

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1910

1st January 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Thursday, the 23rd December 1909, the fourth lecture in connection with the course of popular lectures was held in the Drill Hall, when Mr Alexander Johnstone, Edinburgh, entertained a large and appreciative audience to a most instructive and enjoyable lecture on “The Flora of Burns.” Mr Johnstone was in his element when describing the numerous and varied specimens of flowers and trees made use of by the National Bard in his poems and songs, and displayed the greatest zeal for, and a most thorough knowledge of “Rabbie’s” works. Miss Dun, Woodmill, rendered with splendid effect a few of the poet’s well-known songs, and four members of the Edinburgh Highland Reel and Strathspey Society entertained the audience to a selection of their popular pieces.”

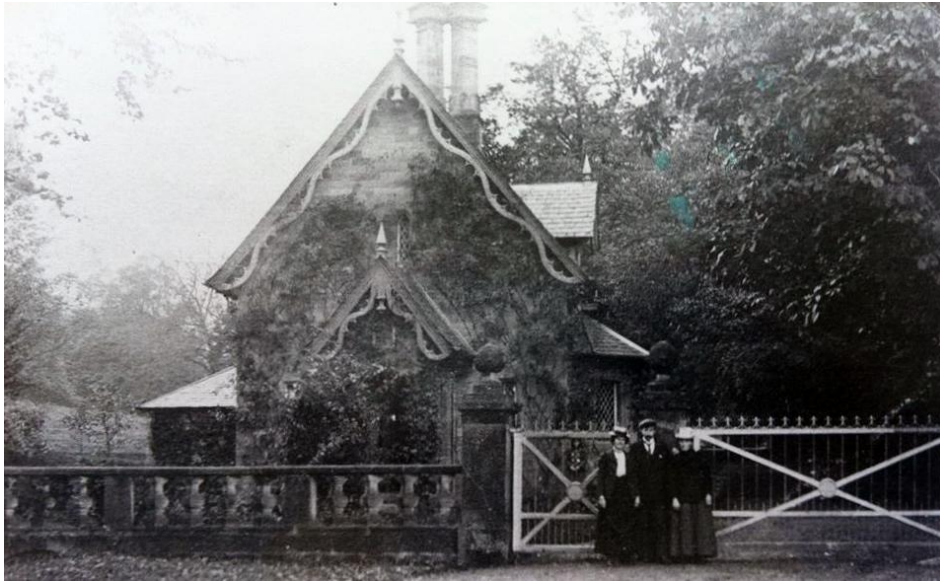
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat to School Children** – “On Christmas eve, Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart entertained the children attending the Public School, numbering about 250, in the Drill Hall. After a sumptuous tea, purveyed in excellent style and laid out on tables decorated with pot plants and flowers by Mr William Mason, Bruce Arms Hotel, the large Christmas tree, laden with toys, was illuminated. It presented a fine appearance, and Lord Ninian Stuart denuded it of its burden of toys, landing to each little recipient his or her gift. Afterwards, his Lordship addressed a few words to the children in response to a call for three ringing cheers proposed by the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston. On going out, each child received a packet of sweets and an orange. The following ladies and gentlemen were present and assisted with the tea and in attending to the children’s wants: - Captain Slacke, House of Falkland; Mr & Mrs George Gavin, Falkland Palace; the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston and Mrs Johnston, The Manse; the Rev. J.H. Morrison and Mrs Morrison, U.F. Manse; Mrs Livingston, Lomondvale; Mr Dunbar, headmaster, Public School; Miss Cochran, Mr Gardiner, Falkland; Miss Macdonald, Perth; Mrs Robertson, Falkland, and Mrs Mason, Bruce Arms Hotel.”



Falkland School Group c1910

8th January 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social at House of Falkland** – “On the evening of Friday last, Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart entertained the house servants, employees, and a few of their friends at a most enjoyable dance at House of Falkland. His Lordship paid a visit to the hall in which the company was gathered, and, in his usual genial manner, wished them all a bright and happy New Year. Hearty cheers were given for Lord and Lady Ninian and family on the call of Mr Liptrott, his Lordship’s butler. The dance, which continued into the New Year, was varied by the rendering on songs, etc., by members of the company, and at the close the unanimous verdict was that a most pleasant evening had been spent.”



The Lodge, East Gate, Falkland Estate c1910 (photo from The Falkland Society collection)

15th January 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Store Manager** – “On Tuesday evening, a meeting of the members of Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society was held in the Society’s rooms for the purpose of electing a new manager in place of Mr Robert Sharp. Mr J. Speed, Freuchie, was, by a majority, appointed to the post.”



Falkland Co-op Store (on right), with Bryce’s shop on the left c1910.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Political Meeting** – “On Monday evening, a meeting in support of Mr Asquith was held in the Drill Hall. The Rev. J.H. Morrison presided over a large audience, in the absence of Major Cusin, through illness. The speakers, Mr Drummond, Mr Thom, and Mr Leng Sturrock dealt principally with the House of Lords, the Budget, and Free Trade. A resolution in favour of Mr Asquith was passed unanimously, and on the call of Mr William Meiklejohn, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speakers. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.”

5th February 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Estate of the Late Mr Gulland** – “Mr Charles Gulland, Falkland, banker and lawyer, who died on 6th August last, aged 68, left, in addition to real estate of the estimated capital value of over £5,500, personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £14,442 11s 9d, of which £14,428 15s 1d is Scottish estate, and the sole executrix of his will is his widow, Mrs Mary Rowland Halley Gulland of Millfield.”

