the head teacher's post at East End Primary School in Elgin. There were 53 applicants with a short leet of five.

**A Golden Wedding** - Mr and Mrs James Wilson celebrated their Golden Wedding. (This was note worthy in that couples rarely lived to this age at the turn of the century.)

**A poem is found on page 7 column 2** called "An Old Maid's Prayer or Buckie Leap Year Dance"

Feb 8 **Buckie Male Voice Choir** is to give a concert on Wednesday March 2.

**Another property difficult to sell** - The baker's shop, bakehouse, house, stable and loft at 50 West Church Street was again being offered for sale. This had been for sale for a considerable time.

**I'm to make alterations and getting rid of some stuff** - J. P. Smith, 1 Cluny Terrace reported he to hold a sale prior to alterations being made to his property. Among the for sale items were gent's suiting and ladies' constumes.

**Not among the rushes this time** - A newborn female child was left lying on the doorstep of the house, Craigview, Portessie. When found the baby was only wrapped in brown paper. The lady of the house took the baby in and bathed it before contacting the police. It is good to know that the baby is fully developed, healthy and none the worse for its ordeal.

**No more Shank's Pony** - A testimonial was held for Dr W. Simpson when he was made the recipient of a pony and trap.

**Thistle player on trial** - William Duncan , who was then playing at right back for Buckie Thistle, went on trial with Dunfermline Athletic. He is 20 years old and has been with the Thistle for four years.

**Annual Clearance Sale** - John Calder, Cluny Terrace, Boot and Shoemaker was advertising his annual clearance sale of boots, shoes and slippers.

**Advert** - Furniture and wedding presents can be had from Wm. Geddes and Sons, Complete House Furnishers, Station Road, Portessie.

Feb 15 **Information on National Health Insurance** - A public meeting was to take place in the St Andrew's Hall when the speaker, Mr M. McKenzie would be talking on the National Health Insurance . He was to explain the provisions of the National Health Insurance Act of 1911.

**Steps there would be handy** - The Town Council again discussed the provision of steps leading up from Baron Street to the Stroup Brae, opposite to Duncan's Lane. (This was something that had been spoken of some years before.)

**A new street in Portessie** was to called George Street after the new king.

**You'll look after the town clock** - The town council decided to appoint a caretaker for the town clock. Mr F.F. Angler was the person appointed at a salary of £5 per annum.

**Lady Bountiful** - Lady Cathcart gave her usual £20 to be distributed among the poor widows on her estates.

**He started the D. E. shoe shops** - The death took place, in Dundee, of the man who started the shoe shops known as Dundee Equitable. There had been a branch in Buckie for a good many years and was still going strong in 2008 The man's name was William Smith, Bootmaker, Dundee.

Feb 22 **The (old) Methodist Church in Portessie was for sale.**

**The British Women's Temperance Society** held a meeting in the Good Templar's Hall on West Church Street.

**To build a house for the caretaker** - Estimates are being invited for the construction of a caretaker's house at Hillhead Cemetery, Portknockie.

**A photograph on page 3 shows the band Besses O' Th' Barn** with its 29 members plus conductor. It comes from Whitfield near Manchester and takes its name from an old Lancashire village, Besses O' Th' Barn.

**New Choirmaster appointed** - Adam Robertson was appointed choirmaster of Buckie West U. F. Church following the late W. A. Duncan, (Turning Mills) who had died shortly before.

**The pupils of Enzie Continuation Classes** presented their teachers with gifts to mark the end of the session. Mrs Mitchell who gave cookery instruction was presented with a beautiful lamp by Miss Mary Bonnyman while Mr Nichol who taught English and Arithmetic received a dressing case from Miss Penelope Barclay.

Mr and Mrs Nichol, together with Mrs Mitchell, entertained pupils of the Continuation classes together with friends on Wednesday evening in the school which was all gaily decorated for the occasion. Tea sweets and fruit were liberally provided.

Dance music was supplied by Miss L. Stagg, Buckie, Mr Inglis, Keith, and Miss Brander. Songs were sung by Miss E. Stagg and Mr Adam Robertson, both Buckie, Mr Inglis and Mr Michie while Mr Dawson gave a humorous recitation. James Sellar was M.C. and also gave the vote of thanks with Mr Nichol giving a suitable reply.

**A Leap Year Year dance was held at Portgordon in Alexander Reid's upper hall.**

Between 50 and 60 couples were present who danced to music supplied by Mr A. I. Morrison's band. Songs were sung by Miss McGowan, Messrs, A. Hendry, R. McLorn, J. A. Farquhar, J. Morrison and W. Flett. The Sword Dance was rendered by Miss Ina Thomson and Lily Simpson - the Highland Fling by Ina Thomson and George Slorach. The event was organised by Misses, Hay, Reid, Horne, Sudding and Weir (secretary). John Robertson and Alex Hay were the M.C's Tea and refreshments were served

As the want of a hall in the village is a crying necessity the company are greatly indebted to Mr Alexander Reid for granting the use of his building for such an enjoyable night's entertainment.

**A Jumble Sale took place in the St Andrew's Hall** to raise funds to help clear off the debt incurred in the renovation of the R. C. church at the end of the previous year. The sum of £35 was raised.

**Page 6 carries a photograph of the cast and chorus of Iolanthe.** (It is, unfortunately, not too clear.)

**Mammoth Sale imminent** - - George Sutherland, Boot and Shoe Shop, 21 West Church, gave early notice that his mammoth sale was to begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> when 12,500 pairs of boots, shoes and slippers were to be cleared.

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**Farm improvements on Gordon Castle estate** - Estimates were being invited for the construction of a new stable and loose box on the farm of Upper Dallachy; a new barn and cart shed at Muir of Holmie and a new covered court at Auchenthalrig.

**Baker's business changes hands** - James Harthill, Baker, Cullen, sold his business to W. E. Taylor, late of Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.

**On page 6 one will find a sketch of the new Wesleyan Church to be built in Portessie** at a cost of £2,000. The church has been planned to seat 450 of a congregation with classrooms and vestries. It is intended to hold a bazaar to help defray the cost of the building the church.

Mar 7 **Was this the last occupier?** -The death took place at Baremuir Croft of Jean Davidson at the age of 81. She was the widow of George Jamieson, Cartwright.

**A sale of horses, lorries, and coal merchant's plant, belonging to P. I. Smith & Co.** is to take place at 92 Main Street, Buckpool. Among the items for sale are - 4 lorries, 1 dogcart, 1 wagonette etc. one cream coloured horse, one brown coloured horse and one brown horse (young.) Also a set of harness.

**Another picture of the new church** - On page 6 of this edition one will find a side elevation of the new Wesleyan Church planned for Portessie. The church is to cost £500 more than first had been said, a point made by local architect who had a letter printed in the 'Advertiser' who questioned why there was seen to be a need to go south to find an architect.

Mar 14 **He went broke** - John Kessack, Berrybauds, Clochan, executed a Trust Deed on behalf of his creditors in favour of Alfred Calder, Isla Bank, Mills, Keith.

**Advert** - William Campbell, Ladies and Gents Tailor, 2 St Andrews's Square.

Mar 21 **Advert in rhyme** -

Now the summer sun doth shine  
On the cobwebs, superfine,  
And the housewife's brain is reeling  
As she views her smoky ceiling,  
She knows that gloomy winter's tarnish  
Must be hid by spring - times varnish.  
Her dingy staircase must be painted  
Poor woman, she is half demented.  
Spring cleaners, when that fate you meet  
Just make you way to Baron Street.  
You cannot wantonly resist  
The tempting offers on my list  
Wallpapers (flowered, striped, and plain)  
Sanitary washes, varnishes, stain,  
Border painting, up to date  
And prices, really moderate.  
Minutest orders promptly done -  
Apply to Adam Robertson.

Mar 28

**Gospel Service** - W. D. Tocher - will (D.V.) conduct Special Services in the Gospel Hall, West Church Street on Lord's Day at 6 pm and weekdays 8 pm except Saturday. Come and bring your friend and hear the Glad Tidings. Hymn books provided.

**Watch given as a parting gift** - Adam Robertson (mentioned in the advert above) got a gold watch from the congregation of Enzie U. F. Church as a token of respect on the occasion of retiring from leader of praise consequent of securing a similar appointment with Buckie West U.F. Church.

**An early 'bird'** - Messrs McLean, Cuttlebrae farm, in the Enzie were reported to have sown oats under very favourable conditions. This was seen to be very early and the first in the district to have done so. The McLeans, new tenants of Cuttlebrae were said to have made a lot of improvements to the farm since moving in at the May term in 1911.

**Three men put their names forward for the post as percentor at Enzie U.F. Church** in place of the departing Mr Robertson. They are - A. Grant, Tynet, James Mellis, Portgordon and Wm. Michie, Windsoer.

