

Falkland 1900-2000

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(As researched by Jack Burgess)

2nd January 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “An address was given on Sunday morning by Mr R.B. Forrester, his subject being “God and out neighbour.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “The fourth war lecture was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening, the subject being “The Fight for the Straits of Dover”, written by Mr William Le Queux. The Rev. J.K. Russell read the lecture, which, as usual, was well illustrated with lime-light views.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Hon. Hanbury-Tracy Wounded and Missing** – “Lieutenant the Hon. Felix Charles Hubert Hanbury-Tracy, Scots Guards, who is reported wounded and missing, was born on July 27, 1882. He is the youngest son of the fourth Lord Sudeley, P.C., who as a naval officer was decorated for his services in the Baltic (1854-55) and in China (1857). Lord Sudeley sat in the House of Commons for 14 years as M.P. for Montgomery District, was a Lord-in-Waiting from 1880 to 1883, and Captain of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms in 1886. Mr Hanbury-Tracy was educated at Sandhurst. In 1908 he married Madeleine, daughter of George H. Palmer of Lockham. Mr Hanbury-Tracy has many Scottish relations. His sister is the wife of Mr Henry Torrens Anstruther, formerly M.P. for St Andrews Burghs and Unionist Whip. His mother, Lady Sudeley, is a cousin of the Earl of Dysart. Mr Hanbury-Tracy was gazetted Lieutenant on November 20, 1907.”

9th January 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Lieutenant The Hon. Hanbury-Tracy** – “Lieutenant the Hon. Felix Charles Hubert Hanbury-Tracy, Scots Guards (died of wounds), was the youngest son of the fourth Lord Sudeley. He was born in 1882, and in 1908 married a daughter of Mr George H. Palmer, of Lockham. His sister is the wife of Mr H.T. Anstruther, formerly M.P. for the St Andrews Burghs, and Unionist Whip, and his mother, Lady Sudeley, is a cousin of the Earl of Dysart. His death is a sore bereavement to his widow and relatives, who had been looking forward to his being with them on leave at Christmas. He was greatly esteemed in the Falkland district, where during his residence at Lathrisk, he took an active interest in the local cricket club and other institutions.”



Hon. Felix Charles Hubert Hanbury-Tracy (1882-1915)

16th January 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.** – “After a short furlough in London, Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., has returned to France, and he will shortly proceed to the firing line with his Regiment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “The annual meeting of the “Lomond Oak” Lodge was held in the Town Hall on Thursday last week – Brother George S. Hardie, W.M., presiding. The reports submitted by the Secretary and Treasurer were very satisfactory. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed.”

23rd January 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The Rev. J.H. Morrison addressed the meeting on Sunday morning, his subject being “Who is on the Lord’s side?” There was a good turn-out of the members.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gardening Lectures** – “The second of a course of lectures on gardening by Mr George Stuart was given in the Public School on Tuesday evening, the subject being “Manuring as Applied to Garden Crops”.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “At a general meeting of the Society on Saturday, a satisfactory report was submitted, and a dividend of 2s 9d per £1 to members and 1s 4½d to non-members was declared.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Evangelistic Mission** – “Mr Thomas M. Pratt, the artist evangelist under the Home Mission Committee of the U.F. Church, commenced a week’s mission in Falkland on Sunday, when he preached at the morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church and at the evening service in the Parish Church. His addresses in the afternoon and evening were illustrated by Mr Pratt with his brushes. During the week the meetings were held in the U.F. Church, when the lectures were illustrated with special lantern slides painted by Mr Pratt. The meetings were well attended.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Wednesday evening, Corporal John Venters of the 7th Royal Highlanders, at present stationed at Kinghorn, was presented with a Waterman safety fountain pen, Thermos flask and case, a combined knife, fork and spoon set, and a clasp knife by the staff of the bank and law office in Falkland on the occasion of his promotion to the position of teller in the British Linen Bank’s branch at Largs. Mr Alexander Anderson made the presentation, and Mr Venters suitably acknowledged the gifts. Mr Venters had only taken up his new duties for half a day when he was called up to join his unit in the Territorials, on the outbreak of the war.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Diamond Wedding** – On Thursday last week, Mr and Mrs Michael Reekie, South Street West, Falkland, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage, which took place in Cupar on 14th January 1855. The marriage was the first to be placed on the register of the Parish of Falkland after the Registration Act of 1854 came into operation. Mr Reekie is a native of the Royal and ancient burgh, while his worthy spouse was born at Glenfarg, the respective ages of the

couple being 81 and 79. With the exception of a short period when he served in Her Majesty's 72nd Regiment, Michael has spent all his life in Falkland, first as a hand-loom weaver and afterwards as a successful farmer. A staunch supporter of the Unionist cause, he has for many years been a member of the Unionist Committee of the parish, and he also occupied a seat in the Town Council for about 10 years. Mr Reekie came of a musical family, and he was the conductor of the Falkland Flute Band, which was about 40 years ago one of the features of the burgh, and no later than the time of the Relief of Ladysmith a flute band under his leadership supplied the music in connection with the celebrations. The surviving members of Mr and Mrs Reekie's family consist of six daughters, who are all married, while there are 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. On this happy occasion, the couple have been the recipients of many handsome gifts and hearty congratulations."

6th February 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – *"The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. Mr Murdoch, of Cambusnethen, with whom the Rev. J.H. Morrison was exchanging. Mr Morrison, while in the west, gave his missionary lecture on his recent visit to Livingstonia on Monday and Tuesday evenings."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Red Cross Ambulance Class** – *"During the winter Dr Jack has conducted a well-attended ambulance class, and on Saturday last the members were examined in "Home Nursing" by Nurse Munro from Cupar, when all were successful. On Monday evening, Dr Shearer, Auchtermuchty, held an examination in "First Aid", and it is understood that all the members "passed" in a satisfactory manner."*

20th February 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.** – *"Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., is at present at the British General Headquarters, to which he has been attached for a time."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Captain Slacke** – *"Captain Slacke, who was recently promoted to the rank of Major, has had a few days' leave of absence, which he spent in London. He is again back to the trenches, and letters received from him since his return there show that he is in excellent health."*

27th February 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Captain The Hon. Felix Hanbury Tracey** – “Mrs Hanbury Tracey, widow of Captain the Hon. Felix Hanbury Tracey, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, who was killed in action, has received from Germany a package containing her husband’s signet ring, his watch, other personal belongings, and a long dying message. Captain Tracey was mortally wounded on the crest of a German trench. He fell into the trench, and lay there for six hours before he breathed his last. He was conscious for a considerable time, and a kindly German officer wrote at the brave British soldier’s dictation a long letter to his wife and two little boys. This officer also took possession of the rings, etc., and forwarded the package to England. Mr and Mrs Hanbury Tracey resided for several years in the Falkland district. Mrs Hanbury Tracey is a daughter of Brigadier-General Palmer, Lacock, Lackhem, Wilts.”

6th March 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Lecture** – “The fifth of the series of war lectures in aid of the National Relief Fund was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening, and was finely illustrated by limelight views. The lecture, “What the British Navy is Doing”, was read by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, and dealt with all the branches of the Navy, including the important work done by the submarine and aerial craft.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Selling Petrol Without a Licence** – “Thomas Grant, cycle agent, High Street, Falkland, was charged before Sheriff Armour Hannay, at Cupar on Tuesday, with having on 9th November 1914 (he not being a licensed manufacturer) sold, by the hands of his wife, two gallons of motor spirit to Robert McHarg, an officer of Customs and Excise, without having an Excise licence as a dealer. Accused pleaded guilty, stating that he had applied to and obtained a licence from Falkland Town Council, and considered that this was all that was necessary. He had found, however, that the licence was only for storage purposes, and he had applied for an Excise licence. The Sheriff – “There seems to be a good deal to be said for the accused”. Mr George Brander (the fiscal) – “The Excise officials do not take that view. The people who supply petrol inform the police that a sign is supplied to dealers, stating that petrol is sold there. This sign was not displayed. On the other hand the Provost of Falkland writes very creditably of the accused.” Mr Brander added that the case had been brought at the instance of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise. It was important at the present time that a strict supervision should be kept of all petrol sold, and licensed dealers were required to keep a record of all petrol which they disposed of. In the case of unusually large sales, the matter

could then be looked into. There was a suspicion that, not in the country districts, but at certain seaport towns, petrol was being supplied to ships, by which it was conveyed to German submarines. The Sheriff imposed a modified penalty of £3, or twenty days' imprisonment."

