

TODAY'S NEWS

Have I got old news for you?

Lochwinnoch early 1800's



1886

Through kindness, **Lady Elizabeth Lee Harvey** and the Rev. R Z Gilfillan was able to arrange for a dinner to the deserving poor on Christmas Day. The entertainment was given in the Court Hall where 100 adults and children were regaled with a substantial repast of roast beef, steak pie, mince and potatoes and plum pudding.

1877

Two eggs of unusually large dimensions were laid by two ducks belonging to Mr Thomas Orr of Belltrees, Lochwinnoch. They weighed 5 ounces each and 7 inches in length

1903

Continued ...The **Angling Club** have taken a 15 year lease on Castle Semple Loch and for a few years have been rooting out the pike and stocking the loch with Loch Leven trout.

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There is a post office in Lochwinnoch and there are carriers both to Glasgow and Paisley more than once a-week, besides carriers passing through the parish weekly to Greenock, Port-Glasgow, etc. For facilitating this intercourse, there are excellent turnpike roads and bridges in all directions. Fences are raised everywhere, and there are private roads, generally good, to every part of the parish that is inhabited. A stage coach passes twice a-day along the road between Beith and Paisley, about a mile south from the village of Lochwinnoch.

The course of a canal between Glasgow and Ardrossan, passing along the side of Castle Semple Loch, was marked off about thirty years ago, and the canal was actually made as far as Johnstone. But an Act of Parliament has been obtained to form a railroad throughout the same line of country, and it has been executed from the harbour of Ardrossan as far as the coal-works in the neighbourhood of Eglinton, but, I suspect it will not soon be



1891

The appointment of an assistant **Sanitary Inspector** is proposed by Rev. James Murray. The salary to be fixed at 35s a week.

1900

Escaped Lunatics. The Inspector reported that two female lunatics had escaped from their guardian at Lochwinnoch on the 24th March. One had since been found at Irvine, and that enquiry was still being made for the other.

1874

On the evening of Friday the 25th, this village was occasioned by the fact that an **amateur concert** was being given in the Town Hall for the benefit of the poor of the district.

The **entertainment** was a varied description, comprising a selection of vocal and instrumental pieces and readings.

carried through to Glasgow.

Education 1800s

There are altogether ten schools in this parish, two or three of which are very small, and others are not



large; but there are about 400 children attending all these schools. The parochial schoolmaster has the legal accommodations of a house and garden, and the maximum salary of £34 4s 5d; but hitherto the teacher has paid £3 of this sum to a teacher at Glenhead, a village on the south side of the loch, who has, besides this, a school-house, a dwelling-house, and a small garden. The teacher at Hollowood, the other village on that side of the loch, has the same accommodations, and sometimes a sum raised by voluntary subscription; but there is no regular salary attached to this school.

There is in the village of Lochwinnoch, a school supported by the proprietors of the New Mill. They have, very much to their honour, provided an excellent school-room, giving the teacher a salary of £36 a year, and requiring him to teach 60 scholars through the day, 30 under twelve years of age, who leave the mill before the others, and meet in school at six o'clock, and 60 who meet at eight o'clock in the evening. These children pay only 9d. a quarter to defray the expense of paper, slates, etc., which are provided for them. But the teacher is permitted to take in more than 60 scholars if they apply, exacting of these additional scholars the ordinary rate of wages. All the other schools are wholly unendowed. In about one-half of the schools there is nothing taught but reading, and perhaps a little English grammar, writing, and arithmetic.