**Thistle Affairs** - A meeting was advertised to take place in the Good Templars' Hall re the management of Buckie Thistle.

**The Free Gardeners (May Blossom Lodge)** are to present a concert in the Fishermen's Hall. Artistes of repute have been signed up to appear including - Gold Medallist, Robert Morrison who has been making a name for himself in British Columbia, Canada, and who is home on holiday; further Gold Medallists, Adam Robertson (Painter) and Miss Ina Nicol.

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**Improvements to be made** - Estimates are being invited for alterations which are to be done for A. Thomson at the Cluny Bakery, 34 Low Street.

**A sale of Joiners plant and stock is to take place at High Street** belonging to John Milne, Carpenter and Wheelwright.

**Opening announcement** - The Little Wonder - Grand New and Up to Date Millinery Saloon is to be opened next week. On East Church Street.

**Church receives gift of a trowel**- The Trustees of the late Lady Seafield handed over to the kirk session of Deskford Parish Church the silver trowel presented to her son, the Viscount Reidhaven, on the occasion of him laying the foundation stone of the Parish Church on March 13 1872. The gift . it was said, is greatly appreciated and the trowel with its inscription was an object of interest to many on Sunday as they passed in and out of the church.

**The death took place of Mr John McIntosh, Boatbuilder, Portessie** who was in business for himself at one time, building a large number of zulu fishing boats, and who

built the first steam drifter on the Moray Firth, named the 'White Rose'. For the last 12 years, however, he had assisted his brother W. R. McIntosh, Boatbuilder, at Ianstown.

Apr 11 Appointed Choirmaster of Enzie U.F. Church. Mr William Michie, Windsoer Farm.

**Craigenroan Harbour Fund was discussed.** A meeting took place where the money in the fund was discussed. Many of those who had pledged themselves for £10 wanted their money back. The sum of £2,000 would still have been left which it was planned would be given towards the Cluny Harbour extension fund or some other purpose.

Apr 18 **Factor to retire** - Dr Campbell, factor of the Seafield Estates and who was responsible for naming a number of streets in Ianstown and Portessie, including, Queen Street, Crown Street, Campbell Street and George Street is to retire. His successor is to be Mr Sampson

**A Gaelic poem with English is found on page 7 column 4.** This was written by Seamus Magaradh

Apr 25 \*\*\* **Shops to close on Wednesday half-day** - The chemists in Buckie were advertising that their shops would be closed at 1 o'clock on Wednesdays as from May 1<sup>st</sup>. This was in keeping with the new Act of Parliament - Shops' Act of 1912.

Other shops that were to follow suit, were - the Cluny Dairy, Banffshire Advertiser, also drapers, John Green, George Sandison, T. M. Jack, Charles Shearer, T.D. Yule, Robert Grant, Edward Hillocks and James Mackay. The following Tailors and Outfitters were also to close at the same time - John Allan, Alex Esson, J. P. Smith, P. Geddes and Sons and Calder and Smith.

**A rise in the price of the daily bread** - A four LB loaf was to rise in price from 6.5 pence to 7d.

**The sinking of the Titanic** - A brief note in the 'Advertiser' told of the sinking of the new ocean-going liner the Titanic on her maiden voyage, and how it happened. (The article didn't, however, say northeast man lost at sea as the Titanic goes down, and as some local papers were supposed to have said.)

This having been said a further piece had the following - Among the Titanic survivors were Miss Mary Helen Coull of Portgordon. She was a grand daughter of the late Mrs Reid, West High Street.

**To open on May 1** - Buckie Bowling Green and Tennis Court were set to open on Wednesday first.

**A poem is found on page 8 column 3 titled** - "The Two Birds".

May 2 **The following Cabinetmakers and Upholsterers will be close on Saturday at 1 pm.** During September and December they will close at 1 pm on Wednesday. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays they will close at 7 pm except during the months of September and December.

The firms - Gray and McBain, Nicol Bros. Wm. Geddes and Sons, John Imlach and Sons, Wm. Hendry and James Reid.

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**Portgordon Public Hall** - "For the last ten years or so the old Presbyterian Union Hall has been disused and gradually sinking into decay. Recently the local freemasons have taken up the question of a public hall and a Masonic Temple. And on Saturday a public meeting of the inhabitants was held in the school to decide what should be done with the old building. According to the constitution the building belonged to the original subscribers and their heirs being Presbyterians and the meeting was called to give these subscribers or their representatives the opportunity of stating their opinion as to the proper transfer of the building. Mr Alexander Reid, SS Flourish, was called to the chair and explained the object of the gathering. Mr George Reid seconded by Mr Peter Innes moved, that the subscribers or others having a claim to the property of the old hall hand over all their rights in the building to the freemasons on condition that that body renovate the hall and let it for public purposes as required."

**Meeting to discuss supporting Cluny Harbour fund** - A meeting took place in Portgordon to gauge the support among the fishermen of the village towards contributing to Buckie Cluny Harbour Fund. The meeting was chaired by Alex Hendry with George Murray, secretary of the Buckie Fishermen's Committee and William Reid 'Mosh', Buckie, also being present. Only 8 of those present agreed to take part. The chairman said how he had hoped that this number would have been 80.

**Portgordon men to go east** - It was noticed that two fishermen from Portgordon, Hendry and Coull, had forward plans for houses and a store to be built on Cliff Terrace, Buckie. It would appear that they saw their future as fishermen to lie more with Buckie than their home village.

May 9 **50 West Church Street again on offer** - The property at 50 West Church Street, involving a house, shop, bakehouse stable and loft was once again offered for sale. But even at the reduced upset price of £700 there were no takers. The previous occupiers of the building had been Mitchell and Robertson, Bakers, who had gone broke. Later the house, itself, was being offered for rent

**Fishworkers Society in Buckie.** A meeting took place with the object of starting a branch of the **Society**. Two men came from Aberdeen to chair the meeting and outline the benefits etc of joining. At the end of the meeting the following representatives were added to the central committee, W. D. Flett, Fishcurer, Buckie and Peter Sutherland, Fishcurer, Portsoy. To represent the fisher girls were - Misses Jeannie Stewart, Maggie Clark and Jeannie Reid.

**Thistle player goes professional** - Raith Rovers signed the Thistle inside left, John Stewart, (Butcher) Stewart was 19 years of age and while on trial with the Rovers had scored two cracking goals. He had previously thought of emigrating to Canada but was now set to move to Kirkcaldy in August.

**Bakers down tools** - A large number of the bakers in Buckie were on strike for an increase in their wages by 2/- per week and a reduction of their hours to 55, also per week. The firms of Mitchell and McWilliam were not affected since they did not employ Union men. Men working with Reid Bros. were the latest to come out. The men were to receive £1 per week for a month during the period of the strike. Some of the baker firms had agreed to the men's terms and the public were asked to support the men by buying their bread only from those firms during the strike.

.May 16 **Opening announcement** - James Scott & Co. Fish Merchants, 46 Low Street were advertising that they were to open as fishmongers.

**Five emigrants left this week for Canada** - George McBain, John McBain, W. Birnie and J. Forsyth.

**Portknockie Debating Society** - The Annual General Meeting of this organisation took place with John Bruce, presiding. James Wood, treasurer, gave an account of the financial situation. It was agreed to give the sum of £1 to the caretaker of the hall, George Stephen, and also the same towards the upkeep of the hall. The chairman said how they were very much indebted to the Deacons' Court of the U. F. Church for the use of the hall for their meetings.

**Findochty - A Revival Movement** started a fortnight ago during the visit to the village of Mr Easton one of the leaders of the Brethren. Large numbers had attended each of his meetings held every night of the week.

**The Salvation Army had also taken part in the Revival Movement** with two senior officers taking part. - Brigadier Turner and Adjutant Alexander. They arrived on Saturday and since then had been holding meetings in the hall, attracting large crowds.

**Deskford Football match** - "On Saturday night an event which had not been seen or heard of within the parish took place in a field at Croftgloy kindly given by Messrs Wright. This was a football match that began at 7.30 pm between two teams - Deskford Buffaloes and Lintmill Swifts. With the field being within easy reach of Berryhillock a large crowd had gathered before the start with bicycles lying three deep around the fence. Deskford scored first through Quinn to a resounding cheer by the Deskford faithful but just after Swifts scored to make the score even. The score at half time was four goals each. The Swifts lasted the pace better and by the end were in the lead by six goals to four. Wm. Moir, trapper, late of Partick Thistle, was referee. The game was quite a success and the young people greatly enjoyed their Saturday evening at Croftgloy Lea." (Report given in the 'Advertiser')

**Busy times at Cluny Harbour** - Wednesday was a busy day at Cluny Harbour - four trading steamers arrived making five steamers and two, three-masted schooners in the harbour, along with a large number of boats and drifters accommodated in the outer and inner basins. The presence of so many trading vessels gave the harbour a busy appearance. Two steamers and one schooner had to be berthed in the outer basin and traffic at all quays was brisk.

