



The Leod Voice



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President's Report

by Judy Tipple

Greetings fellow MacLeods and friends,
I trust that everyone is in good health and being
blessed with the spring weather such has come
to my corner of the Southern Gulf Islands.



Clan MacLeod Parliament

The excitement of attending my ninth Clan MacLeod Parliament from July 21 to 28 in Dunvegan has had me scurrying to make travel arrangements, complete and send in my registration form with payment and also pay for my accommodation which thankfully was arranged over a year ago. I look forward to meeting up with many friends from our international organization, catching up with their activities and sharing our lively interest in MacLeod life. An added bonus will be meeting and getting to know members from CMS Switzerland and others who are attending Parliament for the first time.

CMSC Tartan Banner

A banner of the new Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada (CMSC) tartan will be unfurled for the first time at this Parliament and I expect to see many Canadians (including myself) sporting kilts and other attire of the beautiful white and red tartan designed by Ian C. MacLeod of Richmond, BC. You will find an article elsewhere in this issue regarding the availability of fine wool fabric of this colourful tartan.

Membership Registry

Due to health issues our Membership Registrar has had to step down and I am pleased to announce that Diana MacLeod of Stratford has accepted the challenge to take on the post. I will be meeting with her this summer on my return from Scotland and she will be ready to accept each Society's membership list for September 1 compilation. Diana's wedding was covered in *The Leod Voice* several years ago and her parents, Sheila and Neil MacLeod, have been members of CMS Central Ontario for many decades.

Diana's email address is macleod.diana@gmail.com and I will be sending out a reminder to each society president, treasurer and membership contact very soon.

The Leod Voice Needs You

If there is someone who would like to take over producing *The Leod Voice* I would be most appreciative. I have filled this function for too long and others have been denied the joy of contributing their time and skills, putting their own slant on the content of our newsletter.

I knew very little about publishing a newsletter when Rick and I started *The Leod Voice* in the early 1990s. Rick had the skills needed to set things up in the very first issues we put out after taking over from our dear friend Rod McLeod who had done a wonderful job with the rudimentary software programs of the day. On Rick's passing in 2005, feeling that this newsletter was an invaluable communication tool for our organization, I was willing to continue by following Rick's excellent pattern.

Now there are newer and simpler software programs of which I have no familiarity and I'm sure that younger computer users could produce our newsletter with greater ease. We are rapidly approaching the age of e-books and other sorts of e-publications where the reader will print their own newsletter if a paper copy is wanted. I am still a "paper reader" rather than a "screen reader" and print a copy of the newsletters which I receive by e-mail. Maybe someday I'll graduate...

Please talk to your younger friends and relatives and have them consider this challenge. It is a very rewarding responsibility and an essential one if we are to remain a viable organization.

I would like to stress that the real value of a communication tool such as this newsletter is the participation of its readers. Without your input of family stories, questions, comments to other's questions, jokes, ideas of useful websites and information sought, there is not a lot that an editor has to present in an issue.

This has been a busy year with several of our societies getting involved with CASSOC in the Kilt Skate this winter and now we enter into the Highland Games and Festivals season as well as our wonderful Clan Parliament. I hope to be able to visit with many of you, in Dunvegan.

Hold Fast and Shine Brightly,
Judy Tipple

Kilt Skate Event in North Glengarry

This was the first Kilt Skate event held indoors, a good model for areas where it's too cold to skate on an outdoor rink or too warm to have an outdoor rink.

The Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) sponsored the event to honour Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonald. It was held in several cities including North Glengarry, Ottawa, Calgary, Montreal, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Toronto. The Kilt Skate is organized and administered nationally by the Scottish Society of Ottawa with Don Cummer as its enthusiastic promoter. Now in its fourth year the event is gaining national and even Scottish interest. It is also supported by the Scottish Government and Tourism Scotland.

Clan MacLeod is a member of CASSOC and Karen Macleod McCrimmon, of CMS Central Ontario is the president, so we are well and truly connected.

Check out the website www.kiltskate.com and also look for the blog which has more photos and information.



The woman cutting the cake is Heather Theoret, Secretary of the Scottish Society of Ottawa, and she wears the MacLeod kilt. Her message follows:

“As a fellow MacLeod, master cake cutter and Board Secretary of the Scottish Society of Ottawa since its inception five years ago, I am very pleased to make your acquaintance. I hail from Glengarry County, so was very pleased when Clan Donald stepped forward to organize a skate in Glengarry, and was honoured when

they asked me to cut the Sir John A. birthday cake.

“I was also honoured to present a piece to my aunt, 85 year old Ethel (MacLeod) McKay, who is possibly the oldest kilt skate event attendee nationally! I regret that we do not have any pictures of her to share. The MacLeods, as you may know, settled in Glengarry County in the 1790s, with many descendants still calling in home. Despite having lived in

Ottawa for the past 36 years, I still consider Glengarry my home in many ways. My Uncle Don, now passed on, was a great supporter of the *MacLeods of Glengarry* book and did a great deal of genealogy research from his home in Victoria, BC. He was very proud of his Scottish heritage, as was my father and all his family.

“I know Ray and Doreen, executive of Clan MacLeod Society Glengarry, and see them at least once a year at the Glengarry Highland Games. In fact, Doreen came out to the Kilt Skate in Alexandria in a show of great support for Scottish culture.

