



The LEOD VOICE

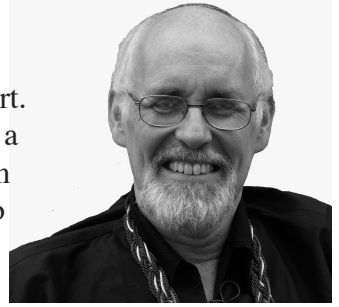
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY IAN C. MACLEOD

This is my eighth and last, President's Report. It has been a tremendous honour, and a privilege, to serve as your President. We are an ancient Clan, and it has been awe inspiring to have held a leadership role amongst so many fine Clansfolk, who all share this common ancestry and pride.



My biggest regret is that I couldn't have travelled more to meet more of you in person. My health (MS) limits my mobility a bit, and my family gets anxious about my solo travels. Having said that, with the power of emails, I have tried to keep the lines of communication open.

OVERVIEW OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS

In opening, I will recap a few of the significant events, good and bad, over the past four years.

Travels: I attended the NAG in Chicago in 2004 and Parliament in 2006 (and I will attend NAG 2008 in Ottawa). Bracketing Chicago, I drove, coast to coast, east across the USA and back across Canada, most of it with my son, Cam and, on the Canadian portion, my oldest daughter, Heather (*Clan Magazine* Co-Editor). We met with Clansfolk from every society in Canada.

In 2005, Heather and I took part in the Alberta Centennial celebrations honouring Col. James F. Macleod, in Fort Macleod and Fort Calgary, meeting with Clansfolk from both Alberta societies. It was moving to be part of the group of six (RCMP Commissioner, a Blackfoot elder, a Canadian Senator, an Alberta cabinet Minister, Mayor of Fort Macleod and me) who planted trees at Fort Macleod in memory of RCMP officers killed in Alberta in the line of duty, including the four who had recently lost their lives in Mayerthorpe.

On every visit, the hospitality was outstanding.

In February 2005 and 2006, I attended ACMS Board meetings in Edinburgh, each time very kindly hosted in the home of Ruari (CMS Scotland President) and Anne (Parliament 2006 Coordinator) Halford-MacLeod. On one visit, I even had lunch (very loosely defined) with Prince William (at least he was at the next table in the tiny pub in Elie, on Scotland's east coast).

NAG & Parliament: As always, the highlights were the gatherings – the NAG in Chicago in 2004 and Parliament 2006. About 48 Canadians (of about 300), including 12 “younger” MacLeods, attended Parliament. Our future is in good hands. All three Chiefs were active participants. That interaction amongst our Clansfolk and with the Chiefs was wonderful.

Passing of Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod: By far, the most significant event was the sudden passing of Chief John, in February 2007. He had been Chief since November 1976, the same year that CMSC had been formed. Much has been written about his accomplishments as a Chief, a person and a friend. He had made a huge contribution, and will be sorely missed. But life goes on, and we immediately welcomed Chief Hugh as the 30th Chief of the Clan MacLeod.

I have recently exchanged notes with Ulrika, Lady MacLeod (Chief John’s widow). She had been invited to attend the NAG, but had declined, being still overwhelmed with Chief John’s memories. She did say that she had “been surrounded with kindness and love from family and friends both on my side and John’s”. We will continue to give her whatever support we can.

CELEBRATIONS:

Over the past 4 years we have had much to celebrate:

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries: the 60th wedding anniversaries of Ed & Jean McKenna (Ottawa), Joan & Norman MacLeod Rogers (Central Ontario), Bill & Edith McLeod (Vancouver) and Donald & Angela MacLeod (Vancouver); and the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob & Barbara MacLeod Armstrong (Ottawa).

Weddings: Neil McLeod (Past CMSC President) and June Constantine (CMSC Secretary), Ken (CMSC Pacific VP) and Cheryl MacLeod, Karen Macleod (President Central Ontario Society and Colin & Beth’s daughter) and Paul McCrimmon (Don & Lesley’s son), and Kirstin Ridout (then President, Vancouver Society) and John MacQueen.

Society Anniversaries: We also celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Glengarry Society, 50th of Vancouver, 50th of Central Ontario and 20th of Manitoba.

Clanspersons of the Year: Awarded to Colin & Beth Macleod (2004 – Central Ontario), Bob & Connie McLeod (2005-Manitoba) and Rick Tipple (posthumously) (2006-Vancouver).

Young MacLeods: Sarah Burnell (Ottawa), the fiddler at Parliament, was awarded the “Best Young Performer for 2006” at the Canadian Folk Music Awards in Edmonton.

Deaths: But everything was not all happiness. In addition to Chief John, we saw the passing of far too many of others of our Clansfolk, including many of our current and past leadership:

Overseas: in Scotland, the great storyteller, Norman of Suardal and, in Australia, the father of Liz, wife of Chief John of Raasay.

Canada: at the Regional and National leadership level, Ed McKenna (Co-Clansperson of the Year, 2000), Dr. Alex (former President, Central Ontario), Colin Macleod (Co-Chair, NAG 2000 and Co-Clansperson of the Year, 2004), Dr. Clyde & Joan McLeod (parents of VP Dr. Don), and Rick Tipple (*Leod Voice* Editor and posthumous Clansperson of the Year, 2006).

Recently, Past President Neil's brother, Ian, weakened from cancer treatments, fell and did not recover. There were far too many others at the local society level, including Katherine Crawford (Ottawa), Cay Wilson and Ann MacLeod (Vancouver). My apologies if I have missed some others.

Local Societies: A few local societies lapsed -Quebec, Victoria, Nova Scotia North and PEI - but new ones were formed or reinvigorated in Cape Breton and Vancouver Island.

ACMS ACTIVITIES:

The world body, the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS) is managed by the nine National Society Presidents and four elected officers. You most see ACMS through the *Clan MacLeod Magazine*. New Co-Editors were appointed, Emma Halford-MacLeod in Scotland (daughter of Ruari and Anne) and Heather MacLeod in Canada (my daughter). They put out their first issue (#99) in the Fall of 2004 and the 100th issue in the Spring of 2005. By almost all accounts, Clansfolk around the world have much enjoyed the new format.

But ACMS does much more. Over these four years new By-Laws and Development Plan were drafted and ratified; the Challenge Grant (\$20,000) was met with matching funds from around the world; the Jim Hunter book, *Scottish Exodus* was published; the German Clan MacLeod Society was ratified; Parliament was successfully organized; the DNA study expanded; the Norman of Suardal tapes published and various restoration projects undertaken on traditional MacLeod sites. All of this demonstrates outstanding commitment to our shared heritage, from volunteers around the world (without exception, we are all volunteers).

COMMUNICATIONS:

I have done, and will continue to do, some writing, including:

Canada Profile: In preparation for our National Display at Parliament, I prepared an eight page, point form, profile of Canada, that was very informative and well received.

Brochure: Included with this *Leod Voice* is a new brochure that I prepared over the past few months.

Canadian Clan MacLeod History: I have found that our “institutional memory” is not very good. So I have started to gather material to write a brief booklet on a history of the CMSC. There is no rush, but I will work on it over the next year or two.

Leod Voice: The CMSC has no direct members of its own, but serves as a communication conduit amongst you and to and from the ACMS. Within Canada, the two biggest means of communication are emails and, much more importantly, the *Leod Voice*.

Without the loyal and able efforts of the Editor of the *Leod Voice*, we would be lost. For that reason, a huge amount of thanks goes out to Judy Tipple (and before her, Rick Tipple), who so loyally and ably gives freely of her time and skill to keep us all informed.

Moving Forward: It has been an active and interesting four years, with plenty of ups and downs, but, on balance, a most enjoyable time. I thank all of you for your support, and very much look forward to helping Dr. Don as he takes over as President for the next four years.

BACK TO THE PRESENT, AND FORWARD

Significant Events: I tried to recognize significant anniversaries, birthdays and weddings, but could only do that if I knew about them. I know of only one since the last issue of the *Leod Voice* - Donald & Angela MacLeod (Vancouver) celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 17, 2007. They have been long time stalwarts of the Vancouver Society. Congratulations again to Donald and Angela.