**The 'Advertiser'** carried a photograph of John Stewart, the Thistle player who recently signed for Raith Rovers . This is found on page 7.

**Bridge to be widened** - The Town Council were speaking about widening the Ianstown bridge over the Rathven Burn. They had also made contact with the householders in connection with removing the gardens in front of the houses to allow the road to be widened, but there had been no reply yet to the letters sent.

**On the question of a lavatory** - The question of constructing a public convenience somewhere in the centre of the town was also discussed by the Town Council .. A site on Bank Street, opposite the Stroup Brae was mentioned while others said that it should be near the Square. No decision was reached.

May 23 **In keeping with the new Shop Act** John McWilliam & Sons, Bakers, were advertising that their shop would be closed at 1 pm on Wednesdays during the summer months. Clark, Photographers, were also to close at this time.

**Opening announcement** - Miss Innes, 25A West Church Street, was to open as a Ladies and Children's Outfitter. Also selling Fancy Goods and operating as a Servants' Registry.

**Nationalisation of the Railways** - The Committee of the Trade Union Congress went a deputation to meet the Prime Minister on the question of nationalising the railway system.

**Buckie Town Band were to make their first appearance of the season** when they were to play a selection of tunes on Cluny Square on Saturday evening. This was a common event throughout the summer months.

**Fish workers leave** - The St Ninian left Buckie on Saturday evening with between 400 - 500 fishworkers on board. They were gathered from different ports along the coast and were bound for the seasons' fishing in Shetland waters. The steamer lay alongside the north pier where passengers embarked. A large crowd was present to see them leave.

**Buckie sharpshooter** - Sergeant James Reid qualified at Bisley for a place in the rifle team to represent GB at the forthcoming Olympics at Stockholm, Sweden. He was to sail with the team from Hull on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. The party would be in Sweden for a fortnight, returning on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

**Feeing Market** - The annual feeing market took place at Cullen this week but only lasted for a couple of hours with but a few boys and young men present. Any engagements that took place were at a slight advance in wages. This old institution has almost reached vanishing point.

**Scarcity of hired hands** - Most of the boats had by this time left for the herring fishing but one or two were still detained for want of hired men. Highlandmen had been very

scarce this season and fishermen had considerable difficulties in making up crews. Emigration among other causes was being blamed for the lack of hired men and the inconvenience was also being felt at other ports along the coast. (This report was from Cullen.)

**St Kilda residents starving** - A trawler returned to Aberdeen where the skipper told the story after touching the island on the Sunday before. Another trawler had landed as much food as it could spare, this being handed over to the minister. The steamer, which normally took provisions to the island, had been late in arriving.

May 30 **The Enzie Annual Pic-nic (sic) and Games** was being advertised. They were due to take place on July 6<sup>th</sup> in a field near to the railway station belonging to Messrs McLean, Cuttlebrae. J. Johnston was secretary.

**Opening announcement** - J. Menzies, Hairdresser, who already had a shop on Low Street was advertising the fact that he was to open for business on Cluny Place in the premises previously occupied by Mr Fraser, Hairdresser. Mr C. Menzies was to be in charge.

**I have moved** - Robert Ewen, Gardener, was advising that he had now moved residence to 28 St Peter's Terrace.

**Enzie Tennis Club AGM** A large number attended the AGM with Mr N. F. Nichol in the chair. Mr John Bonnyman, treasurer, said that there was a credit balance of £3.18 on the year's working. The officials elected re-elected - Mr Nichol- president, Mr Bonnyman, secretary/treasurer, Captain - James Sellar. Members of the committee - Mrs Nichol, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Bonnyman, Mrs Duncan, Mr Nichol and Mr McKenzie. The court was to open for play on Tuesday first.

**Term day** - It was term day on Tuesday, 28 May. There was a greater number of flittings seen in Buckie than for some time. The day was fine allowing people to get their goods and chattels moved in comfort.

**Much water is being wasted** - The expert on water affairs employed by the Town Council found that a great waste of water was taking place due to several large leaks on the pipes. A total of 1600 gallons was being lost daily from one leak alone with a further 1000 gallons from another. It was said that if all the leaks were repaired then the necessity of tapping further sources might be obviated. The Town Council agreed to employ a expert water inspector on a permanent basis.

**Terriers Football Match** - A football match took place with sides chosen for married and single men belonging to the Territorial Army.

The Single men's team was - Bowie, Simpson and McGregor; Stewart, Hector and Maxwell; Newlands, Scorgie, Robertson, Forbes and Knowles.

The Married men - J. Reid, Logie and G. Reid; Morrison, Scott and Johnston; Geddes, Fraser, Campbell, J. Smith and W. Smith.

**They dinna wint me noo** - William Smith, Watchmaker, Cullen, had a notice in the 'Advertiser' . saying how he was no longer responsible for looking after the Buckie town clock with the present Town Council having dispensed with his services after 30 years.

**Thank You** - Alex Robertson, Carter, Low Street, had a note thanking people for helping him with a fire.

**An open Bursary Competition** was to take place under Banff Bursary Fund Redhyth - Smith and Stuart School Bursaries

A competition for the above bursaries each of value of £17.10 to take place within the Public School, Portsoy on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1912 at 10 am.

The competition was open to candidates who had passed the Fifth or Higher Standards of the present Scotch (sic) Code whose parents or guardians were residents in the county of Banff and require aid in giving them higher education

It was also open to candidates who qualified as aforesaid and nominated by the Dowager Countess of Seafield whose parents or guardians were resident on the Seafield estates in Morayshire and Strathspey.

Candidates belonging to the parishes of Banff, Fordyce, Boyndie, Cullen, Deskford and nominees from Morayshire and Strathspey were to be preferred in order of merit to the Redhyth Bursaries provided that it appears to the Examiner that they are fitted to take advantage of Higher Education.

The bursaries to be tenable at the Public School of Fordyce for such period not exceeding 5 years as may be sufficient in each case to complete the curriculum of the school.

Conditions of the competition.

Subjects of the Examination -

1) English - parsing, analysis, prefixes, suffixes, composition and paraphrasing.  
British History - 1215 to 1603 i.e. Magna Carta to succession of James 1 of England.  
Geography - British Empire.

2) Arithmetic, Latin, Maths,

3) Greek, French or German

Candidates have to take all the first four subjects and Greek, French or German. The maximum marks in English - 80; Arithmetic-40; Latin - 60; Maths - 60; Greek - 60; French - 40 and German - 40. The minimum number for each subject to be 15 but no bursary would be awarded to any candidate making less than 140 marks.

**One of the Hendry, Joiners, family** - The death took place of William Hendry, former Merchant and Carpenter, Land Street, Buckie, at the age of 80. He came to Buckie with his parents in 1839 from Keith. Wm. Hendry was a member of the West U.F. Church and one of the first members of the United Presbyterian Congregation.

**More fishworkers leave** - The steamer, Earl of Zetland left this week with a large number of fishworkers for Orkney.

**Pot O' Linn claims a victim** - A man was drowned in the Freuchny dam. (Pot o' Linn)

**A poem is found on page 5 column 4** titled - "To a Golf Captain" by Dolly Vardon , Cullen

**A second poem is found on page 6 column 4** - "The Burden Bearer" No name is given. This is a religious poem written about Jesus, his life and Crucifixion.

June 13 **\*\*Notice** - The National Insurance Act comes into effect on July 15 1912. All persons who will be insured are urged to join an appropriate Society.

**Opening announcement** - The premises at 50 West Church Street, formerly occupied by the baker firm of Mitchell and Robertson , which had been offered for sale on a number of occasions was to open as the Buckie Bun Shop on Saturday first, with a choice selection of plain and fancy bread. Fruit and confections in variety. Light refreshments.

**Notice by Craigenroan Harbour Scheme** - The notice said that now that the Cluny Harbour was to be extended to accommodate the fishing fleets of Buckie and Portessie combined, the Craigenroan Harbour Committee have agreed to abandon the above scheme . It has also been agreed that any funds be given to the Voluntary Fund for the Buckie (Cluny) Harbour under the powers given to the committee following a meeting.

**Dentists take up new abode** - Mr Faulds and Mr McLean, Dentists, now had their surgery at Benreay.

**Population of Banffshire and Buckie** - In the 1911 census the population of Banffshire showed very little change from the census of 1901. In the 1901 the population was 61,488 while in 1911 it was 61,402.

