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RCMP Commissioner Guiliano Zaccardelli, Cecil Crowfoot, great-grandson of Chief Crowfoot, and Ian C. MacLeod at Fort Macleod, Sept. 1, 2005

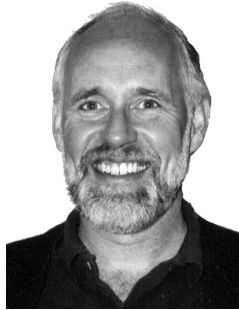
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IAN C. MACLEOD

Greetings again to all Clansfolk. It has been a very busy few months on things MacLeod. For me, the most intense activity was around the Alberta Centenary celebrations honouring Col. James Macleod in Calgary and Fort Macleod. Before getting into that, I will give a brief comment on some of the many other events going on with Clan MacLeod across Canada and the world.

Right off the top, I again thank Judy for producing the summer issue of the *Leod Voice*, particularly in the trying circumstances facing her. She did a wonderful job. I can't thank her enough for her agreement to carry on with producing this issue. She has said that she would 'happily hand over the pen to anyone who would like to take on this task'. In the meantime, she does what she has always done, knuckled down and got to work. But I don't think that can last forever. So if anyone does have an interest in things MacLeod and in producing a newsletter, please let me or Judy know. In the meantime, we are all deeply in her debt.

Dr. Jim Hunter's Book *Scottish Exodus: Travels Among a Worldwide Clan*. The eagerly anticipated book commissioned



by the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS) and written by Dr. Jim Hunter is now in print. There is an interesting introduction at <http://www.clan-macleod.com/exodus.html>.

Scottish Exodus can be ordered on line through the ACMS Business Manager, Lt. Col. William R. McLeod (otherwise known as Bill Vic), at <innkprbill@aol.com> for £10, plus shipping and handling from the UK.

There is an interesting sidebar to the release of the book. Scotland's First Minister, Jack McConnell, joined with Chief John, Dr. Hunter, ACMS-Executive VP Malcolm and others in the launch of the book. Minister McConnell and other senior government ministers began talking about encouraging Scots to return to Scotland, to do for Scotland what they have done for the rest of the world. There are said to be about 5 million people in Scotland but about 4.5 million Scots and an additional 25 million of Scots-descent around the world. The media, certainly in Canada, have picked up quite often on that 'please come home' message (but without mentioning that the MacLeods were the catalyst for the call).

Society Anniversary Celebrations In 1954 Dame Flora toured Canada and the USA, encouraging the formation of Clan MacLeod societies. The USA Society was formed in 1954 in Chicago, the Central Ontario Society in 1955 and the Vancouver Society in 1956. Some others, Glengarry for example, have been in existence since long before that.

In any case, special congratulations to the Central Ontario Society on their 50th Anniversary. They held a big celebration on October 22. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. I hope that President Karen or Central VP Iain has put in a report on that celebration.

New Societies We are always challenged to maintain or grow our societies' memberships. So it is always encouraging when dormant societies rise, like the phoenix from the ashes, and become active again. The Cape Breton Society was recently revived, and there was some brief comment on it in the last issue. President Greg has an interesting report on their very ambitious projects elsewhere in this issue.

Our Victoria Society had been inactive for probably eight years. So it is with great pleasure that we now have a pending new society on Vancouver Island, based in the home of Malcolm and Karen MacLeod in Duncan, BC, about 70 km north of Victoria. Malcolm

is the son of Neil (one of our few Gaelic speakers) and Florence, long-time active members in the Vancouver Society. Past President Neil, Vancouver President Bob, *Leod Voice* Editor Judy and I and several others attended an inaugural meeting in Duncan on October 15. There seems to be strong interest. Welcome to Malcolm, Karen and all these new members!

Encouraging Memberships/Surveys In the Summer 2005 *Leod Voice* I included a survey on Clan MacLeod memberships. Some have been returned, but no-where near enough. I encourage you to complete and get them in to me. Your feedback is important.

Parliament 2006 Look to the improved and updated ACMS website (<<http://www.clan-macleod.org/clan-parliament-2006/index.php>>) and the Fall issue of the *Clan MacLeod Magazine* for particulars. Parliament is a fabulous experience with visits to historical sites, the beauty of Scotland and, most importantly, the networks developed with MacLeod kinsfolk. I hope to see many of you there in July.

Web site Unfortunately the Canadian web site is not yet operational. Our internet coordinators, Jenn and Rory, late of Winnipeg, but now in Melita, MB have been having a tough year. Both Rory's father and Jenn have had significant health problems. To make matters worse, just before they moved to

Melita, the area was flooded, late last spring, putting 4 feet of water in their basement. With winter coming on, they're still waiting to get their furnace fixed. We wish them well, and hope that they can get back up to speed in the near future.

In the meantime, the ACMS site can be very useful. If there are any of you with computer and web skills who would be willing to help out, I'm sure they, and CMSC, would appreciate the help.

MacLeods in the News In the summer issue, I asked that everyone watch and note MacLeods who succeed in whatever endeavour, so that we can recognize them in the *Leod Voice*. It could be anything from special success of our young people in school competitions to business to politics to the arts or whatever. But we need you to tell us of those successes. Please feed them in to me or Judy any time that you see or hear of some notable MacLeod (or sept) accomplishment.

Executive Vacancies We still need to fill the position of (senior) Vice-President and Vice-President Atlantic. Past President Neil has been making some enquiries, but to date without success. If anyone is interested in serving the Clan MacLeod Society of Canada in one of those roles, please let me or Neil know. It is not a lot of work and can be tremendously rewarding.

Other Activities There are always ongoing activities with my home society (Vancouver) and with invitations to events at other societies. I have mentioned elsewhere in this report my trips to Calgary, Fort Macleod and Duncan. Unfortunately I was unable to make Central Ontario's 50th Anniversary or the summer event of the BC Interior (it was only one day after my return from 11 days in Alberta and I couldn't turn around and leave again so quickly). Hopefully Mark will be reporting on the very successful summer picnics of the Vancouver Society at Peace Arch Park and on Saturna Island (at Judy Tipple's, another thanks, Judy!) and the very enjoyably evening 13 MacLeods spent at an Alexander Brothers concert in October. We are an active bunch!