12th February 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Heir of Falkland** – “A great sorrow possessed every indweller of the Royal and ancient burgh of Falkland last Friday, when it became known that Ninian Patrick Crichton-Stuart, the only son of Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart of Falkland had died early that morning. High hopes had been centred in the bright little boy. He had reached the most interesting age of childhood – all but three years – and with his white and golden curls was a general favourite in Falkland town whose inhabitants he had been brought up by his father and mother to regard as his friends, and with whom he had frequent intercourse. So recently as the last General Election, he was at Cardiff with his parents, and went through the streets of that town, holding a bannerette upon which was inscribed – “Please vote for my daddy.” The illness which terminated fatally did not assume a serious aspect until a few days before death. Lord Ninian, as our readers are aware, presided at the annual business meeting and dinner of the Fife Agricultural Society at Kirkcaldy on Saturday, 29th ult., and it was only when his Lordship returned home to Falkland House that evening that he found his boy’s illness had developed grave symptoms. A change for the better set in in the beginning of the week and on Tuesday Lord Ninian was again able to leave home and attend to public business in Cupar, where he spoke of going with Lady Ninian to the Continent for a short rest as soon as their son had sufficiently recovered. This hope was not to be realised; the illness once more became acute, and the patient’s weakened strength gave out on

Friday morning, as stated. The funeral took place at 11.30am on Monday. Mass was said in the private chapel at Falkland House in the morning, after which the remains, enclosed in a plain, oak coffin, with silver mountings, made in Falkland, was carried by four of the estate keepers down the private walk to the restored Chapel Royal of Falkland Palace. Here, where Scottish kings and queens had bowed the knee in worship in bygone centuries, and where the original pulpit, a magnificent screen in oak and a decorated panelled roof still remain to attest the chapel's ancient beauty, a religious service was conducted, according to the rites of the Church of Rome, by the Bishop of Galloway, assisted by Lord Ninian's private chaplain, the Rev. Father Henry Woods. The Dowager Marchioness of Bute and Lady Ninian were present at this service. On its conclusion, a long procession, preceded by acolytes bearing the cross, was formed, and, slowly emerging from the Palace gates, wended its way through Falkland town to the House of Falkland avenue. Turning sharply in this avenue to the left, and crossing a turbulent stream by a strong stone bridge, the company arrived at a spot to the south-east of the Mansion where a grave had been prepared, and which is hereafter to be set apart as a private cemetery. The remains, borne shoulder-high by the keepers in Highland garb, were followed by Lord Ninian (his head uncovered), and by the Marquess of Bute, both of whom were also attired in the Highland costume of the Stuarts, the Marquess carrying his brother's bonnet. Lord Ninian's younger brother, Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart, was also present, and at the grave another religious service was conducted by the clergymen named. The prayers were said in Latin, and were followed by the burning of incense and the sprinkling of hyssop. The pall-bearers were: - Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, the Marquess of Bute, Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart, Mr Thomas Preston, London; Captain Slacke, Mr Archibald Pitman, W.S., Edinburgh; and Mr George Gavin, factor on the estate. Among those attending the funeral were: - The Hon. Felix Hanbury Tracey, Mr Alex. Lawson of Annfield, Mr Pat J. Home Rigg of Tarvit, Mr Cathcart of Pitcairnie, the Provost, Magistrates and Town Councillors of Falkland, Mr William D. Patrick, county clerk; Hon. Sheriff Wm. Thomson, Cupar; Mr J.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar; Mr F.W. Christie, Dairsie Mains; Mr George Dun, Woodmill; Mr James Tod, Easter Cash; Mr J. Ogilvie Fairlie, Myres Castle; Mr Alex Anderson, town clerk, Falkland; the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston, the Manse, Falkland; the Rev. J.H. Morrison, U.F. Manse, Falkland; Dr Jack, Falkland; Mr J.W. Jackson, manufacturer, Falkland; Mr Dykes, Drumdreel; Mr Calder, Corston Mill; Mr Philip, Wester Cash; Mr Morgan, Kilgour; Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland; Mr Wm. Duncan, Falkland; Mr Alex. Shanks, Falkland Wood; Mr Wm. Henderson, Reedieleys; Mr Arch. Ness, Cash Mill; Mr Robert pringle, Nether Myres; Mr Wm. Ritchie, Plains; Bailie Muir, Auchtermuchty; ex-Provost Bonthron, Auchtermuchty; Mr Lawrence Reid, Registrar, Falkland; Mr baker, excise officer, Auchtermuchty, etc. The funeral was a very large one, and the evidence of public sympathy was noticeable in the drawn blinds of the houses in Falkland and in the silent respectful attitude of groups of women and children who looked on from different points of vantage. Snow fell softly during the whole ceremony, and mantled the trees and grounds in white. Many beautiful wreaths were sent from Cardiff, including one from

the Cardiff Conservative Association, another from the members of the Coal Exchange, and a number from friends belonging to all sides of politics. Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart have one other child – a baby daughter.

19th February 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “Mr George Smith, who has acted as postrunner here for the last 12 years, has been transferred to Kingskettle to take charge of a delivery there, and as a mark of the esteem of his many friends and well-wishers in the town and neighbourhood, he has been presented with a handsome gold watch. The presentation was made on the evening of Saturday last when Mr John Sheriff, on behalf of the subscribers, and with a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks, handed over the watch. Mr Smith suitably replied.”

26th February 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Dance** – “The annual assembly of Falkland Cricket Club was held on Friday last, when there was a splendid gathering in the Drill Hall. The dance commenced at nine o’clock, and continued until early morning. During the interval, songs were contributed by Miss Beveridge, Kingskettle, and the Messrs Andrew Melville, Glasgow and George Gardner, Falkland. The dance was a great success, both socially and financially, and the tasteful way in which the hall was decorated and the manner in which the arrangements were carried out reflected great credit on the Committee. Mr Adamson, Kettle, supplied the music, and Messrs Alexander Grieve and Peter Robertson acted efficiently as M.C’s.”