There were some interesting features. The male population had increased by 396 while the female population had fallen by 482, showing that they were leaving the county in even greater numbers than men. Emigration had greatly reduced the rural population  
The population of Buckie stood at 8,897.

Women, despite their reduction in numbers, still outnumbered the men quite considerably though the numbers of men between the ages of 20 and 24 was greater than that of women meaning that women had a better chance now of the marriage state, if this be their wish, than had previously been the case.

**It is chaper to keep yersel warm** - A bag of coal was reduced in price from 1/6 to 1/5.

**New tatties** - The 'Advertiser' were handed a 'bilin' of tatties by Mr George Stewart, Cathedral Street, Buckpool. The tatties were of the Duke of York variety.

Cluny Harbour - A further extension to the harbour has been planned at a cost of £50,000

**Will we buy a water cairt?** The Town Council first spoke of acquiring a water cart at a cost of £27. What this cart was to be used for was not made sure but the whole subject engendered a lot of correspondence from this point on with people writing in to the paper

about the matter and councillors trying to ensure that the public knew how they voted. One use apparently was to water down the dust on the streets on dry windy days, but another use was spoken of another was to help in making roads.

June 20 **Perhaps Portessie will get gas** - The directors of Buckie Gas Light Company were contemplating the extension of their system to Portessie and were busy gauging the measure of support they might expect from consumers.

**It caused some consternation** - A vagrant woman, Ann Williamson of Inverness caused something of a consternation when she gave birth to a female child on West Church Street near to the Victoria Bridge this week. Neighbours kindly gave her clothing while she was attended by Dr Duguid before mother and child was conveyed to the parish hospital. It was suggested that the little stranger should be called Victoria because of her birthplace.

**Time for oor picnic** - It was the start of the picnic season and one of the first to be mentioned was the bairns of the Wesleyan Sunday School, 120 going by train to Drybridge before walking up to the policies of Letterfourie House where the picnic and all manner of sports and games took place. They walked home, reaching Buckie at 6.30 pm.

**Were they really needing one?** The 'Advertiser' received a letter criticising the Town Council for spending £27 on a water cart which if its purpose was to lay dust it was likely to be used only once every four or five years. Did the councillors know for what they were voting, was asked.

**It still stands there in 2008** "A pillar box (the first in Buckie?) was erected at the corner of West Church Street and South Pringle Street this week, which will be a great advantage to business people and others in that locality, while it adds to the appearance of the street." (Note copied from the 'Advertiser')

June 27- **Advert** - Portknockie Highland Gathering. Wednesday 3 July Woodhead, Bauds. Sports open to all comers with £16 in prize money. George B. Addison secretary, Summerton, Portknockie.

**Promotion for Buckie teacher** - Balfour Downie MA a native of the town and meanwhile a teacher at the Secondary School was appointed Maths Master at Bellshill Academy at a salary of £160 per annum.

**A gift of strawberries** - The first of the seasons' strawberries were ripe and a sample was handed into the 'Advertiser' office by James Smith, 4 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown.

**The Parish Church Sunday School went by train to Drybridge** for their picnic before walking to the woods of Letterfourie where an afternoon was spent enjoying sports and games and nice things to eat and drink. Rev Greenlaw helped by members of the

congregation made the arrangements. Carts and lorries were waiting at Drybridge to convey the party back to Buckie, which was reached at 8 o'clock.

**A branch of the Associated Women's Friendly Society was formed in Buckie this week.**

Jul 4

**A notice read - National Health Insurance** - The British Order of Free Gardeners, a registered approved society. All employed persons who come under the state scheme cannot do better than select this popular and progressive society as the medium for State Insurance Schemes. Established over 40 years with a present membership of 58,000 and funds totalling £380,000 Full particulars can be had from local Lodge secretary, R.R. George, Ironmonger, 26 East Church Street. No office hours - no fees - no doctor's exam - no bother.

**Another similar notice concerned with the new act read - Associated Women's Friendly Society** A Women's Society is best for women. Members are being enrolled at the Head Office, Union Street, Aberdeen. Excellent Trustees. Local agent to whom interested parties should apply - Mrs Grant, Westlea Buckie.

**The Prudential Approved Society also had a similar notice.** All three were prominently displayed on the front page of the 'Advertiser'.

**Notice - Keith** - Golfing, fishing, delightful wooded walks and drives - inexpensive. Central for Strathspey and Banffshire Highlands. Particulars from Secretary, Visitors' Club Keith.

**Tomatoes for sale** - Homegrown tomatoes can be had from the Cluny Dairy.

**Retiral of Schoolmaster** - Mr W. Hornby, Schoolmaster of St Peter's RC School retired after 37 years.

**Mair money in their pooch** - Joiners were being offered a ha'penny per hour increase in September with a further ha'penny rise in January, taking their wages up from 5 pence ha'penny to 6 pence ha'penny an hour. A week or two before the men had asked for 7d per hour but they accepted the new terms promised by the masters.

**Sergeant James Reid at the Olympics** - At the Stockholm Olympics on Saturday, Sergeant James Reid, 'D' Coy. 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons had the second highest equal aggregate in the British team. His score was 266. The British team finished second in the competition.

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**A letter to the B. A. spoke of the different kinds of harling one could get.** *Sneek harling* is when the hollows between the stones is filled up with lime and pebbles. If the process is repeated with a second coat, this is called *Close harling*. If the wall is first given a coat of lime then lime mixed with small pebbles is thrown on top this is known as *rough harling*. The renovation of *rough harling* by putting on a light coat is called *skirping*.

**Desperate need for P.C.** The B. A. received a letter from a London address by a person who occasionally visited the town and called himself a 'bird of passage'. He spoke of the great need there was for the construction of a public lavatory in the town, and failed to see where the great difficulty lay in finding a site for one.

**Ye winna blame me** - The saga of the water cart still continued with a councillor making sure that all knew how he had voted.

**Picnics were all the rage** - A number of picnics and outings took place over the past few days -

The South U.F. Church Sunday School walked to Letterfourie on Saturday to hold their picnic and games and came back by the train at 4.30 pm.

The Sunday Schools attached to the Rathven Parish Church at Portessie, Rathven and Shielburn went by train to the Enzie where their picnic and games was held in a field kindly given by Messrs Mclean, farmers, Cuttlebrae. They returned home again by special train earlier than had been planned when the rain came on.

On Wednesday the tailor's staff, friends and employer of Alex Esson went by four conveyances to Innes House, Lhanbryde. They were seen off by a piper. They enjoyed both good weather and the picnic repast.

The children of Portessie Sunday School went by train to Urquhart from where they walked to Gillybogs farm where the picnic, sports and games took place. Refreshments were supplied by Taylor, Baker, Lhanbryde.

The Catholic School also went by train to Drybridge and held their annual picnic in the grounds of Letterfourie House.

James Mackay, tailoring department went on a motor run to Craigellachie

The members of the West U. F. Church Sunday School walked to the top of High Street where carts were waiting to carry them to Woodside for their picnic. A party of 300 were present.

The choir of the South U. F. Church had an outing to Lochnabo, near Lhanbryd, while Gordon Castle was the venue chosen by the Buckie Ladies' Choir.

The Mission Hall, Portessie Sunday School went by carts to Carnoch for their picnic while Findochty U.F. Church Sunday School were driven in carts to the Bauds Wood for theirs.

**Grants for harbour extensions** - Findochty got a grant of £1,500 and a loan of £1,500 at a 3 1/2 % for extension to their harbour. Portknockie Harbour commissioners received a grant of £3,200 and a loan of £2,800, payable over 30 years at 3 1/2 % for an extension.

Jly 11 **Notice** - Buckie (Cluny) Harbour Extension - A Grand Bazaar was being planned to take place in December 1913 (A long way ahead) organised by the Feuars and Traders.

**We do not want to be collectors** A meeting took place in Keith of employers and all interested in the new National Insurance Act for the purpose of combining and protesting against becoming tax collectors for the government. The majority of those present were farmers.

**The Portknockie Highland Games** , which took place the previous Wednesday afternoon, 3 July, were again voted a great success. They were again blessed with good weather and attracted a large crowd.

The most successful competitor in both the heavy and light events, especially the latter, was F.R. Cramb of Ainess.

**The Enzie Picnic and Games also were fortunate with the weather.** The most successful competitor in both the light and heavy events was R. Mair, Bauds, winning two medals. Dancing was popular all afternoon and evening with music being supplied by A. I. Morrison, Portgordon.

**How the Enzie Games might be improved** - The 'Advertiser' . received a letter from someone who had attended the Enzie Games and had three complaints to make and which he hoped would be improved upon. He said how it was difficult for those interested in watching the dancing because of the crowds which congregated around the boards. He thought if they stood back more could benefit. The tea could be much better and hotter if it were made on site as it was it was weak and insipid by the time it was served. Better signs were needed to point the way to the Games.

