

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1911

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

7th January 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bird Show** – “The fifty-first annual show of the Falkland and District Ornithological Society held in the Drill and Town Halls on Tuesday was a gratifying success. The entry was one of the largest in the history of the Society, and the quality of the exhibits was of a high order. The judging, which was by no means an easy task, was well accomplished by Mr Wm. Morgan, Windygates (soft feathers); Councillor George White, Cupar (game and game bantams); Mr A. Anderson, Edinburgh (pigeons); and Mr George Arnott, Kirkcaldy (cage birds).”

14th January 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr R. Cameron** – “Mr R. Cameron, who has been for the past four years in the British Linen Co.’s Bank in Cupar, was met by a few friends on Thursday evening last week, and presented with a handsome Gladstone bag and a volume of Burns on his leaving Cupar to take up the appointment of teller in the Company’s Bank, Falkland.”

21st January 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The annual staff dance took place at Falkland House on Friday of last week, when the servants, estate workers, and a few friends assembled together and took part in a very enjoyable dance. On the call of Mr Liptrott, three hearty cheers were given for Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart for having provided such a splendid entertainment.”



House of Falkland

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: “**The House of Falkland**, or Nuthill as it used to be called, is situated three-quarters of a mile west of Falkland, and was built in 1839-44, after designs by Mr Burn of Edinburgh, at a cost of at least £30,000. It is a fine edifice in the Tudor style with a pleasant well-wooded park. Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., resides in House of Falkland during the time he can spare from his Parliamentary duties.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A highly interesting and instructive lecture on “The Humours of Scottish Song” was given in connection with the course of popular lectures on Friday in the Drill Hall, when Mr Alexander Wilson, F.E.I.S. Alloa, provided a very excellent and enjoyable evening’s entertainment. Mr Donaldson, Bank House, was chairman, and Miss Bryce acted as accompanist to Mr Wilson in the various songs rendered by him in illustration of his subject.”

28th January 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Captain Slacke entertained the servants at Falkland House, the employees on the estate, and a few friends to a supper and dance on Tuesday evening at the stables, when a most enjoyable time was spent. In an appropriate manner, Mr Liptrott, on behalf of the company, proposed “The Health of Captain and Mrs Slacke”, and wished them long life and prosperity, which was responded to with three hearty cheers. Captain Slacke suitably acknowledged the toast. The purveying was in the capable hands of Mr Mason, Bruce Arms, and a quadrille band from Kirkcaldy supplied the music for the dancing.”

11th February 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart will be confined to the House of Falkland for some time, her physicians having ordered her a spell of complete rest.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Political Meeting** – “On Wednesday evening, a meeting was held in the Drill Hall under the auspices of the Women’s Unionist Association, when an address was delivered by Mr W.C. Ritchie on Tariff Reform. Provost Jackson presided.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A** – “The Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., addressed the morning meeting on Sunday last. He delivered an excellent address, his subject being “The Conversion of Saul”. A fortnightly mission was also begun on Sunday evening in the Town Hall by Mr Baird of Dundee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Dance** – “The annual assembly of Lodge “St John, No. 35” was held in the Drill Hall on the evening of Friday last week, when a very pleasant and enjoyable dance was engaged in. The music was supplied by Adamson’s Quadrille Band, and the catering was in the hands of Mrs Hardie, Temperance Hotel.”

18th February 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cessio** – “Thomas H. Forbes, farmer and millowner, Falkland, was to have been examined in connection with cessio proceedings at Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday, but Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, explained that Forbes had met with an accident at the railway station and would not be able to attend. Mr Grosset asked for an adjournment of a fortnight, and this was agreed to.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “The last of the course of popular lectures was given in the Drill Hall on Friday last when the Rev. W. Mackintosh Mackay, B.D., Glasgow, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on a “Trip from Liverpool to the Rocky Mountains”, which was beautifully illustrated with lime-light views. On the call of Mr James Jackson, Lomondvale, who occupied the chair, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Mackay. The Rev. A.L. Johnston stated that the course which had just finished had proved most successful in every way.”

25th February 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale** – “*Juniper Villa, Pleasance, Falkland, was exposed to sale in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Saturday last, and was purchased by Mr James Clark, Edinburgh.*”

4th March 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Property to Let** – “*To Let, on Lease for 3 or 5 years. Lomondside House, as presently occupied by Mr James Cochrane, containing handsome Dining-Room and Drawing-Room, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom (H & C), Kitchen, Scullery, Servant’s Bedroom and Lavatory, ample Press Accommodation, also Washing-House, Coal House &c; and COTTAGE of 3 Apartments used for storage, with excellent Walled Garden, productive and well-stocked, and Poultry Run. Rent £35. Entry Whitsunday 1911. The House may be viewed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Apply to Alex. Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland.*”

18th March 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “*A meeting of the ratepayers was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening in view of the forthcoming School Board election, which takes place on April 8th, when the retiring members gave an account of the stewardship. The members present were Mr J.L. Lumdsen, the Chairman, the Rev. A.L. Johnston, Mr David Bonthron, ex-Provost Miller, and Mr William Horne. Mr Lumdsen explained fully the work of the Board under the Education Act of 1908, and after several questions were asked, nominations were made as follows: - The five retiring members, and Mr George Gavin, Councillor J.W. Jackson, and Dr J.G. Jack. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Provost Jackson, who presided.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “*The members of Falkland Cricket Club are looking forward to having a pleasant season with the following interesting fixtures: -*

Date	Opponents	Ground
1911		
April 29	Cupar 2 nd XI	Away
May 6	Craighall	Home
May 13	Kirkcaldy 2 nd XI	Away
May 20	F. & K. Asylum	Away

May 27	Freuchie	Home
June 3	Nairn's XI	Home
June 10	Kennoway	Away
June 17	Kirkcaldy 2 nd XI	Home
June 24	Dunnikier	Away
July 1	Kelty United	Home
July 8	Freuchie	Away
July 15	Cupar 2 nd XI	Home
July 22	Kinross-shire or Dunfermline XI	Home
July 29	Nairn's XI	Away
Aug. 5	Dunnikier	Home
Aug. 12	Kinross-shire	Home
Aug. 19	Kennoway	Home
Aug. 26		
Sept. 2	Kelty Our Boys	Home

25th March 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Light Railway** – “Substantial help has been given to the Falkland Light Railway undertaking through the generosity of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P. As will be seen from the subjoined letter he has addressed to Provost Jackson, Falkland, he has offered to take up shares in the Company to the value of £1,000, on the condition that the rest of the £10,000 capital required is raised before the promoters' powers under the Railway Commission expire, and that work is immediately commenced. With equal public spirit, his Lordship agrees to take in shares of the Company any compensation that may be awarded him for land taken from him or for severance and other damages. The terms of his letter are: -

House of Falkland, Falkland, Fife. 11th February 1911.