13th March 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G. "Lomond Oak" Lodge No. 387** – "A general Meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday evening, 18th March, at 8 p.m. Business – (1) To consider the question of members on 'Reduced Contracts', and (2) Miscellaneous."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – "The address on Sunday morning was given by the Rev. J.K. Russell, who dealt with the question, "Is War in God's Plan?" in a very interesting and instructive manner. At this meeting a special collection was taken on behalf of the fund for the maintenance of Belgian refugees, and the sum of £1 1s has been remitted to the treasurer."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wounded at La Bassee** – "Private Leo Kelly, 1st Battalion H.L.I., Falkland, was wounded in the fighting at La Bassee. Writing from hospital in London to a friend in Falkland, he says: - "Another card to let you know I am home in a London hospital. I expect it will be a few weeks before I go back. I was at La Bassee most of the short time I was out, and, by George, it wasn't half a hot corner."

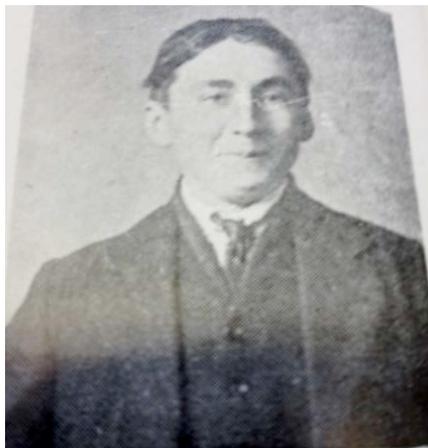
20th March 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **An Heir to the Falkland Estate** – "The news that a son and heir was born in London on Sunday to Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., has given great satisfaction to the inhabitants of Falkland and to the many well-wishers of the House of Falkland throughout the county. On receipt of the intelligence, the Magistrates of Falkland met on Monday and dispatched a congratulatory telegram to Lady Ninian. By their instructions, Falkland's town bells were also set ringing. The House of Falkland and the venerable Royal Palace, of which Lord Ninian is the Hereditary custodian, were bedecked with flags, and the absence of his Lordship on duty at the front as commanding officer of the 6th Battalion, Welsh Regiment, seemed to invest the event with deeper interest. A cake and wine banquet for the employees on the estate, the home farm, and the Dunshalt tile works was held in the Bruce Arms hotel on Monday evening – Mr Gavin, the factor, presiding. The Rev.

John Joyce, private chaplain to Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, was also present. "The Health of the Son and Heir" was given by Mr Gavin, and heartily responded to. "The Healths of Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart" was given by Father Joyce, and enthusiastically pledged. A telegram of congratulation was dispatched from the meeting to Lady Ninian. It is five years since Lord and Lady Ninian's first-born – a bright boy of three – died, just after his father had been returned with great enthusiasm as member of Parliament for Cardiff at the last General Election in 1910; and the knowledge now that the Falkland estate has still a male heir is the cause of much congratulation. The latest news is that mother and son are doing well. The son was christened privately at 43 Bryanston Square, London, on Tuesday, receiving the name of Michael Duncan David. The godparents were Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart and the Hon. Mrs Herbert Stourton, and the Marchioness of Bute, and the Dowager Viscountess Gormanston were among those present. The other two members of Lord and Lady Ninian's family are girls – namely, Ismay Catherine, born 23rd December 1909, and Claudia Miriam, born 24th June 1913."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Assistant Teacher** – "Mr David W. Deas, assistant teacher in Falkland School, has tendered his resignation, having received another appointment in Armadale."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Killed in Action** – "Some time ago, unofficial news reached Mrs Adams, Newton of Falkland, that her nephew, Private Andrew Dall, Black Watch, had been killed at the front. Mrs Adams thereupon wrote to the War Office for confirmation, and was informed that Dall was killed late in January or early in February. Private Dall, who was only nineteen years of age, enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war. Previous to this he was employed on Lathrisk Home Farm."



Private Andrew Dall (1896-1915)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band of Hope Recital** – “The annual recital in connection with the Parish Church Band of Hope was held in the church on Friday evening, when there was a good attendance. The title was “The Golden Path”, and the story was read by the Rev. J.K. Russell. The various choruses, solos, etc., were rendered in a very creditable manner, and gave very satisfactory evidence of Mr Spence’s training during the past winter. Miss Henderson made an efficient accompanist. As usual, the story was illustrated with limelight views. At the close, on the call of Mr Russell, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to those who had in any way contributed to the success of the recital.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Snowstorm** – “The severe snow-storm which swept over the whole North-East of Scotland on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning was very severely felt in Cupar and the surrounding district. The early morning train service was completely dislocated, owing largely to delay in the night goods traffic. While the line was not generally blocked, many of the points were unworkable. The snow has been the heaviest for many years, and came as a surprise so late in the season, more especially after the summer-like conditions which had prevailed during the previous few days. It is feared that the storm will have serious results for farmers with young lambs. In 1885, a severe snow-storm in March left the roads in Cupar lined with cut snow drifts well into the following April. In Falkland, the morning papers did not arrive in the town until well on in the afternoon. On certain portions of the Falkland estate, sheep had to be dug out.”

27th March 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “Captain James Donaldson, 7th Black Watch, addressed the Association on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Commission for Former School Teacher** – “Sergeant George Gardner, schoolmaster, H.M. Institute, Polmont, and formerly assistant master in Falkland Public School, has been promoted 2nd Lieutenant in the 4th Royal Scots, the Battalion in which he is at present serving as Sergeant.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied in Sunday forenoon by the Rev. P.W. Lilley, Freuchie, and in the afternoon the Rev. Mr Gardner, who is home on furlough from Old Calabar, gave a very interesting account of the work carried on there. Mrs Gardner addressed the Bible class and Sunday school.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of Falkland Whist Club, a successful whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday last week, when in spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a turnout of about 100 players from Falkland, Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo, and Dunshalt. A very pleasant evening was spent. The prizes were won by (ladies) 1st – Mrs Shearer, Auchtermuchty; 2nd – Miss Stalker, Dunshalt; and 3rd – Mrs Bonthron, Newton House: (gentlemen) 1st – Mr R. Bell, Falkland; 2nd – Mr Alex. Grieve, Freuchie; and 3rd – Mr R. Hamilton, Falkland, who was awarded an “Iron Cross”. After meeting the expenses, there was a balance of £11 2s 2d, which was allocated as follows: - Falkland and District Red Cross Work Party, £7 2s 2d; and the Scottish Red Cross Society, Glasgow, £4.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Soiree** – “The annual social meeting of the U.F. congregation was held on Friday evening. The Rev. J.H. Morrison presided over a very large attendance of the members and others. Tea was provided and served by the ladies of the church. The usual anthems, etc., were contributed by the members of the choir. The soloists were Miss Horne, Miss Isa Peggie and Messrs J. Blyth, Freuchie, and W. Burgon, jnr. A special feature was the rendering by the children of a hymn in the Chitambuka language, brought home by the Rev. Mr Morrison from Livingstonia. The speakers were the Rev. S. Crabb, Cupar; the Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland; and Captain Donaldson, all of whom dealt with certain aspects of the war. Mrs Morrison and Mr Walter Peggie jnr., acted as accompanists. On the call of Mr Alexander Anderson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The whole of the collection, which amounted to about £7, was devoted to the Red Cross and Belgian Relief Funds.”

3rd April 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collections for War Funds** – “On behalf of St John’s Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society (Fund for Sick and Wounded), Mrs John Brown has made a house-to-house collection in the parish, and as a result the sum of £10 2s has been forwarded to the headquarters in London. A sum of £7 5s has also been raised in Pleasance Linen Works towards the work of the Young Men’s Christian Association among the troops.”

17th April 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The first monthly medal competition of the season was played on Saturday, when Mr John Braid was the winner with a score of

86, less 6 – 80. *The members playing were entertained at tea by the Captain, Mr D. Bonthron.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At a meeting of the Town Council held on Friday of last week, it was agreed to contribute the sum of £5 to the Glasgow Corporation Fund for the maintenance of Belgian Refugees, and also the sum of £2 2s to the Falkland and District Nurse Fund.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “At a meeting of the School Board held on Thursday last week, Mr David Bonthron was appointed Chairman of the Board in place of Major J.L. Lumsden, who has resigned owing to his being engaged on military duties. Mr Andrew McNab, Dunshalt, at present assistant in Allan’s School, Stirling, has been appointed assistant in Falkland Public School, in succession to Mr David W. Deas, who has received another situation in Armadale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Morgan** – “At Nochnary, Newton of Falkland, on the 12th inst., to Mr and Mrs G.B. Morgan, a son.”