**A poem is found on page 6 , column 3** titled ' Loch na Bo' by R.G.

**The Water Cart has taken some discussing** - The Town Council were again back debating the pros and cons of the water cart.

**How Council workmen were paid** - The wages being paid to the burgh workmen were given - Foreman - £1.6 per week; workmen 4 pence ha'penny per hour; stone breakers, 2/3 per cubic yard with 2/7 for boulders; carters per week, £1.3; scavengers £1.1; lighting bonus per season £2.

July 18 **For Lourdes** - A number of Buckie and local people went on a Catholic pilgrimage to Lourdes. They were - Mr and Mrs John McWilliam , Eskdale, Miss Mann, teacher, Mr and Mrs C. Bonnyman, Portgordon and Mr A. J. Taylor, P. O. Enzie.

**The Painters day out** - On Saturday a large company of Buckie painters drove to Innes House, Lhanbryde to hold their annual picnic. This, it was said, was fast becoming a very popular picnic venue. They enjoyed the best of weather.

**Bin Hill chosen picnic venue** - Twenty-Five members of Buckie Town Band on Wednesday went by brake to the Bin Hill via Cullen through which they went discoursing music all the way before continuing on to the foot of the Bin.

**National Insurance Act – Enzie meeting** - A meeting took place in the Enzie Public School, in common with many other places, to discuss the new National Insurance Act which had been brought in by parliament and Lloyd George. The meeting was organised by the Rural Workers Friendly Society. Farmers and many others seemed to be dead

against it although 170 members had joined the association locally the meeting was poorly attended. The general feeling of the meeting was that farm servants as a whole tended to be taking the attitude of waiting to see. When the secretary asked one ploughman if he was to join he answered no, he would wait and see. Another said that he was to join the Post Office rather than pay the sum required since in the P.O. they were to get their money back. Still another said that he aimed to emigrate rather than pay it.

**New closing hours proposed** - The Town Council were planning to bring in new bylaws which would see places such as those providing refreshment of a temperate nature and ice cream shops closing at ten o'clock at night and all day on Sunday.

This was to involve 25 local shops etc and was met with disapproval by Luciana Janetta who spoke of being in business at 17 Baron Street for 13 years and who did much of his trade on a Sunday and quite a lot after 10 at night. Antonio Janetta, who had shops both at Marine Place and High Street was also opposed to the new suggested closing times as were Peter Smith of 2 St Peter's Place, Buckpool who said that most of his business was done on a Sunday catering for cyclists, visitors to the town and fishermen. This was the same story told by William J. Campbell of 1 St Peter's Road and Arthur George, Main Street.

July 25

**Advert** - Shielburn Picnic and Games were to be held on Saturday 3 August in a field at Greenmoss belonging to Mr Forbes, Maryhill. There was to be heavy and light events also an air-gun competition open to competitors from Deskford, Rathven and Enzie. A large platform had been got for dancing with a good string band to supply the music. The games to start at 3 o'clock prompt with tea being served at 5.30 pm. Admission to the ground - Gents 1/-, ladies 6d and children 4d.

**Notice** - The St Andrews Private Hotel now re-opened and visitors and commercial gentlemen can have every attention at moderate rates. Mrs A. Smith prop.

**Enzie Hoeing Matches** - A hoeing match took place at Muir of Holmie where Mr Wm. Barclay was tenant.

The first four men winners were - 1) John Paterson Jun, Preshome; 2) Alex Murdoch, Bogs; 3) Wm. Addison, Braes; 4) James Ritchie, Cairnfield.

First four boy winners were - 1) John Erskine; 2) James Mitchell; 3) John Hunter; 4) Robert Barclay

Miss Mary Johnston, West Park was the champion lady competitor.

A second hoeing match took place on the farm of Braes of Enzie where Wm. Thomson was tenant. the arrangements for the event were carried out by Mr Addison, griever

The four men winners were - First and medal winner - James Paterson, Preshome; 2) James Hutcheson, Burnside; 3) Alex Farquhar, Braes; 4) Joseph Paterson, Wellheads.

The four boy winners were - First and medal - Peter Webster, Birkenbush; 2) John Forbes, Allolath; 3) James Webster, Broadley; 4) Peter Murdoch, Blackhill.

The judges were - John Paterson, Wellheads, Charles Petrie, Tulloch, John Weir, Chapelford and John Paterson, Grieve, Preshome.

**Buckie Sharpshooter again a winner** - Sergeant James Reid, while shooting for the King's Prize at Bisley won £10 and a badge. He also won £5 and a badge in the St George's competition, in all winning £23 in the shooting competitions. Sergeant Reid also shot in the Scottish Twenty and McKinnon competitions and was selected to shoot in the Scottish International Match.

**National Reserve** - A new branch of the Army has been set up with those that had ended their time in the Territorials and before that the Volunteers being encouraged to join up. There was no age limit fixed for joining or leaving the Reserve while there were considerable advantages attached to becoming a member. The local man appointed as enroller was J. D. Knowles, 9 Gordonsburgh.

**Against cruel practice** - The 'Advertiser' received a letter about the cruel practice of digging young fox cubs out of their dens. Killing the vixen and bringing the youngsters up only to be chased again with horse and hounds at a later date. The writer was asking that the practice should be ended. (Almost a century later there are still some who are determined to carry on what many see as a barbaric sport akin to bear-baiting or cock fighting which have long ceased been declared illegal.)

**Ill feeling growing** - Growing distrust There appeared to be a growing enmity or distrust between Britain and Germany this was seen when a German spy was sentenced to 18 months for spying on navy and land fortifications.

Aug 1

**Farmer takes a wife** - W. J. McLean, known to many of thirty to forty years later as 'Auld Bill', farmer of Mill of Rathven was married to Miss Eliza McHattie, Braeside of Largue, Forgue in the Aberdeen R. C. Cathedral.

**Peter Fair - 1912** was wet the first time for a number of years. (Oddly in 2008 which was dry all week people still tend to look on Peter Fair as always being wet.) People flocked to the fair in their hundreds from Buckie and for miles around with plenty of facilities to take them from the town. The Duff House (now a hotel) motor bus did good business as did the many brakes and other conveyances.

In the morning the usual business of engaging men for the harvest took place with men able to build stacks being offered £7. There was a good turnout of horses with the best changing hands for up to £70.

The writer said how those who had planned to travel by train found this to be quite inadequate not only did the trains not run as often as they should but the number of carriages were too few with the luggage van being pressed into service. We are told that there were 3140 extra bookings from Buckie to Rathven; this being up by 1,100 on the year previous.

Ten wagonloads of horses left Rathven station later in the day bought to pull trams etc in the cities of the south.

Darkness fell more quickly due to the overcast conditions and the fair gradually drew to a close, too early for most of the younger element.

As was usual a number of people were fined for being drunk and incapable or charged with fighting either among themselves or with the police. On this occasion four were fined, one woman being charged with being drunk and incapable while in charge of a child.

**The new laird comes home** - The 'Advertiser' had a big article on the 'Homecoming' of Lord and Lady Seafield to Cullen House. Both the laird and lady were born in New Zealand. With them was their daughter, Nina, who was later to become the Countess of Seafield.

Aug 8

**Notice /Advert** - With the Fishermen's Hall presently being in the hands of the decorators the American Bazaar Co. were to hold their sale on this occasion in the St Andrews Hall on Tuesday 13 August. Every article sixpence ha'penny each. (This would appear to be the forerunners of the giant Woolworth Stores who used to advertise themselves as the 6d and 3d stores.)

**Notice/Advert** - Immediately below the quite large notice the same firm had the following advert - Being unable to get a hall in Buckie the Great American Bazaar Co. have taken over the shop at 36 East Church Street for 14 days and were to open on Thursday 8 August. 25,000 articles for sale at 6 1/2d each.

**To celebrate a farmer's wedding-** A dance took place in the Enzie Public School to celebrate the wedding of Wm. McLean farmer of Mill of Rathven and Cuttlebrae.

**The Sunday School bairns belonging to the Baptist Church** went by the 1.0'clock train to Drybridge where they disembarked and marched to the picnic site in the Letterfourie Woods kindly allowed by Miss Shee. There the children participated in games and sports with every child getting a prize. Before these began, however, they were all fortified with lemonade and buns. They had tea and bags at five before catching the last train home. The arrangements were made by the teachers and also the pastor, Rev Gibson.