With very best regards,”

Heather Theoret



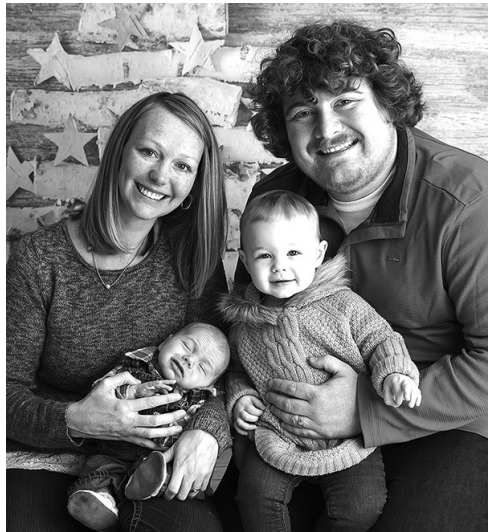
We celebrate our growing clan family

CMS Greater Vancouver welcomed Flora Violet Margaret, born to Lauchlan and Emma McLeod.

Congratulations to grandparents Dr Don and Chris MacLeod of Merritt.

CMS Central Ontario welcomed Domenic Jeffrey, brother to big sister Sophia, born to David and Corrie Pugliese.

Congratulations to grandparents Rick and Carol Pugliese of Dundas and great grandmother Irene of Guelph.



Eastmount Cemetery, Whitney Pier, Nova Scotia

- past and present

by Betty MacLean, Halifax

Last summer, after almost two years of being unable to visit Sydney, NS, I finally was able to go “home” for a few days. As usual, I made a trip to Eastmount Cemetery, where my Mother, Grandparents, Great-grandparents and many other relations and friends are buried.

I was very disappointed to see that Japanese Knotweed (elephant ears) has taken over a section of the cemetery, around their graves. There has been a widespread encroachment of these weeds along the back part of the cemetery over the years. No matter how the groundskeepers tried to eliminate them, the weeds take hold in a very aggressive manner, spreading three or four times worse than when they were cut down.

During my childhood, my Mom often spoke of the contributions to Whitney Pier made by her grandparents, Allan and Ann McLeod. Allan McLeod was instrumental in giving land on Victoria Road for the St. James Presbyterian Church (later known as Trinity United.) He further donated land on Broadway for the first St. James Manse. Along with these two church properties, he arranged for lands which were part of his farm between Lingan Road and East Broadway to be consecrated and dedicated to the congregations of several Protestant churches of Whitney Pier. Along the south side of the cemetery, family burial plots were reserved for Allan and Ann McLeod and descendants. A Cemetery Committee, formed at St. James (and later at Trinity) looked after selling the plots and kept the grounds mowed; any expenses for upkeep were probably reimbursed from the Church funds.

Over recent years, with families moving away, and congregations decreasing, Trinity United Church was forced to close. The former groundskeepers had passed away and volunteers were needed for annual maintenance of the Cemetery. A charitable organization was formed for the upkeep and care of the Cemetery. This organization, the Eastmount Cemetery Company is a registered charity, dedicated to the many families of Whitney Pier whose ancestors are buried there.

If you have ancestors who you believe were buried in Eastmount Cemetery and wish to contact Betty, the editor will put you in touch with her.

Gleanings from Assorted Sources

The ‘Skye Boat Song’ isn’t entirely Gaelic.

One of the most famous stories concerning Bonnie Prince Charlie’s five months as a fugitive is his escape by sea, dressed as a maid Betty Burke, accompanied by Flora MacDonald. Many of us will know the wistful “Skye Boat Song” and its promise of “the lad that’s born to be king” as he is rowed away to Skye from whence, like King Arthur before him, he “will come again.”

Its form is a traditional Gaelic rowing song or *iorram* and the tune is believed to derive from the Gaelic song *Cuachan nan Craobh* or “The Cuckoo in the Grove.” But the lyrics, establishing the association with Bonnie Prince Charlie and the 1745 rebellion, were actually written by an Englishman named Sir Harold Edwin Boulton (1859–1935) of Copped Hall, Totteridge, Hertfordshire, and first published in 1884. Sir Harold, a keen collector and publisher of traditional British songs, also wrote the English words to a well-known traditional Welsh lullaby, “All Through the Night.”

In 1892, Robert Louis Stevenson, author of the post-Culloden adventure, *Kidnapped* (1886), wrote his own version of the “Skye Boat Song” with the first line “Sing me a song of a lad that is gone.” In recent years Stevenson’s version (with modifications) has been made famous by the TV series *Outlander*.

For a vicarious Tour of Skye,

If you can’t make the trip to Dunvegan for Parliament in July you might like to have a vicarious holiday to the inner Hebrides on the Internet. The website *World From Above* is a well narrated 25 minute aerial circle tour from Eilean Donan, around Skye, and travelling to Rum, Egg, Mull, Iona and back to Fort William. The historic and cultural knowledge of the narrator provides a very interesting background to the spectacular photography. Tales of fairies and ancient legends of the highland people compliment the description of the geological structures of the landscape very well.

There are many other such well documented tours around Scotland available on the Internet.

New CMSC Tartan Fabric Available

by Judy Tipple

Considerable interest has been expressed by our members and folks inquiring at the Highland Games for our new Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada Tartan. As a result, Carol MacCrimmon Pugliese, VP of CMSC has arranged the weaving of 10-11 ounce wool fabric by Lochcarron Woollen Mills in Scotland and will be handling the distribution of the fabric in Canada. Pricing does not include postage.