24th April 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar District Licensing Court** – “The half-yearly meeting of Cupar District Licensing Court was held at Cupar on Tuesday. Henry Paterson Blair, manager of the Carrick Castle Hotel, Carrick Castle, Argyllshire, applied for the license of the public-house in High Street, Falkland, held by David Lumsden. Mr T.W. Davidson, solicitor, Cupar, said the applicant and his wife had been ten years in the trade. They belonged to the Cupar district, and had spent most of their time in it. Finding the work of carrying on the large hotel was too heavy for them, they desired to return. Provost Jackson, Falkland, said there was no lavatory accommodation. He moved that the license be granted, subject to a lavatory being provided. Mr A. Smith, Cupar, seconded.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “Mr Andrew Forrester, Lomondside, delivered an address at the morning meeting on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The Artisan Club’s monthly medal was played for on Saturday afternoon, and was won by Mr Joe Nelson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Relief Fund** – “Falkland and Freuchie National Relief Committee, of which Provost Jackson is the Convener, was constituted on the outbreak of the war. The work of the Committee has not been much before the public eye, but there has been no lack of effort on the part of the individual members to attend to the requirements of the community. It is a matter of congratulation that throughout the winter the regular work in the district has continued without any serious break, and remarkably few cases of distress arose for consideration. The Provost was appointed to the County Committee for the administration of the National Fund, and he has been attentive to the claims from the district. The local Committee very promptly responded to the suggestion of the Secretary at Headquarters to take up the scheme of promoting lectures on the war, and arranged for courses of these lectures being given at Falkland and at Freuchie. There was delay in the production of these lectures, and a good deal of inconvenience was occasioned in rearranging dates. Recently a communication was received from London, stating that the sixth lecture promised could not be produced. The Committee have resolved to abandon this item, and they hope to have the concurrence of the ticket-holders in so doing. A gratuitous contribution to the fund will thus be made, the outlay involved for slides, halls and lantern not being incurred. The Committee find that the balance in their hands available amounts to £32 - £17 arising from free proceeds of drawings for the lectures, £7 proceeds of concert at Freuchie arranged by Mr Dryburgh, Freuchie Mill, and £8 collected on subscription sheets throughout the district. The whole of this sum has been remitted to headquarters. It may be remembered that a remittance of £52 10s 6d was formerly made by the Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Bryce** – “At Royal Terrace, Falkland, on 18th April, the wife of Robert B. Bryce, of a daughter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Williamson** – “At High Street, Falkland, on the 20th inst., Elizabeth Murdoch, wife of Thomas Williamson, in her 77th year.”

1st May 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The Rev. J.H. Morrison, U.F. Church, at the annual convention held in Glasgow during last week-end, was appointed president of the Scottish Union of Christian Endeavour Societies.

The U.F. Church ‘Record’ for May, alluding to the speakers who are to take part in the “Foreign Mission Night” at the approaching General Assembly, says: - “Many will

be eager to hear the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., of Falkland, who is to describe his experiences on the trail of the pioneers in Livingstonia.”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Donation of £2,000 to Falkland School Board by Major John L. Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie:**

“Another handsome benefaction has been bestowed on the inhabitants of Falkland and Freuchie by Major John J. Lumsden of Eden Valley House, Freuchie, in his gift of £2,000 to Falkland School Board. The money is invested in stock of the North British Railway Company, which yields about £80 per annum. Major Lumsden suggests certain bursaries for both the Falkland and Freuchie schools, but he leaves the Board practically a free hand in administering the fund. The announcement of the Major’s generosity caused much gratification to the Board, who have communicated their cordial thanks and appreciation to him. Consequent on his absence at St Ives, as commanding officer of the 2nd Regiment of the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry in which regiment he served in the South African War, Major Lumsden, to the regret of the other members, resigned both his membership and chairmanship of Falkland School Board, which latter post he had held for nine years, and which has now devolved on Mr Bonthron, Newton of Falkland. The Major has been a member of the Board for 27 years, and the vacancy caused by his retirement has been filled by the appointment of Mr D. Rymer.

It is not so long ago since Major Lumsden disposed of a similar sum of money in order to make a permanent addition to the stipend of the minister of Freuchie ‘quoad sacra’ Church. Other handsome donations have been given by him for the good of the district.”

8th May 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – *“The half-year communion was held in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday last. The preparatory services were held on Friday evening, when the Rev. J.K. Russell and the Rev. W.L. Craig, preached. At the thanksgiving service on Sunday evening, the respective pulpits were occupied by the Rev. W.H. Porter, Cults, and The Rev. T.S. Baynes, Auchtermuchty.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women’s Foreign Missions** – *“The Spring meeting of the Cupar U.F. Presbyterial Committee of the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society was held at Falkland on Saturday, when the Rev. J.H. Morrison, one of the Assembly’s delegates to Livingstonia, gave a very bright address of “the home life among the women there”. The Treasurer’s report was very satisfactory. A special feature of the meeting was the presentation of an address along with an antelope*

handbag to Mrs Morison, Auchtermuchty, who has presided at the meetings for 31 years, and who is retiring. Miss Anderson, Ceres, in presenting the gift, said: "I have the very pleasant duty to perform, in name of the Committee, of presenting you with an acknowledgement of your service in presiding so graciously for such a long period at our meetings." Mrs Morison feelingly replied."

15th May 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “After a tie with Thomas C. Schofield, the monthly medal was won by James Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Council** – “At the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday last week, Mr David Bonthron was appointed Chairman in place of Major J.L. Lumsden, who has resigned.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Reekie** – “St South Street, Falkland, on 9th May, Michael Reekie, retired farmer, aged 81.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of an Old Residenter** – “By the death of Mr Michael Reekie, South Street West, Falkland, the burgh has lost one of its oldest inhabitants. Mr Reekie celebrated his diamond wedding in January last, but since that time he has been gradually failing in health, and he passed quietly away on Sunday morning. His name will be long associated with the burgh, and many of the natives who have removed to other parts of the country and of the world will read of his death with a feeling of regret. He is survived by his widow and six daughters, all of whom are married.”

22nd May 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart has left 43 Bryanston Square, London, for House of Falkland for a few days.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “The artisan members of Falkland Golf Club played for the monthly medal on Saturday. The following were the best scores: - Joseph Nelson (winner), 95; Francis Fernie, 98; Thomas Drysdale, 100; Thomas C. Brown, 105. J. Nelson was also last month’s winner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Purchase of Newton of Lathrisk and Weddersbie Farms** – “Mr Thomas Arnot, Newton of Lathrisk, has purchased his own farm and also the farm of Weddersbie. Newton of Lathrisk, in the parish of Falkland, extends to 348 acres, and the present rental is £500. The steading is lit by electric light. At the Lathrisk estate sale last year, Newton of Lathrisk was withdrawn at £8,000. Weddersbie Farm, in the parish of Collessie, extends to 521 acres, and the gross rental is £325. £4,000 was asked for the farm at the Lathrisk sale, but it was not forthcoming.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Purchase of Lathrisk House** – “The property of Lathrisk House, with land adjoining, consisting of the home farm and some additional fields, to the total extent of a little over 500 acres, has been purchased by Mr James Adam Patullo, of Messrs McNeill & Sime, S.S.C., Edinburgh. The garden, policies, and wood amount to 128 acres, and arable land to about 380 acres. The mansion-house stands remote from any of the public high-ways in a picturesquely sylvan setting. The avenue leading up to it consists of giant beeches, and the mansion is surrounded by stately trees of the same species, all very old. The house itself is built in the Georgian style, and must be somewhere about 150 years old. It commands a fine outlook towards the north, and adjoining is a beautiful old garden, laid out in artistic fashion, the old-world air having been well preserved in the days of Mr Johnstone, by the trimming of the trees in rounded fashion, after the manner of the Dutch. About ten years ago, the house was so improved by Major C.J. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton as to combine the highest ideas of modern comfort and up-to-dateness with its charm of past days. His alterations gave a great improvement in the facilities of the house, particularly in the provision of servants’ quarters, and the installation of a new gravitation water supply and the telephone brought it up to the modern requirements. In the charming grounds, an interesting feature is the laundry, with its cathedral windows, which strikes the casual observer as being more like a chapel than a building erected for such a prosaic purpose as that which it serves.”



