

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1913

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

4th January 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “An interesting lecture was given in the Drill Hall by Colonel Harry Walker, Dundee. His subject, “Rocky Scrambles in Skye and Norway”, was beautifully illustrated by lime-light views. On the call of Mr James Donaldson, who presided, the audience showed their appreciation of the lecture by according Colonel Walker a very hearty vote of thanks.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Seasonable Generosity** – “Following her usual custom, Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart distributed to poor people in Falkland, Newton and Freuchie, parcels containing articles of clothing, blankets, and tea etc. The distribution was made by Mrs Stuart, the district nurse, who, by her knowledge of the people, was well able to judge of the individual wants of the various recipients.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “1913 was ushered in very quietly. A watchnight service was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday night from 11.15pm until the New Year was entered and an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D. The public works have been shut down during the whole week and most of the shops were closed on Wednesday and Thursday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Song Lecture** – “On Friday, 27th inst., a very enjoyable lecture was given by Miss Yule, of Edinburgh, on Burns’ songs, and during the course of the lecture, selections from the bard’s works were sung by a party of young ladies who accompanied Miss Yule. On the call of Mr James Jackson, who presided, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Yule and party for the very enjoyable entertainment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of Mr Lawrence Reid’s retiral from the office of Inspector of Poor and Registrar, which he has held for

26 years, the members of the Town and Parish Councils, and a few others thought it to be a fitting time to recognise his long connection with the work of the parish in a tangible form, and on the evening of Friday last, a meeting of the subscribers to the testimonial was held in The Bruce Arms Hotel, when Mr J.L. Lumsden, Chairman of the Parish Council, presented Mr Reid with a purse of sovereigns and a silver salver, the latter bearing a suitable inscription. Mr Reid, in his reply, thanked them for their kind token of appreciation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat to School Children** – “On Thursday evening last week, the children attending the Public School were entertained by Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart. The gathering took place in the Drill Hall, which was packed by about 220 eager and happy children. This event, now an annual one, is looked forward to by the children with great expectancy, because not only are the “creature comforts” in the shape of tea and cakes provided, but there is the attraction of a Christmas tree laden with a gift for each child. Tea having been heartily partaken of, the Chairman of the School Board, Mr J.L. Lumsden, in a few well-chosen words, expressed on behalf of the children, their thanks to Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart for their generosity in year after year providing this splendid treat for the children. Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart then proceeded to dismantle the tree, which was now ablaze with lights to the great delight of the children, and handed to each child the toy or other useful article assigned by the teachers. A short programme of music was performed by the children, the action songs of those in the infant department causing much amusement. Mr John Duncan, M.A., the headmaster, and his assistants, are to be heartily congratulated on the appearance of the children.”

18th January 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “The annual general meeting of the “Lomond Oak” Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, when the Secretary submitted a very satisfactory report, which showed a large increase both in funds and membership. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: - W.M., Bro. George S. Hardie; D.M., Bro. P. Robertson; P.M., Bro. James Oswald; S.W., Bro. J. Skinner; J.W., Bro. D. Lawrie; I.G., Bro. P. Lawson; O.G., Bro. J. Reekie; Chaplain Bro. G. Fernie; Sick Stewards, Bro. James Lawson and J. Biggs; Secretary, Bro. Alexander Grieve jnr., Treasurer, Bro. James Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “The members of the Society along with a few friends met in a social capacity at Allan Park on Monday evening. The proceedings opened with a sketch, entitled “Jessamy’s Courtship”, the various parts

being sustained in a very entertaining manner by Miss Anderson, Miss P. Cochrane, Miss S. Falconer, Dr Jack and MR James Donaldson. Therafter songs, etc., were rendered by members of the company and games engaged in. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to Mr and Miss Anderson for the hospitable way in which they had entertained those present, and by the singing of Auld Lang Syne."

25th January 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – *"In connection with the course of Lectures, the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., minister of the Parish Church, gave his contribution to the programme on Friday last in the Drill Hall. His subject was "Parodies and Parodists", and he treated it in a most instructive and enjoyable manner. On the call of Mr Alex. Anderson, who presided, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Russell."*

8th February 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curler's Dinner** – *"The members of the Falkland Curling Club held their annual dinner in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Wednesday evening. Mr Gavin, president of the Club, occupied the chair."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – *"At the meeting of the Society held on Monday evening, an excellent paper was read by Mr James Donaldson, Bank House, on "The Clan System of Scotland". Miss Anderson led off the discussion which followed."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dramatic Recital** – *"In connection with the course of popular lectures, a dramatic recital was given in the Drill Hall on Friday evening by Mr J. Bruce Alston, lecturer on elocution, Glasgow and St Andrews Universities. The various selections, which included "The Election of a Minister", "Through the Flood", "The Raven", and "The Woin' of Meg" were rendered in a very efficient manner, and were very favourably received by the audience. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Bruce Alston on the call of the Rev J.K. Russell, who presided."*

15th February 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart M.P., is to spend a short holiday in Cimiez, Nice.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Y.M.C.A. team played a friendly game with Freuchie Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoon, the visitors proving the winners by four goals to one.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Continuation Classes** – “These classes were concluded on Monday evening after a successful session. The members of the afternoon dress-making and millinery classes held a small social meeting at the close of the class, when the teachers, Misses Taylor and Forrester, were cordially thanked for the manner in which they had conducted the classes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “On Friday evening, the members of the Falkland Whist Club and friends engaged in a very enjoyable whist drive in Ness’s Temperance Hotel. There were seven tables in all and trump whist was the order of the evening. During an interval in the play, tea was served in a dainty manner by the ladies. At the close, the prize-winners were announced by Provost Jackson as follows: - Ladies – Miss Sharpe and Miss Russell; Gentlemen – Dr Jack and Mr D.W. Deas. Thereafter songs etc., were contributed by members of the company and a very happy evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”

22nd February 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Missionary Lecture** – “On Wednesday evening of last week in the U.F. Church, the Rev. J.H. Morrison delivered an interesting lecture on a tour round the Mission fields of the United Free Church in India. The lecture was beautifully illustrated by limelight views.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Popular Lecture** – “The last of the course of popular lectures was given in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, when Mr J.C. Adam, Portobello, read an account of the experiences of “a bird hunter at large”. The lime-light views thrown on the screen numbered about 150, and illustrated different sections of bird life in a very interesting and instructive manner. On the call of Dr Jack who presided, Mr Adam was cordially thanked for his lecture.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “The meeting of the Society held on Monday evening took the form of a debate – “City Life v Country Life”. Miss Falconer and Mr W.D. Robertson advocated the advantages of the former, while Miss Cochrane and Mr D.A. Richardson set forth the delights of the latter to an appreciative audience. An interesting discussion followed, and on a vote being taken, country life had the majority of supporters.”