Contact Carol MacCrimmon Pugliese:

by phone: at 905-689-5898,

by mail: 3 Melissa Crescent, Dundas, ON L9H 7C5,

or by email: c_maccrimmon@hotmail.com.

Fabric, 54" wide, price is \$65. per metre (one metre minimum order.) Some items made up in this tartan by Burnetts-Struth Co., an affiliate of Lochcarron Woollen Mills of Scotland are:

Traditional Ties at \$25.

Ladies soft Tam at \$50.

Serape Cape at \$150.

Ladies Sash at \$50.

You can see these items on the website www.burnetts-struth.com, however please note that they are the makers of these items in our CMSC Tartan but of course for illustration of the product you will see them in the tartans of their choice.

To order any of the Clan MacLeod Canada tartan items or fabric, please email Carol (c_maccrimmon@hotmail.com) and copy our Treasurer, CMSC, Beth Macleod (lochlann@routcom.com) with your order for product stating:

- 1) the item(s) you are ordering
- 2) your mailing address, and
- 3) how you wish to pay for the products.

Carol will inform you of the appropriate amount to add to your purchase to cover postage, and also the availability of the product(s).

To proceed, you will then forward payment either by cheque made out to CMSC and sent to

CMSC, c/o Beth Macleod
6 Peace Court, Caledon, ON L7E 3R7
or by Interac E-transfer to lochlann@routcom.com

Note that the tax has already been paid on these goods.

Once payment has been received, your order will be processed and mailed to you by regular post by Carol.

Because of the limited supply of items that have already been made up for us, do not hesitate to place your order as soon as possible. When present stock sells out we will take orders but there may be a significant length of time before we have sufficient orders to have more fabric woven. In that event, we will keep you up to date with the time line.

There are several four-yard men's kilt lengths in 14 ounce weight in the CMSC Tartan available for \$300. plus postage. Please contact Judy Tipple at jmtipple@gmail.com if you wish more information. Judy's mailing address and phone number are on the Editor's Page at the end of this newsletter.



ACMS News

by Judy Tipple

Our international organization The Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS) met in Edinburgh in March but due to a technical glitch I was not able to participate via Skype this year. Unfortunately I had a conflict when the summer meeting was held in August as I was attending the Scottish North American Leadership Conference in Guelph as reported in the last issue of *The Leod Voice*. I look forward to being part of the ACMS proceedings during Parliament.



The proposed slate of officers to be elected for the next Parliament session 2018-2022 has been announced:

President - Peter MacLeod, Australia

Executive Vice President – Alastair McLeod, England

Honourary Treasurer – David MacLeod, England

Honourary Secretary – Dorna Caskie, USA

Business Manager – Tammie Vawter, USA

Dame Flora Communications Committee – Peter MacLeod, Australia

Magazine Editor – Kevin Tolmie, Scotland

Corresponding Secretary – Ruth MacLeod, New Zealand

Internet Editor – Ross De Wynter, New Zealand

Coordinating Genealogist – Andrew MacLeod, England

Alaisdair Crotach Committee – vacant

Rory Mor Committee – John Norman MacLeod, USA

Youth Membership Coordinators – Bronwyn McLeod, Australia and
Finlay MacLeod, Canada

Parliament 2022 Coordinator - vacant

Additional candidates may come forward if nominated by their National President at either the closed ACMS business meeting on Sunday evening 22 July, or during the election meeting on Friday morning 27 July. Everyone is welcome to sit in on the meetings.

The program for Parliament can be found on the website www.clanparliament.org with links to the pre-parliament trip to Harris and Lewis and the St Kilda tour as well.

Clan Parliament 2018

by Judy Tipple

July 21 to 28 at Dunvegan, Isle of Skye

View www.clanmacleodparliament.org



Held only once every four years, Clan MacLeod Parliament is fast approaching. If you are thinking of making this the year to attend you need to hastily make your plans.

I hope that many have taken advantage of the information available on The Associated Clan MacLeod Societies website where you will find details of the program for the week as well as the Harris and Lewis Islands three day pre-parliament trip and the one day private chartered trip to the island of St Kilda following parliament.

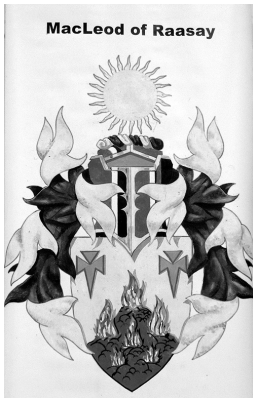
I cannot think of an easier way to establish a worldwide network of family and friends. The informal warm welcoming atmosphere of our parliament gathering is an example that would benefit any world-wide gathering of member organizations to follow.

The North Room Group (NRG) program of activities for our youth has resulted in many lifelong friendships and indeed, marriages since its beginning in 1965.

The activities organized for our even younger children stimulate their interest in the stories, customs, history and folklore of Scotland and the nature of clan as an extended family. Actually experiencing the family heritage of the clan homeland and castle establishes long lasting memories and a foundation of family roots.

The enthusiasm I have witnessed from first-time attendees of Parliament never ceases to thrill me and strengthens the value I feel for the vision presented by Chief Dame Flora in the 1950s when she put forth the idea of MacLeods "coming home." Other clans have followed this example but none so successfully as the MacLeods where all septs and friends of the clan are made so very welcome.

A useful *Parliament Handbook* can be read and downloaded from the clan parliament website.