This summer, Past President Barbara and Bob Armstrong were passing through our area and Ardie and I had a wonderful lunch with them on the Steveston waterfront. Past President Neil and June and Bill and Edith joined with us. Barbara is chairing the North American Gathering in Ottawa in 2008 and Neil and Bill were the co-chairs of the 1992 NAG (I was treasurer), so we had much to discuss. Barbara and her team are already well into their planning, so 2008 looks to be another chance for Canada to shine in hosting NAGs.

Vancouver has a number of up-

coming events, including it's AGM in November, the highly successful annual Burns Brunch and plans for its 50th Anniversary next year.

The Burns Brunch should be especially interesting this year as I am, again, giving the Toast to the Lassies. What will make it special and interesting is that the response will be given by my youngest daughter, Stephanie. Now is her chance to give some back!

Fort Macleod (note, small 'I') and Fort Calgary One of the highlights for me was taking part, on behalf of Clan MacLeod, in the celebrations in Alberta honouring a Canadian icon, Colonel James F. Macleod. September 1, 2005 was the 100th Anniversary of Alberta

and Saskatchewan joining Canada. As part of those celebrations, the RCMP Veterans Association and the Riders of the Plains (ROTP) (a local Fort Macleod historical and restoration society) took on a couple of projects to commemorate the outstanding contribution made by James Macleod to the RCMP, Alberta and Canada.

Before I get into all of that though, I must thank Alma, the Secretary of the Alberta South Society (Calgary) who has been coordinating and working on this project for many months.

In the last *Leod Voice*, there was an article by Hugh Dempsey describing the contributions by James Macleod. I won't repeat all

Colonel James F. Macleod

Stamixotokan

Colonel James Farquharson Macleod was a man who had enormous power that influenced many of the changes western Canada experienced during the late 1800s. He had two substantial loves in his life: his wife Mary and the Mounted Police. He spent many months away from his wife and family while he served 7 years in the North West Mounted Police and 18 years in legal positions.

1875
North West Mounted Police Commissioner

Encouraged into a legal career by his father Macleod completed a law degree and went into practice in Ontario. James joined a voluntary militia where he earned the Order of St. Michael and St. George for his service in the Wolseley expedition during the 1870 Red River Rebellion. When offered a commission in the newly formed North West Mounted Police, Macleod accepted without hesitation.

As Assistant Commissioner, Colonel Macleod worked alongside the enlisted men and even intervened on their behalf when Commissioner George French imposed punishment for small infractions. Macleod was placed in charge of the western force where he put a stop to the illegal whiskey trade and made preparations for future settlement. Macleod badgered Ottawa to release the funds necessary to pay the men for the first time since leaving the east. In March 1875, he and Jerry Potts, a NWMP mixed blood Guide, travelled from Fort Macleod to Helena, Montana, through severe winter conditions, to pick up the men's pay.

Macleod developed a respectful relationship with First Nations leaders such as Chiefs Red Crow and Crowfoot and that trust was mentioned during the Treaty Seven negotiations in 1877. Macleod constantly reminded Ottawa to honour the Treaty promises. A Pileani Chief was so impressed that he honored Macleod with his own name, Stamixotokan or Bill Head.

In 1876, Macleod assumed the responsibilities of Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police. Poor communication between Ottawa and Fort Macleod left James frustrated over long delays but relatively unencumbered with petty political interference. Colonel Macleod sent F troop to establish a fort at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers. He later suggested the name Calgary for the fort that became the birthplace of this city.

Those in Ottawa "gave me authority to draw money to pay the men... I drew \$30,000 and brought \$15,000 out here with me."

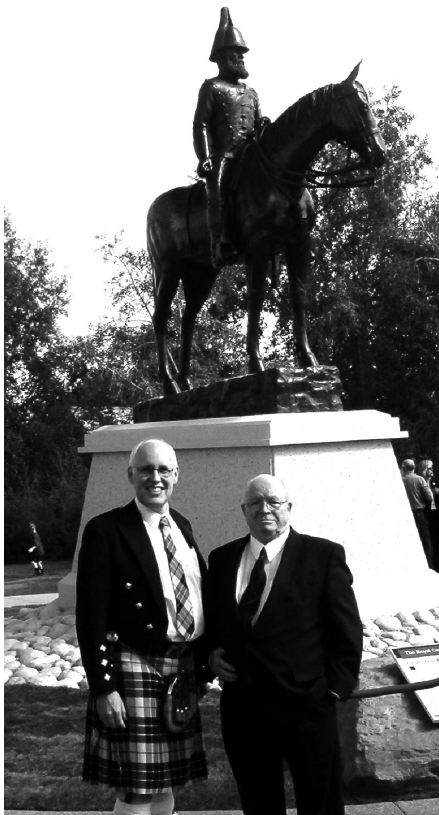
Letter to Mary, April 21, 1875

Colonel James F. Macleod, North West Mounted Police, March 1875. Photo: © Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

of that, other than to highlight a few points that came up often in the celebrations. A few quick facts:

James Macleod was born in Scotland, earned a Canadian law degree, was active in the militia, was an original member of the NWMP and one of the first group of 5 Supreme Court judges in what is now Alberta.

James Macleod was visiting in Scotland when he was personally recruited by Sir John A. MacDonal-d, Prime Minister of Canada, to head the trek west to bring some peace to the west.



Fort Macleod is named after him.

Calgary was named by him, after Calgary House, a castle on the Isle of Mull, his wife's home.

The University of Calgary logo incorporates the Macleod logo.

Col. Macleod was the second full time Commissioner of the NWMP (now RCMP). The skill and integrity of Col. Macleod was probably the primary reason why Alberta did not have the Indian wars as were experienced just south of the USA border.

Macleod's efforts predated the opening of the CP Railroad by about nine years. A strong argument can be made that his efforts ensured that Alberta became part of Canada rather than being swamped by American settlers.