Some Interesting MacLeods In History: I am always on the lookout for MacLeods who have made a difference, especially Canadian ones. Here is an outstanding one.

Dr. Colin Munro MacLeod: (1909 – 1972), from Port Hastings, NS, was one of the most important medical researchers of the 20th Century, and the co-discoverer of DNA as the building block of genetics. He graduated from McGill Medical School at 23.

Together with fellow Nova Scotian, Dr. Oswald Avery, and American,

Dr. Maclyn McCarty, while doing research at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, they provided the first experimental evidence that the genetic material of living cells is composed of DNA. In February 1944, they published the first of their scientific papers on their findings.

They were nominated for a Nobel Prize, but none ever won one. As to the failure to receive a Nobel Prize, Nobelist and former president of Rockefeller University, Dr. Joshua Lederberg, said “Nobel Prize nominations are complicated, but everybody including the Nobel Committee will acknowledge that this was their most significant failure.” He added, “There must be 20 to 25 prizes that have been awarded for work that depends on this team’s seminal paper.”

He also said “There is no question that the 1944 paper was the turning point in the concept that the chemistry of genes was DNA,” said. “It was the pivotal discovery of 20th-century biology.”

Nobelist Sir Peter Medawar called the team’s isolation of genes in pure chemical form “the most interesting and portentous biological experiment of the 20th century.”

Retired U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan stated “The medical research work by Avery, McCarty and MacLeod conducted at Rockefeller University during World War II changed the course of the world, reduced suffering and contributed immeasurably to the quality of life as we know it.”

This is heady stuff, especially given our modern day interest of Clan MacLeod in DNA studies.

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA (CMSC) MATTERS

Brochure / Membership Development: As I promised earlier, I have produced a new brochure. I tried to draft an informative one, based on questions that are most often asked at Highland Games or by email. Hopefully this can be used as a membership recruitment tool.

Two brochures have been enclosed with this *Leod Voice*. I urge that you write in the contact information for your own Society, on the back panel, and send it to two friends or family, with an invitation to join your local society.

Gift memberships: Likewise, I encourage each of you to give a gift membership in your local Clan MacLeod Society, especially for your kids or grandkids. If each of you gives just one new membership, we would double our membership overnight. Hopefully, we would also bring in a good number of younger MacLeods, Septs or friends of the clan, who are our future.

Facebook communications: We have had a challenge in finding a web master, but we do have a web presence, through the ACMS site. We do get some enquiries, which I answer directly. Our Internet Co-ordinator, Norman, recently opened a group on Facebook, under the name “Canadian Clan MacLeod Society”, at www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4498479067. Not everyone agrees with using Facebook, but it is another tool of communication and outreach. It is not a chat room, with all of the negative connotations that that entails. Given the number of “unofficial” MacLeod sites on Facebook, it is important to have one that is accurate. It is also a notice board for upcoming Clan events. It now has about 30 members, from at least five countries. This is the way that younger people today communicate and we must get into their medium.

North American Gathering 2008 – Ottawa, July 2-6, 2008: I encourage you all to attend. Details are at www.macleodgathering2008.ca/. There are attractive room rates and meal packages. It promises to be a great event. If you arrive a couple of days early, it will also be a great opportunity to take part in the July 1 Canada Day celebrations in our National Capital.

Chief John of Raasay and Liz are confirmed attendees. They will be travelling via England. Chief Donald of the Lewes is seriously considering attending, but has not yet confirmed.

Dr. Don - New Canadian CMSC President: Dr. Don, from Merritt BC, takes over as CMSC President on July 5, at the NAG Saturday night gala. Many of you will have met him, his wife Chris and four kids (and his late parents, Dr. Clyde and Joan) at Parliaments, NAGs and other Clan MacLeod events. He is deeply immersed in “things MacLeod” and is also a piper (a bonus!), as is at least one of his sons. His home in Merritt is modelled on Dunvegan Castle and the meeting hall is heavily decorated with Scottish memorabilia. Past President Neil and CMSC Secretary June also live in Merritt, so he will have lots of close-at-hand support. We are in great hands moving forward. Welcome Don!

ASSOCIATED CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES (ACMS) MATTERS

I have just a few notes to add about ACMS activities.

Chiefs: A number of you have asked how it is that we now have three Chiefs (MacLeod, Lewis and Raasay). Here is what Malcolm, ACMS President, said regarding Chief Donald of the Lewes and Chief John of Raasay, in the February 2008 ACMS minutes:

“Broadly speaking Raasay had been a Chief in his own right since

Malcolm X of Lewis died in battle [1761]. Dame Flora had united the two great families in 1959 by inviting Torquil XVI of Raasay to the 1959 Parliament. Torquil Roderick XVII successfully petitioned Lord Lyon for grant of arms as Chief of the Lewes [1988] and he bequeathed [2001] Lewes to his elder son Donald and Raasay to his younger son John [now 18th Chief], which is where we are today.”

Fundraising: Please recall my notes regarding the voluntary fundraising scheme proposed by the ACMS, as I set out in the last *Leod Voice*. If every MacLeod member voluntarily donates at least \$4.25 per year, the goal of building a permanent endowment fund can be met.

Parliament 2010: The dates for Parliament 2010 have been set as July 24 to 31, 2010. Dornie Caskie and her team are already well into their planning.

MACLEODS IN THE MEDIA

BBC documentary on the MacLeods: The BBC recently did a piece on the Highland Scots, with a focus on MacLeods. It was aired last fall, and can be viewed (along with links to many other like programs on the clans) at: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1880506223258173417&q=highland+clans&total=30&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=6&hl=en>. It runs about 29 minutes. The last 4 minutes cover Chief John’s funeral and an interview with Chief Hugh. I think that it is a must see for all MacLeods - I certainly enjoyed it. You might even be interested in the “War of the One-Eyed Woman” (fascinating stuff!)

THINGS SCOTLAND

Scotch Whisky: Skye’s Talisker Distillery 18 year-old Scotch was named “the world’s best single malt whisky” at *Whisky Magazine*’s 2007 Awards, being “elegant with fascinating balance between smoke and subtle sweet fruit. Ever changing in the glass and on the palate.”

Academy Award: Scottish actress, Karen Crowder, daughter of Major-General Sir John Swinton of Kimmerghame, Berwickshire, won the Best Supporting Actress Academy Award for her role in *Michael Clayton*. She was born in London to a Scottish father, but they always returned to the family estate (since the ninth century) in Scotland.

World Record Bicyclist: Last August, 25 year-old Mark Beaumont, from Fife, smashed the world cycle record for cycling round the world. He completed the 18,000-mile (27,000 km) trip in 195 days - beating the previous record of 276 days. He rode through 20 countries on the trip.

Sheffield survey: Elizabeth Carnegie, a Scottish studies graduate from the University of Edinburgh and a lecturer at Sheffield University, CMSC Newsletter # 48, Page 8

England is doing a study on the importance of Scottishness in the lives of Scots, or those of Scottish descent, around the world. She has a short on-line questionnaire at www.emits.group.shef.ac.uk/canada/. I have investigated the project, and it appears to be quite interesting. I would encourage you to complete the survey.

On looking at the survey, you may have some concern about “hyphenated” Canadians. I pointed out to her that this can be a touchy topic. Often Canadians are labelled as Chinese-, or Indo- or Scottish-Canadian, which some view as divisive to national unity or showing a lack of commitment to Canada. I agree that that can be the case, but not necessarily so (I am a 5th generation Canadian, with 100% Scottish ancestry - I celebrate my heritage, but am completely Canadian). She said that she understands.

Chinese tartan: A Chinese-Scottish tartan, unveiled on Tartan Day (April 6), was created to strengthen links between China and Scotland. It was designed by the Strathmore Woollen Company and the Scottish Tartans Authority. The announcement stated “China’s link with tartan goes back almost 3,000 years when an explorer in Xinjiang, Western China, discovered the burial place of a group of ancient Caucasian travellers wearing perfectly preserved tartans.”

Singh and Sikh Tartans: I haven’t got space to go into it, but there are registered Singh and Sikh (from India’s Punjab region) tartans. There is even Punjabi haggis (heavy on the curry)!!

Robbie Burns 250th: Remember that Jan 25, 2009 is the 250th Anniversary of Burns’ birth.