Falkland Light Railway

Dear Mr Provost, - I have now most carefully gone into the whole question of the Falkland Light Railway, and especially taking into consideration the convenience and position of the inhabitants in the burgh, I have come to the conclusion that the Railway will be to their very great advantage. I have, therefore, the pleasure of advising you that I am about to apply for shares in the Railway to the value of one thousand pounds sterling (£1,000) on the condition that the rest of the £10,000 etc., required is raised before your powers under the Railway Commission expire, and that work is immediately commenced. I beg to add that I shall take in shares of the Light Railway any sum which may be given to me as compensation for land taken from me or as compensation for severance and other damages. – Believe me, Dear Mr Provost, yours most faithfully, Ninian Crichton-Stuart.

Meeting of Town Council – The above letter was read at a meeting of Falkland Town Council on Wednesday evening. Provost Jackson said Lord Ninian had been good enough to tell him he had discussed the scheme with financial experts and those who were well able to advise him as to its feasibility, and the words he had used to him were – “While it will never pay an enormous dividend, it will give a modest return for the capital invested, and to those residing in the district who are to have the use of the railway, it will form a very handsome investment.” (Applause). They should now make an effort to get the scheme carried through. He moved that the Town Clerk be instructed to accord Lord Ninian their hearty thanks for his generous offer. (Applause). Mr William A. Mason seconded.

Messrs Jackson’s Offer – Mr John W. Jackson said it was perfectly true that the railway would come as a considerable advantage to the firm to which he belonged, but there was not a single individual from the humblest to the highest that would not receive direct and permanent advantage from the railway. They would observe in Lord Ninian’s letter there were two main points he laid down as the basis of his support – (1) The great advantage it would be to the town of Falkland; and (2) that the necessary capital would require to be raised before the powers under the Railway Order expired. They were in this position with the railway that the compulsory powers for the acquisition of ground expired in the month of October of this year. If they were to renew these powers they had to give six months’ notice. His firm was prepared to give a sum not exceeding £1,000 in addition to the £1,000 they had already subscribed, so that they were in the position now that if they could get a sum of something like £1,500 the railway would go through. (Applause). Mr John Angus said he was a shareholder, and he would be very proud to see the railway into Falkland. There was no fear of it paying. Bailie Drysdale expressed the opinion that, while he had no doubt that the inhabitants would like to see the railway introduced, they might not be prepared to invest in it to any great extent. This view was also expressed by Councillor Williamson. The Provost said as a Town Council they could not commit the ratepayers to anything, but individually he thought it was their duty to do all they could to help forward the interests of the burgh (Hear, hear).

The Place That Would Benefit Most – Mr J.W. Jackson spoke of the saving that would be effected to householders in the price of coals and all kinds of foodstuffs by the introduction of the railway. He had been over the length and breadth of the land trying to get support. He had got it in London, Birmingham and Manchester, but the place he had received the least support was the place that would benefit most. It was agreed to call a public meeting with the view of securing financial support for the undertaking. An arrangement has already been made with the North British Railway Company to work the line upon stated terms.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Soiree** – “The annual social meeting in connection with the United Free Church took place in the church, which has been beautifully

redecorated, on the evening of Friday last, when the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., presided over a large attendance. A new departure was made in doing away with the usual soiree tea and the programme was commenced straight away by a few introductory remarks by the Chairman. The speeches of the evening were made by the Rev. W.L. Craig, M.A., Balmalcolm; the Rev. D.L. Frances, M.A., Raith Parish Church, Kirkcaldy, and the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston, Falkland Established Church, all of whom gave very eloquent and able addresses. An excellent musical programme was also carried through. Solos were sung by the following ladies and gentlemen: - Miss Daisy Cochrane, Lomondside, gave an excellent rendering of "Sleep and Forget"; Miss Mary Macdonald, Montrose, enraptured the audience by the manner in which she sang "The Gleaner's Slumber Song" and she was prevailed upon to sing a second time in response to a hearty encore; Miss Euphemia Duncan, Dunshalt, sang "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" very beautifully, and the gentlemen soloists were Mr Robert Morgan, Freuchie, and Mr James Menzies, Leslie, who contributed "Remember thy Creator" and "Galilee" respectively. The choir under the leadership of Mr William Burgon rendered four anthems, and a juvenile choir sang a hymn. Miss Bryce presided at the organ. At the close of the meeting, the Chairman called for a vote of thanks to all who had so ably contributed to the programme, and this was heartily responded to."

1st April 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – "Eleven gentlemen have been nominated to contest the forthcoming School Board election. Seven members are required, and the election takes place on Saturday 8th April."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – "Under the auspices of the Falkland Women's Unionist Association, a social and dance were held in the Drill Hall on Friday night, when there was a very large attendance. In the early part of the meeting, tea was served, and an address was delivered by Miss Collum. An enjoyable dance followed. During the evening songs were contributed by a number of ladies and gentlemen."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – "The Daily Sketch of Tuesday publishes a portrait of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart in its "Social and Personal" columns, and says of his Lordship: -

"Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, brother of the Marquis of Bute, has been appointed to command the 6th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. Born in 1883, Lord Ninian was the second son of the third Marquis of Bute, and received his education at Harrow

and Oxford. After six months' travel, he joined the Scots Guards in 1905, and served with them for two years. Retiring, he began to interest himself in politics and agriculture, and most of his time was taken up in looking after his estate in Fife, and his mineral mines in Durham. A Conservative in politics, Lord Ninian contested Cardiff in January last year, but was not returned to Westminster until the December election. As a speaker he has plenty of dash and fire, and is a keen judge of human nature. He takes great interest in the improvement of the breed of Hungarian partridges, of which he places fifty brace on his estates every year."

15th April 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board Election** – "Polling took place on Saturday, and the result was declared at eleven o'clock as follows: - Rev. J.H. Morrison, 433; aRev. J.M. Richardson, 421; Mr Gavin, 396; aMr Lumsden, 330; aMr Bonthron, 309; aMr Horn, 172; aRev. A.L. Johnston, 148. Unsuccessful: - aMr Millar, 147; Mr Jackson, 125; aMr Rymer, 114. Those marked 'a' thus are members of old Board."