His grandson, also James Farquerson Macleod (about age 70), is an engineer in Calgary.

The events at Fort Macleod were quite moving for me:

On Wednesday, August 24 there was a Regimental Dinner in Fort Macleod, attended by the ROTP group, CMS members from Calgary and Edmonton, RCMP veterans, descendants of Jerry Potts, Macleod's mixed-blood guide, local Blackfoot representatives as well as me and my daughter Heather, the *Clan MacLeod Magazine* Co-Editor. Several flowery speeches were made (I don't know if mine fell into the 'flowery'

category), and blessings brought by a Blackfoot elder.

Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada had donated a Union Jack flag to the restoration project. On Thursday morning, with a full RCMP colour guard, I raised that flag on the pole reconstructed on the original site of the pole at the old fort site.

Later I took part, along with many local, Provincial and Federal

politicians, Senator Joyce Fairbairn, RCMP, ROTP, Blackfoot and MacLeods, in a formal ribbon cutting of the restoration project. (Commissioner Zaccardelli and I decided that he had a longer sword than I had (boys will be boys!). I then presented to the ROTP representative the banner that the CMSC had donated (after the picture was taken, and before it was presented, on the encouragement of the lassies from Edmonton, Heather ironed it for me).



Also that afternoon, I was both honoured and very moved to take part in the planting of six memorial trees to remember RCMP officers killed in the line of duty in Alberta. Five were planted in memory of the five killed this year, the four murdered at Mayerthorpe and one other killed in a traffic accident. The sixth tree was symbolic of the 36 other officers. The six trees were planted by Commissioner Zaccardelli, Jasper Buckskin (a Blackfoot elder), Senator Joyce Fairbairn, Mayor Shawn Patience, Hon. David Coumts (Alberta Minister of Sustainable Resource Development), and me, on behalf of the Clan MacLeod.

Later that evening we were fortunate to take in the full RCMP Musical Ride. I was at ground level and almost up against the rail, so it was a very up-close experience. I was surprised to see that Commissioner Zaccardelli led the ride.

As an aside, as a lawyer myself, its always comforting to see a lawyer getting such well deserved accolades. There are lots of ‘good guy’ lawyers in literature and history (for example, Sydney Garton in Dicken’s *Tale of Two Cities* and the group of lawyers in Shakespeare’s *Henry VI* where in Act IV, Scene II, he says ‘let’s kill all the lawyers’, not because they were bad, but because they were the ones protecting society from the overthrow of the government).

I then spent a few days visiting with Heather in Red Deer and my youngest brother Don, and family in Calgary and then on September 1 (Alberta’s actual 100th Anniversary) I took part in more Col. MacLeod celebrations at the Fort Calgary site in Calgary. A life size

bronze statue of Col. Macleod, on horseback was unveiled. That project was spearheaded by the RCMP Veterans’ Association. A couple of interesting points here:

Speeches were given by many dignitaries, including by Col. Macleod’s grandson (also James F. Macleod), Kenn Potts, a descendent of Jerry Potts and Cecil Crowfoot, a great grandson of Chief Crowfoot of the Blackfoot Nation.

Cecil Crowfoot related a very telling story. He recalled his grandmother telling him a story of Col. Macleod and the trust he had earned. In 1876, the Sioux under Chief Sitting Bull had wiped out General Custer and his troops at the Little Big Horn in Montana. Shortly after, Sitting Bull had sent emissaries and gifts of horses to



at Regimental dinner, Aug 24, 2005, Heather, Mayor Shawn Patience, Ian C, Janet Potts (great great granddaughter of Jerry Potts and RCMP veteran) and Hon. David Coumts (Minister of Sustainable Development)

*Ian C presents
CMSC banner to
Doran Dagenstein of
Riders of the Plains,
a Fort Macleod
historical and
restoration society*



Chief Crowfoot, asking that the Blackfoot join in the fight against the white settlers and soldiers. Cecil Crowfoot remembers his mother saying that Chief Crowfoot sent the horses back and refused to join Sitting Bull, because he trusted the men in red coats under Macleod, who had driven out the American whisky peddlers. So Col. Macleod really did avoid the Indian wars in Canada.

Robbie Robertson, a retired RCMP Staff Sergeant, composed and read a long poem honouring Col. Macleod. If anyone is interested, I have a copy (it is about four pages long).

All in all, I enjoyed myself tremendously, got to 'show the MacLeod colours', spent time with MacLeod kinsfolk from Calgary

and Edmonton and learned a lot of history.

Closing Personal Notes On a personal note, a big part of our day-to-day activity now focuses on our granddaughter, Chloe (Melanie and Johnny's daughter). We babysit three or four days a week. Part of my MS (if not general good health) therapy is swimming every morning, so I take Chloe with me to the pool. She knows everyone there and it's as if she has about 50 extra 'grandparents'. We are having a great time spoiling her, then sending her home—the real joy of being a grandparent! So Chloe and I get to swim, then nap together such a life!

Ardis and I also traveled to Victoria in October to cheer on our daughter Heather (*Clan Magazine*



co-Editor) as she ran in her first full marathon (42km!). She finished in a very respectable 4:13 (just finishing is respectable) and didn't even look tired at the end. There was an interesting little tim-bit. She was assigned number 1199, a 'double double' if you will. She is addicted to Tim Horton's double doubles, so it seemed appropriate that she would get that number. My brother Dave (age 54) also ran in it, his 15th marathon. He finished in 4:08, but looked

very beat up at the end.

This is the last *Leod Voice* before Christmas, so I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. Hopefully I will see many of you next year, most notably at Parliament.



*Above: Ian C. with Larry Zehanoviz of the Riders of the Plains group
Right: Brother Dave with Ian's daughter Heather after they finished the Victoria Marathon, Oct 9, 2005*

PACIFIC REPORT

BY MARK MACLEOD

It's all great news!