On a personal note, I am not much of a reader of poetry, but my favourite piece of poetry is from Burns’ poem, “Here’s to Them That’s Awa”, where he says:

“Here’s freedom to him that wad read!

Here’s freedom to him that wad write!

There’s nane ever feared that the truth should be heard

But they wham the truth wad indite!”

Oh, that our political and other “leaders” could understand, and heed, that admonition!

SCOTS IN CANADA

Road to Cape Breton: Bonnie Thornhill (my 3rd cousin) has done a number of books on the history of Cape Breton Island, NS. *The Road to St. Ann’s* (soft cover - 393 pages) was published last fall. It can be acquired by donation of \$40.00, plus shipping of \$18.00, to The Victoria County Historical Society, 51787 Cabot Trail, P.O. Box 53, Englishtown, NS, B0C 1H0 (email: vchs04@hotmail.com) (see also <http://www.stanns.ca/>).

Tartan Day: – The City of Vancouver, on April 3, 2008, joined a long list of governments in declaring April 6 as “Tartan Day”. The Declaration included the following 2 recitals:

“AND WHEREAS: the historical enactment of the Declaration of Arbroath on April 6th 1320 A.D., the Scottish Declaration of Independence, is recognized as one of the first significant steps on the long journey to Scottish democracy;

AND WHEREAS: the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Ontario, Nova Scotia and countless municipal jurisdictions across both Canada and the United States have officially proclaimed April 6th as Tartan Day in recognition of the legacy that flows from the Declaration of Arbroath and in recognition of the contribution of Scots and their descendants to nation building;”

On April 4, 2008, President George Bush signed a document proclaiming April 6, 2008, as National (USA) Tartan Day. While the USA Senate and Congress passed similar resolutions in 1998 and 2005, respectively, this Presidential Proclamation makes, in perpetuity, National Tartan Day an official National Holiday Observance, similar to Flag Day.

The USA proclamation said, in part: “The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence signed in 1320, embodied the Scots’ strong dedication to liberty, and the Scots brought that tradition of freedom with them to the New World.”

Bagpipes: Running contrary to that appreciation of things Scottish, on December 3, 2007 *Maclean’s Magazine* (Canada’s so called “National Magazine”) ran the following short insert:

“PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK...BAGPIPERS Yes, they sound like cats caught in a wringer washer, but Scotland’s Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards have become sudden stars. Having played at English music festivals this year, the band will tour the U.S. in 2008, and has signed a \$2-million record deal with Universal Music, the same company that carries 50 Cent. Said a rep from the label: “The U.K. has gone bagpipe crazy.” You’d have to be.”

Obviously, while the paying public and Universal Music appreciate the swirl of the pipes, the writer was seriously lacking in good taste!

Lesley McCrimmon (CMSC Genealogist) pointed out that “Major Douglas MacLeod (Ruth, Australia’s brother) played the bagpipes on stage with Paul McCartney”. Many will remember Douglas piping for the 2000 NAG in Guelph. So good culture can prevail in good company!

LIGHTER NOTES

I always like to include a couple of snippets of a lighter note.

Whisky vs Whiskey: I recently heard a debate regarding “Scots” vs “Scotch” (too long to include here) and “Whisky” vs “Whiskey”. As to the later, I came across this little poem on the proper spelling of Scotch Whisky, by Stanley Bruce, the “Bard of Banff” (Scotland):

<i>WHISKY or WHISKEY?</i>	
<i>A Scotsman who spells Whisky with an “e”, should be hand cuffed and thrown head first in the Dee.</i>	<i>So if you see Whisky And it has an “e”, Only take it, if you get it for free!</i>
<i>In the USA and Ireland, it’s spelt with an “e” but in Scotland it’s real “Whisky”.</i>	<i>For the name is not the same and it never will be, a dram is only a real dram from a bottle of “Scotch Whisky”.</i>

Edinburgh – Flatulent Cow as a Tourist Draw (What Next!): On December 7, 2007 the BBC reported on a mechanical flatulent cow that is attached to the side of the Rowan Tree Pub in Edinburgh’s historic Old Town. “It lifts its tail and shoots out a cloud of white smoke (powered by dry ice) at passers-by. It has been programmed to “break wind” at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and helps locals keep track of time in a similar way to the city’s famous One O’clock Gun. Pub landlord Norrie Rowan, a former Scotland international rugby star, said the cow was becoming as popular with tourists as nearby Greyfriars Bobby.” Go figure!!

CLOSING

Well, this ends my writings as CMSC President. I have been on National Council since 1998 (as Treasurer) and President since 2004. It has truly been an honour and a pleasure to serve you. I thank you for your outstanding support and hospitality. I very much look forward to seeing many of you at the NAG in Ottawa and at other Clan MacLeod events in the years ahead (although my travelling days are coming to an end).

I will probably have items to contribute to the *Leod Voice* from time to time, as I have a number of topics “in inventory” (heraldry, historical stories, etc.) and I hope to prepare a booklet on CMSC history. I will also be offering whatever help that I can to incoming President, Dr. Don.

It seems fitting to close with a quote that I found on the Dunvegan Castle website: “Robert Louis Stevenson once observed that it is the mark

of the Scot of all classes that he remembers and cherishes the memory of his forbearers, good or bad, and there burns alive in him a sense of identity with the dead even to the 20th generation.”

That sense of identity with our ancestors is almost certainly true, but I would add to that that today we share that identity with our living Clansfolk, throughout the world, as well.

Hold Fast and Shine Bright(ly)

Ian C. MacLeod

President (2004-2008), Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada

LOIS MACLEOD, AUTHOR

BY BETTY MACLEAN, HALIFAX

Recently I was introduced to the life and works of Lois MacLeod, currently of Sackville, New Brunswick, a new member to our Clan MacLeod Society of Halifax. Lois was born in Saskatchewan and learned very early in childhood that life is full of challenges. She persevered to keep her deep faith and to live her life through the Clan MacLeod motto of “Hold Fast” through all her life’s experiences. She worked hard to attain a good education, has earned many degrees and certification in Languages and Literature, as well as university fellowships which permitted her to continue her studies in Canada, the United States, and Europe, and to further her proficiency in languages, humanities research, teaching and library sciences.

When I suggested introducing Lois MacLeod and her books to Clan MacLeod members via the *Leod Voice*, I was not aware of her many achievements, too numerous to list herein, nor was I aware of

her life’s experiences; thus it was important that I read her recent books.

Hold Fast, published in 2007, is an autobiography of Lois’ life from early childhood up to the turn of this century. In view of the trials and frustrations faced by her family and, in later years, by Lois herself, the book is aptly titled. *Hold Fast* not only describes life on the Prairies when, early in the 1900s, her grandparents moved to Webb, Saskatchewan from Minnesota, but also life as she knew it, born to a mother of Scottish ancestry, originally from Prince Edward Island, and a father of German ancestry, who was one of the early pioneers in Canada. *Hold Fast* provides insight into her family life, the joys and sorrows of childhood, obstacles and challenges she overcame that formed her pathway in life. This book tells of the people she met, and the places in which she studied, worked and travelled along her path.

Blowing in the Wind, also published in 2007, is an account of the lives of four pioneer families, the Thiermans, Radtkes, Zabels and Gatzkes. The Canadian Government was offering land grants to families who would move to Saskatchewan, work the land and establish homesteads on the Prairies. Soon after the turn of the twentieth century, settlers began arriving to take up the offer of land and set out to establish their farms. This book not only tells the story of four of these pioneer families, their hardships and successes, but also is a history of the communities they forged, the trials and tribulations with which they were faced. *Blowing in the Wind* is an historical record of life on the Prairies when Canada was still in its infancy, the

CMS HALIFAX

BY BETTY MACLEAN

The past several months have been fairly quiet. On October 27 our Fall Potluck Luncheon and meeting was held, at which time we reviewed our participation in the International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia over the previous summer. It was agreed that CMS-H will be represented at the 2008 Halifax Highland Games. Topics discussed were the 2007 Christmas party, the various Robbie Burns dinners in January, 2008, the NAG in July, as well as the Halifax Highland Games July 12

many frustrations that fate brought upon the settlers, and how they existed with such things as drought, pestilence, government changes and bureaucracy, and two world wars. The lives of the pioneers were dictated by forces of nature and by forces over which they had little or no control.