Shielburn Games instead of Drybridge Games - There had been no Drybridge Games for the first time for many years (following the death of the Sir Robert Gordon, the laird in March) but to compensate Shielburn held a Picnic and Games in a field at Greenmoss kindly given by Mr Forbes, farmer, Maryhill. The day was a great success with the weather being excellent. Full advantage was taken of the large dancing board with music being supplied by W. Gray and B. Wood, both of Deskford. The silver medal in the heavy events was won by R. Mair, Bauds, Findochty, while J. Murdoch, Deskford took the medal in the light events. Wm. Taylor, Swailend came first in the airgun competition to also be awarded with a medal. The ladies highland schottische aroused much interest. This was won by Miss Bessie Donaldson, Letterfourie who was awarded with a brooch. The MCs were D. Polson and R. Forsyth.

Aug 15

**Poet takes the plunge** - W. G. Mair MA, Longhaven (Most likely to be the person who had written so many poems over the past few years.) was married to Maggie Geddes the eldest daughter of John Geddes, Tailor and Clothier, Bridge Place, Buckie.

**Fancy being a Bobby?** London Metropolitan Police want several hundred well -built young men aged between 20 and 27 and at least 5'9" in height.

Wages 27/- per week to £450 per annum. Liberal pensions paid at end of service. Examinations to take place during September at Banff, Elgin etc. Those successful but meantime in employment would not be needed to take up their new positions until free.

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Massive catch of the 'Silver Darlings' - Great interest was aroused in the Balaclava Harbour, Fraserburgh, this week when the Buckie steam drifter, 'M Thomson', BCK 10 arrived in port with an enormous catch of prime quality herring, taken less than 12 miles off shore. The first word of the big shot had put it at 150 crans but when it was weighed out this came to 200 crans, all being sold to a local fishcurer for 30/- a cran, giving the crew £312 for their night's work.

Two hundred cran made this the largest individual catch of herring ever landed at a Scottish port and the record for one night's fishing anywhere in the British Isles.

The fish were all taken in only 56 nets or half the vessel's fleet of nets. The boat was owned by W and G Thomson, Pringle Street, Buckie.

Aug 22

**Roup on the Cullen Lotted Lands** - A sale will take place of growing crops on the lotted lands at Cullen belonging to Joshua Forbes, Butcher. 7 drills of potatoes, 6 drills of Swede turnips, 1 acre or thereby of oats, 1 acre oats and tares (all fine crops) Also 1 pony accustomed to traffic, 1 spring cart with meat box, almost new, 1 set of van harness, new only last year.

**'Woollies'** Great American Bazaar Co. were advertising that they were to open in the St Andrews Hall with thousands of useful and ornamental articles for sale, all at 6 ½ each.

**Keith fisherman lost at sea** - A fireman was drowned at sea off the Buckie boat 'Boy Jim' BCK 117. He was William Stewart of Keith.

**Meeting of local Traders** - The Buckie Traders held their annual meeting with Alexander Milne, Builder presiding. The membership was 86, up one from the previous year. Office bearers appointed were - President - Alexander Milne, vice president - George Sutherland, Boot Warehouse; secretary, John Charles.

**'A Sicht for Sair Een'** - Durward Lely was to present the world famous play - "A Pair of Spectacles", in the Fishermen's Hall.

**Doon cam the rain in torrents** - An extraordinary heavy rainstorm over and in the vicinity of Buckie resulted in considerable damage when the Buckie and Rathven Burns both rose away above their normal levels. At Drybridge the water was 2 feet deep in the smiddy with tools being washed here and there. Further down the burn the water swept across a field of corn before flooding into the cottage, byre and workshop of Mr Burgess at Burnside Croft. A number of hens were washed away, also the midden. The Burgess children sought safety on top of the kitchen table as the water swirled through the house. Mr Burgess waded through the rising water to release the cow in the byre as the water continued to rise. A field with turnips was swept clean. Still further down the burn the

house occupied by Mr Inglis at the Caravan was also flooded. Much damage was done to crops on the farm of the Hillocks.

Aug 29

**I didna mean tae say thon** - A Buckpool woman had an apology in the paper after she had been heard to express statements about a neighbour, which she knew to be untrue.

**What happened to the bairns we weren't told** - A Buckpool tailor, living on Main Street was given 30 days in jail for neglecting his five children aged from 1 to 11 who had had to resort to begging because of hunger.

**The 'Coat of Arms' was painted above the stage** - Some changes in the decoration of the Fishermen's Hall were made during the recent work. In a prominent position above the platform there has been painted a tasteful arrangement, showing a ribbon and buckle design which encircles the picture of a fishing boat, round which are the words, Fishermen's Hall. The ribbon scroll also extends round the arch bearing the words, *Oh weel may the boatie row and better may it speed.*

**Harvesting operations have begun in the Enzie** with the first to make a start being Mr McDonnell at Tulloch, Tynet, who had began by harvesting a field of barley. The recent heavy rain was likely to have put things back a week or more until the fields could dry out. Much of the oats had been badly flattened.

**A new county football league was formed following a meeting in Cullen.** This was to be known as the Banffshire Junior Wednesday League with teams from - Cullen, Buckie, Portsoy, Keith and Banff being entered.

**Fatal accident on the 'Toll Bar' road** - A girl of 13, Edith Dickie Davidson, called 'Dickie' daughter of John Davidson, manager of Messrs Marshall and Co. net manufacturers, residing at Cliff House, High Street, Buckie died after sustaining injuries in an accident on the road between Buckie and the Toll Bar junction. While cycling home with friends she had passed a lorry belonging to W & J Cruickshank, Lemonade Manufacturers, driven by Mr Thomson, which was also going in the same direction. For some reason she then fell off her bicycle only a short distance in front of the lorry. Although the driver was able to stop before running her over she was crushed by the wheels. She died shortly after being attended by a doctor.

**The death took place of General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.** He was born in Nottingham in April 1829. His son Bramwell Booth succeeded him as General. (A good report on the life of the original General is given in this edition of the B. A.)

**A poem is found on page 8 column 3** 'Lines on Glen Isla' by Seamas Macgaradh

Sept 5

**Fire ends life of flour mill** - The lower Mill of Tynet, belonging to Mr Bruce was burned to the ground on Monday morning leading to a loss of over £22. The mill had not been working for a week or two. The buildings were old with the machinery and contents insured.

**Boat launch** - A zulu boat was launched from the boatyard of George Thomson on Tuesday. The boat, with a keel of 33 feet in length was built for Lochboisdale fishermen who aim to use it for fishing in the lochs.

Sept 12 **A new biggin for the Gas Company** - Estimates were invited for the construction of new offices and showroom to be built in Cullen for the Cullen District Gas Company.

**Notice - Act of Parliament - Rates and Assessments** - No person shall on account of failure to pay rates or assessments be imprisoned for a longer period than six weeks in all.

**Opening announcement** - Edward Rogers, Tailor, and Clothier, 10 Portessie, was advising that he had bought over the trust estate of William Gray, Tailor, and was hoping for a share of public patronage.

**For Fund –Raising** - The Buckie Lodge I.O.G.T. were to be holding a Cake and Candy Sale in their hall on West Church Street on Wednesday 25 September.

**Mair than jist a stroll** - An assistant Scoutmaster, Harrison, walked from London to Inverness. The story said how Harrison's feat of endurance under such terrible weather conditions (We are told how it rained all the time from he left London on 28 July.) was wonderful for a lad of 20. He did some small jobs along the way to pay his way and also met a number of people who were very kind to him. He spent 5d to cross the River Forth by ferry when had he but known he could have got a permit to walk across the railway bridge for free.

**If we do well I'll mairry ye** "An indication of the success of the English fishing has always been the number of marriages that took place after the boats had returned. No less than 8 proclamations were read in the Seafield Parish Church, Portknockie, on Sunday." (Copied from the 'Advertiser'.)

**Some spud** - The 'Advertiser' was shown a large tattie, weighing 1lb 15oz, by George R. Duguid, Cabinetmaker. The tattie was of the 'One and All' variety.

**Buckie Town Clock was lit for the first time this season.** On Wednesday the streetlights were also lit. A number of the more important streets in the town were now lit by incandescent lights, making a big improvement.

**Local baker wis amon the prizes** - D.L. Fowler, Baker, Main Street, Buckpool, won first prize for a 2 LB loaf at the Bakers' Annual Exhibition held in London. This was no mean feat since there was a big entry in this class.

**You must pay yer dues or ye'll land up in the jile** - The 'Advertiser' carried a warning that people could be imprisoned should they not pay the rates and assessments they were due.

**To play for the Thistle** - The Buckie Thistle team to play the 93 Highlanders (Fort George) was to be chosen from the following - Hector, W. Reid, Duncan, Ross, G. Smith, W. Smith, Mann, J. P. Clark, McKenzie, W. Stewart, Johnston, Newman, Swanson and McGregor.