8th March 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “At the morning meeting on Sunday last, the Rev. J.H. Morrison delivered an address on “The Kingdom of God”. There was a good attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “The meeting on Monday evening took the form of a “Scotsman Night”, when the leading articles of the ‘Scotsman’ of 1st March were discussed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “On Saturday evening, a concert in aid of the funds of the Falkland Brass Band was held in the Drill Hall – Mr A. Forrester, Lomondside, presiding. The programme submitted was sustained by the members of Freuchie combined choir, and consisted chiefly of Scotch selections. The soloists were Misses E. Forsyth, E. Breingan, J. Swinton, and J. and M. Wallace, and Messrs J. Blyth and P. Breingan. The performance reflected great credit on Mr R.M. Bruce, the conductor of the choir. Miss Forsyth acted very efficiently as accompanist. On the call of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to the evening’s entertainment.”

15th March 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Recital** – “The annual recital in connection with the Parish Church Band of Hope was held in the Church on Friday evening, the title of the cantata being “Hump and All”. The story was read by the Rev. J.K. Russell, and the various choruses, solos and duets were rendered in a manner which reflected great credit on the conductor, Mr George Spence. Mr John Venters presided at the organ, and Messrs R. Miller & A. Grieve manipulated the lantern for the lime-light views which illustrated the piece. On the call of Mr Russell, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the children and the others who had contributed to the evening’s entertainment. On Saturday afternoon, the usual treat was held in the Drill Hall, when a very enjoyable time was spent.”

22nd March 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **To Let** – “To Let, with Entry at Whitsunday 1913, LICENSED GROCER’S SHOP with DWELLING-HOUSE and other Premises attached in High Street, Falkland, presently occupied by Mr Colin Herd. For further Particulars, apply to ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Solicitor, Falkland, with whom Offers should be lodged not later than Wednesday, 26th March curt.”



Licensed Grocer’s Shop and Dwelling-house belonging to Colin Herd.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “A deputation from Freuchie visited the Association on Sunday last. Mr L. Rymer read an essay on “Character”, which was much appreciated. Mr D.A. Richardson expressed the good wishes of the Freuchie Association to the Falkland Branch.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “On Monday evening, Dr Jack read an excellent paper on Shylock, the famous Jew of the “Merchant of Venice”, the Rev. J.H. Morrison following as critic. The subject was treated in a very interesting and instructive manner, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to both speakers on the call of Mr Donaldson, the Chairman.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **Dance** – “The annual assembly in connection with “Lomond Oak” Lodge B.O.A.F.G. was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, when there were 40 couples present. Dancing to music supplied by Berry’s Band was engaged in until the small hours of the morning. Songs were sung by members of the company at intervals and a very pleasant time was spent. Messrs G. Fernie and G. Collier acted as M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **Livingstone Centenary** – “A special joint service in commemoration of the birth of David Livingstone, Africa’s great missionary explorer, was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The Rev. J.K. Russell gave a sketch of Livingstone’s life and his work in the “Dark Continent”, and the Rev. J.H. Morrison followed with an account of the pathetic death scene and the results which have manifested themselves as a consequence of Livingstone’s labours.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **Soiree** – “The annual social meeting of the United Free Church congregation took place on Thursday evening last week in the church, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, presiding. Tea was served at 7.30pm, and thereafter the programme was proceeded with. The speakers were the Rev. S. Crabb, Cupar, D.W. Greenfield, Edenshead, and J.K. Russell, Falkland. Solos were sung by Miss Horne, Falkland; Miss Forsyth, Freuchie, and Messrs R. Morgan and J. Blyth, Freuchie. Anthems, Quartet tee etc., were rendered by the choir and the juvenile choir. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, a very enjoyable evening was spent. The usual votes of thanks proposed by the Chairman were heartily responded to.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **A Serious Offence** – “At Cupar Sheriff Court on Monday before Sheriff Armour-Hannay, Peter Spittal (44), general dealer, Mill Tail, Falkland, pleaded guilty to an offence against a girl of fifteen years of age. The complaint was brought under the Criminal Law Amendment Act. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, on behalf of the accused, said the latter’s story was that the girl, although of tender years, made overtures to him. Of course, that was no excuse for the offence. Accused had been in business in the neighbourhood for the past twenty years, selling butter, eggs, and groceries from a cart, and he had always borne a good character. Mr Grosset read a large number of letters from residents in Freuchie, Markinch, and other places in which Spittal was given a good character. One said the accused led “an honest Christian life.” The Sheriff, in passing sentence, said that no doubt accused had a more or less unblemished record, but it was not only he who had to be considered, but his victim. His Lordship could pay no

attention whatever to the suggestion that the girl made overtures to accused. Pursuer would go to prison for twelve months, with hard labour."

29th March 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart M.P.** – *"Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., was at House of Falkland from Thursday to Saturday last week, and returned to London on Saturday night. His Lordship is in excellent health."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Hope Trust Lectures** – *"Mr J. Lumsden and Mr Alex. Reid, under the auspices of the Hope Trust, delivered lectures in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The subject at the meeting for adults was "Undoing the Reformation". Both lectures were beautifully illustrated by lime-light views."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – *"The first session of the Parish Church Bible class under the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., was brought to a close on Sunday, and on Thursday last week, the members met in a social capacity in the Drill Hall. After partaking of an excellent tea, purveyed by Mr William Mason, dancing was engaged in for an hour or two, and a very enjoyable evening was spent."*

5th April 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Subscription Dance** – *"A subscription dance was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Friday night, and being somewhat of a novelty for the district, it excited considerable interest locally. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and a goodly company assembled, largely recruited from neighbouring villages. Dancing began at 9.00pm, and a selection of the latest music was admirably rendered by Mr McPherson, Dundee. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr Mason, Bruce Arms, Falkland, while the duties of M.C.'s were efficiently discharged by Messrs G.B. Morgan and Alex. Bonthron. Dancing was carried on with great spirit until 3.00am when a pleasant evening came to a close, and wishes were generally expressed that the function would become an annual one. The company comprised the following: - Mrs Livingstone, Lomondvale, black satin, with tunic of net, jet embroidered; Mrs Donaldson, Bank House, cream satin; Mrs Jack, Canonbury, gray satin charmeuse; Mrs Jackson, Meadowfield, pale blue taffetas with sequin trimmings; Mrs Brown, Falkland, meteor blue satin; Mrs Methven, Schoolhouse, Freuchie, reseda green voile with coloured embroidery; Mrs*