22nd April 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – "Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart have left Falkland House to take up residence in London for a time."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Brass Band** – "The Brass Band progresses amazingly under its new conductor, Mr Briggs, Kirkcaldy. Any one hearing it today, and comparing its performances with its former efforts of, say, 12 months ago, could not fail to be struck with the great advance. The members are enthusiastic and determined to excel. With such a unanimous and praiseworthy spirit of cohesion animating the bandsmen, it is highly desirable that a full measure of practical support should be forthcoming at the bazaar which is being organised for June 10th, in order to strengthen the funds. May we not look forward to a date not far distant, when there shall be a "crack" brass band in Falkland rivalling in excellence the other Fife prize bands whose beginnings were as humble as our own."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Railway** – "Under the auspices of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Falkland, a well-attended meeting of the inhabitants was held in the Town Hall on Friday night. Various prominent citizens warmly supported the railway scheme in view of the proved advantages it holds for the whole district through which the line will pass. A strong Committee was formed

for the purpose of canvassing the town of Falkland and district so that the comparatively small balance of capital required may be obtained as speedily as possible, and the necessity of applying for any further extension of time avoided. The feeling of the meeting was that no one ought to withhold his support from the railway, and when it does come, step forward and take full advantage of the facilities provided by it."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *"Mr James Cochrane, Lomondside, who has been Captain of the Club for the past season, has presented to the Club a beautiful silver medal for monthly competition on the occasion of his leaving Falkland for Glenfarg. Mr Cochrane is a keen golfer himself, and has done a great deal in the interests of the Club and for the advancement of the game."*

29th April 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *"The Falkland C.C. have commenced practice at the nets in preparation for the first match of the season which takes place tomorrow (Saturday) against Cupar 2nd XI, at Bonvil, Cupar."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Coronation Celebrations** – *"At a public meeting held on Friday last in the Town Hall, a large and representative Committee was appointed to act in co-operation with the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors, with a view to making the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the Coronation. It is proposed that there should be a public service in the Parish Church, a treat and games for the children, and a distribution of gifts to the old folks, on the Coronation day, and the Committee will also take over the management of Falkland Market and Games, which will be postponed for one week from the usual date so as to be held on the Saturday after the Coronation."*

6th May 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Light Railway** – *"The scheme of the introduction of a light railway between Falkland Road Station on the Dundee to Edinburgh line and Falkland has advanced another step and it is probable that the work will be commenced this year. The movement, which began five or six years ago it may be remembered, got a push forward recently by an offer from Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P. of Falkland, who stated he would subscribe £1,000 if the rest of the capital was forthcoming, and also by the Messrs Jackson, manufacturers, who offered to take another £1,000 of shares. This substantial help reduced the amount*

of capital required to launch an undertaking to £1,500, and, as the result of a canvas of the district made by the Committee appointed at a public meeting, this amount has been further reduced, £600 being subscribed. Thus £900 of the necessary capital is still required, and the promoters are confident that this sum will be forthcoming within the next week or two, in order to avoid the necessity of a further extension order, which would involve more expenses, and application for which would have to be made by May. The Light Railways Commissioners Order expires in October, and in order that there may be no delay in getting a start made with the work, negotiations are at present taking place with regard to the taking over the ground, over which the railway will travel. The line will be about 2 ½ miles long, and will link up Freuchie and Newton of Falkland, each place having a station. The cost of the undertaking is £20,000, and the commencing capital £10,000. The promoters have powers to borrow £6,600.

13th May 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Owing to the inability of Craighall XI to travel to Falkland, the fixture with them on Saturday last was cancelled. The local team meet Kirkcaldy 2nd XI to-morrow (Saturday) in the Beveridge Park.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Tablet in U.F. Church** – “A marble tablet has been erected this week in the vestibule of Falkland United Free Church in memory of the founders of the congregation. The tablet, which is inscribed with the names of the Rev. Thomas Burnside, Dr and Mrs Lyell, and 20 others, was the gift of Mr John Ronaldson Lyell of the Home Office, London, son of the late Dr Lyell, surgeon, Falkland. Mr Lyell, at the same time defrayed the cost of having the whole church redecorated. A pathetic circumstance connected with the erection of the tablet is the fact that the original tablet was broken on the way from Italy, and ere the second was completed, there occurred the sudden death of the donor. In consequence of this, the arrangements for a formal unveiling ceremony have been cancelled at the request of Mr Lyell’s family, but suitable reference to the event will be made at the forenoon service on Sunday first by the Rev. William Affleck, Auchtermuchty.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The first competition for the monthly medal presented by Mr Cochrane, Lomondside, took place on Saturday, when Mr George Anderson was the winner with a score of 91, less 4 – 87.”

20th May 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church Memorial Tablet** – “At the forenoon service on Sunday last the Rev. William Affleck, M.A., Auchtermuchty, occupied the pulpit of the United Free Church, and delivered a discourse with special reference to the memorial tablet which has been erected in the vestibule of the Church. He traced the history of the Scottish Church up to the time of the Disruption, and concluded by dealing more closely with the course of events at that period in the immediate neighbourhood, and the part played by those in whose memory the tablet is erected. The tablet, which is of Carara marble, surrounded by a background of dove marble, is of a plain, but substantial design, and bears the following inscription, the letters of which are inlaid with lead: -

“In Memoriam – Revered Brethren who not possessing much of this world’s goods were richly endowed with the grace of God, and were enabled by the practice and through the power of prayer nobly to share in founding the Free Church, Falkland, and maintaining for years the ordinances of God’s House in this sanctuary.

“The Rev. Thomas Burnside, M.A., a devout preacher and faithful pastor, 1845-1867, and Janet Isdale, his spouse, a true help-meet.

“James Lyell, ‘The Beloved Physician’ and Elizabeth Ronaldson, his spouse, of blessed memory, and her brother, John Ronaldson, advocate.

Margaret Moyes, or Deas Margaret Gardiner, or Preston

Peter Dick Helen Young, or Reekie

Henry Downie John Reekie

Andrew Duncan James Reid

John Henderson James Robertson

Robert Jackson Margaret Robertson

William Kilgour Robert Stevens

Rachael Brown, or Menzies David Wallace

William Peggie James Whyte

“Lord, I have loved the Habitation of Thy House, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

“In Christian Reverence and filial piety, this Tablet is erected, A.D. 1911, by

“JOHN RONALDSON LYELL, M.A., London.”

The work was executed by Mr Alexander Ramsay, monumental sculptor, Cupar. As will be seen from the inscription, the Rev. Thomas Burnside was minister of the congregation for 22 years. Dr Lyell, the father of the donor, was for many years

surgeon in the parish, and by his kindly and genial manner endeared himself to his patients and the inhabitants in general; while Margaret Moyes or Deas was the mother of Lord Deas, the famous Scottish Judge, and of Sir David Deas, of the Indian Medical Service. The other names are mainly those of men and women in humble life, and it is as beautiful as it is rare to have such a memorial erected to commemorate their virtues."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Kirkcaldy 2nd XI v Falkland** – “The game, which took place at Kirkcaldy on Saturday resulted in a rather easy win for Kirkcaldy’s reserves. The home eleven batted first and the closure was applied when 120 runs had been registered for a loss of four wickets. Falkland were all out for 68.”

27th May 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual competition for the Morrison (scratch) medal was held on Saturday. Mr D.A. Richardson proved to be the winner, while the Rev. A.L. Johnston was runner-up.”