Interior BC: Pat MacLeod writes that all is well. This group is spread out over a very large area so they find getting together for regular events a little difficult. They have an Annual Gathering at long time members Ian and Koralie's lovely home in Vernon, BC. Alison and I have been able to attend a gathering or two in the past and they have always been a lot of fun with great camaraderie. Unfortunately we were not able to attend this year due to previous commitments. Ian is recovering well from his



surgery, as is Pat from her car accident early this year. New members George & Cheryl MacLeod, Sean, Aleisha and Ashlin have joined the group, welcome!

Greater Vancouver: Some 28 members had an excellent picnic on Saturna Island graciously hosted by Judy Tipple. It was an all-day event with a scenic ferry ride through the beautiful Gulf Islands; a wonderful, memorable day.

Taking a chance with Vancouver weather in September, a terrific picnic was arranged by



Ian C. and CMS Vancouver President Bob Tanner share cutting honours at picnic on Saturna while Kirstin Ridout pipes





More entertainment at Saturna picnic by Don and Neil

Below: Watermelon eating contest, Ken did fine until he got the giggles

Vancouver's VP Kirstin Ridout at Peace Arch Park. Kirstin called it right, it was a perfect sunny day in beautiful surroundings. Lots of games including croquet (I did not win), badminton (I did not win), watermelon-eating contest (I did

not enter), face painting (I did not take a chance with 'connect the freckles') and more.

Vancouver will hold their AGM in November including a Bring & Buy table. Members bring items to donate while others snap up



the bargains. The money earned goes to the Piping and Drumming Fund.

The 16th Annual Robert Burns Luncheon will be held January 22. Bill G. has been the underlying force behind this event for many years and it has always attracted the largest gathering of all our events. It has already been marked on my calendar.

Also of note on December 16th will be Edith and Bill G. McLeod's 60th Anniversary. Congratulations! You are well admired and we wish you health and happiness.

Vancouver Island: Some great news here. Malcolm MacLeod, son of Neil & Frances (CMS Vancouver, pictured below), has agreed to take on the task of revitalizing the Vancouver Island group. Several members from Vancouver met with Malcolm, Karen and others in Duncan, BC to initiate the process. Unfortunately due to work commitments I was not able to join this significant meeting. Others will be reporting on this I am sure but I will have more details and plans forthcoming in the next newsletter. Well done all!

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY VANCOUVER ISLAND BY KAREN & MALCOLM MACLEOD

The Clan MacLeod Vancouver Island inaugural meeting was brought to order at 1:15 pm on October 15, 2005. There were approximately 20 in attendance. Clan MacLeod Society of Canada President Ian C. MacLeod and past President Neil R. McLeod brought the meeting to order. Both Ian and Neil spoke of the benefits of joining the society. Prior to the meeting Malcolm E. MacLeod

and his wife Karen spent several hours on the phone and emailing MacLeods, septs and friends of things Scottish who might wish to join the Clan MacLeod Society



of Vancouver Island. Malcolm received a resounding positive response on the phone and by email so it was felt the low turnout didn't reflect the feeling of enthusiasm for CMS membership.

CMSC newsletter *Leod Voice* editor and Membership Registrar, Judy Tipple was also present bringing copies of the *Leod Voice* and International *Clan MacLeod Magazines*. All present voted for a restarting of the Clan MacLeod

Society of Vancouver Island. Both Karen and Malcolm are getting in touch with the fifty families they had previously contacted who expressed interest in CMS membership. There will be a meeting early in 2006 to discuss further business. For more information, phone 250-746-3997, email macleod-mk@shaw.ca or write 1068 Islay Ave, Duncan, BC, V9L 2R1. Hold Fast and Shine Bright.

FORT MACLEOD PROJECT

BY ALMA MACLEOD

Many of you will remember the trip to Fort Macleod following the North American Gathering in Vancouver in 1992. We visited the Fort and had a grand reception from the town of Fort Macleod. They have now opened a second Fort as a tourist attraction. This one is a re-creation of the Second Barracks Project and will be quite a few years in the making. As Colonel Macleod was so prominent in the creation of these barracks, the theme of the day was to honour anyone carrying the Macleod name and the Jerry Potts name. Jerry was Colonel James' guide, mentor and scout. On the evening of August 24th, most of the Southern Alberta Clan MacLeod Society members, a good representation from the Edmonton group, Ian from Richmond, BC, and his daughter Heather from Red Deer were all honoured guests, along with members of the Potts family, at a regimental dinner held

in one of the barracks buildings. It was very colourful with kilts, tartans, and the RCMP in their red serge uniforms. Ian was at the head table wearing his yellow MacLeod kilt, standing out among all of the others who were mainly dressed in red. It was a great evening and enjoyed by all.

The next day was full of pageantry with flag raising, speeches, etc. Ian presented a Union Jack flag donated by CMSC and it was flown for the first time on that day. There was story telling, Indian ceremonies and dancing; something for all ages. The Southern Alberta group had ordered 'Proud Macleod' t-shirts, so we were all quite visible. The evening ended with a miniature rodeo, Indian dances and of course, the world famous RCMP musical ride. It was a beautiful sunny day and everything was so colourful.

The Riders of The Plains are

sponsoring this project and plan on Clan MacLeod being well represented in their displays. They plan to have two cabinets side by side, one with native items and the other with MacLeod items, to emphasize the influence Colonel James Macleod had on the natives at the time the original Fort was built. This is a significant project worthy of support by all clan members.

CMS MANITOBA REPORT

BY BOB MCLEOD

The Scottish Pavilion during Folklorama in early August, drew large crowds and our Clan MacLeod table and backdrop display showed very well. Thanks to Roy McLeod and approximately twenty-five volunteers for manning the MacLeod table for seven days, 5:30 to 11:30 pm.

On August 27th, President Carole and husband John hosted a Clan meeting and pot luck / BBQ dinner at their home in Fort Garry. The meeting was good but the food and fellowship that followed were even better.

Our 18th Annual Clan MacLeod Dinner was held at the Victoria Inn, Winnipeg on Saturday, October 22nd. Attendance was down slightly to fifty people, but still a really nice evening.

Framed Awards of Merit from CMSC were presented by Prairie VP Bob to D. Bruce and Florence MacLeod and to Roy McLeod.