**A need for road to be improved** - The town council were discussing the need for the Toll Bar road to be widened. This, it was felt, had been desired for a long time. The road was so narrow that there was no room for traffic to pass and the matter was becoming ever more acute with the great growth in motor and cycle traffic. Mr Mackay proposed that an approach be made to both the Cluny Estates and Seafield Trustees regarding the purchase of land on either side. He said as it was at present there was no room for escape for a pedestrian if a horse ran off.

**Hall for Rathven Kirk proposed** - Plans were submitted for a church hall on the south side of Chancellor Road, Portessie, for Rathven Parish Church.

**Rifle range in the Drill Hall** - Plans were also submitted for the construction of a miniature rifle range for the east side of the Drill Hall, for the War Office.

**More on the aft discussed water cart** - The water cart once again came under discussion when the town council met. Some councillors had been against using it to water streets on dry, windy days initially, because it was likely to use water at a time when this was very scarce. Now with the leaks repaired the burgh surveyor said that there was an ample water supply and having the cart he advised that it be used for this purpose.

Sept 19 **Draper plans to build a house** - Estimates were invited for the construction of a house on Queen Street for John Green, Draper, High Street.

**W. G. Prince, opened a hairdressing shop at Bridge End.** (Was he the person that was responsible for this area earning the sobriquet - 'Hairy Corner'?)

**Methodism on the increase** - A new Methodist Church was opened in Whitehills this week.

**In aid of Cluny Harbour** - A concert was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall in aid of the Extension to Cluny Harbour Fund. This to be run under the aegis of the Town Council

**Horse took a rare run tae itsel-** "A horse belonging to Mr Booth, Cathedral Street, Buckpool, ran off from near Rathven station where Mr Booth was cutting grass at the time and had unyoked the animal. Getting a scare it took off running west along the turnpike road before turning the corner at the Toll Bar carrying on then down High Street, Stroup Brae then into Low Street to Marine Place where it was brought to a halt by Allan Bruce, Carter. No harm was done to anyone but the set of harness on the horse when it started its mad gallop was completely damaged." (Copied in whole from the 'Advertiser'.)

**A miniature rifle club was set up in Fochabers** following a meeting in the Drill Hall at which a good turn of interested people were present. Mr C. Gray, North of Scotland and Town and Country Bank agent presided. Mr Gill, Bogton, Lhanbryd, a member of the club there was present and gave an explanation of the rules governing such a club. These found favour and it was unanimously resolved that a club be formed. Office bearers appointed were - Captain - W. Legge, Jun; vice captain, George Cuthbert; secretary, W. F. Cawood; committee, the office bearers and Messrs - J. Robertson, James Weir, W. Legge, Sen., Charles Gray, Harry Brookman, W. Mitchell and J. Middleton. Mr George Cuthbert was appointed range superintendent.

**Your roads are a disgrace** - A letter from someone to the 'Advertiser' was bemoaning the state of the roads in the town. "The roads of Buckie are a disgrace to the town, something that one hears said very often. One improvement has been the setting up of stepping stones connecting the pavements at some of the main crossing areas. (Done by A. Milne and Son.)

Why should the largest town north of Aberdeen be so far behind the times? The roads are covered by stones, sticks, tins and other such articles; some obviously left behind by children, but not all.

These create problems for the cyclist, motor or not, who is likely to be pitched flying over his handle bars and meet with a serious injury." (Copied from the 'Advertiser'.)

**Big project by Freemasons discussed** - A report told of a far-reaching movement among the world's Freemasons to rebuild the famous Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. According to the traditions of Masonry the Royal Sage of the Israelites was the founder and Grand Master of the Order.

**Mr Perry was an architect in Buckie**, his son was Rev. Wm. Perry M. A. B. D. a minister in the Episcopal Church in Aberdeen.

Sept 26 **Sudden death of Headmaster** - The death took place of Alex Muir FEIS, Headteacher at Buckie Higher Grade Public School. His death was sudden at the age of 47.

**Male Voice Choir re-formed** - A meeting was called to discuss the re-start of a Male Voice choir in Buckie. The decision was that this should take place. The conductor to be J. D. Knowles.

**Tutoring in tailoring** - John Campbell, 16 St Peter's Road, Buckpool, was advertising that he intended to conduct a private class in ladies and gents tailoring cutting.

**The road bridge crossing the River Spey at Fochabers (an article)** is found in this edition, covering columns 3, 4 and 5. A photograph is also shown of the bridge.

**Cup defeat for the Thistle** - Buckie Thistle was beaten by Inverness Caley two goals to one at Victoria Park in the Qualifying Cup. The team was - Hector, Ross and W. Reid; G. Smith, Duncan and W. Smith; Mann, Clark, McKenzie, W. Stewart and Johnston.

**Pulpit swap** - On Sunday the minister of the Enzie Parish Church, Rev Howie exchanged places with Rev W. Morton, U.F. Church in Buckie while Mr Morton occupied the Enzie pulpit. The reporter said how this was a pleasing sign of the times. (The U.F. church in the Enzie, as elsewhere joined forces with the Church of Scotland in 1929.)

**They built the Portessie Hall** The contractors engaged for the construction of the Portessie Hall for the Rathven Church were - Mason, A. Milne and Son, Buckie; Carpenter, Mackie and McKenzie, Elgin; Slater, John Barclay and Son, Buckie; Plasterers, Roger and Baxter, Aberdeen; Plumbers, Wm. Lyon and Son, Elgin. Painters, R. Duncan and Son, Buckie. The Architects were - Sutherland and George, Aberdeen and Buckie.

**He was a worthy** - The death took place in the Keith Parish Home of a worthy, 'Jock Sma'. He was ranked as one of the few remaining worthies in the Keith area.

**Well known Spey fisherman** - Mr Peter Tough died at Inchberry this week at the age of 75. He was a salmon fisherman working on the River Spey for 50 years, starting as a young lad as a stingman, retiring some years ago.

In early days the men fished in the river without waders or long-legged boots, a fact that seems nigh incredible today. (This was said by the reporter in 1912)

To harden them up at the start of the season, which was at a time when the river was very cold, they were accustomed to jump into the deepest part of the Spey and thus they seemed to stand the cold all the better. This was also their cure for the cold after partaking of a good quantity of the following whisky (on which duty was never paid) honey and rinded suet. This concoction was considered an infallible cure for colds, coupled with a plunge into the rivers as stated.

Oct 10

**A poem is to be found on page 2 column 5** titled 'The Island of the Scots' by John James Mitchell

**She got the job** - Miss Mary J. Grant, Broadley, was appointed assistant teacher at Findhorn at a salary of £50 per annum. She was a native of Portgordon and at one time a pupil teacher at Clochan before entering Aberdeen Training College.

**The following men emigrated to Australia this week** - R. J. Merson, Portessie, James Imlach, son of Mr Imlach, Barking Works, Ianstown, and George Smith, sailmaker, who played at right/half for Buckie Thistle.

**Enzie teacher has new job** - Mrs Mitchell who had been Infant Mistress at Enzie Public School and who had her request for a rise in salary turned down only weeks before, was appointed Headmistress of Countesswells, Primary School. There were 28 applicants for this desirable and lucrative post. She was certified to teach both cookery and laundry. The report in the 'Advertiser' said that with such qualifications and her ability without question the School Board were perhaps unwise in turning down her request.

**Headline - Cullen honours Dr Campbell - given the 'Freedom of the Burgh'.**

Oct 17 **Young Men's Christian Association first meeting** was to be held in the Recreation room of the Masonic Institute.

**Notice** - Moray Firth Bakery Company desire to thank the people of Buckie for their support during the past year and offer 1/- in the pound off all cash purchases.

**Rathven School Board were advertising for a Headmaster for Buckie Higher Grade School at a salary of £290 per annum with a free house and with a Dick Bequest of £45.**

**Buckie Literary and Debating Society** appointed the following office bearers at their recent meeting - Hon Presidents - Dr Miller, Mr A. Anton and Provost Archibald; president - James Stalker; vice president - Mr Jamieson; treasurer, Miss Christie; secretary Mr Teunion. The first meeting was to take place on 4 November.

Oct 24 **Band willing to play** - Wm. Lobban's band was advertising themselves for engagements, with two or three instruments.

**Crisis between herring and trawling interests** - The 'Advertiser' had a cartoon showing titled "A North Sea Pirate" taken from the Yarmouth Mercury. This concerned a crisis that had developed between the herring and trawling interests.

An article is written on the same page telling of a meeting of MP's who were discussing the problem.

**Not unlucky for some in this instance** - A hen at the R. C. Chapel house, Buckpool, hatched out 13 chickens without anyone had been aware of the place where she had laid the eggs. All 13 that had been laid hatched out, which came as a surprise to all.