3rd June 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Forthcoming Brass Band Bazaar** – “The astonishing progress which Falkland Brass Band has made since the advent of its new conductor, Mr Briggs, Kirkcaldy, not only demonstrates an ambition to procure for this band one day an honourable place in the final of the Scottish prize bands, but displays an inherent musical talent among its members which ought to find expression to its fullest limits, assisted and encouraged by the combined efforts of the entire community. Conceived in order to variegate the somewhat leaden outlook of a people condemned by their enforced isolation to all its accompanying disadvantages and inconveniences, and born amid the derision of many evil prophets who now enjoy its well executed programmes, the band has, step by step, and after much labour and many discouragements, now reached that stage at which, through the medium of a bazaar to be held in the Public School on Saturday, 10th inst., future progress which lack of funds has placed in its way, has been removed. From reliable sources, information comes to hand that a large amount of valuable assistance in the shape of work and other donations has been obtained through the kindness of various ladies in Falkland.”



Advert on front page of *The Fife News*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Master R.L. Hamilton** – “Master R.L. Hamilton, Falkland School, has been awarded first prize in an open colouring competition in ‘The Scout’. The competition was open to all boys under 18 years of age, and took the form of colouring a Scout camp.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Girls’ Social Club – “Cinderella” Performance** – “The first session of this Club was brought to a close on Thursday evening last week by a very successful performance of “Cinderella” by about twenty of the girls. The Club was instituted in the autumn of last year, largely through the efforts of Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, in order to provide a place of leisure for factory girls, where they might not only be taught to sew, but where amusement will be provided. The Club-rooms have been open every night during the winter months, and much good must have resulted to the girls. The committee of ladies, one of whom in turn was responsible for one night per week for the work of the Club, are to be congratulated on the quality of the work of the first season of the Club. The “Cinderella” performance, which took place in the Drill Hall, was witnessed by a large audience,

and the performers acquitted with much credit to themselves, and to Miss Hilda Skene, Pitlour House, who trained them, and who personally superintended the staging and production of the piece. The performance showed that there is talent and ability, if properly directed, to produce something more pretentious next season. At the close of the performance, prizes for sewing were distributed to a number of the girls by Mrs Livingstone, Lomondvale. An adjournment was then made to the Club-rooms where the girls were entertained at tea by Mrs Livingstone, the tables being nicely decorated with pot plants and cut flowers. That the President of the Ladies' Committee, Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, could not, on account of her absence in London, be present at the final meeting of the Club, was greatly regretted, but it is satisfactory to know that much good work has been achieved during the session of the Club."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland C.C. v Freuchie C.C.** – “Teams representing the above Clubs met at Falkland on Saturday. The home team ultimately ran out comfortable winners, though only by 19 runs. Falkland were sent in to bat on a bowler’s wicket, and two good wickets were soon down when the score stood at six. Walter Venters, a lad of barely sixteen years, stopped the rot, and played the attack splendidly. H. Robinson and Hon. F.H. Tracy had both double figures. Freuchie opened disastrously, five wickets being down for 12 runs. W. Stark came to the rescue with his characteristic hard hitting, and played well for his 22, although he gave two possible chances before he had scored many. J.S. Allan, for Falkland, had the splendid analysis of six for 12, while W.M. Venters had two for 4. Scores: -

Falkland

J.S. Allan	c. Henderson, b. Spence	2
A. Grieve	b. Duncan	1
W. Venters	b. Spence	9
H. Robinson	lbw, b. Duncan	14
T.D. Hopkins	b. Duncan	5
W. Traill	run out	0
Hon. F.H. Tracy	run out	18
R. Craig	c. Richardson, b. McNaughton	1
M. O'Maley	c. McNaughton, b. Spence	1

<i>John Venters</i>	<i>c. Staig, b. Spence</i>	4
<i>G. Gardner</i>	<i>not out</i>	0
	<i>Extras</i>	4
	Total	59

Freuchie

<i>A. Staig</i>	<i>b. Traill</i>	0
<i>A. Spence</i>	<i>c and b Allan</i>	1
<i>W. McNaughton</i>	<i>c. Grieve, b. Allan</i>	5
<i>G. Duncan</i>	<i>b. Allan</i>	4
<i>W. Stark</i>	<i>c and b W. Venters</i>	22
<i>J.W. Richardson</i>	<i>b. Allan</i>	0
<i>J. Biggs</i>	<i>c and b Allan</i>	1
<i>A. Henderson</i>	<i>b. Allan</i>	0
<i>T.W. Leishman</i>	<i>b. W. Venters</i>	4
<i>L. Watson</i>	<i>not out</i>	0
<i>R. Dewar</i>	<i>run out</i>	0
	<i>Extras</i>	3
	Total	40

10th June 1911



Bruce Arms Advert on front page of *The Fife News*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The first round of the Lathrisk Cup tournament was played on Saturday afternoon, and resulted as follows: -

The Rev. A.L. Johnston, 1; Mr James Peggie, 0; Mr Walter Peggie, 1; Mr A. Anderson, 0; Mr A.U. Fraser, 1; Mr A. Venters, 0; Mr George Anderson, 0; Mr D.A. Richardson, 1”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Cricket – Falkland v Nairn’s XI** – “The above match was played at Falkland on Saturday, when Falkland ran out winners by a narrow majority. Nairn’s batted first on a fast wicket and Scott and Mitchell made a splendid stand. The tail was soon scuttled out for few runs thanks to the splendid bowling of A. Grieve and W.M. Venters, the former having 4 wickets for 19 runs and the latter 5 for 8. For Falkland, H. Robinson batted brilliantly for a well played 35. At one wicket to fall, Falkland still required 8 runs to draw. R. Craig was now associated with G. Gardner and these pair ultimately secured a draw and victory on the call of time. This proved one of the most interesting and exciting matches that has been played of recent years on Scroggie.”

17th June 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Help For Band Funds** – “The bazaar which was held in the Public School, Falkland on Saturday in aid of the Falkland Brass Band was very successful in all respects. The weather was excellent, and there was a very large gathering of ladies and gentlemen who patronised the stalls and amusements to such purpose that when the drawings came to be counted, it was found that the

handsome sum of £92 12s 11d had been realised, and with subscriptions received brings the total amount to over £100. No little disappointment and regret was expressed when the company gathered at the opening of the bazaar learned of the indisposition of Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, whose charming and gracious manner has endeared her to the good folks of Falkland. She intended being present with Lord Ninian who opened the bazaar. Three large stalls completely filled the school-room, and the display of goods and useful and ornamental articles would have done credit to a larger hall. The ladies had worked assiduously for the success of the band, and the substantial sum drawn was very gratifying. The bandsmen looked very smart in their gold embroidered tunics, and their selections during the afternoon in front of the building, and later in the playground at the back, where al fresco tea was served, were very pleasing.