Bon throne, Newton House, helio voile; Mrs Bon throne, Kinsleith, black ninion over black silk; Miss Falconer, Falkland, fawn taffetas; Miss Richardson, Edinburgh, olive green poplin; Miss Cochrane, Glenfarg, cream lace over cream satin; Miss Thomson, Lochie, Strathmiglo, cream voile with forget-me-nots; Miss Honeyman, Kingskettle, sapphire blue accordion voile with lace coatee; Miss McDonald, Perth, petunia satin; Miss Cochrane, Falkland, cream silk with net overdress in silver sequins; Miss Orchison, Denbrae, Cupar, lemon satin with tunic of pale green voile; Miss Maxwell, Auchtermuchty, pale blue satin with overdress of blue and white voile; Miss McLaren, Dalmeny, saxe blue satin with lace coatee.

Gentlemen – Provost Jackson, Falkland, Messrs A. Anderson, L. Granger, J.W. Jackson, J. Dunbar, G. Gavin, Dr Jack, J. Donaldson, G.B. Morgan, J. Brown, A.J. Christie, Glasgow; R. Ferlie, Auchtermuchty; A. Bon throne, W. Henderson, J. Donaldson, C. McDonald, J. Keir, Eric Thomson, Strathmiglo; J. Methven, Freuchie; D. Richardson, Freuchie; J.H. Lawson, Edinburgh; W. McLellan, Kinsleith.”

12th April 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Brass Band** – “Falkland Brass Band made its first appearance for the season on Saturday evening, and after a few selections had been rendered, dancing was engaged in for some time.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday** – “Monday of this week was observed in the Burgh as the annual Spring holiday. During the week-end a detachment of the Territorials were stationed in the Drill Hall. The Company attended the forenoon service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

19th April 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “A concert in aid of the funds of the Boy Scouts was held in the Drill Hall on the evening of Thursday last week. Provost Jackson occupied the chair. The musical part of the programme was well sustained by Miss Dun, Woodmill; Miss Pirie, and Miss M. Gray, Dundee, Dr W. Graham Campbell, Dundee, and Mr John Venters, Falkland. A display of physical drill and Indian club swinging by the Scouts under Mr T. Watson was very credible. The special feature of the evening was the rendering of four scenes from “Hamlet” by some of the boys. On the call of the Chairman, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to the evening’s entertainment.”

3rd May 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kennoway** – “The match at Kennoway on Saturday had to be abandoned on account of the rain, and Falkland did not bat. Kennoway were dismissed for 32, J. Venters having the excellent analysis of 7 for 14, and W. Venters, 3 for 17.”

10th May 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – On account of the inclement weather, the cricket match with Springfield Asylum had to be put off.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The half-yearly communion was celebrated in both churches on Sunday, when there were large attendances. On Friday evening, the usual preparatory services were held, the Rev. J.K. Russell preaching in the Parish Church, and the Rev. W.L. Craig, of Balmalcolm, in the United Free Church. On Sunday evening, the thanksgiving services were conducted by the Rev. Mr Cairns, Muckart, and the Rev. P.W. Lilley, Freuchie, in the respective churches.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Grazier’s Bankruptcy** – “In Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday – before Sheriff Armour-Hannay – Robert Brown, grazier, Newton of Falkland, and formerly of Ladybank, was examined in a petition for cessio, at the instance of Mr Jas. T. Cathcart of Pitcairnie. His amended state of affairs shows liabilities to be £225 13s 8d; assets £185, a deficiency of £40, and a difference of £9 compared with the state of affairs he produced the previous Thursday. After bankrupt had been examined by Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar; Mr R.T. Inglis Melville, solicitor, Kettle; and Mr G.E.B. Osborne, solicitor, Cupar; relative to the accounts of their respective clients, the Sheriff granted the application and appointed Mr T. W. Davidson, Cupar, trustee.”

17th May 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Light Railway Company** – “Notice is hereby given that an ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING for the conduct of the Company’s Affairs will be held in the Hall of the Royal Hotel, Cupar, on Monday 26th inst., at 3.30pm. A.E. GROSSET, Secy.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart and Fifteenth Century Books** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., opened at Cardiff on Thursday last week, an exhibition of fifteenth century books. Lord Ninian said he had in his own library, two or three very old and valuable books, which were amongst his cherished possessions. One, given to him by his father, the late Marquis of Bute, contained 400 old plays and also some of the most wonderful examples of the early poets and early printing in this country. Another was a book of which there was only one other perfect copy in the world. One was in America, but this was an imperfect copy. He believed there was another in the British Museum. It was a copy of the “Life of the Duke of Montrose”, and its extreme rarity was due to the fact that almost all the other copies were destroyed shortly after publication. In conclusion, the speaker referred to the magnitude of the library accumulated by his grandfather, and to the fact that some of these books were now being exhibited by his brother, the Marquis of Bute, in the present exhibition.”

24th May 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A mixed foursome competition was held on Saturday afternoon between Mr D. Bonthron (captain) and Mr A. Anderson (treasurer), and resulted as follows: -

Captain	
1. Miss Martyn and D. Bonthron	0
2. Mrs Methven and F. Grainger	1
3. Mrs Bonthron and G. Robertson	0
4. Mrs Fraser and Mr Lincoln	1
5. Miss Allan and J. Methven	1
	3
Treasurer	
1. Miss Forsyth and A. Venters	1
2. Miss Falconer and A. Anderson	0
3. Miss D. Cochrane and Rev. J.K. Russell	0
4. Miss P. Cochrane and Rev. C. Fraser	0
5. Mrs Venters and W. Peggie	0
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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Stratheden** – “Falkland had a victory at home on Saturday against Stratheden. Falkland – 83 (P. Robertson 24; W.M. Venters 20). Stratheden – 49 (W. Bewick 19).”