New members for Clan MacLeod Society Southern Alberta: Our President Ken MacLeod, and his wife Shirley, announce the arrival of twin grandsons on August 7th, 2005. Erik Barline and Nicholas Barline were born to proud parents Jonathan and Samantha MacLeod of Calgary.



All three were founding members of our Manitoba Society and each has served two years as President. Congratulations to all. You are certainly deserving and our society is fortunate to have such quality people.

Scottish entertainment at the dinner was provided by a pair of David McLeods. David #1 is the leader of a three-piece singing band called the *Matchstalk Men* and are always entertaining. David #2, also a member of Clan MacLeod, is from Brandon, a wonderful bagpipe player and son of our president Carole.

Our next Clan MacLeod outing will be a BingoBowl on the evening of November 26th and a Christmas get-together, date and details to follow.

CENTRAL ONTARIO

NEWS

BY BETH MACLEOD

We had a busy summer this year starting with a Ceilidh on May 28th, an informal evening, featuring a BBQ dinner with family entertainment. During the summer, we traditionally attend four local Highland Games gatherings. Cathie White provides the team leadership (she is the caretaker of our tent and MacLeod regalia) and with the assistance of Allan and Mary MacLeod, Irene MacCrimmon, Don and Lesley McCrimmon and Diane Sankey, ensures that the MacLeod presence is known at the Georgetown, Orillia and Fergus Highland Games as well as the Highland of Durham Festival held in Uxbridge.

Central Ontario celebrated their 50th Anniversary on October 22, 2005 at the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club. The evening was rainy and dreary, but inside, about 50 people had gathered to meet old friends and new and have a wonderful time. The Haggis was addressed; the Queen, Chiefs, Clan and Tartan were toasted; and Karen, Central Ontario President, read out the letters and notes of congratulation received from Chief John, Dr. Alex McLeod ACMS President,



Durham Banner carried by MacLeods at Highland Games

Ian C. MacLeod President of the Canadian Society, Bill C. McLeod President of the U.S. Society and Mary Clarke of the New Zealand Society as well as our own members Rosalind and Alex MacLeod. We were especially pleased to have Marion MacLeod attend, as she was one of the ten couples who had met 50 years previous to establish our branch of this worldwide Clan Macleod Society. Accompanying her was her daughter Carolyn and granddaughter Skye who were visiting from Scotland. Janet and Don B. MacLeod, former presi-

dent of the U.S. Society, ventured forth from Rochester, N.Y. on the Rochester Ferry to Toronto to bring greetings from our fellow MacLeods to the south.

Joan MacLeod Rogers was requested to provide a painting to grace the cover of our evening program, a copy of which is seen here. Her inspiration was Dunvegan Castle with Ontario's Trilliums in the lower left hand corner. Our evening wrapped up with Ceilidh dancing to the sounds of *The Reel Thing*. All in all, it was a memorable evening.



CENTRAL ONTARIO CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

... CONGRATULATIONS FROM CMSC

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS

BY DONALD MACLEOD

CMS Halifax held its much-delayed annual general meeting on November 26th. I am pleased to welcome Elizabeth MacLean as President, Bert MacLeod as Vice-President, Patricia Scallion as Secretary and Eleanor MacLeod carrying on as Treasurer. We look forward to working with the new executive and all members of CMS Halifax. It will take the enthusiasm of all members to bring renewed vitality to our society. Membership dues for 2006 can be sent to Eleanor MacLeod, 239 Chandler Dr, Lower Sackville, NS, B3C 1Y4.

CMS Halifax welcomes new member Finlay M. MacLeod of Portessie, Buckie, Scotland. Finlay travels to Nova Scotia several times a year to teach new instructors of Immersion Gaelic Programs in Cape Breton, Antigonish and Halifax. Through a non-grammar, non-translation, full immersion program, he can teach an adult to speak conversational Gaelic in



about 200 hours. Clansman Finlay advises that, contrary to popular misconception, children take much longer to learn language.

CMS Cape Breton is holding a Robbie Burns dinner in January and welcomes anyone wishing to join in the celebrations. Contact Greg MacLeod, for the date and details. A Clan MacLeod of Cape Breton genealogy study is underway, headed by President, Father Greg MacLeod and others. They are approaching the various communities in Cape Breton where MacLeods are living asking them first to provide their family trees back only to their grandparents. When that has been accomplished, participants will be asked to 'reach back' to previous generations, hopefully to their ancestors who came from Scotland and then, if possible, still further back into their Scottish roots. The results of this project will be an interesting addition to the MacLeod Genealogy Project headed by Lesley McCrimmon.

ACMS WEB SITE UPDATED

Some great news on the electronic communication front. ACMS several months ago retained professional help to revamp the ACMS web site. It is now active, and in particular has some good information on Parliament 2006. Have a look at: <<http://www.clan-macleod.org/clan-parliament-2006/index.php>> .

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF CAPE BRETON

BY GREG MACLEOD, PRESIDENT

Our society has undertaken two projects. One is the History Project and the other is the *Margaret* Project.

History Project: We are inviting all MacLeods who have roots in Cape Breton Island to send information on their families to us at: gregmacleod@ns.sympatico.ns or Maryk_macleod@capebretonu.ca or Dr. Mary K. MacLeod, Cape Breton University, Box 5300, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6L2.

We are setting up history committees in each of the four counties and suggest that all MacLeods look at their own history beginning with their great grandfathers. We would like to map the sites of the original MacLeod ancestors around the island. We have had an

amazing interest from descendants of MacLeods in different parts of North America. Mary K. MacLeod, originally from Chimney Corner in Inverness, professor of History at Cape Breton University will coordinate the project. Soon we will have a web site operating. Many MacLeods left Cape Breton in search of work in other places. Our members hope that their descendants will not forget their origins on Cape Breton Island.

Margaret Project: We have appointed a committee to examine the feasibility of reconstructing a full size replica of the *Margaret*, one of the ships constructed by the congregation of Rev. Norman MacLeod for his voyage to Australia and New Zealand.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

BY PATRICE LAMBERT (CMS MONTREAL)

When you don't go to history, history comes to you in a weird way.