A few years back Lois moved from Chester, N.S. to Sackville, N.B. In 2005 she published another book *An Unofficial Person of History: Winthrop Pickard Bell*, the history of the Bell family and Mount Allison University. Lois has also published other materials over the years. For further information, please contact Lois at (506) 536-8210 or write her at Lois MacLeod, Apt. 10 - 11 Allison Ave., Sackville, N.B. E4L 3L8.

and our participation.

On December 1 2007, at the Swiss Chalet in Halifax, fifteen members enjoyed our Christmas party. On January 26 several members also attended a Robbie Burns dinner and entertainment at St. John's United Church at Fall River, an annual event. Although Tartan Day is officially April 6, this year the celebration



will be held April 4 and Clans are invited to attend the celebration at the Nova Scotia Legislature.

We wish to welcome new members who have joined CMS-H over the winter, and hope to meet them at our Spring luncheon meeting May 3. Members will be further advised, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

CMS CAPE BRETON **BY LEEANNE MACLEOD** **ARCHER**

Our Robbie Burns dinner was held Jan 19, 2008 in Baddeck with guest speaker Kevin S. MacLeod, CVO, Chief of Protocol with the Dept of Canadian Heritage in Ottawa and a published author, formerly from Boularderie, Cape Breton. A large crowd enjoyed the roast beef dinner, and everyone raised their tot of whisky in a toast to the bard.

CMS-CB will be hosting a

gathering to welcome CMS Scotland President Ruari Halford-MacLeod to Cape Breton in July. We are also hoping to enjoy a visit from CMS Canada President Ian C. MacLeod. Both plan to travel to Cape Breton after the NAG in Ottawa. We're looking forward to showing them some of our famous Cape Breton hospitality.

CMS-CB will also be holding an ecumenical service and gathering during the Celtic Colours International Festival, held in numerous venues across Cape Breton October 10-18. The service will be held at Ephriam Scott Presbyterian Church in South Haven, C.B. The church is located very near the turn-off to St. Ann's Gaelic College. We will be holding a social gathering in the Church Hall following the church service. We're hoping for a large turn out not only from the local area, but from across the province and around the world.



Burns Dinner with Pres. Alastair (at podium), and sitting: Keith Bains, MLA, Kevin S. MacLeod, Mrs. G. Charlton and Bill Charlton, who offered the toast to the haggis.

CMS MANITOBA

BY BOB MCLEOD

Not much to report from the Manitoba MacLeods so far this year, due to lengthy hospital time for John Cox and Connie McLeod, and two of our members, Janet Thompson and Roy McLeod cruising on the "Robbie Burns Cruise" with five nights from Galveston, Texas to Cozamel, Progresso and other stops in Mexico. Our first executive meeting of the year was held on May 1st at the home of Florence & Bruce MacLeod. Our new president is Roy McLeod and new secretary, Janet Thompson.

The Manitoba Highland Games will be held in Selkirk, MB, on July 5. Clan Macleod will be represented (volunteers needed) and we will have a chance to showoff our new brochures. This event will be followed by Folkorama in the second week of August. Once again, volunteers are needed. Phone Roy at 204-661-0818.

The new Selkirk Settler Monu-

ment will be dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 6th. It is located approx. 500 yards south of the Scots Monument on Waterfront Drive, along the Red River. The new monument celebrates the significant role that the Scottish peoples who were dispossessed during the Highland Clearances, played in the history of Canada and Manitoba. The dedication ceremonies will be preceded by a parade commencing from Winnipeg City Hall at 1PM, Saturday, Sept 6th. Please note the details on your calendar and come sporting your tartan. A Meet-&-Greet event with refreshments and pipe band will follow. A formal dinner at a major Winnipeg Hotel is also planned as part of the celebration. For further information, phone Bob at Winnipeg. 204-832-5013.



Calgary CMS group including Alma MacLeod, John & Evelyn MacLeod, Doris Walker, Sheena Barrington and Catherine Heatherington meeting in the Royal Canadian Legion board room.

CMS BC INTERIOR

BY NEIL R. MCLEOD

In January, President Neil and June, along with National Vice President Dr. Don McLeod and his wife, Chris, traveled to Richmond for the Vancouver Annual Robbie Burns Luncheon,



capably organized by Bill G. McLeod. In their party was also June's daughter, Kathy, son-in-law, Jeff, grandson, Ewan and granddaughter Maddy (four months old and dressed in her MacLeod kilt.) As usual, the luncheon was well planned and all enjoyed great fellowship.

Neil, June, Dr. Don and Chris will be attending Ottawa in July.



CMS GREATER VANCOUVER

The 10th Anniversary Gung Haggis Fat Choy was held in the Floata Restaurant in Vancouver's Chinatown on Sunday, January 27th, 2008 to celebrate Robbie Burns and Chinese New Year.

Entertainment included Celtic Band Blackthorn, Vancouver poet Laureate George McWhirter, bagpiper Joseph McDonald and Brave Waves along with many special and surprise guest performers!

Who would have thought that 16 people in 1998 in a crowded living room started a tradition that now serves 500 people at the biggest Chinese Restaurant in North America, has spun off a CBC television performance special and the SFU Gung Haggis Fat Choy

Festival.

Creator Todd Wong has been interviewed by BBC Radio Scotland, local and national media. In 2007, with bagpiper Joe McDonald and hip-hop master Trevor Chan, they created Gung Haggis RAP Choy, a rapper's reading of Robbie Burns' immortal "Address to a Haggis."

Today Gung Haggis Fat Choy is a fundraiser event for Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop, and Historic Joy Kogawa House Society. Gung Haggis Dragon Boat team, helps to create positive examples of inter-culturalism in our community!

Ever had Haggis Dim Sum appetizers?

This is the event that put deep-fried haggis won-ton on the map, and created a haggis dim sum appetizer buffet in 2007. Imagine haggis-stuffed shrimp dumplings and haggis spring rolls.

Sing along to “Scotland the Brave,” and Burns’ perennial favorite, “Auld Lang Syne;” and the culturally fused “My Chow Mein Lies Over the Ocean,” and “When Asian Eyes Are Smiling,” plus many more surprises!

Gung Haggis Fat Choy does more than mix East and West. It blends them together and turns them upside down and sideways. It highlights Canada’s Scottish and Chinese heritage and pioneers. It breaks down barriers and is an

impressive forum for the emerging intercultural Canada where everybody can claim and celebrate Chinese and Scottish culture and everything in-between.

Other Chinese-Scottish events: on January 25th, 2008. Simon Fraser University Gung Haggis Fat Choy Canadian Games at the SFU Convocation Mall, Burnaby Campus – featured Dragon Cart racing, Haggis eating contest and human curling event.

On January 28th Gung Haggis Fat Choy World Poetry Night Vancouver Public Library – featured bagpipes, Swedish-Chinese-Scottish-Irish-Canadian poet Fred Wah, Vancouver Poet Laureate George McWhirter and singalongs.

QUEBEC CITY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MILITARY BANDS

COURTESY CRAIG FULTON

Readers may be interested in obtaining some information about the Quebec City International Festival of Military Bands that is one of the events marking the 450th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City.

This event recognizes the Scottish influence in Quebec with bands such as the Black Watch and the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe bands. The Air Command Pipes and Drums band from Ottawa and the 12 Wing Pipes and Drum band from Shearwater will also be per-

forming. The Tattoo will take place August 21, 22 and 23 at Quebec City’s Coliseum. Tickets are going fast so pipe band aficionados wishing to attend should book soon.

Website: <http://www.fimmq.com/site/tattoo-show.html>





Christmas Tartan Walk in Alexandria, VA, December 1, 2007. Editor Judy Tipple joined the throng as did CMS USA President John B. (bottom left) and his wife.



ROBERT BURNS CONFERENCE

BY LEITH DAVIS, SFU

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is organising a major one-day conference on Robert Burns and Global Culture in 2009. The conference will reflect on issues such as the global reputation of Burns, the translation and reception of Burns in world literatures, the influence of Burns on the image of Scotland abroad and the continuing celebration of Burns in global culture in statues, music and Burns Supper events.