31st May 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Light Railway Company** – “An Ordinary General Meeting of the Falkland Light Railway Company was held in the Royal Hotel, Cupar on Monday afternoon. Mr W. Jackson, Falkland, presided, and Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., House of Falkland was amongst the shareholders sent. On behalf of the Directors, Mr A.E. Grosset, Cupar, the Secretary, presented a report upon the present position of the Company. The report showed that a considerable proportion of the capital had been taken up. The shareholders considered the report was satisfactory, and it was adopted unanimously. The auditors’ report was also adopted. About fifteen minutes sufficed for the business of the meeting.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The Morrison (scratch) medal was won by Mr George Robertson on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Dunnikier** – “At Falkland on Saturday, the home eleven had a victory over the Kirkcaldy team. Dunnikier – 35. Falkland – 44 (W.M. Venters 17).”

7th June 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Freuchie** – “These near rivals met at Falkland and the home side won by 17 runs, chiefly through the bowling of Messrs W. and J. Venters. Bowling for Freuchie, Croall took six wickets for 32 runs. Rymer had three for one, and Spence one for 11. Scores: -

Falkland		
W.M. Venters	b. Croall	22
J. Reekie	b. Croall	28
J. Venters	c. Stark, b. Spence	6
G. Thomson	b. Croall	2
R. Craig	b. Croall	0
T.C. Schofield	b. Rymer	4
M. Robertson	b. Croall	0
T. Drysdale	c. D. Duncan, b. Rymer	0
P. Robertson	b. Croall	7
F. Grainger	c. J. Jack, b. Rymer	0
A. Gavin	not out	0
	Extras	5
	Total	74

Freuchie		
J. Jack jnr.	b. J. Venters	3
D. Duncan	b. W. Venters	0
J. Morrison	b. J. Venters	2

W. Stark	c. Reekie, b. W. Venters	0
J.W. Leishman	b. W. Venters	1
L. Rymer	c. W. Venters, b. J. Venters	1
J. Duncan	b. W. Venters	0
E. Croall	b. P. Robertson	17
A. Spence	b. W. Venters	1
R. Jack	not out	20
W. Simpson	b. P. Robertson	1
	Extras	11
	Total	57

21st June 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kirkcaldy 2nd** – “Falkland were in grand form on Saturday, and defeated their visitors Kirkcaldy Second XI by five wickets and 143 runs. Kirkcaldy – 46 (R. Rushen 14); Falkland – 189 (W.M. Venters 102).”

28th June 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Advert : To Let – Chapelyard House** – “To Let, with Entry at Martinmas or sooner, if desired. Chapelyard House, with large Garden and small Paddock adjoining. The House, which is beautifully situated overlooking the town of Falkland, consists of 3 Public Rooms, 3 Bedrooms, Dressing Room and Kitchen etc. The outhouses contain Stabling and other usual accommodation. For particulars, apply to GEORGE GAVIN, Estate Office, Falkland Palace, Falkland, Fife.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart gave birth to a daughter on Tuesday morning at House of Falkland. The event caused much rejoicing in Falkland and all over the estate, and flags and other decorations were displayed at many places.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “Dr J.G. Jack has been appointed a member of the School Board in room of the late ex-Provost Miller.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market and Games** – “The annual market and games were held on Saturday last in the Myre, and the weather being very favourable, there

was a good turn out of the public. The Town Band rendered selections during the afternoon, and played dance music in the evening. The sports were well contested. The following were the principal prize-winners: - Half-mile (open) – Ross, Bowhill; hop, step and leap (open) – McPherson, Blackford; boys' race (under 12, local) – C. Drysdale; running high leap (open) – McPherson; wheelbarrow race (local) – T. Drysdale and J. Hay; one mile (open) – Ross, Bowhill; potato and bucket race (local) – J. Hay; boys' race (under 16, local) – R. Kennedy; half-mile (local) – G. Fernie; girls' race (local) – C. Duncan; cigarette race (open) – McPherson; sack race (local) – J. Hay; 100 yards (open) – Clark, Thornton; long jump (open) – McPherson; putting ball (open) – Walton, Magask."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – "The finalists in the Lathrisk cup tournament are Messrs G. Robertson and W. Peggie."

5th July 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Action by Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – "Judgement was given by Lord Hunter in the Court of Session on Friday in an action of suspension and interdict, in which Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart of Falkland, sought to interdict John Barrie Ogilvie, farmer, Westfield Farm, Falkland, from unlawfully entering and trespassing upon the mansion-house park at Falkland House, belonged to the complainer, and from grazing sheep or cattle in the park, or in any way interfering with the complainer's possession of it. Lord Hunter granted the interdict craved, and found the respondent liable in expenses."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – "On Sunday forenoon, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, and the Rev. P.W. Lilley, Freuchie, exchanged pulpits, and Mr Morrison conducted the afternoon service in the open air."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – "On Thursday evening of last week, an XI visited Strathmiglo, but sustained a defeat by 51 runs to 35. On Tuesday evening, however, at Auchtermuchty, they proved the winners, the score being 26 runs to 45 for 5 wickets. St Andrews are the visitors at Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday)."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nics** – "The Sunday Schools of both the Parish and U.F. Churches held their annual pic-nics on Saturday, when they were favoured with delightful weather. As usual, the journey was made in carts, the respective

destinations being Pitcairnie and Ramornie. On arriving home about nine o'clock, the general verdict was that a very enjoyable day had been spent."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Nairn** – *"Falkland went under to Nairn's XI. at Kirkcaldy on Saturday. Scores: - Falkland 27; Nairn 57."*

12th July 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture Committee** – *"This Committee met on Monday evening, when it was agreed to suspend the course for the coming winter session in the hope that a greater interest may be created in the lectures after the absence of a year."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Pic-nics** – *"The annual drives in connection with both the Parish and U.F. Church choirs took place on Saturday, the former going to Aberdour and the latter to St Andrews. The weather on the whole was favourable, and a very enjoyable day was spent by both parties."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Palace** – *"Falkland Palace has been closed from Monday last week until further notice. This will be disappointing to visitors to the town during the holiday season. It is understood that the Palace is closed owing to fear that damage may be done by militant suffragists. This is another instance of the inconvenience that the public are put to by the ruthless acts of the "votes for women" fanatics."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Roman Catholic Church** – *"The corner-stone of the new Roman Catholic church at Falkland, built by Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, M.P., to the memory of his son, who died when only three years old, was laid on Saturday by the Very Rev. the Bishop of Galway, in presence of a large attendance of the congregation. The stones and wood for the building were hewn and cut on the estate of Falkland, and the church is being built entirely by local tradesmen. The architect is Mr Reginald Fairlie, Edinburgh, and the building is in the Scottish style, being a modification of St Leonard's Chapel, St Andrews. It is expected that the church will be finished and open for service in 1916."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v St Andrews** – “Falkland entertained St Andrews on Saturday. The home side had first lease of the wicket, and after registering 58 runs at a loss of six wickets declared. St Andrews gave a display of batting that surprised their hosts, winning the match by scoring 71 for three wickets. Falkland 58 (J. Venters 31); St Andrews 71 (J. Smith 34 not out).”