5th March 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Sunday morning at a meeting of the Falkland Y.M.C.A., Mr Robert T. Thomson was presented by his fellow members with a handsome Bible on the occasion of his leaving Falkland Estate Office where he has been employed for the last two and a half years. Mr Thomson was also the recipient on Friday last of a Swan fountain pen as a parting gift from his companions.”

19th March 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys’ Training** – “A commencement was made on Monday evening, with the training of the boys of the town in connection with the

formation of a Boys' Brigade, or Boy Scouts, when over 50 boys mustered together in the Drill Hall. Mr Donaldson, bank agent, has undertaken the work of drilling the boys."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club Dinner** – "The annual dinner of the Curling Club was held on Wednesday evening last week in the Town Hall, when a large number of members were present. The purveying was in the capable hands of Mr and Mrs Angus of the Commercial Hotel. A number of new members were initiated."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Recital** – "On Friday, the Band of Hope in connection with the Established Church gave their annual recital, the piece chosen being "The Shadow of a Life". The story was ably read by the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston, and beautifully illustrated with lime-light views. The children acquitted themselves splendidly, and reflected great credit on the conductor, Mr George Spence."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – "On Saturday Falkland Brass band held a concert in the Drill Hall, in aid of their funds. Provost Jackson presided. A long and varied programme was sustained by the following artistes from the "Lang Toon": - Misses Jessie Melville (soprano) and Aggie Reid (contralto), Messrs D. Thomson (tenor), W. Leitch (bass), J. Keddie (baritone), and W. Smart (comedian). The marked ability with which these ladies and gentlemen rendered the various items evoked the greatest enthusiasm from a "house" crowded in every part. The band, who made their first appearance in their new uniforms, also rendered in a very creditable manner various selections during the evening."

2nd April 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Boy's Prize** – "Master Robert L. Hamilton, a pupil in the senior division of Falkland Public School, carried off the first prize in Messrs Carr & Co's painting competition open to school boys over 11 years of age in the counties of Fife, Kinross, Clackmannan, and Stirling. The prize takes the form of a complete Boy Scout outfit."

30th April 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Biddall Bros.** – "Biddall Bros. visited the town on Wednesday with their circus and cinematograph exhibition."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The Golf Club played their first march on Saturday last, when they travelled to Markinch and enjoyed an excellent game. The match ended in a win for Markinch by seven matches to three.”

14th May 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of King Edward** – “The death of King Edward evoked widespread feelings of sorrow and regret within the burgh of Falkland when it was received last Saturday morning, the unexpectedness of the sad event making it all the more startling. The bells were tolled at noon and the Town Council in their official capacity attended divine service in the Parish Church on Sabbath forenoon, the Council pew being draped in black.”



King Edward VII (1841-1910)

28th May 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “At a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday evening, the handicaps for the Lathrisk Cup tournament were arranged, and the draw for the first round made. The first round is to be played on or before the 4th June.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Dundee High School F.P.’s 2nd XI v Falkland. Scores: -

Falkland		
H. Robinson	b. Burke	37
Hon. F.H. Tracy	b. Fleming	0
H.D. Michie	c. Fleming, b. Burke	11
T. Robertson	c. Ruthven, b. Burke	30
A.H. Michie	b. Simpson	26
O. Whyte	c. Fleming, b. Fenton	4
R. Craig	c and b Simpson	4
J. Craig	b. Fleming	9
R. McIntosh	c. Jackson, b. Fleming	0
J. Lister	run out	2
A. Paterson	not out	1
	Extras	3
	Total	127
Dundee H.S. F.P.'s		
J.H.C. Jackson	c and b Michie	0
A. Fleming	c.Sub, b. Michie	4
A. Ruthven	c. Craig, b. Michie	1
C. Baxter	c. Robinson, b. Michie	3
D. Simpson	lbw, b. Michie	0
J.S. Fenton	b. Michie	3
W. Burke	b. Michie	0
C. Wilson	b. Robertson	0
J. Taylor	st. Robinson, b. Michie	1
J.P. Fleming	not out	0
D. Millar	lbw, b. Michie	0
	Extras	6
	Total	18

Bowling for Falkland: - H.D. Michie had 9 wickets for 9 runs in 8 overs, and T. Robertson 1 for 3. The team travel to Kennoway tomorrow.”

18th June 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The first two rounds of the Lathrisk cup tournament have been completed and the members who play in the third round are as follows: - David Bonthron and James Cochrane, George Anderson and John Levack, George Robertson and James Peggie, Thomas Williamson and D.A. Robertson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “A fairly strong eleven of Cupar entertained Falkland at Bonvil, Cupar, last (Thursday) night. Falkland batted first, and ran up a total of 69. Things were proceeding quite well until Stark went on to bowl, and the amateur finished up with the fine analysis of 5 wickets for 7 runs. For Falkland, Traill

gave a good display. Cupar soon passed their opponents' total, and won comfortably. The feature of the game was the display of W.G. Innes, who played faultlessly for 51. In his score were no fewer than nine boundaries."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Cowardly Assault** – "At Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday – before Sheriff Armour Hannay – Alex Davie (17), farm servant, Newton of Falkland, pleaded guilty to having on 1st June, assaulted Alex. Watson, six years of age, by tying his hands with a rope drawn tight round his body, whereby he was put into a state of great fear. The Fiscal said there were two or three boys involved in the affair, which, he believed, was intended as a joke. The Sheriff – You have pleaded guilty to what, in the eyes of the law, is a cowardly assault on this little boy, six years old, but I am quite willing to accept the statement that you are a well-behaved boy; that you will be punished by your father; that you probably did not intend to hurt the little boy, and did not realise what you were doing. You are, therefore, dismissed with an admonition, and I hope it will be a warning to you."