As Scotland's National Academy, the Royal Society of Edinburgh will host this conference on Scotland's national bard as one of a series of global events to commemorate Burns on the 250th anniversary of his birth. There will be contributions by leading Burns scholars from around the

world and there will be plenty of scheduled time for discussion as well as a session on the latest research on Burns.

Sheena Wellington & Kirsteen McCue will perform at a musical lunch, and an optional Burns Supper with a leading after-dinner speaker is planned for the evening before the conference when there will be an opening lecture by Neal Ascherson. The leading Scottish composer Dr. James MacMillan CBE FRSE will introduce a new piece with contributions featuring a performance by the Haydn Trio Eisenstadt at the closing concert.

For further information regarding the program and registration, go to <http://www.rse.org.uk/events/index.htm#burns>.

KEVIN MACLEOD AS USHER OF THE BLACK ROD

Prime Minister Harper announced the appointment of Mr. Kevin MacLeod as Usher of the Black Rod on March 27, 2008

“Mr. MacLeod’s wealth of experience in the area of state ceremonial and protocol, as well as his knowledge of Parliament, will enable him to serve with distinction and honour in the Senate of Canada,” said the Prime Minister.

Mr. MacLeod has served thirty-one years in the Public Service of

Canada, having spent the last twenty-two years with the Department of Canadian Heritage and most recently holding the position of Chief of Protocol. He is the recipient of several honours and decorations, including “Commander of the Royal Victorian Order”, presented personally by Her Majesty The Queen in 2005, for service to the Sovereign.

Mr. MacLeod will assume the position on May 26, 2008.

CULLODEN KIN SOUGHT

BY JOHN ROSS

The Scotsman, 17 January 2008
T announced a global search for the children of Culloden, Cumberland’s Redcoats and Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Jacobites.

It was a brutal conflict that changed the course of history, pitching Scot against Scot, clan against clan and brother against brother.

The Battle of Culloden in 1746 ended the attempt by the Jacobite army to reclaim the British throne for a Catholic, Stuart king. Its aftermath led to the “pacification” of the Highlands and the dismantling of a way of life with estates seized and kilts and tartan banned.

The campaign accelerated emigration from the area and the setting up of new colonies in the

US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Now the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), the guardians of the battlefield, have launched a global search for young people whose ancestors fought on either side of the conflict.

The NTS wants to encourage youngsters to research their family trees to find out if any are related to the soldiers who fought for Prince Charles Edward Stuart, or the government troops, led by the Duke of Cumberland.

The aim is to find two direct descendants to help officially open a new £9.4 million visitor centre at Culloden on 16 April, the anniversary of the battle.

Alexander Bennett, the trust’s project coordinator, said: “The

myth that Culloden was a conflict between England and Scotland is still alive today.

“In fact, many Scots fought with the government troops and some families had members who fought on opposing sides, often against their will.

“The Battle of Culloden signalled the end of the clan system and contributed to the exodus of many Highlanders to the New World where they played a significant role in the creation and development of the US, Australia and Canada.

“We think it’s very important that the descendants of those who fought on either side should help us officially open the new centre.”

Mr. Bennett said he hopes to uncover children with a direct line to the battle, but not necessarily the leading players.

“It’s more to do with the process rather than who the ancestor was. It’s not as if we are looking for a direct descendant of the prince.

“It would be nice if we could have someone from both sides, just ordinary, everyday people.” The names of soldiers on the prince’s side included Cameron, Macleod, Maclean, Farquharson, Chattan, Fraser and Stewart, while among the government troops were Monro, Campbell, Price, Cholmondely, Bligh, Semphill and Flemming.

“There will be some obvious direct descendants, say the clan

chiefs, but that’s not quite what we are looking for,” said Mr. Bennett.

“It’s more for children who want to get involved in research.

“It would be great if we get someone from Canada, or Australia as that is the diaspora and they are extremely proud of their ancestry.”

The project is open to school-age children who have until 19 March to submit their family trees. These will then be scrutinised and authenticated by a panel of judges, including Dr. Nick Barratt from the TV genealogy series *Who Do You Think You Are?* Dr. Barratt said: “This is an opportunity for generations to come together and explore their shared past. Family trees are the gateway to history. There is something very exciting about seeing past events through ancestors’ lives.”

FAMILY IN THE FIGHTING

Nellie Leitch, who lives in Culloden, spent 30 years investigating her family connections to the battle and discovered her great-grandfather three times removed, Roderick Mackenzie, fought with the Lifeguards on the Jacobite side.

He survived the fighting and was among those who helped Prince Charles Edward Stuart escape. Government troops caught and shot Mr. Mackenzie and be-

headed him, mistaking him for the prince. His head was taken to London and put on display for a month before the mistake was realised.

David Henderson, of Farr, near Inverness, is able to trace his family to an Andrew Henderson, who

was an eyewitness at the battle, working as an early war reporter on the government side. Born in Roxburghe in February 1717, Mr. Henderson wrote a book about the conflict, a copy of which is now at the Culloden visitor centre.

THE MAPLE LEAF: CANADA'S NATIONAL SYMBOL



Its first documented use as a Canadian symbol was by the Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste, in 1834. It appeared as part of Canadian military emblems in both World Wars.

There are many varieties of maple tree, but the Canadian maple leaf is patterned after the hard sugar maple. The stylized leaf on the Canadian flag has 11 points; a natural leaf typically has more than twice as many.

The Maple Leaf Flag became the official flag of Canada on February 15, 1965. It was chosen out of nearly 6,000 submissions.

The exact size and placement of the maple leaf on the flag was determined after extensive testing in the National Research Laboratory Wind Tunnel. The Canadian flag is therefore the only one in the world to have undergone aerodynamic testing before being released.

Along the same lines, the Canadian flag is unique in that the white “pale” (vertical stripe) covers one-half the flag’s area instead of one-third.

Once again, Ottawa is the home today of Canada’s biggest street party on this, our 138th birthday.

Last year, on the Crusty Curmudgeon’s first Canada Day, I began a practice of collecting Canadian patriotic songs and writing up a thumbnail history of them. I started, understandably, with our national anthem. This year’s entry is “The Maple Leaf Forever”: a song which could have been, and almost became our national anthem.

In October 1867, Alexander Muir, principal of the elementary school in the village of Leslieville (now part of Toronto), was searching for the theme of a Confederation-celebrating poem, which he wanted to enter in a contest. While he was walking with local businessman George Leslie, a maple leaf fell from a tree and stuck to the arm of Leslie's jacket.

The maple tree under which they were walking still stands at Memory Lane and Laing Street.

Leslie suggested to Muir that since the maple leaf was a symbol of Canada, he should build his text around it. Muir had found his theme; he quickly penned a poem and had it in the mail within hours. It won second prize.

Here is the text:

In days of yore, from Britain's shore,
Wolfe, the dauntless hero, came,
And planted firm Britannia's flag
On Canada's fair domain.
Here may it wave, our boast, our pride,
And joined in love together,
The Thistle, Shamrock, Rose entwine
The Maple Leaf forever.

Chorus:

*The Maple Leaf, our emblem dear,
The Maple Leaf forever.*

*God save our Queen, and heaven bless
The Maple Leaf forever.*

At Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane
Our brave fathers, side by side,
For freedom, homes, and loved ones dear
Firmly stood and nobly died;
And those dear rights which they maintained
We swear to yield them never!
Our watchword ever more shall be
The Maple Leaf forever!

Chorus

Our fair Dominion now extends
From Cape Race to Nootka Sound;
May peace forever be our lot,
And plenteous store abound:
And may those ties of love be ours
Which discord cannot sever,
And flourish green o'er Freedom's home
The Maple Leaf forever!

Chorus



A few explanatory notes for those who may not understand all the allusions Muir makes:

* James Wolfe was the General who established British rule over Canada, defeating the French forces of Louis-Joseph de Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham on September 13, 1759. Both generals lost their lives in this decisive battle.

* Queenston Heights was the location of a major battle of the War of 1812, in which the forces of General Isaac Brock successfully repelled an American invasion over the Niagara River at Queenston on October 13, 1812. Brock himself died in the battle; the Canadian War Museum displays his uniform, with a bullet hole through the breast.