9th August 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal was won on Saturday afternoon by Mr George Robertson.”

23rd August 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “After suffering defeat at the hands of Kennoway 1st XI last Saturday, the Falkland players travel to Kirkcaldy tomorrow (Saturday), to meet Dunnikier.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The annual general meeting of Falkland Y.M.C.A. was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, when reports were given by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Recreation Committee, and found to be satisfactory. Office-bearers for the following year were appointed as follows: - President, Mr Walter Peggie; Vice-Presidents, Messrs C.C. Brunton and George Robertson; Secretary, Mr James Donaldson; and Treasurer, Mr Alex. Grieve. It was decided to carry on the Football Club during the season now started, and to allow all young men to join whether members of the Y.M.C.A. or not. Mr Donaldson was elected Captain of the Club, and Mr William Burgon jnr., secretary and treasurer.”

13th September 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Book by U.F. Church Minister** – “The Scotsman, in reviewing “On the Trail of the Pioneers” (2s), London: Hodder and Stoughton, says the book is a sketch of the missions of the United Free Church of Scotland. It has been written mainly for the youth of the Church. The author has stories to tell of many wonderful experiences of missionaries and others, which give his narrative all the charm of romance. So much, indeed, is this the case that the volume can scarcely fail to prove popular with youthful readers and with older people too. It gives what may be described as a “bird’s eye view” of what the Church has accomplished in the mission field. The volume has a number of beautiful

illustrations. The following paragraph appeared in the September issue of the 'Missionary Record' of the United Free Church:

"A book will shortly be issued which has a peculiar and even romantic interest. It is written by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., our minister at Falkland, who has had an experience with it that recalls more than one famous incident in literary history. The volume is a brilliant sketch of the Missions of the United Free Church, and was originally finished a year ago. Consigned to the care of a well known man-of-letters, it was placed in a bag which was stolen during a railway journey and never recovered. After the first shock of the loss, Mr Morrison set to and re-wrote the work, and it will shortly be published by Messrs Hodder & Stoughton. 'On the Trail of the Pioneers' is original in conception and style, and will catch the popular fancy, and especially the fancy of the young. The opening chapter describes Foreign Mission night at the Assembly Hall, and readers are then taken an imaginative voyage round the world."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *"The competition for the monthly medal was held on Saturday last when Mr Andrew Venters was successful in annexing the trophy. Tea was served during the afternoon by Mrs Bonthron and Miss Anderson."*

27th September 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – *"Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart are at present at House of Falkland where they are this week entertaining the following ladies and gentlemen: - Mr and Lady Beatrice Kerr Clerk; Countess of Abingdon; Lady Betty Bertie; Hon. Bernard Howard; Mr Montague Wood; Lord Colin Crichton-Stuart; Viscount and Viscountess Gormanston; Miss Anid Campbell; Hon. Hubert Preston; Miss Marguerite Connellan; and Miss Sybil Williams."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *"The Y.M.C.A. Football Club played their first match of the season on Saturday afternoon, with Denside Thistle, but were defeated by 6 goals to 3. To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, they meet Ladybank."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burgh Rates** – *"The Town Council have fixed the burgh assessments for the current year to 15th May 1914 as follows: - burgh general, 10d per £1, sewerage 1s 4d, water supply 5d, roads & bridges 9d, public health 2d, and lunacy, registration etc., 2d – in all 3s 8d per £1 of which 1s 5d is payable by owners and 2s 3d by occupiers. There is no change in the total rate from last year."*

4th October 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “On Saturday afternoon, the Y.M.C.A. team met Ladybank on the home ground but suffered defeat at the hands of the visitors by 8 goals to 6. The junior team played Kettle, and won by 8 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, when a satisfactory report was submitted by the Secretary and Treasurer. Mr W.M. Venters won the prize presented by Mr D. Bonthron, Newton House, for the best all round player for the season, his batting and bowling averages being 24 and 40 wickets for 240 runs, respectively. It was agreed to arrange for holding a dance on the 12th of December.”

11th October 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart have gone to Wales for three weeks. His Lordship will address several meetings of his constituents at Cardiff.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – “The annual autumn holiday was observed in the burgh on Monday last.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Elders** – “On Sunday forenoon it was intimated from the pulpit of the Parish Church that Messrs George Robertson and David W. Chisholm had been elected elders of the church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “The members of the U.F. Church Junior Christian Endeavour Society rendered the cantata, “In the King’s Garden”, in the church on Friday evening last week, when there was a good turnout to hear the performance. The “Model Garden” was composed of a beautiful array of flowers with five arches, and a small fountain played in the centre. The cantata was arranged by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, minister of the church, and he also conducted the singing. The reading was beautifully done by Miss Jeannie Smith, and the various hymns, solos, choruses, and recitations were admirably carried through. Mr Walter Peggie jnr., officiated at the organ. On the call of Mr Walter Peggie, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to the entertainment, which proved

to be most interesting and instructive. The flowers were afterwards sent off to be distributed amongst some of the poor and sick of Glasgow."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *"The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday afternoon, when Mr Walter Venters was the winner. Tea was provided during the afternoon by Mrs Venters and Mrs Peggie."*