Lathrisk House

29th May 1915

Article from *The Fife News*: **Major Slacke, Falkland, Killed in Action:**

“With great sorrow, the news was received in East Fife at the end of the week that Major R.C. Slacke, of the Buffs, had been killed in action while attached to the Queen’s Own Surrey Regiment. When, prior to the war, he acted as private secretary to Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., he came much in contact with all classes, both in Falkland and throughout East Fife, and was universally esteemed. Of a bright, cheerful nature, he was a gentleman whose courtesy, good humour, and readiness to oblige gained friends everywhere. He was a host in himself at entertainments got up for benevolent or philanthropic purposes, and his death as a soldier fighting for his country is only in keeping with that spirit of self-sacrifice that was characteristic of him in life. He is survived by a widow and daughter, for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed. The Major is the third cousin of Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, who has fallen in this war, the other two being Captain Connellan and Major Dease, and Major Slacke’s death, with that, reported several months ago, of the Hon. Felix Hanbury Tracy, who also was a close personal friend of Lord Ninian’s, creates a great breach in a circle of high-born gentlemen who made it their aim to serve their day and generation in accordance with their ancestral traditions.”



Major Rory Cecil Slacke (1880-1915)

5th June 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Aeneas G. Gavin** – “Mr Aeneas G. Gavin, son of Mr Gavin, Falkland Palace, has received intimation that he has been accepted for the Royal Flying Corps, and leaves here on Friday for Farnborough, the headquarters of the Aviation Corps. Mr Aeneas is 18 years of age, a keen footballer and cricketer, and for the past year has been assisting his father in the Falkland Estate Office.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Major Slacke** – “A few details have now been received as to the circumstances under which Major Slacke was killed in action. At dawn on Sunday, 16th May, he was leading his men across the debateable ground between the British and the German trenches. He was seen to fall by a brother officer, who thought at the moment the Major was wounded in the leg. On returning afterwards, however, it was found he had been killed. He was buried where he fell, and a rough wooden cross was erected to mark the spot.”

12th June 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpits** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell exchanged pulpits on Sunday morning with the Rev. R. Wilson Forbes, the new minister of Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Andrew McNab, jnr.** – “Mr Andrew McNab, jnr., Dunshalt, commenced his new duties in the Public School on Monday morning. Mr McNab was formerly an assistant under Stirling Board, and he takes the place of Mr D.W. Deas, who recently obtained a situation in Armadale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Serbian Flag Day** – “Saturday last was observed as this Flag Day in Falkland and district instead of 29th May. The arrangements were in the hands of Provost Jackson and Mrs Livingstone and a Committee, and the selling of the flags was carried out by the older school girls and others. Along with the proceeds of other contributions, the total drawings amounted to about £14.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The first round of the Lathrisk Cup tournament was played off on Saturday afternoon. Twelve players entered this competition, and the first round resulted as follows: - John Braid beat Andrew Venters; William Dowie beat Thomas Williamson; Robert Bell beat Alex. Anderson and George Anderson beat David Bonthron. W. Peggie, J. Peggie, T. Schofield and L. Rymer secured byes, and in playing off their games, J. Peggie and L. Rymer were the winners.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Discovery of Late Major Slacke’s Grave – A Pathetic Tribute to his Memory** – “A poignant element in the grief of many mourners whose dear ones have died and been buried on the field of battle is the thought that their graves are unknown. When Major Slacke, Falkland, fell in the dawn of 16th May, a wooden cross was erected over his place of rest; but who could tell the bereaved relatives where it was? By a strange chance and the great thoughtfulness of Captain James Donaldson of the 1/7th Battalion Black Watch (who in civil life is Mr Donaldson, agent of the British Linen Coy. Bank, Falkland), the Major’s grave has now been discovered. In a letter written to his wife from the trenches on 5th inst., just before receiving orders for another attack, Captain Donaldson says: -

“Today I had a strange and pathetic experience. Round where we are, there was on 16th May a big fight, and officers and men of the Queen’s Regiment are buried round about. This circumstance led me to think about Major Slacke, so I set about inquiries. David Grant (a Freuchie man) told me that one of the men of his company had found the grave of a Major of the Buffs attached to the Queen’s, away in front of our trench. The description seemed to indicate something definite, so I went over, and right enough, it was poor Major Slacke’s grave with the cross above it. Some of my men had been out in the village near, and had brought in some beautiful flowers, so I took some and put them on the grave. If time permits before dark tonight, I am going to try to go out again with one or two men to trim the grave and put more flowers on it. It seems so strange and tragic that I should have come to this part of the scene of operations and been given the opportunity of doing this.”

The contents of this letter have been communicated to Major Slacke’s widow, and it can easily be imagined how grateful they will be to her. It may be added that Captain Donaldson, to whose sympathy and thoughtfulness this discovery is so

largely due, served in the Boer war, has devoted himself with unflagging zeal to the Boy Scout movement in Falkland, and by his amiability of disposition has won the esteem of all who know him – young and old.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar and St Andrews District Roll of Honour** –
“There was again a very credible number of recruits at Cupar during the past week.
The Roll of Honour includes: -

John Wemyss, ploughman, Falkland, to Black Watch.

John Dickson, labourer, Falkland, to Royal Scots.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Balfour** – “At Well Brae, Falkland, on the 8th inst., Margaret Tod Ogilvie, wife of John Balfour.”

19th June 1915

Announcement from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Gas Light Company** – “A Special General Meeting of the Falkland Gas Light Company, for the purpose of passing Resolution to dissolve the Company, will be held at their Works, Falkland, on Saturday 3rd July 1915, at 11.30am. John Brown, Secy. Falkland, 17th June 1915.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday afternoon, when there was a good turn-out of players. The best results were: - George Anderson (4), 80; John Braid (6), 80; James Peggie (6), 83; F. Grainger (8), 84; and T.C. Schofield (10), 84. On playing off his tie with J. Braid, G. Anderson proved the winner. Tea was served by Mrs Venters and Mrs Peggie during the afternoon. In the Lathrisk cup competition, George Anderson and J. Braid and James Peggie and Lumsden Rymer are the semi-finalists.”

26th June 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The semi-final of the Lathrisk cup tournament resulted as follows: - L. Rymer (12) beat Jas. Peggie (6), and George Anderson (4) beat John Braid (6). The artisan monthly medal was won by Francis Fernie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “In aid of the fund for wounded Scottish soldiers, an open-air concert was given by the Glenfarg musical party at the Fountain on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance, and an excellent programme was submitted. At the close, Provost Jackson, who introduced the party, announced that the drawings amounted to about £4, which was very gratifying.”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Captain Donaldson, Falkland, Wounded:**

“Captain James Donaldson, bank agent, Falkland, who has been wounded in the face, and is reported to have lost the sight of one eye, has gained great popularity amongst the men of the Battalion. He has been agent of the British Linen Bank at Falkland since the death of Mr Charles Gulland. He has taken a prominent part in the life of the burgh since coming to Falkland, being a member of the Town Council, School Board, and Parish Council, and holding, amongst other offices, the Presidentship of the Cricket Club and the Secretaryship of the Curling Club and Gas Company. His Volunteering began in the Bankers’ Company of the Queen’s Edinburgh Rifle Volunteers, with whom he served in South Africa, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. On coming to Fife, he became attached to E Company of the 7th Black Watch, and was promoted to his present rank. He marries a year or two ago, a daughter of the late Dr Pirie, Dundee. Mrs Donaldson received a letter from her husband on Wednesday, stating that he is making as satisfactory progress as can be expected.”

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Captain Donaldson, Falkland:**

Captain Donaldson, 1/7th Black Watch, was wounded in the face during the heavy fighting on 16th and 17th June 1915, in which the Battalion suffered so heavily, and lost the sight of one eye. He has a long connection with Volunteer and Territorial movements, his first experience being in the Bankers’ Company of the Queen’s Own Edinburgh Rifle Volunteers. Captain Donaldson served through the South African war with this Battalion, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. On coming to Falkland, as agent of the British Linen Bank, as successor to the late Mr Charles Gulland, he became associated with E company of the 7th Black Watch, and was promoted to his present rank. Captain Donaldson has taken a prominent part in the public life of the burgh of Falkland, being a member of the Town Council, the School Board and the Parish Council, and holding among other offices, the Presidentship of the Cricket Club, and the Secretaryship of the Curling Club and the Gas Company. A year or two ago he married a daughter of the late Dr Pirie, Dundee.