The Banners of the Chiefs will adorn the activity room at the Village Hall



Bratwurst and beer is served at the Dunvegan Pier by members of the CMS Germany. Here Chief Hugh and his son Vincent take part



The view of The MacLeod Tables is always spectacular

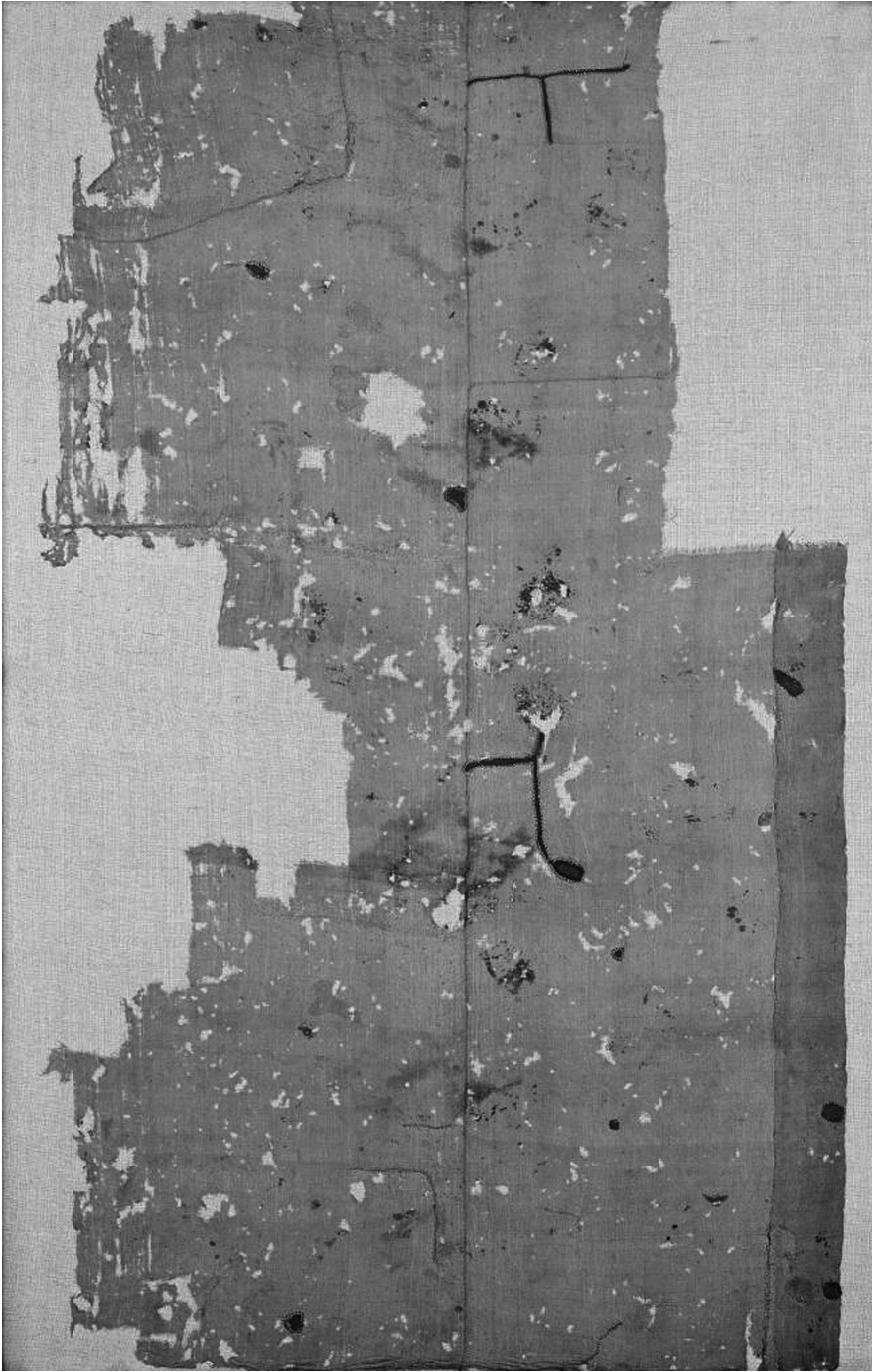


Who can you recognize in this photo from registration time at Parliament 2014?

Raasay Day

Take the Ferry to Raasay, walk up to Raasay House and take part in the lunch, explore the inviting grounds before the Tug-of-War





The Infamous Fairy Flag at Dunvegan Castle

A Newsletter Editor's Dilemma

by Judy Tipple

When I sat down to create the Spring issue of *The Leod Voice* I first thought about what I have to put into it. There were basically only three items:

1. Parliament 2018 with the ACMS slate of officers,
2. Availability of the new CMSC tartan fabric, and
3. Obituaries

That would make for some pretty slim reading; so I searched for articles others had written for other newsletters, all the while wondering how I could encourage members to send contributions. Our members love to hear of others' adventures, family history stories, historical happenings, and such. But few of these sorts of articles had arrived in my mailbox. How might I stimulate members to become part of the communication stream?

I could suggest topics, such as:

What is your reason for being a member of your Clan MacLeod Society?

What brings you enjoyment in reading *The Leod Voice*?

At the last Gathering you attended, what did you talk about with others?

Have you related your travel stories to others lately?

What was your impression of your last visit to a Highland Games, Festival, or other Scottish event?

How do you indulge your passion for Scottish dancing, music or art?

What was most memorable from chats with your grandparents, parents, longtime neighbours or friends about their childhood, school days, early communities, and such?