Opening Ceremony – Provost Jackson presided, and, in introducing Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, said they were all very sorry that her Ladyship had been unable to be present through indisposition. He was very pleased to be informed by Lord Ninian that her Ladyship was very much better and was now making a rapid recovery. (Applause) He voiced the wish of everyone present when he expressed the hope that Lady Ninian would soon be restored to good health. (Applause) Lord Ninian, who was greeted with enthusiasm, expressed grateful thanks for the kind sentiments expressed by the Provost. He expected that her Ladyship would be able to come North by the month of August, and he was sure that the quiet of the country would make her all right again in a very short time. (Applause) He had every sympathy with the object of the bazaar. A band was one of the best things a community could possess, and he was very glad that Falkland had such a good band. They had come up to his house and played one day, and he enjoyed it very much – so much that he hoped they would come soon again, and often. (Applause) He sincerely hoped that the bazaar would be a success, and that it would bring in a sufficiency of money, a thing which none of them could do without. (Laughter and applause) Dr Jack, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lord Ninian, said it had been a great trouble to his Lordship to come all the way from London, a distance, he believed, of 430 miles. And they all knew that just now Lord Ninian was very busy. They all knew him as a soldier, and he was now a legislator, having been elected Member of Parliament for Cardiff. They all congratulated him upon qualifying for the salary of £400 per annum which M.P.'s were about to receive. (Laughter and applause) His Lordship, he noticed, had lately received another appointment, that of President of the Highland and Agricultural Society. All these things made him a very busy man, but they knew that no matter how numerous and complex his duties were, Lord Ninian was always ready and willing to do what he could for the community of Falkland. He therefore had much pleasure in calling upon the company to accord Lord Ninian a very hearty vote of thanks. (Applause) Lord Ninian, in returning thanks, said Dr Jack's calculation was scarcely correct; it was 432 miles from London. (Laughter) Distance, however, made no difference to him, for he was always glad to be in Falkland. (Applause)”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Assistant Teacher** – “Miss Falconer, Blairgowrie, has been appointed assistant teacher in the Public School here. Her duties, which include the tasks of cookery and laundry work, will commence on the 1st of August.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The final of the Lathrisk cup tournament was played off on Wednesday evening, between Mr Walter Peggie and Mr A.N. Fraser. After a close game, Mr Peggie proved to be the winner of the trophy by a margin of two holes.”

24th June 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Coronation Celebrations** – “For some considerable time past, Falkland Town Council, along with a large representative Committee, made the necessary arrangements for a fitting celebration of the Coronation of King George the Fifth. These arrangements were successfully carried out. At 11.30am a procession was formed at the Public School, comprising the members of the Town Council and officials, the Parish Councillors and members of School Board, the brethren of St John’s Lodge of Freemasons and of “Lomond Oak” Lodge of Free Gardeners, the Territorials and Boy Scouts, and the school children. The procession was marshalled by Messrs Dunbar and Gardner. As noon approached, the procession moved off, and proceeded by way of Pleasance and High Street to the Parish Church, where a joint service conducted by the Revs. A.L. Johnstone and J.H. Morrison was held. At 1.15pm the children re-assembled in the school playground, when they were presented with Coronation mugs, kindly provided by Mr J.L. Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, and Chairman of the School Board. Thereafter the procession re-formed and, headed by Falkland Brass Band, the company marched to the Myre of Falkland, where the sports ground was situated. On arrival there, the children were provided with pies and lemonade prior to the commencement of the games. A long list of events was gone through, there being keen competition in most of the items, which included: - For the boys – Dispatch race, running long leap, 3-legged race, tug-of-war, wheelbarrow race, sack race, hop, step and leap, high jump, coat and boot race etc. For the girls – Skipping rope race, throwing ball, threading needle race, semi-circle ball race, egg and spoon race, hat trimming competition etc. The prizes were awarded to the winners at the close of the games. At 5 o’clock the children partook of a sumptuous tea, and on dispersing each one was made the recipient of a bag of sweets. In the evening, dancing was engaged in in the Myre to music supplied by the Town Band, and at 10.30pm the bonfire, which had been erected on the top of the East Lomond by Mr Alex Fraser, joiner, was lit. Provost Jackson acted as Convenor of the General Committee, and

the secretarial duties were performed by Mr Alexander Anderson, Town Clerk, with Mr James Peggie as his assistant. The town was decorated with flags and bunting."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – "Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., is suffering from pleurisy."

Extract from *The Fife News*: - **Falkland Fairness** – "The *Catholic Herald* of last Saturday, in an article on the recent discussion at Falkland School Board on the question of allowing Roman Catholic children the use of an unoccupied school-room during the religious instruction hour, says, under the heading of "Falkland Fairness": - "It was surprising to find the Rev. J.H. Morrison saying that the Roman Catholic children were not taught to think for themselves and that the Roman Catholic Church was opposed to modern education. Had Mr Morrison visited any of their Roman Catholic schools? If he had, he would not have made the statements he did make.....The only proof the Rev. Mr Morrison could adduce for his statement regarding the influence of the priest on education was something that appeared in the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica'. If this is the extent of the U.F. minister's knowledge concerning religion and education, we respectfully suggest that he has mistaken his vocation. The decision of the Board shows the fair-minded spirit of the Falkland Board." The *Catholic Times* of the 16th inst. also refers to the incident and reports a reply made to Mr Morrison by the Rev. Father Henry Woods at a service in the chapel of Falkland Palace the previous Sunday, at which Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart was present. The Catholic Church, he said, not only taught but insisted on the development of the mental faculties, and, in addition, she insisted on the development of all the faculties of our nature.... That the Church was not opposed to modern education was shown by the fact that lately one of the Government Inspectors of a neighbouring county – Dr Dunn – stated that of the schools he had examined, the Catholic school revealed the highest tone, and likewise Mr Waddell, Government Inspector for Stirlingshire, incurred displeasure among some of the School Board teachers by praising the Catholic schools for their superior tone, discipline and general efficiency. Father Woods concluded with a quotation from the late Dr Carr, Head Inspector of Schools for Scotland, who, referring to the Notre Dame Training College in Glasgow, had said it was second to none in Scotland, and he was ashamed and sorry to admit that there was not even any second to compete with it."

1st July 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Cupar Scratch v Falkland** – “Played at Duffus Park, Cupar, on Thursday night. Result: - Falkland, 118; Cupar Scratch, 223 for 4 wickets.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Coronation Day** – “On the evening of the Coronation day, Provost Jackson entertained the members of the Town Council and others at a cake and wine banquet in the Bruce Arms Hotel, at which the usual loyal toasts were heartily honoured. Songs were contributed by members of the company, and altogether a very happy evening was spent. In the burgh, which has a population of 830, there are no fewer than thirteen of the residents, natives of the town, who remember the celebration of the Coronation of Queen Victoria.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market and Games** – “Under the management of the Coronation Committee, the annual market and games were held on Saturday afternoon. Falkland Brass Band was in attendance. Despite the inclemency of the weather, the sports were proceeded with, and the following is a list of prize-winners:

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Open Events – Half-mile Race – J. Lister, Falkland; Ballantyne, Gateside; G. Fernie, Falkland. Hop, Step and Leap – H. Black, Dundee; J. Craig, Falkland; G. Inglis, Edinburgh. Vaulting – P. Rutherford, Strathmiglo; J. Lister; Henderson. One Mile Race – Ballantyne; J. Lister; Ness, Leslie. Putting the Ball – Watson, Ladybank; G. Inglis; D. McDonald, Cupar. High Leap – H. Black; P. Rutherford; J. Craig. 100 Yards Race – G. Inglis; W. Middleton, Falkland; A. Dalrymple.