Captain James Donaldson

3rd July 1915

Announcement from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G. "Lomond Oak" Lodge No. 387** – "The half-yearly General Meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday evening, 8th July 1915. Time, 8 p.m. Thos. D. Hopkins, Secy."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Captain Donaldson Coming Home** – "The latest reports received indicate that Captain Donaldson, 1/7th Black Watch, is making very satisfactory progress towards recovery, and he may be expected home in about a fortnight. By a strange coincidence, Mrs Donaldson's brother, who is in France with one of the Canadian contingents, was being shown round the hospital at Le Touquet, where the Captain is undergoing treatment, when he was suddenly hailed by Mr Donaldson, and the mutual surprise at the accidental meeting may well be imagined."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Pic-Nics** – "In the present circumstances of the country, it was not considered advisable to take the children for their usual outing in carts, and it had been arranged that the Parish Church Sunday School scholars should spend the afternoon of Saturday in Falkland House Park, and the U.F. Church scholars at the Manse. The weather proved to be very unfavourable, and, although the Parish Church children held their races, etc., at the park, they had to adjourn to the Drill Hall for tea. Those of the U.F. Church spent the whole of the afternoon in the Church Hall, and played indoor games instead of

having the usual races, football, etc. The prizes for attendance were presented in the Parish Church on Sunday at the close of the forenoon service.”

10th July 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Picnic** – “Instead of having the usual choir drive, the members of the U.F. Church choir spent Saturday afternoon on the hill. After having tea at Seefar, the party, numbering about 20, walked to the top of the West Lomond, reaching home again about 7.30.”



Falkland Free Kirk Choir 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Red Cross Work Party** – “At the fortnightly meeting on Monday evening, Mrs Gulland intimated that the gifts of socks had been sent off to the Falkland men serving in the Army, and a few letters of acknowledgement were read.”

17th July 1915

Announcement in *The Fife News*: **A Garden Sale** – “A Garden Sale will be held on Saturday, 17th July, at Millfield, Falkland, 2.30 to 7 o'clock, in aid of the Funds of the Red Cross Work Party. The sale will be opened by Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart. Stalls: - No. 1 – Cake and Candy. No. 2 – Farm Produce. No. 3 – Baskets made by

disabled Soldiers, and Fancy and Useful Wooden Goods kindly contributed by Mr Galloway. Amusements during the afternoon. Admission – 3d.”



Millfield House, Falkland.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart** – “Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart has arrived from the South of England with her children at House of Falkland. Her husband, Lord Ninian, is at present with his regiment in the trenches in France.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J.H. Morrison gave an interesting lecture on “John Hus of Prague”, Tuesday, 6th inst., being the 500th anniversary of his death.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burgh Medical Officer** – “At a meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, Dr Aitken’s resignation as Medical Officer of Health was accepted, and out of three applications for the position by Dr R. Balfour Graham, Dr J. Maxwell Dawson, and Dr J. Arthur Morris, the last-named was unanimously appointed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The final of the Lathrisk cup tournament was played off on Saturday by Messrs George Anderson (4) and Lumsden Rymer (12), the latter proving the winner of the trophy. He also won the monthly medal with a net score of 80. It may be mentioned that Mr Anderson recently put up a record for the course, 39 and 40 – 79.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Reduction in Parish Rates** – “At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday last week, the following rates were fixed for the current year: - Poor rate, owners 3 1/4d per £1, occupiers 3 1/2d per £1, school rate, owners 6 7/8d per £1, occupiers 8 3/8d per £1. The corresponding rates for last year were – Poor rate, 5d and 5 1/2d, school rate 7 1/4d and 8 1/2d. There being no assessment for registration this year, the total reduction is 4 3/4d per £1, 2 3/8d less for owners and a like amount less from occupiers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cake and Candy Sale** – “In connection with the Badge Day in support of the fund for providing comforts for the 1/7th Black Watch, a successful cake and candy sale was held in the school on Saturday afternoon, when good business was done, and, together with the proceeds of badges sold in Falkland, Freuchie, and Newton districts, a total sum of £34 or thereby was realised. The concerts held during the progress of the cake and candy sale were well patronised. The programme was contributed to by Misses Isa Hill and Jane Wallace, and Messrs Thomas and James Blyth, Freuchie, while Miss Mary Rymer, Freuchie, was an efficient accompanist. Provost Jackson opened the sale, and Mrs Donaldson, Bank House, was assisted at the stalls by Mrs Livinstone, Lomondvale; Miss Grieve, Terrace; Miss Forrester, Lomondside; Miss Gavin, The Palace; and Miss Jane Venters, Horsemarket Street. The tea room was in charge of Mrs W. Peggie and Miss Horne, with Misses Traill, Smith, and B. and I. Peggie as assistants.”

24th July 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “There are more than the usual number of visitors in the town this summer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The Artisan Club monthly medal was won on Saturday last by Francis Fernie, who was also winner the previous month.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Garden Sale at Millfield** – “In order to raise funds for the local Red Cross work party, which has been doing good service during the course of the war in providing comforts for the soldiers, Mrs Gulland organised a garden sale, and this took place in Millfield grounds on the afternoon of Saturday last, the policies being tastefully with flags and bunting for the occasion. The opening ceremony was gracefully performed by Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, House

of Falkland, who referred to the work done during the past winter, and expressed the hope that the sale would realise a substantial sum so that the work might be continued. On the motion of the Rev. J.K. Russell, her Ladyship was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for opening the sale. There were three stalls to which very many kind well-wishers had sent handsome gifts. The business of the afternoon was then proceeded with, and the goods on the various stalls were soon disposed of. There were several side attractions, such as a palmist's tent, clock-golf, shooting gallery etc., but the special feature was the children's choir from Auchtermuchty, which, under the leadership of Miss Gilmour, gave two concerts during the afternoon and evening. They went through military exercises, to the delight of all present. Tea was also served. The attendance was very good, but towards six o'clock a heavy downpour of rain practically brought the proceedings to a close. In spite of this, the satisfactory sum of £53 3s 6d was realised. Mrs Gulland was assisted by Miss Gulland, Miss Lawrence, Mrs Mackintosh, Miss Mackintosh, Mrs Brown, Mrs Robertson, Miss Dun, Miss Sharpe, Miss Henderson and others. The work party has been busy ever since the war began, and has sent to the Red Cross and to soldiers at home and at the front, 400 pairs of socks, and about 200 other things. Of the socks there have been dispatched within the last few weeks 61 pairs to men who have gone from Falkland, Newton, and the immediate neighbourhood. This speaks well for the patriotism of men and women in the ancient burgh."

31st July 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Weepers** – "At Stag Inn, Falkland, on the 24th July, James Weepers, in his 79th year."

7th August 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – "The Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning after the summer vacation."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Police Constable Pratt** – "Police Constable Pratt, who has been stationed in the burgh since June 1912, has been promoted to the Inverkeithing station, and he will be succeeded here by Police Constable Copeland from Lochore."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visit of Kirkcaldy Cadets** – "A company of Cadets from Kirkcaldy spent the last week-end in Falkland. Arriving about 8.30 on Saturday evening, they were welcomed and entertained at supper by Provost Jackson. On

Sunday forenoon a church parade was held at the Parish Church, and in the afternoon, before leaving for home, the Cadets partook of a sumptuous tea provided by Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Registration** – “The arrangements for carrying out the work of the National Registration within the burgh are in the hands of a Committee consisting of Provost Jackson and Councillor Ness, along with Mr Anderson, Town Clerk. The forms will be distributed and collected by the Special Constables. There are also acting along with the above Committee Mr David Bonthron, Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr George Gavin, and Mr David Rymer, Chief Special Constables of the Falkland and Freuchie Districts of the Landward part of the parish respectively, Mr John Methven, headmaster of Freuchie, and Mr George Hardie, clerk of the Parish Council.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar and St Andrews District Roll of Honour** – “Recruiting was again satisfactory at Cupar during the past week. The Roll of Honour includes the following: - Angus McLeod, motorman, Falkland, to Motor Machine Gun Service.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Lamond** – “At Eglantine Cottage, Falkland, on the 6th inst., Agnes, only surviving daughter of the late Walter Lamond.”

21st August 1915

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., is expected at House of Falkland this week-end, while on five days’ leave from the front.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar and St Andrews District Roll of Honour** – “The Roll of Honour this week includes the following: -

Thomas Bailey, linen-dresser, Falkland, to Black Watch.