* The Battle of Lundy's Lane took place on July 14, 1814 in Niagara Falls. It was the bloodiest battle ever fought on Canadian soil and the last attempt ever made by an American army to invade Canadian territory.

* Cape Race is the southeastern corner of the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland. As a point of interest, the lighthouse that stood on the cape in Muir's day now stands on the lawn of the Museum of Science and Technology here in Ottawa.

* Nootka Sound is an inlet on the western shore of Vancouver Island.

* The thistle, shamrock, and rose are, of course, the national flowers of Scotland, Ireland, and England, respectively.

Some of these references pose an interesting conundrum. Neither Nootka Sound nor Cape Race were part of Canada in 1867. British Columbia joined Confederation in 1871, and Newfoundland in 1949. However, it is known that Muir made several revisions to "The Maple Leaf Forever," and it is also possible that he employed a little poetic license (or perhaps even wishful thinking).



THE MACLEOD CHAIR

BY FLORA MACLEOD JOHNSTON

It was a warm July day in the year 1816 and in the village of Glenelg, Scotland, a large crowd had gathered. Many of these were saying farewell to family, to friends and to country as they lined up to board a vessel docked there. Economic conditions in Scotland, especially in the Highlands, had become such that they saw no future there for their children and they were bound for Canada where they were promised help in getting established. Norman MacLeod, his wife Sarah, with their infant son Olaus were in this line.

We leave Glenelg and take a leap in time and see this MacLeod family in their log home on their farm in the county of Glengarry and close to the village of Dunvegan. Olaus has grown, has married and has a family in his own log house on his own farm also near Dunvegan.

Now you are wondering what all this has to do with a chair. Well, a chair needs a home and there this chair sits in Olaus MacLeod's farm kitchen. This is no ordinary chair but was what is known as a Boston Rocker, though produced in Quebec. It was all wood and the seat is thick and curved for comfort. The arms also are thick with no sharp edges. It is well balanced on its rockers so that adults, children and

grandchildren enjoyed rocking or being rocked in it.

Time passed and eventually changes came. The oldest of Olaus' three grandchildren married and took over the farm. The granddaughter married in the area. World War One broke out in 1914 and Oliver, the other grandchild enlisted and was soon with his regiment in France. There he seems to have drawn the attention of Lord Beaverbrook, a former Canadian. He was given the honor of accompanying Beaverbrook when he visited the front lines to check on the Canadian regiments. When the war ended in 1918, Beaverbrook engaged Oliver as his chauffeur so he settled in England and married Florrie, an English girl. All this affected the future of the Boston Rocker.



Oliver, in his youth, spent much time with his grandfather Olaus and later often recalled listening as Olaus rocked and talked of pioneer life in Canada. History, they say, often repeats itself and in this case it did. Oliver had a grandson, Robert, who became his constant companion, listening as he related the tales of his ancestors' early life.

Back in Canada changes had come to Olaus' family. The demise of Neil who was childless meant that there was no one to carry on, so the farm was sold. Fortunately it was purchased by a neighbour, who was also a MacLeod relative. The Rocker went with the new owner to sit by a window in their large kitchen. A frequent visitor there was an elderly neighbour, also a MacLeod, known as Big Angus. His visits involved a never-changing routine. He would drop into the rocker, take up a dish into which the family emptied their pockets of small change, then Big Angus would start rocking and counting, rocking and counting, always in his native tongue Gaelic, and finally proudly announcing the total. Big Angus could neither read nor write but you couldn't fool him about money. His leave-taking always included a pat for the chair. Unfortunately, eyesight and health failed and his visits ceased.

After enjoying many birthdays in each of these MacLeod homes the chair faced a second move.

The head of the second home had passed away leaving no one to carry on so a sale was called. The chair however was saved from the auctioneer's hammer by a member of the family and was taken to her farm home on the outskirts of Ottawa. No more MacLeod friends and neighbours but still a large kitchen to rock in. After many uneventful years and the death of the farmer, the family moved to Ottawa. The chair of course moving with them, away from the farm and the large country kitchen to a much smaller residence with a much smaller kitchen with no room for a rocker. For some years nothing added to its MacLeod history so we take it to its fourth and last move.

The first move was a mere hop over a line fence. The second was a one-hour drive by motor car and the third a much shorter drive. As we shall see, the fourth and last move was much more exciting.

Robert MacLeod came to Canada to visit his relatives. On his departure he left behind an old school photo asking for help in identifying the children in it. This was passed on to the former neighbour of Olaus' family and owner of the chair. Though unable to help with the photo she wrote enclosing some items and snapshots, one of which especially drew Robert's attention. And you've probably guessed it was the one of his ancestor's Boston Rocker.

When the family heard Robert expressing a wish that someday he might have this family momento in his own home they decided to surprise him. Contact was made with Ottawa.

The owner of the chair, being a family historian herself, understood their wish and readily agreed that the chair should be with Olaus' family.

Robert's wife Jean and family, with help from the Ottawa family, made arrangements for transporting the chair to England.



The chair's moves until now had been relatively short. But in 2007 the chair started a long journey over land and sea. A photo shows Robert beaming as the chair arrives at its new home. All the family gathered to welcome the chair and to quote one of them "it will stay in the family forever".

Though its colour is faded, it is structurally sound and this chair can look forward to rocking MacLeods for many more years. Among those rocking will be Robert's son Olaus MacLeod.

THE WAKE OF CALUM MACLEOD - SEMI-FINALS OF CBC'S 'SHORT FILM FACE-OFF' FROM BETTY MACLEAN

As they say in the TV industry, check your local listings. As it says below: "If you miss the show, visit www.aliant.net/faceoff to see the films and cast your vote online."

Through the link at www.wake-ofcalummacleod.ca/, you can also purchase the film for \$19.95Can. Here is what that link (www.gaelic-books.com/) says:

The Wake Calum MacLeod DVD, North America's first Gaelic-language short film is a whirlwind of a tale!

Calum MacLeod is a storyteller without an audience, for his children moved from Cape Breton long ago. One lonely night Calum confronts the Baron of the Wind in a storm and demands his children be returned. The old man promptly falls dead. From distant points the MacLeods assemble to attend Calum's wake. But the deceased Calum has a surprise ending in store for them yet.

Shot in the highlands of Cape Breton and featuring Gaelic storyteller Angus MacLeod and

music by internationally renowned signer Mary Jane Lamond, *Faire Chaluum Mhic Leòid* is not only “a beautifully crafted film” (*Inverness Oran*), “a heart-tugger” (*Halifax Daily News*) and “a gem” (*Winnipeg Uptown Magazine*), it is a historic venture into one of the world’s most renowned oral story-

telling cultures.

Loaded with special features, including photos, storyboards, production notes, music, biographies, trailers and learn Gaelic resources, *Faire Chaluum Mhic Leòid* can be viewed with English, Gaelic and no subtitles, making the film an excellent Gaelic language tool.

POWER TO EIGG

BY J. RON MACLEOD, CMS-G. VAN

Life will never be the same on the island of Eigg again, and in this respect it can only be a good thing. Islanders have at last joined the 21st Century and will now be able to enjoy the little things we take for granted. No doubt there will be a rush of electrical equipment being delivered to the island, appliances which the residents have not been able to use previously because their power was provided by expensive diesel generators and gas bottles.

The Isle of Eigg Electrification Project switched on for the first time on 1st February 2008, allowing power generated from renewable energy sources around the island to be supplied to all residents,

through the new island-wide high voltage distribution network. The system will generate over 95% of the island’s annual energy demand through a combination of Hydro Electric, Wind Power and Solar Energy, which is believed to be the first time that anyone has successfully integrated these three renewable energy sources. To ensure that constant power can be provided, a battery storage system has been designed which will compensate for short periods where energy from renewable sources is not available. Two diesel generators provide emergency back-up power, and to supplement the supply should the output from the renewable sources be lower than the demand.

CELT FEST SUMMER

SCHOOL

An opportunity to learn Celtic skills will again be presented in six days of piping and drumming classes, with concerts, fun and games to keep the students ac-

tive and happy. Celtic Performing Arts Classes are in state-of-the-art facilities at: Malaspina University-College, Nanaimo, BC.