What wonderful results there would be if a few old timers sat together, told their stories over a cup of tea or a wee dram and then wrote what they had heard their friends tell them. Would it be easier to write another's story rather than our own?

I thank you for reading about this editor's dilemma. I am not a reporter with the insight which I believe many of you have. You have heard or read my story many times; I want to hear and read yours.

Think about it and then help to make *The Leod Voice* a more interesting and living newsletter.

Alistair MacLeod's Story becomes a film

Coming soon, the story *In the Fall* by Alistair MacLeod as a short film. Two filmmakers in Scotland are set to turn one of the celebrated Canadian writer Alistair MacLeod's short stories into a short film. *In the Fall* was first published in 1976 as the first of seven stories in the collection *The Lost Salt Gift of Blood*.

It's about a family's intense struggle with a decision to keep or give up their old Clydesdale horse, which they can no longer afford to feed.

"It's one of loss and approaching weakness, and the idea that it does all have to end at some point", remarked Tom Gentle, the film's director, who is working with his longtime friend and producer Rupert Clague. The idea of a film had floated between them for a few years, although they each came to know MacLeod's work separately.

"All the stories are so cinematic and so visceral," said Gentle. "*In the Fall* has the perfect three-act structure that a film tends to have, and also the drama plays out in front on you, overtly, as opposed to internal thought-processed drama."

Clague has known of MacLeod's work all his life and has been a big fan of MacLeod's writing. Now he is excited to bring a segment of it to life.

Clague says the financial help of a fundraising campaign was wonderful, and necessary, but the outpouring of support has been about more than just money, including a public endorsement from literary giant Margaret Atwood. "That support acts as a rudder to keep us focused", he remarked. "It just underscores how important we feel it is to make this film, and indeed how important it is that we do it justice."

The pair said they would ideally have shot the film in Canada, but since they live in Scotland, it made more financial sense to stay put. Filming was to begin in and around Orkney's sheer cliffs and windswept landscapes at the end of February. We will look forward to enjoying the film this summer.

The finished film will run about 20 minutes.

Road to the Isles

author unknown

The road to the Isles! A home of romance,
A lament for a prince who fought and lost,
Leaving behind his sorrowing clans
To brave the wrath and count the cost.

The road to the Isles: I knew it first
When I dragged my way on weary feet
Round cliffs and clefts and tortuous bends
To Mallaig and the Sound of Sleat.
I know it now when the road is broader,
Though still it clings to the lochs for miles,
By Eil and Shiel and Eilt and Morar
Where the sea rolls in from the distant Isles.

But there's legend, too, on the road to the Isles,
Where aits rise out of the lochs and grow
Their lonely pine or fir to show
Remembrance of that Stuart dream.
There's the smell of the peat by the frothing burns,
And the hill that climbs out of sight,
When they reach for the skies as the mist returns
To the crags of the eagle's flight.
I am now a Canadian, but it matters not
My longings lie there with the highland Scot;
For there's magic sublime in a absence of time
And a peace of mind that is treasure to find
In the bliss of the road to the Isles.



I wonder if the dinosaur tracks found on Skye once belonged to pets of the MacLeods. Anthropologists are having a fascinating investigation of their discovery.

Websites of Interest

Websites of Publications of interest:

Sons of Scotland www.sonsofscotland.com

Celtic Connection www.celtic-connection.com

The Scottish Banner www.scottishbanner.com

Celtic Life International www.celticlifecom

Scottish Review www.scottishreview.net

Rampant Scotland www.rampantscotland.com/letter.htm

West Highland Notes & Queries www.hebredeanhistory.com/whnq.php

www.Scotsinbritishcolumbia.com contains work of students in the Centre for Scottish Studies at Simon Fraser University, with interesting research articles.

www.TheFederationofScottishCultureinNovaScotia promoted the foundation of Tartan Day in recognition and celebration throughout Canada in 2003.

www.cassoc.com Clan And Scottish Societies of Canada offers a varied range of information. Clan Macleod is an active member with Karen Macleod McCrimmon as president.

MACLEOD, JAMES FARQUHARSON

Militia officer, lawyer, NWMP officer, magistrate, judge, and politician; b. 25 Sept. 1836 in Drynoch, Isle of Skye, Scotland, son of Martin Donald Macleod and Jane Fry; m. 28 July 1876 Mary Isabella Drever, they had four daughters and one son; d. 5 Sept. 1894 in Calgary.

James Farquharson Macleod emigrated from Scotland with his family in the summer of 1845 at the age of nine. His father purchased a farm at Richmond Hill, north of Toronto, and in 1845 he enrolled James, who had been educated at home to this point, at Upper Canada College. Financial difficulties forced his withdrawal in 1848, but he returned three years later to pass with honours his final examinations and the entrance examination for Queen's College, Kingston. During these years life on the farm influenced Macleod at least as powerfully as his schooling.



Hunting trips with his father and brothers left him with an abiding love of the outdoor life, and the Macleods' friendship with a family of local Ojibwa Indians imparted to James a lifelong respect and admiration for the native people of Canada.