18th October 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *"The Y.M.C.A. team played an eleven from Auchtermuchty on Saturday afternoon, and won by 4 goals to nil."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – *"The first meeting of the Y.M.C.A. for the session was held in the Town Hall on Sunday morning when there was a good turnout of the young men. Mr Walter Peggie, president, addressed the meeting."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Cycle on Top of Lomond Hill** – *"Mr T.R. Inglis Melville, Kettle, with Mr Forsyth, teacher, Kettle, in his side car, drove a 3 ½ h.p. Triumph motor cycle on Wednesday to the top of the East Lomond Hill, a height of 1,500 feet. The route was by way of Purin Den, Falkland, and the journey was accomplished in less than three-quarters of an hour, including two stops. The side car was detached forty yards from the top. This is the first time a motor climb of "The Lomond" has been attempted."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club** – *"The annual meeting of this Club was held in the Town Hall – Mr David Bonthron presiding – when the following appointments were made: - Patron – Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.; Patroness – Lady Ninan Crichton-Stuart; President – David Bonthron; vice-President – Thomas Williamson; Rep. Members – David Bonthron and George B. Morgan; Chaplain – The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D.; Secretary and Treasurer – James Donaldson; Committee – John Angus, Alex. Shanks, Wm. Horne, Wm. Mason, Walter Peggie and Thomas Ross. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £10 9s 6 ½ d. It was agreed to enter two rinks for the grand match at Carsebreck or Edinburgh. Entries for the ice rink trophies at Edinburgh were left to be arranged by the skips."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The last meeting of the season was held on Saturday afternoon when a very enjoyable game was engaged in.”

1st November 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Elections** – The following five candidates for the four vacant seats in the Town Council have been nominated: - Messrs Robert Drysdale, Andrew Lister, William Horne, and Thomas Williamson, who are the retiring members, and Mr James McCall. The four retiring members representing the burgh on the Parish Council have been re-elected, namely: - Messrs James Donaldson, Alexander Fraser, Charles Jackson jnr., and Walter Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social Meeting** – “The annual social meeting of the Women’s Guild of the Parish Church was held in the school on Friday evening, when the Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a good audience. Tea was served by members of the Guild, and thereafter an interesting address was given by Miss Scott from Daska, North India, on her work there as one of the Guild Missionaries. During the evening, the choir rendered several anthems, and songs and recitations were contributed by Miss Jessie Anderson and Messrs George Spence and William Burgon. The meeting was brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual general meeting of Falkland Golf Club was held in the Clubhouse on Monday evening, when a satisfactory statement was submitted by Mr Anderson, treasurer. Office-bearers were appointed as follows: - Patron – Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.;; President – Mr J.L. Lumsden; vice-President – Mr George Gavin; Captain – Mr D. Bonthron; Secretary and Treasurer – Mr James Peggie.”

8th November 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School was re-opened on Monday morning after having been closed for three weeks during the potato-lifting season.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – The first meeting of the Literary Society was held at Allan Park on Monday evening, when an inaugural address was delivered by Mr James Donaldson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Y.M.C.A. team had as their visitors on Saturday, the Y.M.C.A. XI from Markinch. After an enjoyable game, the latter team proved the winners by 3 goals to 2. The match to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon is with Kinross.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “At the meeting of the Whist Club on Tuesday last week, Mr J. Barry Ogilvie was presented with a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch as a token of the respect and esteem of his fellow members on the occasion of his leaving Westfield Farm, of which he has been the tenant for the past seven years. Dr Jack made the presentation, and Mr Ogilvie suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The half-yearly communion was celebrated in both churches on Sunday. Preparatory services were held on the preceding Friday evening, when the Rev. J.K. Russell officiated in the Parish Church, and the Rev. J.M. Munro, Strathmiglo, in the United Free. At the thanksgiving services on Sunday evening, the Rev. A.O. Taylor, Glen Devon, and the Rev. W.D. Beattie, Monimail, preached in the respective churches.”

15th November 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Kinross were the visitors on Saturday afternoon, and the Y.M.C.A. team were successful in pulling off the match by 4 goals to 3.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “A deputation from Leslie paid a visit to the local Association on Sunday, Messrs Andrew and James King being the representatives.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At a meeting of the Town Council held on Friday, Councillors Angus and Robertson were appointed Senior and Junior Bailies, respectively, in place of Bailies Drysdale and Lister. Mr W.D. Robertson was appointed Procurator Fiscal for the burgh in room of Mr James Reekie. The Council attended both the Parish and the U.F. Churches on Sunday in their official capacity.”

22nd November 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “At a meeting of the “Lomond Oak” Lodge held on Thursday evening last week, Mr T.D. Hopkins was appointed Secretary in place of Mr Alex. Grieve, who has resigned.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Y.M.C.A. XI had as their visitors on Saturday afternoon, Lochgelly Amateurs, but the match was interrupted by the rain when the score was 2-0 in favour of the visitors.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “The topic of Monday evening’s meeting of the Society was “Holiday Reminiscences”. The various contributions were very interesting, and an enjoyable evening was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Grocer’s Bankruptcy** – “Peter Reid Baxter, grocer, Falkland, was examined on a petition for cessio in Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday before Sheriff Armour-Hannay. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, appeared for the petitioning creditor. Bankrupt said he started business four years ago. He had no capital of his own, but borrowed £25 which was still due. He did fairly well to begin with, but the Co-operative Store took away a large number of his customers, as shortly after he began business the Store dividend was increased. His statement of affairs showed assets £35 and liabilities £108.”

29th November 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Rev. J.H. Morrison** – “The Rev. J.H. Morrison announced from the pulpit of the United Free Church on Sunday last that he had been appointed to visit the Livingstonia Mission Field in Central Africa, and that he would probably be leaving for this purpose about March next. The duration of his absence from Falkland will be six months.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Banquet** – “On Saturday evening, Provost Jackson entertained the members of the Town Council, along with the officials and a few friends, at supper in the Bruce Arms Hotel. After an excellent repast, purveyed by Mr Mason in his usual efficient manner, the customary loyal toasts were pledged, and with songs, recitations etc., a most enjoyable time was spent. On the call of Bailie Angus, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Provost Jackson for his kind