The website at www.celtfest.ca presents the whole story.

HOW DO THE SCOTS SAY IT?

BY LESLEY MACCRIMMON

Match the columns and add your own terms. A fun game for gatherings.

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| 1. Yes | A. cheers |
| 2. Hat | B. lift |
| 3. Highway/Roadway | C. rubbish |
| 4. Welcome | D. give way |
| 5. Yield | E. hump |
| 6. Passing Place | F. bonnet |
| 7. Waterway between outer islands | G. track |
| 8. Collection Plate | H. black house |
| 9. Line up | I. pot |
| 10. Tow Truck | J. failte |
| 11. Phone Booth | K. flat |
| 12. Path | L. folk |
| 13. Edge/Shoulder | M. take away |
| 14. Cookies | N. crawler lane |
| 15. Hello/Goodbye | O. layby |
| 16. Gas Station | P. aye |
| 17. Leash | Q. recovery |
| 18. Intersection | R. for hire |
| 19. Rental Car | S. lead |
| 20. Garbage | T. verge |
| 21. Thatched Cottage | U. call box |
| 22. Slow Lane | V. lie |
| 23. Estuary | W. boot |
| 24. Rest | X. lobster pots |
| 25. Path | Y. minch |
| 26. Elevator | Z. self-drive |
| 27. Trunk | AA. footway |
| 28. People | BB. loose chipping |
| 29. Lobster Trap | CC. biscuits |
| 30. For Rent | DD. carriageway |
| 31. Loose Rock | EE. filling station |
| 32. Lake | FF. firth |
| 33. Truck | GG. roundabout |
| 34. Take-out | HH. lorry |
| 35. Occupied | II. reserved |
| 36. Apartment | JJ. loch |
| 37. Speed Bump | KK. queue |



THE GATHERING 2009

BY JEAN HALL

A call has gone out to clans-people to take part in the largest clan gathering ever held in Scotland.

The Gathering 2009, of which Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay, is patron, is being held in Edinburgh. Not since Sir Walter Scott's Royal Pageant in 1822 will so many clans have gathered in one location.

Holyrood Park will be the event's base for the weekend of July 25-26 next year.

Passports have been sold in the US, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Singapore and Romania and individuals and group bookings vary from clan chiefs to Los Angeles Fire Chiefs and German Counts.

In addition to the ticket holders, it is expected more than 30,000 people will travel to Edinburgh to watch the festivities.

The Gathering 2009 is a signature event of Homecoming Scotland, a year-long Scottish Government initiative aimed at encouraging those with a passion or connection with Scotland to come home.

The 2009 World Highland Games Heavy Championships will be at the heart of the activities in the park and will draw the world's top "heavy athletes". There will

be a strong focus on traditional Highland games activities, top international pipe bands, highland dancing, traditional and contemporary music, and a Taste of Scotland experience.

Another highlight is likely to be a 5000-strong clan parade up the Royal Mile and a historic Pageant of the Clans, on the Castle Esplanade.

Lord Sempill, co-director of the Gathering 2009, said: "As the Gathering is first and foremost a celebration of the contribution that the clans have made to the history and culture of Scotland, it is important that we make every effort to support this unique occasion."

The organisers say that the popularity of Highland Games has been falling in Scotland and clan activity is nearly extinct. The opposite is true in some countries. In North America, clan membership exceeds 100,000 and more than 300 Highland Games and festivals are held each year.

The dates for the Clan Gathering in Edinburgh are July 25th & 26th, 2009. <http://www.clangathering.org/>

For an overall view, the following website has information about all events for Homecoming Scotland, 2009. <http://www.homecomingscotland.com/>

CD RELEASES

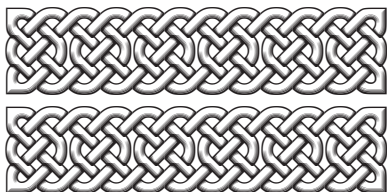


Sarah Burnell and her Band launch their new CD, *Return Ticket*.

WARNING! This music has been known to cause spontaneous outbreaks of dancing!

Sarah Burnell won the 2006 Canadian Folk Music Award as “Young Performer of the Year”, with her debut CD, *Sarah’ndipity*. Since then, she and her fellow musicians have been wowing audiences across Canada with their unique take on Celtic music. Check out her website for clips of their great music at www.sarahfiddle.ca

Those of you who were at Parliament 2006 will remember Sarah Burnell, the talented young fiddler who ran a workshop and who fiddled for us.



FIRST CD RELEASED

BY PENNY DEGRAF

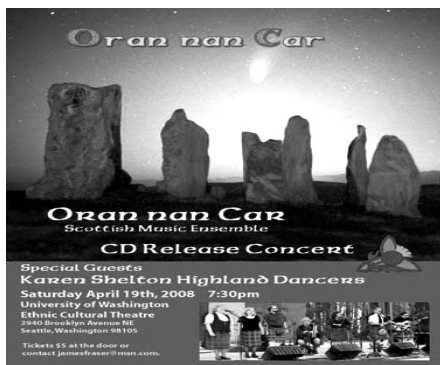
My Scottish folk band, *Oran nan Car*, has released our first CD!

Those of you who attended the 2001 Clan MacLeod USA AGM in Edmonds, Washington heard *Oran nan Car* in the Gaelic Songs of Clan MacLeod Concert when we were still a fivesome (there now are seven of us).

An article about *Oran nan Car* including two tracks from the CD is available at the website <http://uwnews.org/uweek/uweekarticle.asp?articleID=40924>. Simply click underneath “A Cappella” and “Long Set” on the right side of the web page.

Over the last four years Dale DeGraf did all of the recordings and audio mastering, while I helped with the mixing and produced liner notes. The band worked hard on improving our Gaelic pronunciation. .

Enjoy the sneak preview! www.oran-nan-car.com



CLAN MACLEOD! THIS IS WHO WE ARE!



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NAG NEWS

BY BARB ARMSTRONG

Here is a correction to the write-up in the latest *Clan Magazine*.

The cut-off date is NOT April 15th, that was a change-in-fee date. The registration cut-off date will be June 15th.

For any NRGers coming, their Service-for-others project is on Wednesday, July 2nd starting at 2:20 pm when they will leave the University to walk over to the Ottawa Mission to help prepare and serve dinner. Then they will eat with the staff, returning in lots of time for the Welcome Reception and Kitchen Ceilidh.

The full schedule of events can be found in the latest issue of the *Clan MacLeod Magazine* or online at www.macleodgathering2008.ca. The website will be updated as often as possible.

This NAG promises to be an exciting and entertaining event—one not to be missed. Not only will we learn more about our Scottish heritage and our national heritage and capital city, but also there will be time to become reacquainted with clan friends and “kissin’ cousins.”

RESEARCH REQUEST

Shirley Anne Watson of the University of Glasgow, Department of Archeology, is currently researching the cultural associations and contemporary interpretation of Scottish battles and battlefields for her PHD. She is keen to include the clans in her research and would like to hear from as many clan members as possible. She is interested in a number of areas: do you have any tales about battles where they were fought, or of ancestors who fought at them? Do you have any other examples of folklore and tradition – songs, poems, place-names?

If you can help Ms. Watson with this please email her at phd-research@clanmacleod.org

highland games

BY JUDY TIPPLE

I have wanted a list of Canadian Highland Games for several years now and finally when Ron MacLeod of Vancouver sent me one I thought I'd publish it. By going on-line I was able to fill in a few missing games and now, I think that this list is close to complete.

If any of you know of games not included here, please let me know. On occasion games are cancelled or venues changed but most are held on the same weekend each year. You can go online to find contact information.

The 2010 World Heavy Games will be held in Victoria.