Steven B. Lawson, carter, Falkland, to Cameron Highlanders.”

4th September 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar and St Andrews District Roll of Honour** –
“Among those who have enlisted at Cupar Recruiting Office and are included in the
Roll of Honour this week are: -

Frank W. Burt, linoleum worker, Falkland, to West Kent Regiment (line enlistment).

Herbert Smith, linoleum worker, Falkland, to West Kent Regiment (line enlistment).”

11th September 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bible Society** – “The annual meeting of the Committee
of the Falkland and Freuchie Auxiliary of the National Bible Society was held in the
Session House of Falkland Parish Church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when
there was a good attendance. Dr Jack, vice-president, presided. The reports by the
Secretary and Treasurer were found to be satisfactory. Office-bearers were re-
elected, as follows: - President, Major J.L. Lumsden; Vice-President, Dr J.G. Jack;
Secretary, Mr John Methven; Treasurer, Mr Walter Peggie. It was arranged that two
services be held instead of one as formerly – the Rev. R. Wilson Forbes preaching in
Falkland U.F. Church, and the Rev. J.H. Morrison in Freuchie Parish Church, on the
evening of Sunday, 26th inst.”

18th September 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The competition for the monthly medal on
Saturday resulted in a tie between George Anderson and W.M. Venters, each having
a score of 84, less 4.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wounded at the Dardanelles** – “On Friday, Mr John
Walker, town officer, Falkland, received intimation from his son, Private George
Walker, at the Dardanelles, that he had been wounded in the left chest, but was
progressing favourably. Private Walker, who is 20 years of age, joined the Royal
Engineers soon after the outbreak of war, and prior to enlistment was employed as a
mechanic with Messrs W. Lumsden & Son, manufacturers, Freuchie.”

25th September 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gas Works Change Hands** – “The Falkland Gas Light Coy. having gone into liquidation, the works, plant, etc., were exposed to sale on Saturday last, and were purchased at the upset price of £300 by Mr James R. Stevens, Elie.”



**Gas Works in the distance (chimney)
at the Gas Works**



Robert Sim

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wounded at the Dardanelles** – “Lieut. George Gardner, of the 4th Royal Scots, is at present in a London Hospital suffering from concussion. He was formerly an assistant teacher in Falkland Public School, and before being recalled to his regiment on the outbreak of war was Headmaster at the Borstal Institution, Polmont.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Baxter** – “At East Port, Falkland, on the 18th Sept., George Baxter, in his 80th year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fifty Years an Elder** – “At the forenoon service on Sunday last, the Rev. J.K. Russell referred to the death of Mr George Baxter, New Road, Falkland, which occurred on Saturday. The deceased took a great interest in the work of the Parish Church, having been an elder for fifty years and also Session Clerk and Treasurer for a considerable period. After leaving the farm of Myreside, which he occupied for a number of years, Mr Baxter came to reside at East Port, where he carried on business as a market gardener. He was also School Board

officer, and until about three years ago Sanitary Inspector of the burgh. Mr Baxter had been in failing health for some time, but was able to be about and take an interest in things generally until about a week before his death, when he was seized with a stroke of paralysis. He was in his 81st year, and is survived by four sons and one daughter.”

2nd October 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wounded in France** – “Mr David Robertson, East Loan, has received intimation that his son, Peter Robertson of the 7th Royal Scots Fusiliers, has been wounded in the recent fighting in France, and is lying at the Base Hospital.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bible Society** – “The annual service in connection with the Falkland and Freuchie Auxiliary of the National Bible Society of Scotland was held in the United Free Church on Sunday evening. The Rev. R. Wilson Forbes, Freuchie, occupied the pulpit. There was a good attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club** – “The annual meeting of the Club was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening of last week, when Captain Donaldson, secretary and treasurer, submitted a satisfactory report. Messrs Alexander Shanks and Walter Peggie were elected President and vice-President respectively, while the members of Committee and skips were continued the same as last year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gas Rate Reduced** – With the advent of the new Gas Company, the price of gas has been reduced from 7s 6d per 1000 cubic feet to 6s 8d per 1000 cubic feet for lighting purposes, and from 5s 10d to 5s for cooking etc., purposes. It is proposed to supply grills and rings free of charge. The Company offer to supply the necessary connections and fit up one burner in houses where gas is not at present in use.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burgh Rates Reduced** – “At a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday evening, the burgh assessments were fixed for the current year to 15th May 1916 as follows: - Burgh general, 11d per £1; sewerage, 1s 4d per £1; roads and bridges, 7d per £1; water supply, 2d per £1; public health, 2d per £1; and lunacy, registration, etc., 3d per £1. The amount payable by owners is 1s 3d per £1 and occupiers 2s 2d per £1, as compared with 1s 4 1/2d and 2s 3d, respectively, last year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Driving Without Lights** – “John McKenzie, dealer, Balmblae, Falkland, appeared before a J.P. Court at Cupar on Wednesday – Hon. Sheriff-Substitute Thomson and Mr G.M. Stewart on the bench – in answer to two charges. He pleaded guilty to having driven a horse and trap in High Street, Freuchie, on 2nd September, without lights. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, explained that accused had had a long day, and had been overtaken by darkness. He was leading the horse by the head. Mr J.K. Tasker (the fiscal) said the offence had occurred between 9 and 10 p.m., and the night was a very dark one. A fine of 5s, with 10s 6d of expenses, was imposed. Accused was also charged with having been drunk while in charge of the horse and trap. He pleaded not guilty on this count, and his trial was fixed for Wednesday next.”

9th October 1915

Article from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., Killed in Night Attack** – See separate attached article.

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **The Late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.** – “A deep gloom was cast over the whole county of Fife, and Falkland in particular, when the sad news arrived that Lieut-Colonel Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., for Cardiff, and the laird of Falkland estate, had been killed on Sunday 3rd October 1915, while leading his regiment, the 6th Batt. Welsh Territorial Regiment, in a night attack on the Hohenzollern redoubt, 2 ½ miles south-west of La Bassee. It was the fifth attack his Lordship had led in order to rescue from the enemy his friend, Major R.G. Browning, who was missing and a prisoner.

The second son of the third Marquess of Bute, Lord Ninian was born on 15th May 1883, at Dumfries House, Ayrshire. He was married on 16th June 1906 to the Hon. Ismay Lucretia Mary Preston, daughter of the late 14th Viscount Gormanston. After taking up his permanent residence at House of Falkland, Lord Ninian was elected a member of Fife County Council. He devoted himself especially to agriculture, and was referred to as “the farmers’ friend”. He was mainly instrumental in getting the Highland Show of 1912 brought to Cupar. On 14th March 1915, a son and heir was born to Lord and Lady Ninian, while his Lordship was in France. Lord Ninian then said: - “The greatest honour a man can receive is that he has been provided with a chance to give, if need be, the greatest that he has – which is his life – for his country. I do not doubt every man in this parade will give it as willingly as I mean to give it myself.” In Falkland and district, Lord Ninian, with Lady Ninian, did much to brighten the life of the whole community. Football, cricket, and golf found every encouragement at the House of Falkland, where, also, a memorable series of

historic tableaux was submitted for the entertainment of all classes a few years ago. The inhabitants of Ladybank likewise recall the gift by Lord Ninian of a flagstaff and handsome Union Jack for their public park and the great demonstration by aeroplanes, Boy Scouts, and school children on the day on which the flag was unfurled. His Lordship's participation in these and many other beneficent services has now become a memory.

He has been cut down while still young, with rare prospects before him. He did not tear himself thoughtlessly from a happy home and devoted wife and family. He counted the cost, and deliberately chose to take all risks for his country. On his departure for the front, he wrote privately to a friend – "I may lose my life; but I will not lose my honour." He has kept his word. He has lost his life; but his honour shines brighter than ever. He is the last of a noble trio – Major Slacke, Captain Hanbury Tracy, and himself – who were so recently associated with each other in all that meant peace and goodwill to Falkland and district; and it is hard to realise that these brave men will no more be seen in and out amongst us. The greatest sympathy is expressed for Lady Ninian and her three children.



Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P. (1883-1915)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – "The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, when the following office-bearers were appointed: - Hon. Presidents, the Rev. J.K. Russell, the Rev. J.H. Morrison and Mr Andrew Forrester; President, Mr Walter Peggie; vice-President, Mr George Robertson; Secretary, Captain James Donaldson; Treasurer, Mr T.C. Schofield. The Sunday morning meetings were fixed to commence on Sunday, 17th inst."