25th June 1910

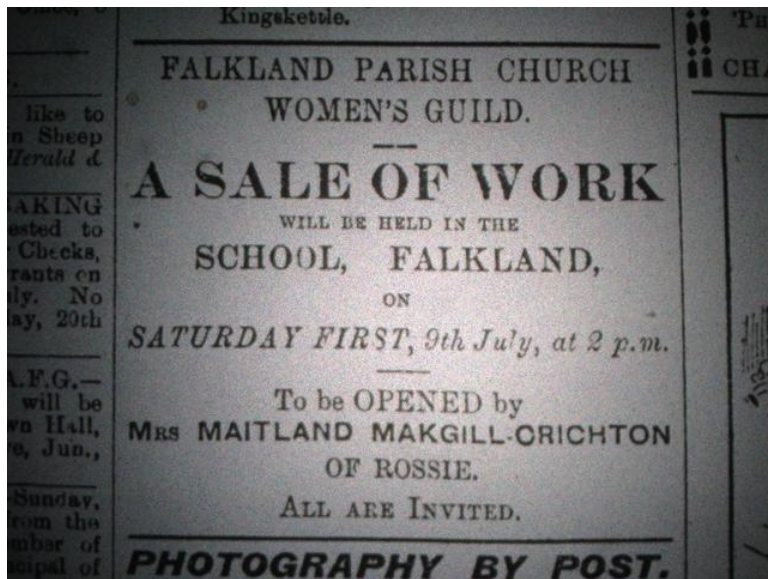
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – "The semi-finalists in the Lathrisk cup tournament are: - David Bonthron and George Anderson; George Robertson and D.A. Richardson."

2nd July 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Pic-nics** – "The annual pic-nics of the Sunday Schools of the Parish and United Free Churches here were held last Saturday. Although cloudy in the morning, the day turned out splendidly, and the weather was all that could be desired. The destination of the Parish Church party was Ramornie, and that of the United Free Church, Pitcairnie. Both companies spent a very enjoyable day, and arrived home about nine o'clock."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – "The local corps of the Boy Scouts was inspected by Major Lumsden on Wednesday evening. The Town Band was in attendance."

9th July 1910



Fife News Advert for Sale of Work

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Prospects of Electricity** – “Application has been made to the local authorities by the Fife Tramway and Electric Power Company for consent to granting of provisional Order to authorise production, supply and distribution of electricity for lighting within Falkland parish.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Picnic** – “The choir of the Parish Church here held their annual pic-nic on Saturday last. Leaving at seven o’clock in the morning, they drove via Kinross to Dunfermline, where they spent the day most enjoyably. The Carnegie baths were visited by the party, but the special attraction was Pittencrieff Glen, where excellent music by the Trust Band was heard. The excursionists returned by the route taken in the morning, and arrived home about ten o’clock.”

23rd July 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John’s Lodge of Free Masons** – “On Monday evening, at a meeting of St John’s Lodge of Free Masons, Bro. Robert Miller was presented with a very handsome marble timepiece by the brethren of the Lodge on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Jenny Richardson, late of the Schoolhouse, Falkland, which takes place in Edinburgh on Saturday first. The presentation was made by Brother Jackson, R.W.M., and Brother Miller suitably replied. A happy evening was thereafter spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sudden Death at Pic-nic** – “A party from Cowdenbeath visited the town on Wednesday, and were proceeding to the Hill by the Leslie Road when a sad calamity overtook them. Mr George Watson, pitheadman, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, had gone on the road so far with the brake, and was, along with others, walking up a part of the road near Hillfoot Cottage, when he complained of feeling faint and sat down at the roadside. He was suddenly seen to collapse, and on examination it was found he had died from heart failure. It is understood he had been troubled with heart disease for the past four years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “The corps of Boy Scouts went into camp for the first time on Saturday afternoon under the command of Mr Donaldson. The camping ground is on the Lomond Hill in the “Triangle Park”, kindly granted by Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart. Four bell tents have been put up to accommodate the boys, who number over 30. The Scouts are enjoying the experience, and will no doubt be greatly benefited by their holiday under canvas. The Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., conducted a service at the camp on Sunday evening, which was very largely attended by those interested in the boys, and by a large number of the visitors who are spending their holidays in the town.”

30th July 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “The week’s camping of the Falkland Boy Scouts came to an end on Saturday, the boys having enjoyed their holiday under canvas very much. Their Scout-master, Mr Donaldson, bank agent, was married on Wednesday 20th inst., when the following congratulatory telegram was sent from the Scout camp: -

“Your matrimonial scouting done, May happiness bless the life begun.”

There are three Companies of Scouts camping in the locality just now, viz. – Leven, Wemyss and Dysart, and they, together with the Falkland corps, attended the morning service in the Parish Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “At a special meeting of “Ye Klub”, held on the evening of Thursday last week, Mr Robert Miller jnr., was presented by his fellow members with a handsome fumed oak bureau on the occasion of his marriage. Mr Peter Robertson, in making the presentation on behalf of the members, expressed their regret at losing him as a member of “Ye Klub”, but wished him happiness in his new sphere. He asked Mr Miller to accept the bureau as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by every member. Mr Miller fittingly replied. Mr Bryce thereafter echoed the sentiments of the meeting when he

said that he hoped Mr Miller and the future Mrs Miller would have a very happy and prosperous married life. A most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being contributed by a number of those present.”



Ye Klub – Members: (Back) T. Myles, D. Bryce, Tom Robertson. (Middle) R. Miller, P. Robertson, John Kish, Jim Grieve, Rex Grieve. (Front) R.B. Bryce, H.D. Michie, Miss Byre. Also Paddy (Pete’s dog) and Bess.