hospitality, and with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the proceedings were brought to a close."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lodge St. John, No. 35** – "The undernoted brethren of this Lodge have been nominated as office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz.: - R.W.M., Bro. Robert Craig; J.P.M., Bro. Alex Grieve; D.M., Bro. Jas. Jackson; S.M., Bro. Jas. Weepers; S.W., Bro. Jas. Donaldson; J.W., Bro. T.D. Hopkins; Secretary, Bro. David Campbell; Treasurer, Bro. Andrew Venters; Chaplain, Bro. William Lawrie; S.D., Bro. Jas. Speed; J.D., Bro. David Munro; architect, Bro. Alex. Fraser; B.B., Bro. John Traill; S.B., Bro. Henry Skinner; Stewards, Bros. John Angus and William Mason; I.G., Bro. John Drysdale; O.G., Bro. John Walker."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women's Unionist Association Meeting** – "A very successful public social under the auspices of the local branch of the East Fife Women's Unionist Association was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. There was a crowded attendance, over which Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart presided. The first part of the programme consisted of a concert. Lady Ninian, Miss H. Sprot, and Miss Christian Page contributed songs; Mr Dudgeon played a violin solo, and Mr Normand and Mr Bateman kindly came over from Leven and sang. A farce by Mrs Hammond and Mr Toole proved very amusing. Mrs Pierson then spoke on the Home Rule Bill, its effects upon the people of Great Britain, and the determination of the Ulster people to die for their principles. Mrs Pierson concluded a splendid address by proposing a resolution of sympathy with the Ulster loyalists in their determination to resist Home Rule. Colonel Sprot, prospective Unionist candidate for East Fife, seconded in a rousing speech, and the resolution, having been put to the meeting, was carried by acclamation. An enjoyable dance followed."

6th December 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public Meeting** – "A Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, 8th inst., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of enrolling recruits for the Highland Cyclist Battalion. In the unavoidable absence of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., George Gavin Esq., will preside."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland People's Right to take Rabbits from Quarry** – "The question of the right of the people of Falkland and district to take game from a portion of the East Lomond Hill was argued at considerable length in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday before Sheriff Armour-Hannay. Wm. James Reid, residing at South Street, Falkland, was charged with having on 26th August, trespassed in

pursuit of game in a lime quarry situated in the East Lomond Hill, Falkland, in a portion which forms part of the estate of Lathrisk, which Mr J.C. Macgill-Crichton recently sold to a syndicate. Mr J. Kerr Tasker, Cupar, for the respondent, held that the proceedings were incompetent in two respects. (1) That the complainer had no title to prosecute, as he was not, either at the date of the alleged offence, or at the date of the institution of the present proceedings, either the owner or the occupier within the meaning of the Trespass (Scotland) Act 1832, or game tenant of the lime quarry mentioned in the complaint, and (2) that the charge involved a question of civil right. Mr A.E. Grosset, Cupar, who appeared for the complainer, said that the case had been adjourned in order that he might produce his title to prosecute. His title to the land in question was really founded upon a private Act of Parliament dated 1815, which dealt with the division and allotment of the commonty on the Lomond Hills at Falkland and Strathmiglo, in the parish of Strathmiglo. A commissioner (Sir William Rae) was appointed to carry out the division, and he was directed, in section 14 of the Act, to make up plans of the whole commonty, and to mark in the plans all parts which had been allocated to each proprietor. He produced the plans. The lime quarry in question, together with ten acres of land around it, had been allocated to the proprietor of Lathrisk. This also applied to two other quarries in the neighbourhood. Mr Tasker said that the people of Falkland had taken game from the quarry for the last 100 years. When the commonty was divided, he stated, the proprietor of Lathrisk got no higher right than the Magistrates and Town Council of Falkland, acting on behalf of the inhabitants. If the proprietor of Lathrisk had any right at all to this lime quarry and the ten acres around it, it was a right in common with others. Lathrisk had been sold, and the present proprietors claimed the ownership of the quarry. They entered on 15th August, and the alleged offence took place on 26th August when the complainer's ownership was gone. Therefore, he held that they had no title to prosecute. Mr Grosset said it was quite true that the estate was sold on 15th August, but as a matter of fact, the price was not paid until 5th September, and it was not till then that their deed was put upon record. Mr Tasker – "I think that all this discloses a very healthy question of civil right." Mr Grosset – "What is the civil right? You have been talking of this civil right, but I have yet to learn what it is." Mr Tasker – "All right, I will tell you now. The civil right the Provost and Magistrates of Falkland claim is exactly the right which they possessed before the Act of 1815, and prior to the award of 1818, which included the right of the people of Falkland and the neighbourhood to take rabbits. They have exercised that right for the last 100 years." Mr Grosset said that all the right they ever had was to "take, win, burn and carry away limestone." His point was that the quarry formed part of the commonty and the solum had been allotted to him. The Sheriff, after listening to protracted arguments, said that the only question he had any interest in was what was to be done with the case. It had to be either dismissed or sisted. Mr Tasker moved that it be dismissed, and Mr Grosset moved that it be sisted. The Sheriff said he had come to the conclusion after hearing the arguments that the case must be dismissed. It was perfectly clear that the prosecution was really raised with an ulterior object, namely to get a decision as to the ownership of this quarry. And

two points of apparently no inconsiderable difficulty were raised. (1) as to the interpretation of this private Act of 1815, with the accompanying award of 1818, and (2) to have a proper principle established in law as to who could prosecute in that particular case, when the alleged poaching offence was committed on 26th August, when the property changed hands on 5th September, and the prosecution was raised on 14th November. All these matters raised the question of civil right, and accordingly his Lordship thought that the proper course under the circumstances was to dismiss the prosecution. Mr Tasker said that he was instructed to move for expenses. The Sheriff allowed £1 1s expenses.”

13th December 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** - “The Falkland U.F. Church Sale of Work is to be held in the Public School, Falkland, on Saturday 13th December, to be opened at 2.30pm by Mrs Black, of Chapel. Admission – Adults 2d; Children – 1d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The address on Sunday morning was given by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, his subject being “Characteristics of the life of St Paul.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture Committee** – “At a meeting of the Committee held on Monday evening, it was decided to have a special entertainment during the New Year holidays, and a concert is being arranged.”