16th October 1915

Article from *The Fife News*: **Requiem Mass for the Late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.** – See separate attached article.

Article from *The Fife News*: **How Lord Ninian Was Killed** – “News which has reached Cardiff shows that Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., who was killed in action on Sunday, 3rd October, lost his life in an attempt to save a friend. His battalion, the 6th Welsh, captured a German trench on Sunday afternoon, but were driven back by aerial torpedoes and bombs. It was then found that Major R.G. Browning, a great personal friend of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, was missing, and the battalion, led by their Colonel, made five distinct attacks, with the object of rescuing Major Browning. It was during the fifth attempt that Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart was shot through the head and killed. Major Browning, it was afterwards learned, was taken prisoner. Lord Ninian was buried in a cemetery at Vermelles, south-west of La Bassee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The last monthly medal competition for the season was held on Saturday afternoon, when there was a good turnout. For the third time the medal was won by John Braid, a brother of the noted professional, his score being 86, less 6 – 80. An enjoyable tea was provided by Mrs Bonthronne.”

Note – John Braid’s brother was the famous James Braid, who won the British Open Golf Championship FIVE times, and designed many golf courses including the Kings and Queens golf courses at Gleneagles!

Extract from *The Fife News*: **First Local Soldier to Fall** – “Private Henry Robertson, 2nd Royal Scots, has been killed in action in France. The sad news was conveyed to his parents by a comrade, who was beside him when he fell. Private Robertson served his apprenticeship as a clerk with Messrs Charles Jackson & Sons, Limited, manufacturers, Falkland, and was employed by the Fife Coal Co. Ltd., Leven, prior to enlisting in April last. He was 21 years of age, and the oldest son of Mr Henry Robertson, Well Brae, Falkland. He is the first Falkland soldier to fall, and much sympathy is felt for his sorrowing parents.”



Private Henry Robertson (1894-1915)

23rd October 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The Artisan monthly medal was won on Saturday afternoon by James Ross.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The first meeting of the session was held on Sunday morning, when there was a good attendance. An address was given by Captain Donaldson on the work of the Y.M.C.A. in camp with our soldiers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Captain the Hon. Hubert Preston** – “Captain the Hon. Hubert Preston, brother of Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, is at present staying at House of Falkland, recovering from the effects of a shrapnel wound in the head which he received while fighting near Ypres. He came home from the Argentine some time ago, and proceeded to the front with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.”

30th October 1915

Article from *The Fife News*: **Cupar District Licensing Court – Tribute to the Late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart:**

“The half-yearly County Licensing Court for the Cupar district was held at Cupar on Tuesday. Hon. Sheriff-Substitute Thomson, Cupar, occupied the chair. Some delay was occasioned by the fact that at first there was not a quorum, but this deficiency

was overcome. The Chairman said he would like in a word to refer to the late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.

“The last time his Lordship was here”, said Mr Thomson, “he told me he hoped that his Parliamentary and other duties would permit him to be present at our meetings as often as possible. He assured me he took a keen personal interest in all licensing matters. It was always a great pleasure to come in contact with his Lordship; he was always so kindly and courteous and so accessible. While we all deplore his loss, I am sure we are all proud to know he met his death in a very glorious way while trying to save the life of a brother officer, who was in a perilous condition.”

Mr Thomson moved that the Court should record in the minutes an expression of its sense of the loss sustained by the death of Lord Ninian, and that an excerpt be sent to Lady Ninian. The motion was unanimously approved of. There were no applications for new licenses. Wm. Edward Strudley, 2 Windsor Terrace, Leven, applied for a transfer of the license of the Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, held by Mr Wm. Mason. The applicant had formerly been employed as a butler, and the Chairman remarked that the certificates as to his character were very satisfactory. The application was granted. Mrs Betsy Urquhart or Weepers was granted a renewal of the public-house license for premises in High Street, Falkland, transferred to her on 24th July, on the death of her husband.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Red Cross Flag Day** – *“Saturday last was observed as a “Flag Day” on behalf of the funds of the Scottish Red Cross Society, when the sum of £6 5s 8d was collected in Falkland and Newton Districts. The result is considered very satisfactory, and great credit is due to the collectors, who had to carry out their work in very inclement weather. The arrangements were made by Mrs Donaldson, Bank House, commandant of the local branch.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Killed in France** – *“Information was received towards the end of last week that Private Sam Hastie, 9th Black Watch, had been killed in the recent severe fighting on the western front. Private Hastie, who was 22 years of age, was the second son of Mr and Mrs William Hastie, late of Ballo, and now resident at Seefar, Falkland. Prior to enlistment he followed the occupation of a gardener, at Norwood, Alloa.”*



Private Sam Hastie (1893-1915)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Entertainment** – “A cinematograph exhibition was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening by Mr W.T. Smith, Glasgow, in aid of the funds of the local Red Cross Work Party. There was a good attendance, considering the state of the weather, and the entertainment was very much enjoyed. The proceeds of the collection amounted to £1 16s 9d.”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Children and Potato Lifting – Well-known Farmer Fined:**

“Mr George Dun, J.P., Woodmill, Auchtermuchty, appeared before Sheriff Armour-Hannay at Cupar on Tuesday, on a charge of having employed several children of school age at potato lifting, who had not been exempted by Falkland School Board. Mr Dun tendered a plea of guilty. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, stated on Mr Dun’s behalf that at one time the School Board had been in the habit of consulting with the largest growers of potatoes in the parish as to the most suitable time to grant holidays so that the children might assist in lifting the potatoes. Mr Dun had been one of those so consulted, but apparently the relationships between him and the Board under a different Chairman were not quite so happy as they had been. Friction had arisen, and as a result the time when Mr Dun most required these children was the time they had not holidays. Mr Dun’s potatoes were of an early variety, and, by the time the holidays were granted, two-thirds of them had been lifted. Had the lifting been delayed until the School Board granted holidays, these potatoes would have been lost. The Board of Agriculture were constantly urging farmers to increase the food supply, and in these special circumstances he thought there was a good deal to be said for Mr Dun. Mr George Brander (the fiscal) said that the School Board had every sympathy with the farmers. There were four

farmers on it, and it had the support of all the farmers in the district with the exception of Mr Dun. Exemptions were granted and also three weeks' holidays. Mr J. Anderson (clerk to the Falkland School Board) said that no exemptions in respect of these children were formally applied for, either by Mr Dun or the parents. The Sheriff said he thought it was extremely unfortunate that this case had come before the Court. It appeared to him that if the Board had been approached in a proper, regular, formal way, exemption would have been given. That being so, he must support the School Board, and he would impose a modified penalty of £1.

Mr Dun – “I think I will have to grow fewer potatoes in future.”

The Sheriff – “There is no need to do that.”

6th November 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **On Furlough** – “Corporal S.S. Sutherland, 9th Royal Scots, youngest son of Mr Thomas Sutherland, tailor and clothier, was home from France last week for a short furlough.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Property Sale** – “Eglantine Cottage was exposed to sale in Bank Buildings, Falkland, on Friday, at the upset price of £175. After various offers, the property was knocked down to Mr Alexander Napier, Kirkcaldy, on behalf of a client at £208. Mr Charles Welch, Cupar, acted as auctioneer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “The annual meeting of the Club was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, when a satisfactory statement was submitted by the Treasurer. The balance at credit of the Club is £29 12s 10d. The office-bearers were appointed as follows: - Patron, Mr James A. Patullo of Lathrisk, in place of the late Lieut.-Col. Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.; President, Major J.L. Lumdsen; vice-President, Mr George Gavin; Captain, Mr David Bonthron; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr James Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart's Will** – “The will of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., of Falkland House, whose death was recently reported from the front, has been lodged in the Register House, Edinburgh. Its provisions are of a family nature. In a codicil he directs that a picture of himself in khaki uniform, done in the best way that can be from a photograph, be given to his Constituents of the United Boroughs of Cardiff, Cowbridge, and Llantrissant, with an inscription. The picture is to be held in trust by the Mayor of Cardiff for the time being for ever, and to be accessible to all the electors on the roll of the constituency. By a second codicil,

dated October 27, 1914, he bequeaths the sum of £1,000 to the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, to be held in trust in perpetuity for the purpose of endowing a bed or cot in the children's ward, to be called the "Ninian Patrick bed", in honour of, and in memory of his son, Ninian Patrick Crichton-Stuart."