13th August 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Lad Steals a Bicycle** – “At a Children’s Court in Cupar on Tuesday, before Hon. Sheriff Thomson, a young lad named William Clark, linoleum worker, South Street, Falkland, admitted having on 23rd July, stolen a bicycle in the public park at Springfield. The Fiscal said the bicycle had been leaning against a dyke in the park on the afternoon of the annual sports at Springfield, when apparently the temptation to take it away had overcome this lad. He was in the employment of Messrs Jackson, Falkland, and they were anxious that he should get a chance. He was a promising boy, and they were willing to keep him on in their service. He had no parents, and was living in lodgings. The Hon. Sheriff said that taking these circumstances into consideration, he would dismiss accused with an admonition, and he ordered him to be put under probation for six months.”

20th August 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society** – “The half-yearly meeting of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society (Ltd) was held in the Society’s rooms on Saturday, 6th inst. The report showed that the sales for the half-year had exceeded those for the corresponding period last year by over £200, and the profits had considerably increased. This state of affairs reflects great credit on Mr Speed, the manager and salesman, who entered the Society’s employment in the end of last year.”

10th September 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farm Fire** – “An outbreak of fire occurred at the farm of Falkland Wood on Wednesday afternoon at two o’clock, which resulted in the loss of a large stack of hay. Auchtermuchty Fire Brigade was soon on the ground, and in the meantime the farm servants prevented the flames from spreading to the adjoining stacks. After an hour or two, the fire was completely under control and further damage averted.”

24th September 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **1st Falkland Boy Scouts** – “During last week-end, a party of about twenty of the 1st Falkland Boy Scouts encamped about a mile out of the town on the Hill side. Practice in cookery was the main object, and a thoroughly enjoyable week-end was spent by all. Assistant Scoutmaster Gardner was in command. On Saturday the whole troop marched to Lathrisk House under the command of Scoutmaster Donaldson. Here they were treated to a substantial tea by the Hon. F. Hanbury Tracy. After tea, various sports were indulged in, and the following were a few of the principal prize-winners: - Race open to all Scouts – W.M. Venters (over 12), Andrew Page (under 12); Donkey Race – 1. W.M. Venters and Eben Allan; 2. Frank Dingwall and Ewan McMaster; Three-legged Race – W.M. Venters and R.S. Hamilton; Boot Race – Andrew Grant; Obstacle Race – 1. James Hay; 2. Robert Butters; Long Jump – 1. W.M. Venters; 2. J. Hay; 3. R. Kennedy. On Sunday, a church parade was held in the Parish Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Cricket Club Averages** – “The season just finished has been the most successful one the Club has had in recent years, although wet weather interfered with several of the matches. The batting and bowling of the Club have greatly improved, due no doubt to the splendid practice afforded by the matting wickets kindly laid down by the Hon. F. Hanbury Tracy. The total number of Club fixtures played was 15, of which 8 were won, 2 lost, and 5 drawn. The following are the averages: -

	Batting				
	No. of Inns.	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Average
H. Robinson	10	1	72	260	28.88
J. Reekie	12	3	32no	174	19.33
A. Grieve	8	4	11	46	11.50
A.H. Michie	7	1	26	65	10.83
T. Robertson	12	1	37no	116	10.55
H.D. Michie	10	1	22	85	9.44
P. Robertson	5	2	14no	24	8.00
W. Trail	10	1	27	63	7.00
Hon. F.H. Tracy	5	0	15	29	5.80
R.G. Thomson	8	1	14	37	5.28
R. Craig	11	0	17	53	4.81
Jas. Craig	8	1	9	30	4.28
T.Y. Mackenzie	4	1	5	8	2.66
W. Venters	6	1	4	11	2.20
G. Gardner	3	2	2no	2	2.00

	Bowling				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. Trail	52.3	8	122	27	4.14
H.D. Michie	114	15	263	53	4.96
R.G. Thomson	7	0	28	3	9.33
T. Robertson	51.5	12	112	10	11.20
A. Grieve	46	9	122	7	17.42
J. Reekie	58	12	142	7	20.28
A.H. Michie	29.4	1	192	8	24.00

Total runs scored for – 1213 for 115 wickets.

Averages per wicket – 10.54

Total runs scored against – 1152 for 134 wickets

Averages per wicket – 8.59



Falkland Cricket Club 1910

Back Row – T. Grant (umpire), Jas. Craig, Geo. Gardner (Hon. Secretary), R. Craig, H. Robinson (Vice-Captain), A. Grieve (Captain), J. Venters, T.Y. Mackenzie

Middle Row – P. Robertson, Hon. F. Hanbury Tracy, H.D. Michie, D.J.G. Jack (President), John Reekie, D.C. Bryce (Vice-President), T. Robertson.

Front Row – W. Traill, T.C. Schofield (Scorer), W.M. Venters.

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: - **Falkland Cricket Club** – “This Club has been in existence between 40 and 50 years, and during all that time it has enjoyed the enviable reputation of being one of the most sporting sides in the county. During the five years they were members of the Fife and Kinross League, now defunct, Falkland Club won the cup on three occasions, and were runners-up once. The Club is very fortunately placed in having the use of a splendid pitch, granted by Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, within the beautiful grounds of Falkland House. His Lordship takes a keen interest in the Club’s welfare, and occasionally lends a helping hand in their matches. This season has been one of the most successful in the Club’s history. Out of 15 matches played, 8 have been won, 5 drawn and 2 lost.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland v Markinch** – “A match between the Falkland and Markinch Clubs was played over Falkland course last Saturday. The weather was ideal, and the Markinch representatives thoroughly enjoyed their outing. The game resulted as follows: -