20th December 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Council** – “At the statutory meeting of the Parish Council of Falkland, Mr J.L. Lumsden was re-appointed Chairman.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “At a meeting of the Society held on Monday evening, Miss Anderson read an excellent paper on Shakespeare’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Mrs Donaldson led off the discussion with an able criticism, and the subject proved both interesting and instructive.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Dance** – “The annual assembly of the Falkland Cricket Club was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. An enjoyable programme was gone through to music supplied by Mr G. Berry’s Quadrille Band,

Auchtermuchty. Messrs A. Grieve jnr., and W.M. Venters acted as M.C.'s. An interesting part of the proceedings was the presentation of a gold badge to Mr W.M. Venters as the best all-round cricketer in the Club last season. Mr James Donaldson, in the absence of Mr David Bonthron, the donor of the badge, handed over the prize, and Mr Venters suitably replied. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: - Mrs Liptrott, Mrs Mason, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Venters and Misses J. Anderson, Angus, Burgess, Chisholm, D. and P. Cochrane, R. Falconer, S. Falconer, C. & J. Fernie, Henderson, McCall, Milne, Mora, Morton, Page, E. Page, Reid, Robertson, M. & L. Smith, Steedman, K. Venters, Walker and Wallace. Messrs Allan, Donaldson, Dunbar, Fernie, J. & A. Grieve, Keddie, Kidd, Liptrott, Mason, Ness, Oswald, Peggie, Schofield, Skinner, Steedman, Toole, J. & W. Venters."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Sale of Work** – “A sale of work, organised in connection with Falkland U.F. Church, for the purpose of building a wall round the Manse garden and Manse renovation generally, was held in the Public School, Falkland, on Saturday, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, minister of the congregation, presided over a large gathering which included the Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland Parish Church, the Rev. Philip Lilley, Freuchie U.F. Church; Mr and Mrs J.W. Jackson, Meadowfield; and Mrs Black of Chapel, who performed the opening ceremony. In introducing Mrs Black, the Rev. J.H. Morrison said that she was well-known and respected in Falkland, not only for the sake of her father (Sir Michael Nairn), but for her own association with the community, and so needed no introduction. Mrs Black had always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the church and every good cause, and the cause of temperance in particular, had her whole-hearted sympathy and support (Applause). Mrs Black, in a few well-chosen words, declared the sale open, remarking that one who had written such a splendid book as Mr Morrison had done, was deserving of every encouragement. “On the Trail of the Pioneers”, she said, did its author the greatest credit (Applause). The stalls and stall-holders were as follows: - Work Stall No. 1 – Mrs Donaldson, Mrs White, Mrs Bisset, and Mrs Graham. Work Stall No. 2 – Mrs Morrison, Mrs Burgen, Miss Hay and Miss Page. Provision Stall – Mrs Trail, Mrs Ross, Miss Hill, Miss M. Page, and Miss A. Peggie. Hoop-la – Miss Isa Hill and Miss M. Peggie. Refreshment Stall – Mrs Walter Peggie and Miss Horn. A miniature shooting range was under the charge of Messrs Wm. Peggie and James Donaldson. £100 proceeds were aimed at, but when the takings were counted, it was found that no less a sum than £136 had been realised. The shooting competition at Saturday’s sale of work resulted as follows: - 1st prize (silver cup) – Miss P. Cochrane; 2nd prize (timepiece) – Mr W. Horne; Ladies’ prize – Miss R. Falconer; Boys’ prize – Mr David Sturrock.”

27th December 1913

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “The year ended 9th December last has been a very prosperous one for the Society, and a dividend of 3s 2d per £1 for members and 1s 7d per £1 for non-members has been declared.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “On Sunday morning, the meeting was addressed by Mr Guthrie from Edinburgh. The football team met Kelty Queens Park on Saturday afternoon, but suffered defeat at their hands by 4 goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Saturday evening a very interesting and instructive lecture was given by the Rev. J.H. Morrison in the Drill Hall. His subject, “Summer and Winter on the Canadian Prairies” was beautifully illustrated by lime-light views. Provost Jackson presided.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Treat to School Children** – “The school children of Falkland on Wednesday night were entertained by Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart in the Drill Hall. Among those present were: - Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart; the Rev. J.K. Russell, Parish Church; Mr George Gavin, Falkland Palace; Provost Jackson; Dr Jack; Mr J. Donaldson, banker, etc. The gifts from the heavily laden and beautifully decorated tree were given out by Lady Ninian, who wished all the children a happy Christmas. Tea was served, and a programme of music was sustained by the children.”

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Three Fife Yeomen on the top of the East Lomond** – “The undernoted photo was taken by a Falkland amateur on the top of the East Lomond, which S.S.M. Webster, Sergt. Laing, Blebo Craigs, and Sergt. Walker, late of Balgarvie, ascended on their grey chargers. The climb is a stiff one for horses.”



Three Fife Yeomen on the top of the East Lomond

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Sandy Scriven** – “Underrated is a photo of a familiar figure in the district of Falkland and Strathmiglo – that of Sandy Scriven, hawker. He is 82 years of age, and goes his rounds weekly, sometimes more often, with his bassinette, facetiously dubbed his “car – SP 999”. Sandy is a pawky old fellow, still hale and hearty, though getting short in the step; and he is a general favourite.”



Sandy Scriven, hawker.

Falkland Almanac

Population according to census 1911 (Parish) – 2,356

Justices' of the Peace – Charles J.M.M. Crichton of Lathrisk, Falkland; Charles Jackson, Manufacturer, Lomond Vale, Falkland; John Walker Jackson, Manufacturer, Falkland; Lord Ninian Edward Crichton Stuart, M.P., House of Falkland.

Magistrates and Town Council – Provost, Charles Jackson jnr.; Bailies, John Angus and George Robertson; Town-Clerk and Treasurer, Alexander Anderson; Councillors, C.C. Brunton, John W. Jackson, William Mason, Robert Ness, William Horne, John Brown, Robert Drysdale, Andrew Lister, and James McCall; Representative, Cupar District Licensing Court – Provost Jackson; Fiscal, W.D. Robertson; Town Officers, John Walker and Robert Strachan.

Places of Worship – Parish Church, Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D.; United Free Church, Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A.; Plymouth Brethren, Balmbrae, Various Teachers.

School Board – Members, J.L. Lumsden, David Drybourgh, David Bonthron, William Horne, George Gavin, Rev. J.H. Morrison, and Dr J.G. Jack; Teachers – Falkland School, John Dunbar, M.A. B.Sc; and Assistants; Freuchie School, John Methven, M.A., and Assistants. Clerk, Alex. Anderson.

Parish Council – John L. Lumsden, Robert Nelson, David Rymer, David Bonthron, George Gavin, Provost Jackson, Walter Peggie, James Donaldson, Alexander Fraser.

Inspector, Clerk, and Registrar – George S. Hardie.

Gas Company – James Dingwall, Manager.

Equitable Co-operative Society (Limited) – Manager, Salesman, James C. Speed; Treasurer, Walter Peggie; President, Alex. Grieve; Secretary, John Collins.

Funeral and Deposit Society – James Reekie, President; R.C. Drysdale, Secretary; George Robertson, Treasurer.

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