In the spring of 1874 the NWMP were ordered farther west to deal with American whisky traders operating near the fork of the Bow and Belly (South Saskatchewan) rivers, in what is now Alberta. Under Commissioner G. A. French, Macleod set out from Dufferin, MB, on 8 July with 318 men. The trip turned out to be much longer and more difficult than expected. At the end of July part of the force had to be detached and sent to Fort Edmonton together with the weaker horses. The remainder struggled on, finally reaching their destination, ragged and starving, on 11 September. Macleod, with half the force left under his command, was ordered to establish a post near the border to control the whisky trade. By the end of October Fort Macleod (Alta) had been established, at a site chosen by mixed-blood scout Jerry Potts, on the Oldman River, and Macleod was engaged in the work of suppressing the whisky trade and establishing relations with the different tribes of Blackfoot Indians in the region. On 1 December Macleod held the first of a series of meetings with native leaders. Blackfoot head chief Crowfoot (Isapo-muxika) and Blood head chief Red Crow (Mékaisto) liked and trusted Macleod from the start and agreed to cooperate in ending the whisky trade. Macleod did much to set the tone of patience, reason, and diplomacy for NWMP dealings with the native population which was to survive until the 1890s.

In September 1877 some 5,000 Blackfeet, Bloods, Peigans, Sarcees, and Stoneys assembled at Blackfoot Crossing (Alta) to sign Treaty No.7. Crowfoot, Red Crow, and several other chiefs made it clear that Macleod and the NWMP were the principal reasons their people were willing to sign the treaty.

James Farquharson Macleod exercised a decisive influence on the early development of western Canada then called North West Territories (NWT). More than any other single individual, he was responsible for establishing the policies followed by the NWMP in their dealings with the Indians and for setting the tone of Canadian Indian policy in the NWT. His vision of the region was of a place where newcomers and the native population might live together in peace and where disputes could be settled by reason.

Jerry Potts, (Ky-yo-kosi, Bear Child) 1840-1896



Scout, interpreter, explorer and guide of Scottish and native Blood parents, Potts became famous among the Blackfoot as a great warrior and hunter. Violence, along with the abuses of the whisky trade, prompted the Canadian government to form the NWMP in 1873. The first contingent of police travelled west in 1874 under Commissioner George Arthur French who met Potts at Fort Benton and engaged him as guide, scout and interpreter. From the outset he proved an invaluable addition to the NWMP who were unfamiliar with both the territory they were to police and the Indian and Métis inhabitants living there. The laconic plainsman soon gained the admiration and respect of the NWMP for his frontier skills, bravery, remarkable sense of direction, and his detailed geographical knowledge of the area.

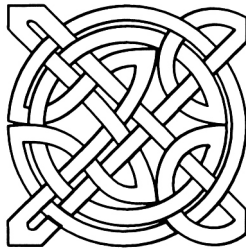
Potts guided the NWMP to the location of Fort Whoop-up which was the most formidable and notorious of the several American whisky posts located in southern Alberta resulting in the entire area to be known as “Whoop-Up country.” Its primary purpose was to gain a quick profit through an illicit trade in whisky for bison robes with Cree and Blackfoot people in the previously unpoliced southern prairies of Western Canada.

In the fall of 1874 Potts arranged the first meetings between Assistant Commissioner James Farquharson Macleod and Indian leaders including Crowfoot (Isapo-muxika) and Red Crow (Mékaisto). Potts contributed to the friendly relations that quickly developed between the NWMP and the Blackfoot Indians by explaining to each the customs, etiquette, and concerns of the other, and by acting as interpreter.

During the early part of his 22 years with the NWMP, few major patrols were launched that were not led by Potts. Later, scouts he had trained lessened his duties, but he continued to play an important role in maintaining good relations between the incoming settlers and the Blackfoot tribes. In 1877 he contributed to the success of negotiations on Treaty No. 7, and at the time of the North-West rebellion in 1885 he was influential

in securing Blackfoot neutrality. However, his abuse of alcohol, coupled with tuberculosis by the 1890s, subsequently lessened his usefulness to the NWMP, and as the country became settled there was less need for his frontier skills. He nevertheless remained with the force until his death in 1896.

Described by NWMP officer Samuel Steele as “a short, bow-legged man, with piercing black eyes and a long straight nose,” Potts left his mark in the history of the northwest as cultural broker, guide, and interpreter. The day after his death, the *Macleod Gazette* and *Alberta Livestock Record* mourned the loss of the man who “made it possible for a small and utterly insufficient force to occupy and gradually dominate what might so easily, under other circumstances, have been a hostile and difficult country.”



Flowers of the Forrest

Alma Victoria MacLeod

January 26, 1926 - January 4, 2018

Alma MacLeod of Calgary, passed away peacefully with her son Rod, daughter Linda, extended family and friends by her side, at the age of 91 years. Alma was born in Lethbridge and married Scott MacLeod on April 21, 1945 in Lethbridge. Alma travelled extensively to Scotland, Maritimes, England, Australia, Hawaii, New Zealand and the USA. She also had many fun trips to Thompson, MB where she enjoyed dog sledding, camping and fishing. She spent many years travelling with her cousin Lynn delivering talks and displays in schools on “life in the Arctic”. Alma was a prolific reader, writer, author of her own biography, family

story teller and historian. She served for many years as secretary for the Clan MacLeod Society Southern Alberta and was a member of the Riders of the Trail. Alma worked for many years at Mullen Trucking before her retirement.



Alma is survived by her daughter Linda MacLeod, her son Roderick MacLeod; grandchildren, Barb Theisson, Bonnie (Darrell) Rinn, Brenda Bencharski, Michelle Bencharski; six great-grandchildren; brother Ron Clark and sister-in-law Ann Clark. She was predeceased by her husband Scott MacLeod; her parents Osk and Charles Clarke, her mother and father-in-law Effie and Silas MacLeod; brother Bob Clarke; nephew Alan Clarke; sister-in-law Bonnie Howson, brother-in-law John Howson and sister-in-law Lois Clarke.