20th November 1915

Announcement in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – "B.O.A.F.G. "Lomond Oak" Lodge No. 37 – A General Meeting of the Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday evening, 25th November 1915. Time 8 p.m. Business – To discuss the proposed New Rules etc."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Enlistments** – "Mr Thos. C. Schofield has received an appointment in the Navy, and Mr Geo. Fernie has enlisted in the Royal Engineers."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – On the occasion of his leaving the burgh, Mr William Mason, Bruce Arms Hotel, was met by the brethren of St John's Lodge in the Commercial Hotel on Saturday evening, and presented with a steward's jewel, which bore a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Bailie Angus, and Mr Mason duly expressed his thanks and appreciation. The jewel was supplied by Mr H. Adamson, Cupar."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – "At the statutory meeting of the Council, Provost Jackson and Bailie Angus were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices. Councillor Mason, who has left the town, has resigned his seat on the Council. As suggested by the Convention of Royal Burghs, the following resolution was unanimously passed at the above meeting: - "That this Town Council on behalf of the community desire to express their unabated confidence in His Majesty's Government at this time of crisis in the nation's history." Following the usual custom, the "kirkin" took place on Sunday last."

27th November 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar and St Andrews District Roll of Honour** – "The direct enlistments during the past week included the following:

Robert Stark, floorcloth worker, Falkland, to Royal Scots."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Peggie** – “At Royal Infirmary, Perth, on Tuesday 23rd inst., Isabella Peggie, younger daughter of Walter Peggie, slater and plasterer, Falkland, aged 21.”

11th December 1915

Announcement in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Gas Light Company** – “In terms of the Contract of Co-partnery, I hereby give notice that a meeting of the partners of the above Company will be held within Bank Buildings, Falkland, on Monday, 27th December 1915, at 2 o'clock Afternoon, to consider, and, if approved, to pass Resolutions for the Dissolution of the Company, and authorising the Sale and Realisation of its whole Property, Works, and Undertaking, and the winding-up of the Company. If said Resolutions are passed, they will be submitted for confirmation at a subsequent Meeting, of which notice will be given. John Brown, Secy., Falkland, 9th December 1915.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart's Inventory** – “An inventory of the estate of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., for Cardiff, has been lodged with the Sheriff Clerk of Fifeshire at Cupar. The net value of the moveables is £105,643 18s 1d, and the heritage is sworn at £177,082 3s 5d, making a total of £282,726 2s 4d. The duty paid is £2,227 0s 10d. The executors are Lord Colum Crichton Stuart and Mr R.O. Pitman, W.S., Edinburgh. Messrs J. & F. Anderson, W.S., Edinburgh are the agents. Among the details of the estate are: - Life assurance, £11,423; household furniture, books, pictures, and personal effects at House of Falkland and the Priory, St Andrews, £4,000; value of stock and implements at Falkland Home Farm, £3,921; proportion of rents, feu-duties, etc., of the estate of Falkland, £2,600; household furniture, etc., at 43 Bryanston Square, London, £3,000; value of leasehold subjects at 43 Bryanston Square, £4,000; proportion of rents, etc., of the Durham estate, £1,222; proportion of the mineral rights in respect of the Durham estate, £2,250.”

18th December 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Falkland Man at Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart's Temporary Burying Place** – “In a letter from France to his wife in Falkland, Private James Birrell mentions that being within a few miles of Bethune, he visited the Cemetery there, and saw the place where the body of Lieutenant Colonel Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart is lying, along with the remains of several other officers, awaiting transportation for burial after the war is over. Lord Ninian's body is in a

leaden shell placed in a niche in the wall in the Cemetery. Private Birrell shortly after the outbreak of the war joined the mechanical transport as a motor driver. He was at that time, and had been for many years before, employed on the Falkland estate, and it will be of pathetic interest to many in Falkland to know that he has been able to visit the resting-place of his late master, to whom he was much attached.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Sutherland** – “At Falkland, on the 11th inst., Thomas Sutherland, clothier, in his 76th year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Ex-Bailie Sutherland** – “By the death of Mr Thomas Sutherland, tailor and clothier, the burgh has lost one of its most prominent inhabitants, and a unique personality has been removed from the community. Although Mr Sutherland had not been in the best of health for some time past, he was able to attend to his business until a week before his death. On the morning of Sunday, 5th inst., he was seized with a sudden illness which, serious from the first, grew worse as the week progressed, and he passed peacefully away on Saturday afternoon at one o’clock. A native of Latheron, Caithness, Mr Sutherland came to Falkland 52 years ago, when he entered the employment of the late Mr George Anderson, tailor, and commenced a career which was to prove long and honourable. Within a year or little more he started business on his own account, and for the long period of over 50 years, he has held a foremost place in his trade in the district. Ex-Bailie Sutherland was a thoroughly public-spirited man, and took a keen interest in the welfare of the town, having been a member of the Town Council for 30 years to 1910. He was elected to the Bench in 1901 in succession to the late Bailie Harvey, and for a number of years acted as Treasurer of the burgh. He was also an energetic churchman, and at the time of his death, he was the senior elder of the Parish Church as well as superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr Sutherland became a member of the Kirk Session about 41 years ago. Latterly his chief hobby has been his garden, but for 27 years and until the disbandment of the local Company, he was an enthusiastic member of the Volunteers, occupying the rank of Colonel-Sergeant. Mr Sutherland is survived by his wife, three sons, and three daughters. The eldest son is the Rev. T.W.G. Sutherland of Innerwick, East Lothian, while the second son, Mr Alexander Sutherland, is in the service of the British Linen Bank at their Glasgow office, and the youngest, Sergeant S.S. Sutherland, is on active service in France with the 9th Royal Scots. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was largely attended.”

25th December 1915

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart spent last week-end at Falkland House.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr David Bonthron** – “Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, has been appointed a member of the County Council, in succession to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “Mr Alexander Leishman, Freuchie, was the delegate from the neighbouring association on Sunday morning. He read a paper on “Prayer”, which was well received.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gifts to the Soldiers** – “Christmas gifts have been sent to all the men from Falkland and Newton districts by the members of the Parish Church Women’s Guild and the Red Cross Work Party.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Council** – “At the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday last week, Mr David Bonthron was re-elected chairman and representative to the Cupar District Committee of the County Council.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Dun** – “At Woodmill of Falkland, Auchtermuchty, on 16th inst., Henrietta Jane (Harry), second surviving daughter of Mr and Mrs George Dun.”

Falkland Almanac

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

Justices’ of the Peace – George Gavin, Falkland; John Walker Jackson, Manufacturer, Falkland;

Magistrates and Town Council – Provost, Charles Jackson; Bailies, John Angus and George Robertson; Town-Clerk and Treasurer, Alexander Anderson; Councillors, John W. Jackson, Robert Ness, William Horne, John Brown, Robert Drysdale, Andrew Lister, James McCall, and James Donaldson; 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, Various Teachers.

Parish Council – David Bonthronne (Chairman), Robert Nelson, David Rymer, George Gavin, Provost Jackson, Walter Peggie, James Donaldson, Alexander Fraser, David Drybrough.

School Board – Members, David Bonthronne, David Drybrough, William Horne, Dr J.G. Jack, William Bonthronne, James Donaldson and David Rymer; Teachers – Falkland School, Wm. Robb, M.A., and Assistants; Freuchie School, John Methven, M.A., and Assistants. Clerk, Alex. Anderson.

Inspector, Clerk and Registrar – George S. Hardie.

Gas Company – William Tulloch, Manager.

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

Bank – British Linen, James Donaldson and Alexander Anderson, Joint Agents.

Solicitor – Alexander Anderson, N.P.

Medical Practitioner – J.G. Jack, M.B., Ch. B.

Burgh Assessor – George S. Hardie.

Young Men's Christian Association – President, Walter Peggie; Secretary, James Donaldson; Treasurer, Thomas Schofield.

Golf Club – Captain, D. Bonthronne; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Peggie.

Whist Club – Secretary, Robert Ness.

Curling Club – Patroness, Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart; President, Alexander Shanks; Vice-President, Walter Peggie; Secretary and Treasurer, James Donaldson.

Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 37 B.O.A.F.G. – Thos. D. Hopkins, Secretary; John Drysdale, Treasurer.

Free Masons, St John Lodge No. 35 – Thos. D. Hopkins, R.W.M; David Campbell, Secretary; Andrew Venters, Treasurer.

Halls – The Town Hall, High Street; The Drill Hall, South Street.

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