Local Events – Boys’ Race (under 12) – R. Kennedy; T. Drysdale; D. Lister. Girls’ Race – M. Robertson; Alice Finnis; Mary Fleming. Half-mile Race – G. Fernie; J. Lister; P. Robertson. dBoys’ Race (under 16) – R. Kennedy; T. Drysdale; A. Smith. Scouts’ Race – A. Smith; A. Page; K. Calder.

Dancing Competition – Highland Fling – D. McLennan, Dundee; T. Dawson, Stirling; R. Condie, Cowdenbeath. Sword Dance – D. McLennan; W.S. Mearns, Lochore; R. Condie. Sailors’ Hornpipe – W.S. Mearns; J. Roy; W.T. Lindsay, Dunfermline. Irish Jig – W.T. Lindsay; W.S. Mearns; J. Roy.”

22nd July 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Cupar Second** – “This match at Falkland on Saturday ended in a win for the visitors by 16 runs. L.M. Robertson was top scorer for Cupar with 21 runs, and H. Robinson’s 25 was the best individual total

of the homesters. Bowling for Cupar, Kirke had six wickets for 30 runs and D. Gourlay three for 20.”

5th August 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Nairn v Falkland** – “This match took place in Dysart House Policies. The Kirkcaldy eleven put up 136 runs for 5 wickets and dismissed the visitors for 41 runs.”

19th August 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Mr Geo. Gardner, at present first assistant in Falkland Public School, has been appointed first assistant in Stobhill Public School, Gorebridge. There were numerous applicants. This school has over 900 scholars on the roll.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident to Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart’s Daughter** – “While looking out of the window of an upstairs apartment at Beechgrove, Sunninghill, on Monday morning, Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart’s daughter, about eighteen months old, fell out, and was picked up severely bruised but otherwise apparently unhurt. She fell a distance of from 15 to 17 feet. – *Morning Post*.”

26th August 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Illness of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P. who has suffered another relapse, was stated to be rather better on Wednesday morning. His doctors have ordered him to undergo a period abroad, and it is expected that he will be leaving for the Continent in about a week’s time.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Assistant Master** – “Mr W. Deas, Edinburgh, has been appointed assistant master in the Public School here in place of Mr George Gardner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Banker's Promotion** – “Mr Francis Henderson of the British Linen Bank, Carluke, has received an appointment in the Bank's London office. Mr Henderson was transferred from Falkland to be teller at Carluke branch two and a half years ago.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket - Kennoway v Falkland** – “The two elevens of Kennoway were visiting the same locality last week, the senior team journeying to Falkland and the second string to Freuchie, and for the second successive week, both teams were victorious. The match at Falkland was one of the most peculiar ever played in the Royal Burgh, very low scoring being the main feature, the bowlers on both sides coming off with capital analysis. The visitors sent along one of their strongest elevens, Purdom, who has now left the district for Perth, renewing his acquaintanceship at Falkland. Captain Kirkby named the right side of the coin, and put the homesters in to bat first on a fiery wicket, Dowie and Venters being the opening batsmen. Croall was soon among the wickets and the batsmen could make no stand against his bewildering bowling. Venters retired first over, while Dowie was caught first ball he received with the score at nil. Robinson made a gallant attempt to stop the rot but his partner, J.S. Allan, after seeing the score advanced to that unlucky number 13, had the bails removed by Purdom. Immediately after Robinson was caught by the wicketkeeper off Croall, who was now practically unplayable. Hon. F.H. Tracy, after helping himself to a brace of twos from Purdom, in attempting to repeat the performance, played the ball into the waiting hands of Smith, and with P. Robertson's stumps receiving a nasty knock from one of Croall's deliveries, six wickets were down for 17. J. Venters hit Croall for a two and a single ere the bowler found his wickets, and seven wickets were thus down for 20. Fraser was dismissed by Purdom with the score unaltered. Purdom shortly after caught Myles, and with Gardiner dismissed, the whole side were out for 20 runs, seven of the batsmen receiving “ducks”. Croall's average will likely remain unbeaten for a considerable time at Falkland, for out of 9 overs, 7 of which were maidens, he captured 6 wickets for 5 runs, being 2 twos and a single. His 50th was taken for the season when he clean bowled J. Venters, and his analysis up to the present now reads: - 430 runs for 52 wickets, averaging 8.3. Kennoway, on going in to bat, did not fare much better than the homesters, although the procession was somewhat later in starting. Smith was dismissed at 8. Purdom next partnered Buntine, but the partnership was broken at 13, two valuable wickets falling ere that number was passed. At 15 Buntine had to quit, but R. White registered the winning hit ere he saw Chambers clean bowled. E. Croall capped his bowling triumph by having the highest score of the innings. White was bowled at 28, Croall and Kirkby at 29, but D. Brown saw the score at 32 ere he was dismissed. At 35 W. Galloway was run out in attempting an impossible two, and Patrick was left not out with 4 opposite his name. This total of 35 is the lowest score returned by Kennoway for a long time, their previous lowest being against Dundee Victoria, when they were all dismissed for 38.”

2nd September 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Carnegie C.C. v Falkland** – “Representatives of those two Clubs met for the first time at Falkland on Saturday and the Dunfermline team ultimately won after a pleasant and closely contested game. Falkland unfortunately had to take the field without their popular captain, A. Grieve, and at the last minute Hon. F.H. Tracy and H. Robinson, two of the Club’s best bats also cried off. Under the circumstances, Falkland’s weakened side stood up manfully to the fast bowling of W.R. Gregson and H. Irvine. Gregson finished with the splendid analysis of 6 wickets for 21, while for Falkland J.S. Allan had 7 wickets for 39.”