Alma was deeply loved and appreciated as a woman of great wisdom, strength, love and caring to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She leaves wonderful memories of enjoyable times together for her many friends and family members.



Alma's efforts in keeping the CMS SAB together was significant and very worthy of recognition. She sent interesting articles for *The Leod Voice* fairly regularly over many years. She was enjoying writing her memoirs, which she found brought back so many memories as she got involved in the writing.

Alma worked tirelessly to keep in contact with Clan members and bringing in new members; she loved being part of the whole experience. She was well travelled and she was an active, positive, helpful, kind and truly special person.

With her keen interest in the history of Western Canada, she worked a booth at Heritage Park for the Clan. She was instrumental in obtaining

Jerry Pott's Barn which was donated and moved to the Fort Macleod Historical Park a few years ago and she helped organize a large function in Fort Macleod at the time. Alma felt passionate about the historical importance of the area. Alma contributed to the post-NAG-1992 bus trip to Fort MacLeod with the stop over in Calgary, which everyone enjoyed.

Alma's visits to Saturna will be very much missed and your editor holds her memory dear to her heart.

Remembering Alma MacLeod

by Beth (MacLeod) Phillips

It is my joy to remember Alma MacLeod and our proud kinship to the MacLeod clan. Alma upheld and promoted these relationships all her life. The history of Fort McLeod and Colonel James MacLeod, Treaty 7, establishing peace with the indigenous peoples of the land was a huge step toward recognition of a common ground for all humans for justice. I met Alma and her friend Marie Baxter (nee McCrimmon, famous pipers to the MacLeods) in the year 2000. They were travellers to Scotland and many other places together. Alma always writing and recording events relating to clan history.

We were closely connected to Branch 264 Canadian Legion (Kensington) in Calgary. There John McLeod was a worthy and active member of that branch where we, the clan group, held our meetings and social gatherings regularly. I have attached copies of Alma's, Marie's and John's obituaries to help connect to their families. The new Branch 264 building has been completed and Legion members have their space in it and with more area for additional activity from other commercial venues which helps to breath new life into that community.

The association and interest of keeping MacLeod Clan friendship together is and was a strong bond with Alma, Marie and John, faithful supporters. We want to preserve their memories forever.

I wish to add my sentiments to any and all other clan members as they also may relate their associations and remember Alma.
Hold Fast to the memory of Alma.

Editor's Note: I felt it appropriate to include a memorial of Marie Baxter and John McLeod here after Beth's remarks of the strong supporting bond they had with Alma.

Marie (MacCrimmon) Baxter

1927 – 2003

Marie spend her early years in the pioneering community of Meadow Lake, SK. She graduated from University of Manitoba with a BA in Education and taught PE in Winnipeg where she met and married Robert Bruce Baxter in 1955. Robert predeceased Marie in 1991.



Friends will remember Marie as a dedicated teacher, an avid reader and sharer of books and a keen bridge player. She welcomed many to her hearth and home always with grace, humour, honour, compassion and vitality. She cherished her MacLeod roots and enjoyed her travels with Alma MacLeod, exploring Scotland and other places.

Always a supportive member of Clan MacLeod gatherings in Calgary, Marie left many with dear memories of her generous spirit.

John William McLeod

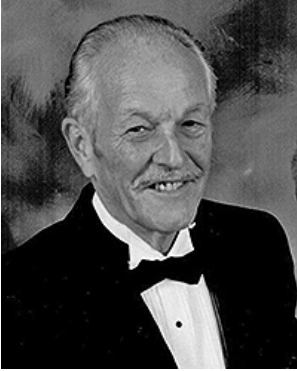
1926 - 2014

John was born in Calgary to Bill and Margaret McLeod and proudly lived in Calgary his entire life. He passed away peacefully at Agape Hospice with his family by his side. He was a Veteran of World War II with overseas duty as an air gunner in the RCAF. John was a member of the Calgary Fire Department for over thirty-four years, retiring in 1984 as a District Chief. John leaves to mourn, his lovely wife, Evelyn (nee Dunsmore). They were married for almost sixty-five years. John's commitment to caring for Evelyn allowed them to remain together at home until his recent illness. John is also survived by his four children, Colin (Corrine), Marsha (Jack), Cameron, and Alison (Andy); and seven grandchildren, Melanie, Jennifer (Eric), Krista (James), Adam, Tyler, Michael and Darren. John was happy to also have two great-grandchildren, Evan and Kate and was pleased to know another one would be arriving in 2015. An active supporter of Clan MacLeod gatherings in Calgary, John was a proud member of the CMS South Alberta.

In living memory of John McLeod, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Ian Frisken McLeod

Oct 6, 1928 – Dec 27, 2017



Ian was born on October 6, 1928 in Kamloops, BC to William Frisken and Ann Morrision McLeod and passed away on December 27, 2017 in Vernon, BC at the age of 89 years.

He lived near Anderson Creek and attended school at Robbins Range. He graduated high school in Kamloops before attending UBC where he obtained a degree in science. Ian's initial employment was at the TB sanatorium at Tranquille where he made many lifelong friends.

In 1958, Ian moved to Vancouver and took a position as a pharmaceutical representative for Parke Davis. He held this position for many years before retiring in 1985.

While living in Vancouver, Ian met and married Koralie Castell. They retired to Vernon in 1990 and spent their retirement years travelling extensively. For 27 years, winters were spent in Palm Desert and many long friendships were enjoyed.