ALBERTA

June 8, 2008 Grand Prairie Highland Games, Grand Prairie, AB

June 21, 2008 Red Deer Highland Games, Red Deer, AB

June 22, 2008 Edmonton Scottish Society Highland Gathering, Edmonton, AB

July 15, 2006 Fort Edmonton Highland Games, Fort Edmonton, AB

July 29, 2006 Stettler Highland Games, Stettler, AB

Aug 13, 2006 Beaumont Highland Games, Beaumont, AB

Aug 23, 2008 High River Highland Games, High River, AB

Aug 30, 2008 Calgary Highland Games, Calgary, AB

Aug 31, 2008 Canmore Highland Games, Canmore, AB

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mar 12-16, 2008 CelticFest, Vancouver, BC

May 17, 2008 Comox Valley Highland Games, Courtenay, BC

May 17-18, 2008 Victoria Highland Games, Victoria, BC

June 1-2, 2007 Cariboo Highland Games, Quesnel, BC

June 14, 2008 Sons of Scotland Games, Delta, BC

June 17, 2006 BC Legion Highland Gathering, White Rock - South Surrey, BC

June 21, BC Legion Highland Gathering, Douglas Park, Langley

June 28, 2008 BC (United) Scottish Highland Games and Festival, Coquitlam, BC

July 12, 2008 Kamloops Highland Games, Kamloops, BC

July 5, 2008 Penticton Highland Games, Penticton, BC, Cancelled

MANITOBA

Feb 16, 2008 Winnipeg Scottish Festival, Winnipeg, MB

Apr 26, 2008 Brandon Highland Festival, Brandon, MB

June 29, 2008 Winnipeg Bands on the Boardwalk, Winnipeg Beach, MB

Feb 21, 2009 Winnipeg Scottish Festival, Winnipeg Beach, MB

June 30, 2007 Manitoba Highland Gathering, Selkirk, MB

Aug 13-19, 2006 Folkorama - Pavilions of Scotland Winnipeg, MB

NEW BRUNSWICK

May 30 - June 1, 2008

Gathering of the Scots Festival,
Perth-Andover, NB

July 25-27, 2008 New Brunswick
Highland Games, Fredericton,
NB

NOVA SCOTIA

July 1-8, 2008 Nova Scotia Tattoo,
Halifax, NS

July 1, 2006 Gathering of the
Clans, Pugwash, NS

July 12, 2008 Halifax Scottish
Festival & Highland Games, Dart-
mouth, NS

July 18-20, 2008 Antigonish High-
land Games, Antigonish, NS

Aug 2, 2008 Highland Village Day,
Iona, NS

Aug 8-12, 2007 The Hector Festi-
val, Pictou, NS

Aug 18-19, 2006 Festival of the
Tartans, New Glasgow, NS

Oct 10-18, 2008 Celtic Colours In-
ternational Festival, Cape Breton,
NS

ONTARIO

Apr 29, 2006 Hanover Indoor
Games, Hanover, ON

May 24, 2008 Kingston Celtfest,
Kingston, ON

June 6-7, 2008 Celtfest, Callander,
ON

June 9, 2007 Hamilton Interna-
tional Tattoo, Hamilton, ON

June 14, 2008 Georgetown High-
land Games, Georgetown, ON

June 21, 2008 Veterans' Memorial
Highland Games, Spencerville,
ON

June 27-28, 2008 Hamilton High-
land Games, Ancaster, ON

July 1, 2007 Embro Highland
Games, Embro, ON

June 28, 2008 Cobourg Highland
Games, Cobourg, ON

June 2009 Sarnia Highland Games,
Sarnia, ON

June 25, 2006 Kawartha Highland
Games, Lindsay, ON

July 4-6, 2008 Kincardine Scottish
Festival & Highland Games,
Kincardine, ON

July 12, 2008 Haliburton Highland
Games, Haliburton, ON

July 14, 2007 Tartan Sertoma
Chatham-Kent Supreme Highland
Games, Chatham, ON

July 20, 2007 Orillia Scottish Fes-
tival, Orillia, ON

July 18-19, 2008 Cambridge High-
land Games, Cambridge, ON

July 25-27, 2008 Highlands of Dur-
ham Games, Uxbridge, ON

July 26, 2008 Fort Henry Tattoo,
Kingston, ON

July 28, 2007 Lindsay Tattoo,
Lindsay, ON

Aug 1-2, 2008 Glengarry Highland
Games, Maxville, ON

Aug 8-10, 2008 Celtic Roots Festi-
val & College, Goderich, ON

Aug 8-10, 2008 Fergus Highland
Games, Fergus, ON

Aug 18, 2007 George Kerr Memo-
rial Highland Games, Bancroft,
ON

Aug 23, 2008 North Lanark High-
land Games Almonte, ON

Sept 9, 2006 Fort Erie Celtic Festi-

val (formerly Loch Sloy Highland Games) Fort Erie, ON

Sep 12-14, 2008 Trenton Scottish/Irish Festival, Trenton, ON

Sep 13, 2008 Beach Celtic Festival, Toronto, ON

Sep 15-17, 2006 Owen Sound Celtic Festival, Owen Sound, ON

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

June 24-25, 2006 Summerside Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival, Summerside, PEI

Aug 5, 2006 Eldon Highland Games, Eldon, PEI

Aug 26, 2006 Woodleigh Highland Games, Woodleigh, PEI

QUEBEC

Aug 5 Montreal Highland Games, Pierrefonds, QC

Sep 1-2 Quebec City Celtic Festival, Quebec, QC

SASKATCHEWAN

Feb Mid-Winter Celtic Festival, Regina, SK

May 17, Moose Jaw Highland Games, Moose Jaw, SK

May 18, Regina Highland Games, Regina, SK



*Above: the tent many seek out first
Below: a 23 pound rock gets tossed*



ANCESTOR HUNTING BRINGS RESULTS

BY LESLEY MCCRIMMON

I was recently contacted by someone who had just found out the names of her biological family and was searching for them. Were they alive? Where did they live? She had some very sketchy notes. Unfortunately, I was not able to directly help her but was able to give her some referrals. A few weeks later, she contacted me to say she had actually found some previously unknown family members.

With her permission, I hope to continue to report on this very happy story as this is one of the main reasons we keep genealogical records.

Have you submitted your family history? Maybe we can help you find some long-lost family members. Maybe even some who

are rich and looking for an heir!

On a personal note, someone submitted their family records to me and we discovered that they were a part of Don's (my husband) side of the family.

After years of searching and going back over six generations we are now able to trace his family all the way back to the Isle of Skye. This has always been our goal but it has been a frustrating journey. The moral of this story is "never give up".

Please contact me by e-mail: lmccrimmon@hotmail.com or snail mail: Lesley McCrimmon, 16619 Innis Lake Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 3A4, so that we can add more "good news" stories to the MacLeod Clan.



Ready for the Parade of the Clans at the Victoria Highland Games, May 18, 2008.
Karen, Fran, Malcolm, Ian C. MacLeod, Judy Tipple, Don, Chris and their son.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE



Getting to page 36 having included all of the articles and most of the photographs on my list of Issue Contents, amounts to *Mission Accomplished* in my view. I felt that I would be short of photos so while attending the Victoria Highland Games May 18, I tried to get as many photos as I could.

By way of future information, the World's Championship Heavy Events will be held at these Games in 2010 and I plan to be there. I remember attending such at Balmoral, Scotland, during one of the first trips overseas and marveled at the skill and technique of the athletes.

I promised you some remarks about the Christmas Scottish Walk in Alexandria, VA last December. Joining in the Council meeting of the CMS USA was stimulating; we all face the problem of declining membership and bringing younger members into the fold. Visiting with good friends in that historic part of the USA was exciting and the weather was great.

Once again I want to thank the contributors to this issue, you make my job of editor so much easier and your job of reader so very much more interesting and informative. If your local Clan MacLeod Society doesn't have an article in this issue, take it upon yourself to correct the situation for the next issue. Don't hesitate to send me your story, gem of history, family origin and adventures, discovering a far-flung cousin, getting your hunt for family origins started and such.

The 2008 North American Gathering in Ottawa is only weeks away and will be a feature in the next issue of the *Leod Voice*. I look forward to receiving your thoughts, feelings and photos of the gathering (due date October 1). What area would you like to visit for the 2016 event?

Our thanks go to Ian C. for his production of the new brochure. Use yours to entice MacLeods, sept or interested Scots to join a society near them.

I hope to receive a flood of names and addresses of new members as you disperse brochures and send in gift memberships.

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you in Ottawa.

Revised Newsletter Timelines:

Spring—May 1

Fall—October 1

**Membership and
Executive Changes:**

March 1

and September 1

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