9th September 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nic** – “The annual pic-nic of the Sabbath School of Falkland U.F. Church was held last Saturday afternoon, when a very enjoyable time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Lochgelly** – “Falkland’s concluding match for the season took place on Saturday last at Falkland when Lochgelly provided the opposition. Lochgelly batted first, but could make nothing of J.S. Allan’s bowling, and were all disposed of for a lucky 39. J.S. Allan had 7 wickets for 19 runs, and A. Grieve 3 for 9. Thanks to a magnificent exhibition of hitting by Peter Robertson, Lochgelly’s total was passed with all the wickets intact. He drove with wonderful freedom and gave no chance except a hard one when past the half century. His score was made up of 10 4’s and ten 2’s, and his partnership for the second wicket with J. Venters produced 83 runs. Robertson was rather unfortunately run out. The remainder of the side came in to hit, and H. Robinson had a well-played 30.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland’s Averages** – “Falkland have not had such a successful season as last, and this is probably due to the side having to be changed nearly every Saturday. Out of 21 matches played, 10 have been won, 10 lost and 1 drawn. Appended are the averages for the season: -

Batting

	Runs	Innings	Average
J.H. Morrison	59	4	14.7

<i>P. Robertson</i>	114	8	14.2
<i>H. Robinson</i>	166	13	12.7
<i>T. Robertson</i>	72	6	12
<i>W. Traill</i>	109	12	9
<i>J. Venters</i>	72	10	7.2
<i>J.S. Allan</i>	83	13	6.3
<i>Hon. F.H. Tracy</i>	25	4	6.2
<i>A.U. Fraser</i>	49	8	6.1
<i>W.M. Venters</i>	73	12	6
<i>J. Reekie</i>	20	4	5
<i>R. Craig</i>	59	13	4.5
<i>T.D. Hopkins</i>	55	13	4.2
<i>A. Grieve (Capt.)</i>	44	11	4
<i>W. Dowie</i>	22	7	3.1

Bowling

	Runs	Wickets	Average
<i>J.S. Allan</i>	244	48	5
<i>A. Grieve</i>	167	22	7.5
<i>W. Traill</i>	259	25	10.3

16th September 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Popular Lectures** – “On Monday evening a meeting of Falkland Popular Lecture Committee was held in the Liqourstone Temperance Hotel, when it was resolved to proceed with another course of lectures during the coming winter. A provisional list of entertainments and lectures was drawn up, and the session promises to be up to the usual standard.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of his leaving Falkland Public School, where he has been assistant master for the past two years, to take up

his new duties at Gorebridge, Mid-Lothian, Mr George Gardner was made the recipient of a handsome dressing-case, travelling bag, and walking stick as a farewell gift from the members of Falkland Cricket Club, of which he was the energetic Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Dr J.G. Jack, President of the Cricket Club, made the presentation, and in a few appropriate and well-chosen words, referred to the very cordial relationship which had existed between the members of the Club and Mr Gardner, whose genial disposition and force of character had made him many friends in Falkland and district. Dr Jack expressed the hope that continued success and prosperity would attend him, and that he would yet attain a high position in his profession. Mr Gardner, in returning thanks for the beautiful presents with which he had been honoured, said that he felt very much the severing of his connection with Falkland in view of the many friendships he had made in the place. He hoped these would be continued, as, although he was removing to another sphere of activity, he would always cherish pleasant memories of his stay in the Royal and ancient burgh. Mr Gardner also received, as a parting gift from the Falkland Troop of Boy Scouts, of which he was assistant Scout Master, a framed photographic enlargement of a group of the Scouts taken recently. Mr Deas, who was appointed in room of Mr Gardner, commenced duty in the school on Monday.”

14th October 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sermon** – “Owing to the indisposition of the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston, the pulpit of the Parish Church was occupied by the Rev. J.H. Morrison of the U.F. Church on the evening of Sunday last.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal was won on Saturday afternoon by Mr George Robertson, and as this was the last competition for the season, Mr Robertson will be custodian of the trophy during the winter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The winter session of the Young Men’s Christian Association was commenced in the Town Hall on Sabbath morning when a report of the Conference recently held in Arbroath was given by Mr Alexander Anderson, who attended as delegate from the Falkland Association.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “The concert arranged in aid of the Falkland Girl’s Club was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening when there was a very good turnout. The audience was treated to a very fine programme ably sustained by The Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart, Mrs R.C. Slacke, Falkland; Miss A. Beveridge, Kettle; Miss Biggar, Edinburgh; Mlle. Yvonne Descamps, Kirkcaldy; Mrs

Farquharson, Edinburgh; Captain R.C. Slacke, Mr A.J. Christie, Glasgow; Dr Farquharson, Edinburgh; and Mr R. Taylor, Auchtermuchty.”

21st October 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election** – “*The following gentlemen fall to retire at the ensuing municipal election: - Councillor C.C. Brunton; J.W. Jackson; William Mason, and Thomas Williamson.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “*Under the auspices of the Falkland Parish Church Women’s Guild, a very enjoyable social meeting was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. Charles Fraser, Freuchie, occupied the chair in the absence of the Rev. A.L. Johnston, and addresses were given by Miss Wingate, Edinburgh, a member of the Committee of the Women’s Missionary Association, Mrs Kinnear, Dundee, the Rev. Hugh Brown, Strathmiglo Parish Church, and Mr James Donaldson, banker. Various solos were contributed during the evening, and two anthems were rendered by the choir.*”

22nd October 1911 - Death of the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston, Parish Minister at Falkland.

28th October 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “*Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart M.P., who is on a visit to his constituency at Cardiff, has had a return of illness, and was unable to attend a meeting under the auspices of the Cardiff Branch of the Navy League. He caught a chill on his way South and has had a recurrence of his former trouble, pleurisy. Latest accounts bear that he is showing signs of improvement.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board Officer Resigns** – “*A meeting of Falkland School Board was called for on Wednesday night to receive the resignation of the attendance officer, Mr Baxter, who has performed the duties for the past sixteen years. Mr Baxter, the chairman (Mr J.L. Lumsden) explained, was retiring on account of ill health. It was agreed to advertise for a successor.*”

4th November 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Illness of Lord Crichton-Stuart** – “It was stated at Cardiff Castle on Tuesday night that Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., after a restless night on Monday, had had a good sleep, and during the day an improvement set in, which was being well maintained.”

11th November 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “The news concerning Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart’s health continues favourable. He is still, however, far from well and complete recovery will, it is expected, take a considerable time.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **Communion** – “The half-yearly communion was celebrated in both churches on Sunday forenoon – the Rev. W.H. Porter, Cults, officiating in the Parish Church, and the Rev. J.H. Morrison in the U.F. The evening service in the latter church was conducted by the Rev. W.S. Anderson, Markinch, but there was no service in the Parish Church. The preparatory services on Friday evening were conducted by the Rev. Fraser and the Rev. J.M. Richardson, Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Trees Blown Down in House of Falkland Grounds** – “Sunday’s storm has left sad traces in the wooded grounds surrounding the House of Falkland. Not only have many ornamental trees been laid low, but a most regrettable loss has been sustained in the complete destruction of one of the fine old lime trees forming the beautiful line on the north side of the approach to the house.”