Markinch		Falkland	
J.S. Allan	1	Rev. A.L. Johnston	0
D. Watson	0	D. Patterson	1
J. Black	1	W. Peggie	0
A.B. Anderson	0	J. Anderson	1
A.A. Brand	0	D.A. Richardson	1
H. Guthrie	1	R. Stewart	0
J.S. Cowe	1	Rev. C. Fraser	0
T. Nivison	1	A. Anderson	0
James Walker	1	J. Methven	0
W.S. Taylor	1	A. Venters	0
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8th October 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lodging Without Permission** – “At Cupar Sheriff Court on Wednesday, Daniel Sullivan, labourer, of no fixed residence, was charged with having on the previous day, lodged in a straw-house at Millfield Cottage, Falkland, the property of William Grant, butcher, without the permission of the owner. He pleaded guilty, and the sentence imposed by Hon. Sheriff Substitute Bruce was 10s of five days.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “A concert in aid of the Falkland Girls Club, which has been opened this week, was held in the Drill Hall on the evening of Saturday last. Provost Jackson presided over a good audience, and the entertainment was very enjoyable. The programme was sustained by Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, House of Falkland; Miss Skene, Pitlour; Miss McLaren, Kirkcaldy; Capt. R.C. Slacke, Falkland; and Messrs Christie, Orr, and Hunter, Glasgow. On the call of the Chairman, three hearty cheers were given to those who had so ably contributed to the evening’s enjoyment.”

15th October 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Tuesday evening, the 1st Falkland Troop of Boy Scouts, under the command of Assistant Scout-master Gardner, met in

their headquarters in High Street, Falkland, and presented their Scout-master, Mr Donaldson, with a handsome barometer as a marriage gift. The following members of the Scout Committee were also present: - The Rev. A.L. Johnston, the Rev. J.H. Morrison and Messrs J.B. Ogilvie, D. Bonthron and G. Robertson. Mr Johnston presided over the gathering, and called upon Patrol Leader William Burgon to make the presentation, who, on behalf of the 1st Falkland Boy Scouts, requested Scout-master Donaldson to accept the barometer as a marriage gift in token of their appreciation of the strenuous and wholehearted manner in which he had worked for the improvement of the Troop, and he expressed the hope that Mr and Mrs Donaldson would have a long and prosperous married life, and also that their interest for the welfare of the Troop would be continued in years to come. Mr Donaldson thanked the Scouts for the beautiful gift they had presented to him, and said that he appreciated very much the spirit which had prompted them to do him such an honour. The Proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr Johnston for presiding. The Troop have been busy practicing for the concert and display which is to be held tonight (Friday)."

22nd October 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – On the evening of Friday last, a concert was held in the Drill Hall in aid of the funds of the local troop of Boy Scouts. Scout-master Donaldson presided over a very large audience, and in his opening remarks he gave a report of the work that was being carried on amongst the boys. The programme which was submitted proved a very excellent and enjoyable one, and was ably sustained by the following ladies and gentlemen: - Miss Margaret Pirie, A.R.M.C., and Miss Templeton, Dundee; Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie; Miss Dun, Woodmill; Dr William Kinnear, Dundee; and Mr George Gardner, Falkland. Miss Pirie also acted very efficiently as accompanist. The Scouts themselves contributed to the entertainment by rendering two choruses "Marching through Georgia" and "The Maple Leaf", and a number of the Scouts took part in a sketch entitled "Kidnapped", which they carried through in a very acceptable manner. On the call of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to those who had taken part in the evening's entertainment, which had been thoroughly enjoyed by all. The concert was brought to a close with the singing of "God save the King."

29th October 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Charges Against Hotel-Keeper Dropped** – "At a J.P. Court, held at Cupar on Wednesday – Hon. Sheriff Bruce and Colonel Campbell on the bench – a charge was to have been brought against William Alexander Mason,

Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, for having on 3rd October – the autumn holiday in Falkland – a day on which, under the licensing by-laws the Magistrates ordered the closing of all licensed premises within the burgh, sold whisky, port wine and champagne in quantities to the prosecutor unknown, to or for the consumption of an assistant farmer then residing at Falkland Wood, an engineer from Toronto, and a professional golfer from Melbourne, Australia. Mr J.L. Anderson, solicitor, who appeared for Mr Mason, tendered a plea of not guilty. Mr J.K. Tasker, the J.P. Fiscal, explained that proceedings had been taken against the license-holder for the alleged sale of liquor on a holiday, but as the by-law under which the complaint was made had been abolished at a meeting of the District Licensing Court the previous day, he was not sure, as Prosecutor, if the Justices would find that he was altogether justified in insisting on prosecuting under this by-law, in which a man might be punished today for what was apparently to be no offence tomorrow. If their Honours agreed with him, he proposed to withdraw the prosecution. Mr J.L. Anderson said he was glad that the Fiscal had mentioned the point, because if he had not, he (Mr Anderson) intended bringing it up. The course the Fiscal proposed, he thought, was the right one in the circumstances. From the proceedings at the Licensing Court the previous day they must take it that the by-law in question had been found to be inexpedient and unnecessary, and that the closing of licensed premises in burghs, while public houses in the neighbourhood, perhaps only a mile or two distant, were allowed to remain open, was a mistaken policy. No doubt when the by-law was enacted it was thought a right policy, but after the experience of a year or two it was found to be a mistake. He fully expected that Mr Tasker would take the course he had proposed, and he felt the Bench would allow the prosecution to be withdrawn. The Justices having consulted, Hon. Sheriff Bruce said they found that the constables had been justified in reporting the case, but under the circumstances related by the Fiscal and the action of the Licensing Court the previous day, they had decided to allow the charge to drop. Mr Anderson stated that it had been a bona-fide transaction as far as his client was concerned.”