Ian and Koralie were involved with the Vernon & District Kennel Club for 26 years. Ian was the show superintendent for many years. They enjoyed raising prize Boxers and had many fine examples of the breed. Ian was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #10 in Kamloops and was presented with his 60 year membership in September of 2015.

Ian was a true gentleman and enjoyed the respect of his peers, his family, his friends and could be counted on for sage advice. Many happy family gatherings took place at their home on Tamarack Drive in Coldstream. Ian was a much appreciated supporter of Clan MacLeod Society BC Interior. Ian was preceded in death by his parents William and Ann McLeod; his brother Norman McLeod; his sister Bertha Haywood Farmer and by his first wife, Margaret who had been an active member of CMS Vancouver.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Koralie, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends in Canada and the United States.

May we remember Ian's constant smile as we send warm wishes to Koralie.

Timothy Hugh Kernighan

May 8, 1955 to March 18, 2018

Tim passed away peacefully on March 18, 2018 at home with his wife Edie by his side and surrounded by friends and family. His parents, Ron in 2004 and Beverley in 2015, predeceased him. Tim leaves his sisters, Sarah (Scott) and Jane (Roger) as well as his nieces Katie (Jesse) and Jenna, great nephew Dayton, his furry buddy April and extended family.

Tim grew up, lived and worked in Coquitlam. He graduated from Centennial High School in 1973 and joined Coquitlam Fire Department in 1980. Tim loved being at or close to home, pursuing many activities such as volleyball, baseball, bridge, skiing, doing crossword puzzles, fixing bikes, collecting, gardening, morning coffee with the car guys, talking to all the dogs and cats he met and driving around in his 2004 Mustang Saleen or “Pacrat” truck. He had a great reputation for finding all kinds of treasures at Saturday morning garage sales with the boys and was always on the lookout for something a friend or family member might need.



Tim was diagnosed with Leukemia in September 2017 and received excellent care at VGH.

Members of the Clan MacLeod Society Vancouver greatly appreciated Tim’s generous support and assistance to Edie in setting up the tent and displays at the BC Highland Games each year. We are grateful that Tim, though not a traveller himself, encouraged Edie to enjoy the fellowship of Clan friends at numerous gatherings.

Our condolences go out to Edie at this difficult time of her life.

Finlay Angus Morrison

December 15, 1917 – December 28, 2017

Finlay passed away peacefully just two weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday with family and friends. He was predeceased by Dorothy, his wife of 71 years, just six months prior to his passing. Finlay and Dorothy are survived by grandchildren, Ian and Adrien and two great grandchildren, Isabelle and Nathan and by many nieces and nephews.



Finlay was born in Stornaway, Saskatchewan and earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan in 1942. He served overseas notably as aide de camp and later Captain to Commander General HDG Crerar, returning to Canada in 1945 and received the Merit of the British Empire.

Finlay and Dorothy moved to Vancouver on his appointment to UBC as Professor of the new faculty of Pharmaceutics in 1947 where he served until his retirement in 1952. Finlay was also a member of the Canadian Military reserves and Commanding Officer of the Canadian Officers Training Corps UBC with the rank of Lt-Cpl (Reserve.)

During his 35 year career with UBC faculty, Finlay was the cornerstone of both academic and professional pharmacy at UBC where he felt that he had had the distinct privilege of working with hundreds of students now practicing the profession in BC and around the world and remarked that “I count that as one of the greatest professional rewards and challenges one could ever have.”

Everyone privileged to work with Finlay knew him as a gentleman genuinely interested in caring for others.

Clan MacLeod Society of Vancouver was frequently honoured to have Finlay take part in their Burns Celebration program, proudly sporting his tartan jacket.

Editor's Page

This issue of *The Leod Voice* has been a difficult one for me to put together. Our varied Clan MacLeod Societies have been busy with their individual projects and have not sent much in the way of reports of their activities or photos so I have relied on newsletters from other countries and various websites on the Internet for content. This spring has also been a particularly busy time for your editor, hence this is a rather tardy issue. The *Clan MacLeod News* from CMS Southern Australia has been a useful source of information and you might like to check out their web site for interesting photos and to see their activities. www.cmssa.org.au Another very informative source is Peter MacLeod's Newsletter from The Clan MacLeod Society of Australia (NSW). Peter is an avid historian and he often includes results of his research in his newsletters. Peter has compiled a useful document of *Septs of Clan MacLeod* which can be printed for use at Highland Games. You can find some of his newsletters on the Internet by searching Clan MacLeod Society of Australia Publications. If you read German you might look at www.clan-macleod.de although you can always get Google to translate for you. Similarly with the Clan MacLeod Switzerland site.

I'd encourage you to review the websites listed on The Associated Clan MacLeod Societies site. They are all linked and should be quite accessible, even notes on the MacAskills of Rubh' an Dunain and research involved in that lost settlement.

It's amazing what you can learn about the international nature of the MacLeod organizations when you venture to investigate the Internet.

CMS membership lists may be sent to Diana MacLeod in Stratford ON by email to macleod.diana@gmail.com. I am very grateful to Diana for taking on this important task for CMSC. Please have your current membership list to her by September 1, if at all possible.

Newsletter

Timelines:

Spring—May 1

Fall—October 1

**Membership and
Executive Changes:**

March 1 and

September 1

I hope to greet many of you at Clan Parliament at Dunvegan in July. Safe travel to all those who will be attending.

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