18th November 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Falkland Popular Lecture Committee opened the session with a splendid concert by members of the Choral Society and arranged for by Mr R. Douglas, Cupar. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, and there was a large and appreciative audience. A very full and entertaining programme was given. On the motion of Mr Morrison, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies and gentlemen who had so willingly come from Cupar and given such a fine entertainment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Supper** – “On Saturday evening, Provost Jackson entertained the members of the Town Council, officials, and a few friends at supper in the Bruce Arms Hotel. Mr Mason provided an excellent spread, to which full justice was done. Thereafter the toast-list was gone through, the loyal toasts, “The King and Queen”, and “The members of the Royal Family” were proposed by the Provost and were heartily responded to. The other toasts were: - “Town Council”, proposed by Mr J. Dunbar and replied to by the Provost; “The New Councillors”, proposed by Bailie Drysdale and responded to by Councillor J.W. Jackson; “The Convenors of Committees” by the Provost and replied to by Councillor Angus; “The Outside Friends”, proposed by Councillor Jackson and replied to by George Gavin; and “Provost Jackson” by Councillor Robertson. During the evening songs, recitations etc., were given by members of the company. Councillor Ness acting as accompanist. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent and the Provost was heartily thanked for the splendid manner in which he had entertained those present.”

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Three J.P.'s in one family**



Messrs Jackson.

“The above is a photograph of Messrs John Walker Jackson, J.P., Charles Jackson, J.P., and Charles Jackson, jun., J.P. Mr Charles Jackson senior, partner of the firm of Charles Jackson & Sons (Ltd), manufacturers, Falkland, and the father of the other gentlemen in the group, was for several years Provost of Falkland. Mr Charles Jackson, jun., who is Provost now (1911), was elected Provost at the same age as his father became civic head of the Royal burgh. It is a very rare, if not unparalleled,

occurrence to find, as here, two Provosts in one family, both alive, and three J.P.'s. Mr Jackson sen., is an Englishman by birth – a man of Kent, born in the parish of Sheldwich, near Canterbury. He came to Fifeshire about 50 years ago, starting business first in Strathmiglo, and afterwards establishing his well-known factory in Falkland.”

25th November 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Wednesday evening, the Rev. J.H. Morrison delivered a missionary lecture on “Jamaica” in the United Free Church. The attendance was very good, and the lecture, which was beautifully illustrated with lime-light views, was interesting and instructive. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mr Morrison and to Messrs Grieve and Miller for manipulating the lantern.”

2nd December 1911



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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart M.P., was elected President for the ensuing year of the Scottish National Fat Stock Club on Thursday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church Vacancy** – “On Monday evening, a meeting of the congregation of the Parish Church was held when a Committee was

elected to deal with the applications for the vacant charge. Provost Jackson was appointed convenor.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Friday evening, the second lecture of this winter’s course was given in the Drill Hall by Mr J. Armstrong Barry, Dundee, his subject being “Alexander Smith, Poet and Essayist.” Mr Donaldson, Bank House, was in the chair.”

16th December 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist** – “On the evening of Wednesday last week, a match was engaged in between the Falkland and Markinch Clubs, and resulted in a win for the former by six points.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “A meeting convened by Miss Anderson was held at Allan Park on Thursday evening last week, when it was decided to form a Literary Society. A full and varied programme was drawn up, and the session should prove interesting and instructive.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lectures** – “On Friday evening, the third lecture of this winter’s course was given in the Drill Hall by Mr Robert Kinmont, M.A., F.E.I.S., Tullibody, his subject being “A short ramble on the Continent”, which he treated in a racy and enjoyable manner. Mr Alexander Anderson occupied the chair, and his motion for a vote of thanks to the lecturer was heartily responded to.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Sunday evening, in the United Free Church, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., delivered a lecture on the present crisis in China and the relation of the Christian Church thereto. He dealt with his subject in a very full and interesting manner, and showed what an influence this vast Empire of the East must be in the future. If that influence was to be for good, he said, it behoved the Church to see that China was Christianised. He also contrasted the crisis of 10 years ago with that of today, and attributed the difference to the missionary effort put forth during that period.”

23rd December 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Political Meeting** – “On Wednesday evening, Colonel Sprout addressed a public meeting held in the Drill Hall, when he dealt with the *Insurance Bill*.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “On Saturday, the members of the local troop of Boy Scouts, who attend the Y.M.C.A. were entertained at tea at Bank House by Scoutmaster and Mrs Donaldson. During the evening, each of the boys was presented with a copy of “Tom Brown’s Schooldays” for regular attendance at the Y.M.C.A morning meeting. On the motion of Assistant Scoutmaster Venters, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess.”

30th December 1911

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “In connection with the popular lecture course, a splendid concert was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, when the Misses Mather from Edinburgh, submitted on of their now famous programmes to a large and appreciative audience. Mr J.G. Simpson, also from Edinburgh, rendered a number of songs in a very efficient manner. On the motion of Provost Jackson, who occupied the chair, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the artistes for the excellent entertainment.”

Extract from *The Falkland News Almanac*: **The Tower at Falkland Palace**



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“This is where the heir apparent to the Crown, the young Duke of Rothesay, was cruelly starved to death.”

Extract from *The Falkland Almanac: **Four Generations – Falkland-Freuchie***



Four Generations

“The above represents four generations: - Mrs D. Fernie (great grandmother), who lives in the house where Richard Cameron, the Covenanter, was born, viz., High Street, Falkland; Mrs J. Smart (grandmother), Fernie Cottage, Kingskettle; Mrs P. Gray, Rumdewan, Kingskettle; baby, Jessie Gray.”

Falkland Almanac

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

Magistrates and Town Council: - *Provost, Charles Jackson, jun.; Bailies Robert Drysdale and Andrew Lister; Town-Clerk and Treasurer, Alexander Anderson; Councillors, John Angus, C.C. Brunton, Thomas Williamson, George Robertson, John W. Jackson, William Mason, Robert Ness, William Horne, and John Leaburn; Representative, Cupar District Licensing Court – Provost Jackson; Fiscal, James Reekie; Town Officer, John Walker and Robert Strachan.*

Places of Worship – Parish church, vacant; United Free Church, Rev. J.H. Morrison M.A.; Plymouth Brethren, Balmbrae, Various Teachers.

School Board – Clerk, John Sheriff; Members, J.L. Lumsden (Chairman), Robert Miller, William Horne, Rev. J.M. Richardson, David Bonthron, Rev. J.H. Morrison, and George Gavin; Teachers – Falkland Public School, John Dunbar, M.A., B.Sc.; Freuchie Public School, John Methven, M.A.

Parish Council – First Ward – Alexander Fraser, John Sheriff, Walter Peggie, Robert Miller. Second Ward – John L. Lumsden (Chairman), Archibald Aitken, Robert Nelson. Third Ward – David Bonthron, George Gavin.

Inspector, Clerk and Registrar – Lawrence Reid.

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.

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 – Lawrence Reid.

Whist Club – Secretary, Robert Ness.

Young Men's Christian Association – President, Walter Peggie; Secretary, Geo. Robertson; Treasurer, Alexander Grieve.

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

Popular Lectures – Secretary, James Donaldson; Treasurer, J. Peggie.

Golf Club – Captain, D. Bonthron; Secretary, J. Peggie; Treasurer, A. Anderson.

Boy Scouts – James Donaldson, Scoutmaster; John Venters, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Fife News Agents – Co-operative Store; W. Middleton, Post Office.