**She came a long wye** - Miss Margaret McEwan, left a headmistress post at Drumniver, near Stranraer, to become Infant Mistress at Enzie Public School.

**War in the Balkans - Turks in Retreat.** - headline in the 'Advertiser'.

**They are affy tight fisted** - A letter to the 'Advertiser' from a 'Rural Domine' criticised the small rate of pay being offered for the Headmaster at Buckie when compared to that of other schools. He was of the opinion that a higher salary ought to have been on offer to attract a man of necessary experience.

Oct 31 **Home from the English fishing** - The Cullen fishing boat, 'Delight', came home from the English fishing this week after having made £450. This was very early and gave an indication that it would be finished early.

**Tee name - Smith 'Pro' Portessie .**

**He went broke** - John W. Sandison, Flesher, Cullen, granted a Trust Deed.

Nov 7

**Wanted** - Superintendent required to take charge of the slaughterhouse at Buckpool and keep it clean. The person appointed had to be a practical butcher and qualified to draw pudding skins. Wages 25/- per week.

**Opening announcement** - W. W. Boyd, late of G. S. Paterson, Watchmaker and Jeweller, was advising that he had taken over the shop at 26 East Church Street (Mackay's Buildings) and was to open on his own account at an early date.

**Rathven Road proposed** - The County of Banff - Road Board recommended to the County Council to declare that a road 662 yards long or thereby be made between March Road and the village of Rathven.

**Plenty applicants for the 'Head's Job at Buckie.** No less than 97 people had made application for the vacant post of Headmaster of Buckie Higher Grade School, this despite what had been said about the relatively low salary offered.

**School League formed** - The following senior schools were to participate in a league for the Herd Cup. - Huntly, Buckie and Fochabers. In the first game Buckie beat Fochabers by two goals to one at Fochabers.

**A win for the quines** - Buckie Higher Grade School hockey team met Elgin Academy at Buckie and won by two clear goals.

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**Portknockie now a burgh no longer a mere village** - - Tuesday November 5 1912 was a great day for Portknockie when it was raised from the status of a village to the dignity of a burgh. The event took place in the Seafield Hall when after a motion had been proposed by Joseph Addison J.P, Merchant and seconded by George Pirie, Shoemaker, Sheriff Stuart, Banff, declared that, "this populous place of Portknockie was now a burgh".

Nov 14

**New Dairy** - Mr John Smith of Greencraig Dairy, Drybridge, was advising that he was now to visit Buckie twice daily at 6 am and 4 pm with a supply of *warm milk* and hoped that he be favoured with a share of public patronage. Butter and eggs also supplied - to order.

**Advert** - Quadrille Assembly Ball to take place in the St Andrew's Hall, Buckpool on November 29. Gent's ticket - 4/-. Grand March at 9 pm, prompt. A. I. Morrison's band, Portgordon. P. Cormack, convener.

**Appointed Headteacher**- Mr Charles W. Thomson, MA FEIS presently rector of Larkhall Academy, Lanarkshire, was appointed Headmaster of Buckie Higher Grade School by 5 votes to 4 over John Brown of Crieff. The salary to be £335 per annum with a free house.

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**He walked many a weary mile** - John Paterson, Postman, Post Office Lane, Buckie, retired from the Post Office at the age of 60. He had delivered letters around Buckie for the previous 34 and a half years with a daily walk of 15 miles. During this time he had

covered 188.887 miles comparable to 8 times around the world. When he joined he was the only postman and in 1912 there were four. Before the coming of the train he went to the Toll Bar to collect mail off the stagecoach four times a day for 8 years. He did the town round three times a day but agreed that the job was much lighter then. There were no parcel post, very few postcards or circulars and all the letters had to be under 1/2 an ounce . He retired with a pension and still fit enough to work for quite a time yet.

Nov 21 **The first Portknockie councillors were** - Joseph Addison, George Pirie, George Donald, Rev D. McCallum, David Slater, John Bruce, George Wood and James Milne.

**A poem is found on page 2 column 5** titled 'Liberty' written by W. G. M.

Nov 28 **The property at 4 to 6 Low Street was for sale.** The property belonging to Mrs Simpson consisted of a Temperance Hotel, shop, garden and pertinents.

**Work on harbours to start** - Work was to commence on extensions and other work at a Findochty Harbour, Portknockie Harbour and Buckie Harbour. The work to be done was all fully described in the 'Advertiser'.

**Portknockie's first Provost** - Joseph Addison J.P. Merchant, was appointed the first Provost of the new burgh of Portknockie; George Pirie, shoemaker, and David Slater, Joiner were appointed as Baillies.

Dec 5 **Favoured way to raise money** - - The most popular way of raising money at the end of 1912 appeared to be Sales of Work or Bazaars the local paper of December 5<sup>th</sup> carried adverts for no less than four. One was to take place in the Town Hall, Cullen in aid of the Seafield U.F. Church. This to be opened by Lord Seafield on December 11. The Wesleyan Church in Portessie was holding a bazaar in the Public Hall over two days, Wednesday and Thursday 18 and 19 December. (This raised £625.) Rathven Parish Church was also to hold a Sale of Work but in the Fishermen's Hall, Portessie, on Wednesday 11 December, to be opened by the Rt. Hon. Earl of Seafield. Finally in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie the Baptist Church was to be holding a Sale of Work on December 18. This to be opened by Rev. Morton, B. D.

**A sketch of the new 'Slochie' Hall** - The 'Advertiser' of this date carries a sketch of the new Rathven Church Hall at Portessie. There is also a good description given of the structure etc.

**No hair today will grow tomorrow** - There was yet another advert describing a new way to make hair grow on bald heads , with a money back guarantee. One couldn't lose.

**Enzie school teacher leaves** - Mrs Mitchell, the former Infant Mistress at Enzie Public School, left on Friday after being five years at Clochan. She was presented with a silver mounted **epergine** by Mr Nichol, Headteacher, on behalf of staff and pupils.

Dec 12 **Let there be light** - G. S. Paterson, Watchmaker and Jeweller, East Church Street, introduced electric lighting into his premises this week. A 4 ½ hp petrol engine was used to drive a dynamo which produced enough power to light 9 25 candle power incandescent lamps. When first switched on those present declared the lights to be very successful.

**Buckie fishermen must have done well** - It has become common for a lot of weddings to take place among the fishing fraternity if the fishing had proved to have been good. It would seem that the English fishing this year must have been a success considering the number of weddings that were planned. On Sunday in the Parish Church, Buckie, no less than 20 proclamations of marriage were read out. The week before a further 14 had been announced.

**An article taken from the Keniworth Magazine** is found on page 7 column 2 - titled - **Buckie and Its Provost. A sub heading read - As Ithers See Us. (Could be worth reading.)**

Dec 19 He went broke - Donald Grant, Grocer, 57 West Church Street, granted a Trust Deed in favour of John Simpson, Bank Agent. The business was up for sale, together with all stock.

**Refurbished hall opened at Portgordon** - The Masonic Hall in Portgordon was formally opened after being renovated with 20 masons being present. On the motion of Mr Wm. Geddes, Shipbuilder, Mr Peter Sudding was called to the chair, the oldest freemason in Portgordon.

Alex Hendry, Cathcart Street, opened the meeting with a prayer and speeches were given by the chairman, Brother Legg, Fochabers and others.

The opening ceremony was followed by a cake and wine banquet.

**Shortage of 'gutting quines'** - There was a scarcity of woman fish workers with the result that the arles had gone up in an effort to attract more. The previous year the arles had been £4 but this year this would be between £5 and £6, meaning increased expenditure for fish curers.

Fishcurers had been scouring the Highlands to find workers. A reason given for the scarcity was the large number of weddings that had taken place recently.

**Enzie postie bound for a city post** - James Sellar, postman in the Enzie for the past 8 years was promoted to Dundee P.O.

**Country men working as fishermen** - In a Police Court case we read how an engineer, involved, came from Clochan with his cousin, a stoker, from Oran.

Dec 26 **From Main Street to Bank Street** - Wm. Robertson, Chemist, Main Street, was advising that he had bought the chemist's business on Bank Street that had been carried on for a long time by Mr McConnachie and later by Mr McAllan.

**A photograph of the visitors** - The 'Advertiser' . of this date carried a photograph of Muggiemoss F. C. who was to be playing Buckie Thistle at Victoria Park on New Year's Day.

**Improvements to harbour attract fishermen** - A report said how the latest extensions to Cluny Harbour had seen a number of fishermen move into the town from elsewhere. This had resulted in a number of applications for feus being received. With the building trade busy and looking to be even more so. Feus had been granted for house building on land between the Freuchny Burn and the March Road (now Marchmount Crescent) West Cathcart Street and Pringle Street. The feus on Cliff Terrace were now all taken up.

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