Some time ago, my dear friend Irene MacCrimmon of Guelph, Ontario, gave my name as a resource for someone wanting to do a Quebec genealogy search. Thanks to her, M. Eric Zweig, the editor of the *National Hockey League Official Guide & Record Book* contacted me seeking information about Marguerite McLeod, one of the daughters of my own ancestor Peter McLeod. Well! Interesting! To make a long story short, Marguerite McLeod married Thomas Ross and they had ten children.

One of them, Arthur Howey Ross is the famous NHL hockey player who donated the Art Ross trophy to the NHL to be awarded to the best goaltender in the league. For more information about Art Ross and the trophy, please consult: <http://www.legendsofhockey.net>
On the other hand...

My book is now available in the Guelph University MacLeod Collection for anyone interested in reading it. It is also available from me. The Quebec Clan MacLeod archives are indexed and described. I continue to look for other MacLeods here and I invite you to send me an enquiry if you have ancestors living in Quebec.

LOYALIST ROSE

BY DOROTHY IRVINE

At the last meetings of the Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry, conversation kept drifting onto the subject of roses. Last year there was a letter in *Kingston Life* about the 'Loyalist Rose', registered by Ethel MacLeod with the International Registration Authority for Roses in 1996, to mark the Bi-centennial of the American Revolution and the subsequent exodus of the United Empire Loyalists to Canada.

When John Cameron of Clunes and his wife Mary Cameron of Glen Nevis left Scotland in 1773 for Western New York, they brought with them a favourite rose. After the 1776 American Revolution forced them to emigrate again, this time to Canada, the Camerons carried a root of this 'Maiden's Blush' rose to their new home near Cornwall.

Known in England before 1600 and said to have been brought from Damascus by Crusaders, 'Maiden's Blush' is an alba rose, a graceful arching shrub which can grow to seven feet in height, with profuse and fragrant pale pink blossoms in June. Hardy and disease-free, it was used for teas and medicines, which is probably why it was so valued by Mrs. Cameron.

Glengarry County near Cornwall was a magnet for Highland emigrants because Gaelic was

universally spoken there. In 1793-94 Captain Alexander MacLeod with his father Kenneth brought about 40 families from Glenelg to Glengarry. The district where these Highlanders settled became known as Glenelg (now Kirk Hill). Captain Alexander's wife had died on the voyage leaving him with three young sons. Once established on his own land he married Margaret Cameron of Williamston, a daughter of our John and Mary Cameron, who bore him another eight sons and three daughters. About half the members of the Glengarry Society are descended from Captain Alexander so the story of the rose is of personal interest to our group.

Ethel Campbell MacLeod who registered the 'Loyalist Rose' is a direct descendent of Captain Alexander and Margaret Cameron MacLeod. The Loyalist Rose still grows on the original Captain Alex-



ander MacLeod farm at Lot 18-6th Lochiel, now owned by his great-great-grandson George MacLeod, where the Cairn to the MacLeod Settlement stands. (see the plaque page 21 of the Winter 2004/5 issue of the *Leod Voice*.)

With Glengarry's complex family relationships, interesting coincidences occur. Donald Norman MacLeod, George's brother, remembers this rose when he was growing up on the Captain Alexander's farm. His wife, Merle, is from another MacLeod family settled along the South Branch near Eamer's Corners in Cornwall Township, and she also remembers the 'Maiden's Blush' rose bushes growing beside the lane of her grandfather's old log house. (Her

great-grandfather was a Cameron but we aren't sure if it's the same Cameron family.) Thus our two Society members are linked not only by forty years of marriage but also by the 'Loyalist Rose' which grew at their respective families' homes. They did have a rose bush at their home in Ottawa but it had grown too big to move when they came back to Glengarry.

Naturally the Glengarry Society wants to plant this historic rose at the MacLeod Cairn; we are currently soliciting the gardening descendants of Captain Alexander for a root. If reports of this rose's vigour are true, expect to hear that the MacLeod Cairn is half hidden behind pink roses in our next report!

LAMENT FOR THE CHILDREN CUMHA NA CHLOINNE

BY J. RON MACLEOD

The *Lament for the Children* was composed by Padruig Mor MacCrimmon. The beauty of the music is beyond the power of words to describe. Hearing this cèol mor played by a master piper is to experience what the Raasay poet Sorley MacLean called "one of the greatest glories of Scottish art."

When was it composed? There is no certainty but it may have been in the 1650s. An event that inspired the tune was said by Angus MacKay, Raasay, to have been

Padruig's loss of seven of eight sons in the course of a year to an unknown scourge. Some think it was a disease brought to Skye by a trading vessel. Whatever, the details of this tragedy are unknown and probably unknowable. However, it is clear from the glorious music that the inspiration strongly driven by an emotional outburst far, far beyond the commonplace.

Lately, another perspective on the inspiration for this glorious music has been presented by

Bridget MacKenzie in her newly published book, *Piping Traditions of Argyle*. Her story is based on some known facts and some conjecture.

Padruig fought on the side of King Charles II against Cromwell's Roundheads at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 - the final battle in the Second English Civil War. He served under the leadership of Ruairidh MacLeod of Talisker, a son of Sir Ruairidh Mor MacLeod and uncle of the reigning Chief.

Over 800 of the MacLeod clan were slaughtered and over 2000 Scots taken prisoner at Worcester when Sir David Leslie failed to deliver the Royal cavalry at a critical time in the battle and foot soldiers were abandoned to their fate.

Padruig was one of the prisoners on that dreadful day.¹ But, unlike other prisoners who were shipped as slaves to sugar plantations in the Caribbean and the Carolinas, Padruig was released. He returned to Dunvegan to continue as piper to MacLeod of MacLeod for another twenty years.

Padruig would have given his composition a Gaelic name, in this case, *Cumha na Chloinne*, a name that we know in English as *Lament for the Children*. But who were the children? In Padruig's time the people of the clan were the children of the Chief. At Worcester, the MacLeod Chief had lost hundreds of his children, a loss most grievous in its enormity for a relatively small island clan.