5th November 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Minister's Stipend Increased** – “In the Teind Court in Edinburgh on Friday, application was made on behalf of the minister of Falkland for an augmentation of three chalders, to raise the stipend to 26 chalders. The last augmentation, it was stated, was in 1887. The heriters agreed to the augmentation asked. The application was granted.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The annual meeting of Falkland Cricket Club was held last week. The Club have had a very successful season, both as regards the fixtures and finances. A photo of the members will appear in the forthcoming

issue of the Fife News & Coast Chronicle Almanac. It was agreed to hold the annual assembly on 2nd December next.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Elections** – “There was no poll in either the municipal election or Parish Council election, and the members were elected as follows: -

Town Council – Robert Drysdale, William Horne, John Leaburn, and Andrew Lister.

Parish Council – Alexander Fraser, Robert Miller, Walter Peggie, and John Sheriff.

Messrs Horne and Leaburn are new members of the Town Council, in place of Bailie Thomas Sutherland and Councillor Michael Reekie. Bailie Sutherland has served on the Council for the past 30 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual meeting of the Falkland Golf Club was held in the Club-house on Thursday last week, when Mr Cochrane was re-appointed Captain of the Club.”

12th November 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At a special meeting of Council on Friday, Mr Robert Drysdale was appointed Senior Bailie and Mr Andrew Lister Junior Bailie.

19th November 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin’ o’ The Cooncil** – “The Kirkin’ o’ the Cooncil” took place on Sunday, when the members attended the Parish Church in the forenoon and the United Free Church in the afternoon. “

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Chrysanthemum Show** – “At the chrysanthemum show held in Edinburgh on Wednesday, Mr William Young, head gardener to Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, at Falkland Palace Gardens, had the distinction of winning the Scottish Cup.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Councillors Entertained** – “On Saturday evening, the members of the Town Council and their officials, along with a few

friends, were entertained to supper in the Commercial Hotel on the kind invitation of Provost Jackson. After the excellent supper, purveyed by Mr and Mrs Angus, a toast-list was gone through, and with songs rendered by members of the company, a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.”

26th November 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Wednesday evening, Miss Barbara Paterson, South Street (East), Falkland, was presented by her fellow workers at Pleasance Works, with a silver teapot, jelly dish and tray. Mr William Paton, yarn warehouseman, handed over the gifts, and conveyed to Miss Paterson the good wishes of those with whom she had been associated in her work. Miss Paterson suitably replied. She sails shortly to Mexico to be married there.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A. Presentation** – “A special meeting of the Young Men’s Christian Association was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening at eight o’clock, when Mr George Robertson, secretary of the Association, was presented with a handsome green onyx eight day French striking clock, on the occasion of his marriage which takes place on Saturday first. Mr Walter Peggie, president, stated that Mr Robertson was one of the original members of the Association, which was commenced 13 years ago, and during that time he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary in a very efficient manner. On behalf of the Falkland Y.M.C.A., Mr Peggie requested Mr Robertson to accept the clock as a token of the respect in which he was held by his fellow members and as an expression of their best wishes for long life and prosperity. He wished him and his future wife, every happiness during their married life. Mr Robertson, in his reply, thanked the members very cordially for the beautiful gift they had presented to him, and said that it would be greatly appreciated by him as long as he lived.”

3rd December 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “Mr William Blackwood of the Scottish Permissive Bill Association gave a lecture on “Home, Land and Liquor”, on Thursday last week in the Drill Hall. The Rev. J.N. Morrison, M.A. presided.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr John Reekie** – “Mr John Reekie, who recently went to Manchester to take up duties in the Post Office there, has been transferred to Aberdeen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lectures** – “The second of the course of popular lectures was held last Friday in the Drill Hall, when Mr A. Mackie, M.A., Aberdeen, delivered a very interesting and entertaining lecture on “Johnny Gibb o’ Gushetneuk”. Mr Mackie, who showed a very intimate knowledge of his subject, gave excellent descriptions of the various characters in the story, and his rendering of the passages illustrating the old Aberdeenshire dialect was highly appreciated. On the motion of the Rev. Mr Morrison, the chairman of the meeting, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Mackie.”

7th December 1910

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P. of Falkland. The “Farmers’ Friend”** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart is the second son of the late Marquess of Bute, and since he entered into possession of his estate of Falkland in May 1904, he has nobly discharged the responsibilities of his position. He has been well called the “Farmers’ Friend”, for every movement designed to advance the farmers’ interests in Fife receives invaluable support at his hands. As President of the Fife Farmers’ Club during two terms of office, he has exceeded the highest expectations, not only in placing the resources of his establishment at the officials’ service when opportunity offers, and doing generous deeds for the good of all the members, but in personally assisting in the management of the Society’s affairs, and directing its summer show with the greatest zeal and enthusiasm. To the same characteristics and his capabilities as a public speaker is undoubtedly due the memorable decision of the Highlands and Agricultural Society of Scotland to hold its 1912 show in Fife or Kinross. At the General Election in January 1910 Lord Ninian also made a great impression as the Unionist candidate in one of the divisions of Glamorganshire. On December 7th, 1910, he captured the Cardiff seat by a majority of 299. In Lady Ninian, he has an able helpmeet, and with energy, ability and youth on his side, he may be relied on to make his mark on the history of both our county and our country.”



Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart

17th December 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Honouring Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “In honour of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart’s great victory at the polls at Cardiff, arrangements have been made at a meeting of Falkland tenantry and others, convened by the Provost, to hold a torchlight procession on Monday evening first at eight o’clock.”



Lord Ninian Chrichton Stuart arriving home after winning the Cardiff seat, Dec 1910.