It is here that we leave the facts

and enter the world of conjecture. The emotion that Padruig MacCrimmon would have felt, having been one of the few survivors of this terrible tragedy at Worcester, is beyond knowing for certain. But, if his emotion was not powerful and sustained, he would not have been the inspired composer we know him to have been. In the service of his Chief, and out of the agony of his personal experience, it is not unreasonable to conjecture as Bridget Mackenzie does, that *Lament for the Children* could have been inspired by the MacLeod clan's tragedy at the Battle of Worcester on September 3, 1651.

Did the inspiration arise from a profound and unfathomable personal tragedy? Or did it arise from a horrific clan tragedy in which the composer was a player? Neither of these propositions about the inspiration for this timeless classic are likely to be infallibly proven. Indeed, it is not beyond belief that both events may have inspired that great master of cèol mor, Padruig Mor MacCrimmon.

In the end it may not matter all that much. This great music speaks a truth of its own. The music sings of tragedy in a language that is godlike in its spirituality and its sustained beauty of expression. The inspiration, the beauty, and the timelessness of the music are now as one.

¹ The MacCrimmon Family by George C.B. Poulter and Charles P. Fisher, 1936.

RETURN TO SCOTLAND

BY RON MACLEOD (CMS
VANCOUVER)

An article in the October 4th issue of the National Post told us that Scotland's First Minister Jack McConnell will be visiting "the Americas" to exhort expatriate Scots to come back to Scotland. Why? To bolster Scotland's economic fortunes and to reverse a crippling brain drain. And, if you can't come yourself, send money; in other words, invest in Scottish enterprises. To clinch the urgency and importance of his plea, the First Minister threatens to send a parade of outstanding Scots like actor Sir Sean Connery and singer Annie Lennox to seduce us into reversing the centuries-old diaspora of Scots.

The First Minister goes on to tell us that Scotland is "no longer a land of tartan, haggis and *Braveheart*." Wow! What does the Scottish tourist bureau have to say about that? No more *Braveheart*? And, on a more serious note, no more hunting the haggis on the moors? As to tartan, have they finally designed the millionth tartan for the score of Highland clans?

Many of us have visited Scotland, drawn by a mystical force to make contact with the spirits of our ancestors in their home glens. We go to pay our respects to those spirits. We also go to Scotland out

of curiosity, a need to discover why we are here in Canada rather than in the glens of the ancient families. We also hope to gain an understanding of why it is that being of Highland heritage is so important to our well-being. Or, it may be to renew a family connection. There are a myriad of reasons why Scotland is foremost on our list of places to visit; each of us has our own very personal motivation.

In the end, however, Scotland is perceived as a place to visit, not as a place to resettle unless, of course, one happens to marry a resident Scot.

And what of *Braveheart*, the true spirit of freedom? Can we ever forsake him? Highland emigrants found true freedom in Canada and it lives here still. The economic changes that gathered force after the Jacobite rebellion of 1745/46 and continued unabated for the next 150 years and more caused hundreds of thousands to emigrate. In the beginning, some came of their own volition but in the 1800s it was the cruel hand of landlordism that forced many unwilling Highland Scots to leave the land of their birth. Sir William Harcourt, British Home Secretary, in 1883 called Highland landlords "cruel and avaricious," a depiction

that captured the essence of the Highland Clearances better than a hundred thousand words.

For me, freedom means choice. There was precious little freedom for Highlanders in the 19th century until they came to Canada, where they found unlimited freedom and, as a result, flourished. The saga of *Braveheart* is a tale about freedom and Canada is a continuation of the *Braveheart* saga. As my father said to me in his last days, “I came to Canada so that you could be Canadian” in other words, a free man, a person with choice. The *Braveheart* saga is a tale worth preserving and Scotland should not throw it so

casually on the dung-heap of time. When I visit Scotland, I pay tribute to Sir William Wallace as well as to my ancestors. And, of course, to enjoy a great deal of Scottish froth that gives a special flavour to being ‘of Scotland’.

So, in response to First Minister McConnell I say, take my tourist pounds and take my investment dollars but leave me here in Canada with my dreams about the past glories of Scotland. There is no land on earth that conveys the spirit of *Braveheart* moreso than Canada. And it is here I was born and it is here that I choose to live and die.



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

BY JUDY TUPLE

Katherine Crawford

Katherine was born in Moncton, NB on October 19, 1920 and raised in Quebec City. She was the first woman elder in the Chalmers United Church where she worshipped until her move to Ottawa after the death of her husband. Always interested in writing, history and music, Kay was the church archivist and helped many old Quebec families research and write their family histories. She was active in her church choirs and had performed in Gilbert & Sullivan productions in Quebec City. A teacher by profession, Kay was an active youth leader in CGIT and Brownies, as well as a member of the IODE.

Katherine Crawford passed away peacefully on August 5, 2005 after a relatively short time of poor health. Surviving members of her family are sister Jean McKenna (Ed), daughter Linda (Bryan) and grand-daughter Sarah Burnell, all from the Ottawa area, daughter Wanda in Victoria, BC, and son George in St Jean, Quebec. Son John

predeceased her in a car accident, at age eight. Kay was grandmother of six and great-grandmother of four children.

Kay had a full life in good health and particularly enjoyed attending Clan MacLeod functions. Many of us remember meeting Kay at North American Gatherings and Parliaments, often accompanied by Linda and Sarah, a very fine fiddler and a frequent entertainer at Clan functions. Jean and her husband Ed are past CMSC Clanspersons of the Year, having contributed greatly to the development of the Internet Society, CMSC Foundation and the CMSC Constitution.

We extend our sincere condolences to all members of Kay's family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Coralane McLeod Boyes

It was with sincere sadness that I heard of Coralane Boyes' passing on October 23, 2005. She had lived most of her 85 years in Ionia, Michigan where her ashes will rest forever next to her parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

Coralane's keen interest in genealogy led to the searching of records, historical documents and newspaper files in Scotland, and eventually to locating her great-great grandfather's grave. She had arranged with the local parish for the ongoing care and upkeep of the grave and marker.

Coralane was an active member of the Clan MacLeod Society USA for many years. She was the Regional Vice-President of the Great Lakes Region, and she and Harry faithfully attended Highland Games all over that huge Region. She was a Trustee on the Dunvegan Foundation and a great help to Harry in publishing the award-winning *Clan MacLeod Newsletter*. With Harry and usually some of their wonderful family, Coralane was a regular participant at North American Gatherings and Parliaments. One of the highlights of such events for me was meeting up and having a good visit with them.

Coralane will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Harry, and their five children; Geoffrey (Joy) Boyes, Charmaine (Robert) Miller, Charlene (James English) Boyes, Margo (Steve) McCord, Dawn (Ronald) Huhn, ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

We can remember Coralane with our contribution to the Ohio Scottish Arts School - Guy McLeod Scholarship through the Dunvegan Foundation, PO Box 17303, Raleigh, NC, USA 27619. This scholarship was initially founded and funded by Harry and Coralane.

MY TRIBUTE TO RICK TIPPLE

BY NEIL R. MCLEOD, PAST PRESIDENT, CMSC.

The year was 1972 when I met Rick at a school-staff function. He had a great interest in photography and owned a roadster sports car similar to mine.

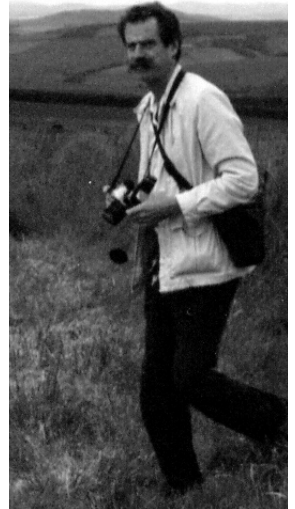


Rick and I had long talks about our photography and various ways of doing photography. In those days, there were no digital cameras and no computers so it was the use of negative film. Rick was also into CB radio enabling him to communicate with his parents in the Gulf Islands; CB Radios were just coming into vogue; I had one in my car.

Rick became involved with the Clan MacLeod Society in the mid 80s and was quick to get deeply entrenched in the Society. He designed the Canadian Clan MacLeod Society logo which we proudly use today as well as the BC Societies' logo which was prominent on all of the North American Gathering 1992 materials, published by him.

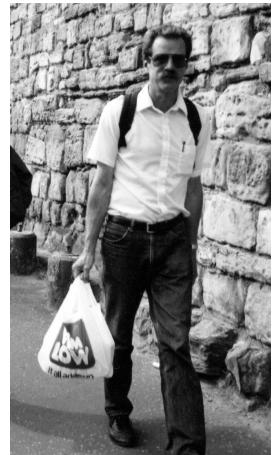
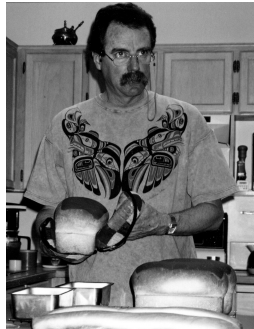
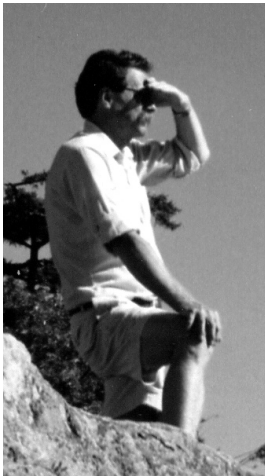
He picked up the reins to edit and publish our national newsletter, giving it the name *Leod Voice*, distributed world-wide to our Clan family for the past ten years.

It is with great sadness that we learned of Rick's sudden passing in early June of this year. Rick, we will miss your special sense of humour and ready wit as well as

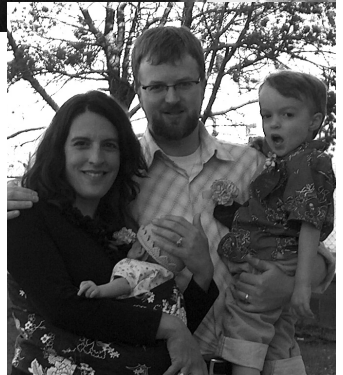


your passion and dedication to Clan MacLeod.

**HOLD FAST, RICK,
AND SHINE BRIGHT.**



HERE AND THERE



Top left clockwise: at Peace Arch picnic, Ian C. with granddaughter Chloe, Cay Wilson tells visitors what Clan MacLeod is all about; in Albuquerque piper honours Olive Bell at her 90th birthday, Olive's granddaughter Molly with her Canadian husband Jason and sons Luke and Leo, youngest of the Bell clan, Olive at one of her many family gatherings to honour her 90 years

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

A wealth of articles and photos arrived for this issue of the *Leod Voice*. I thank everyone who put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and sent me items and photos.

In need of a break from my publishing tasks, I took a week to travel to Albuquerque, NM to take part in the celebration of the 90th birthday of my long-time friend, Olive MacCaskill Bell. Olive is a member of CMS Cape Breton and spends her summers at the house she had built in Englishtown. Many of you will remember meeting Olive and members of her family at various Clan MacLeod gatherings across Canada, USA and at Parliaments. Olive's interest and enthusiasm for things Scottish in general, and activities of Clan MacCaskill, MacLauren, and MacLeod in particular, know no bounds. I marvel at her memory and spirit and hope to be as sharp as she is when I reach 90. The hospitality of Olive, Betsy and indeed all of the Bell family is legendary and I want to thank them for encouraging me to enjoy the delightful sites and warmth of their part of New Mexico in November.

December will present a special challenge for me this year and I hope that I can meet each day with true Scottish courage and grace. My personal Christmas greeting in the form of the *Tipple Taurus* will come out in January when I expect to have renewed spirit and strength. Travel *DOMU NIUGU* will occupy me in February and March and very soon it will

be *Leod Voice* time again. Please review the timelines on this page.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season, may peace and contentment fill your soul and may the excitement of the summer gathering in Scotland guide your travel plans.



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