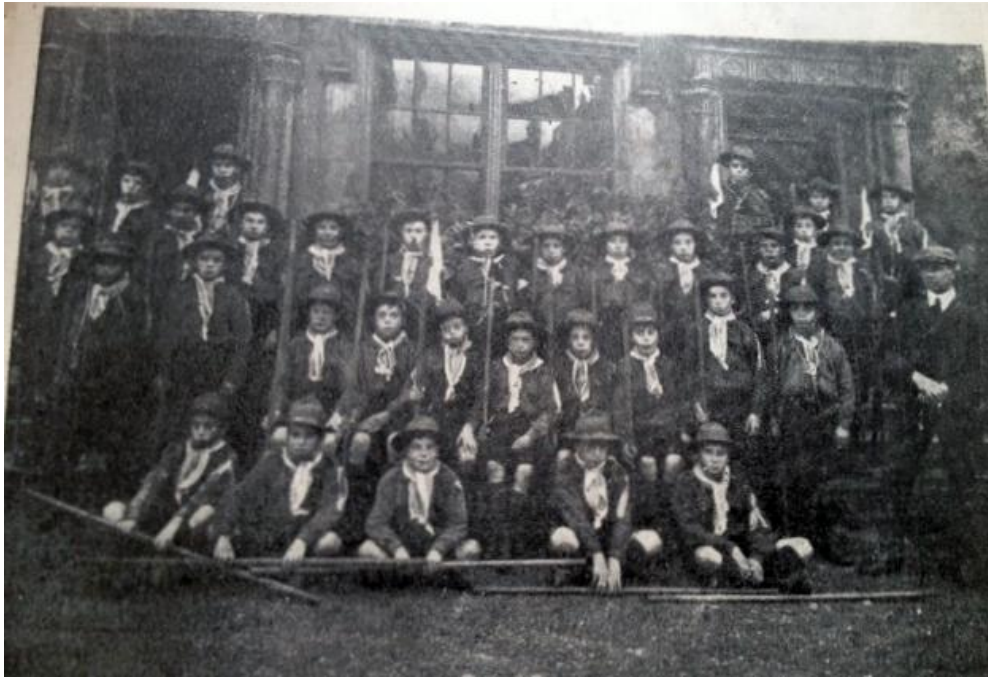
(photo from the Falkland Society collection)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “During the evening of the Falkland Cricket Club dance, held on Friday 2nd December, Mr H.D. Michie, who acted as Secretary of the Club for many years, was presented with a fountain pen and cigar case on the occasion of his leaving for a situation in Dundee. Dr J.G. Jack, president of the Club, handed over the gifts, and Mr Michie suitably returned thanks.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Friday last, the third lecture of the course was held in the Drill Hall, when Mrs Donaldson, Bank House, entertained a large audience to a very interesting and instructive lecture on “A Tour through Belgium and South Germany”. The lecture was splendidly illustrated with lime-light views. On the call of Dr Jack, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Donaldson for her excellent lecture.”

24th December 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “On Saturday last, the local troop of Scouts, under Scoutmaster Donaldson and Assistant Scoutmaster Gardner, marched to Auchtermuchty, to take part in the rally which was held there during the afternoon. On arrival at Auchtermuchty, they were met by the troop recently formed there, and also by the troops from Strathmiglo and Newburgh. The whole Company then proceeded to the Cross, where a photograph was taken by Mr Frank Findlay, and after this was done, they marched to the Victoria Hall, where they were addressed by Mr Herbert Pullar, of Bridge of Earn, Scout Commissioner for Perthshire. He gave the boys a very practical and instructive address on the principles of the Scouting movement, and after having demonstrated how to dress a wound when rendering first aid, he presented each of the troops with a very neat and compact ambulance outfit. On the motion of Provost Ferlie, who presided, Mr Pullar was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his splendid address. After partaking of tea, the various troops returned home.”



Boy Scouts from Falkland, Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo and Newburgh.

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac: Historical Tableaux at House of Falkland* –
“Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart at House of Falkland organised three public entertainments during the Christmas and New Year holidays (1910-1911), in aid of the Falkland Girls’ Club. The following photograph shows some of the tableaux: -



Visit to Falkland Palace of King James and his Queen. (Date between 1436 and 1460)

Hon. B. Howard (gentleman-in-waiting), Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart (King James I if Scotland), the Hon. Mrs C. Hanbury Tracy (Queen Jean), Miss Lane Fox and Mr A. Rawlinson (lady and gentleman-in-waiting)."

31st December 1910

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Service** – “A special service of praise was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, when several anthems were rendered by members of the choir. Solos were also sung by Miss Agnes Forsyth and Mr George Spence.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “In the Drill Hall on Monday, Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart entertained the whole of the school children of Falkland, numbering about 240, to a Christmas treat, consisting of tea and a gift from a Christmas tree to each child. On the call of the Rev. A. Lyon Johnston, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the noble host and hostess for their kindness. The purveying was in the capable hands of Mr Mason of the Bruce Arms.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “The brethren of St John’s Lodge (No. 35) held their annual St John’s festival in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Monday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent with song and sentiment. The I.P.M., Bro. James Jackson was presented with a handsome P.M. jewel. The R.W.M., Bro. Alex Grieve, made the presentation in a neat speech. I.P.M. Bro. Jackson suitable replied. Bro. Mason purveyed in his well-known and up-to-date style. The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing year: - R.W.M., Alex Grieve; S.W., P. Robertson; J.W., Wm. Reid; S.D., J. Donaldson; J.D., D. Munro; I.G., H.W. Skinner; O.G., J. Walker.”

Falkland Almanac

Population according to 1901 Census – 2,229

Magistrates and Town Council – Provost, Charles Jackson jnr.; 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 Officers, John Walker and Robert Strachan.

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

School Board – Clerk, John Sheriff; Members, J.L. Lumsden (Chairman), Robert Miller, Rev. A.L. Johnston, William Horne, David Rymer, Rev. J.M. Richardson and David Bonthron; 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, James Cochrane; Secretary, J. Peggie; Treasurer, A. Anderson.

Ladies Golf Club – Miss Gulland, Captain; Miss Cochrane, Secretary.

Boy Scouts – James Donaldson, Scoutmaster; George Gardener, Assistant Scoutmaster.

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