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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

The purpose of the St. Andrew's Society is to sustain and encourage less fortunate kin, to help educate the young and to maintain Scottish traditions in our community. I am pleased to report that the Society had another eventful year in 2004 and that we pursued our mandate effectively and efficiently. Apart from our wonderful social events, for which we are well known, the primary highlights of this past year are the following:

- Spending on charitable activities increased by 53%;
- The value of bursaries granted increased by 19%;
- Support of the Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada and the 78th Fraser Highlanders more than doubled;
- A Scottish book collection at the Atwater Library was funded;
- 23 members joined the Society in 2004 and we now have 409 members;
- The Society ended the year in a very strong financial position.

The Council and Committee of Management met four times during the year. A number of important decisions were made during these meetings and the combined experience and wisdom of Council served the Society well. I thank the Past Presidents, members of Council and members of the Committee of Management for their on-going commitment to the Society and I would especially thank Bruce McNiven, First Vice-President, Mary Johnston Cox, Historian, and Norma King, Executive Secretary, for their assistance during the past year. I would also recognize Bruce Bolton, Honorary Secretary, and Robert Campbell, Honorary Solicitor, who joined the Committee of Management during 2004. Finally I would note the significant contribution made to the Society by Andrew Kerr, who resigned as First Vice President when he and his family moved to Nova Scotia.

Most of what the Society has achieved is the result of work done at the committee level. The efforts of the chairman and members of each of these committees have been significant and they are to be congratulated for a job well done. A report from each of the committees is included in the pages that follow. If you would like to get involved, please do so. If you have comments or suggestions, we would like to hear them. If you know of people who would be interested in joining the Society please introduce them.

My two year term as President has passed quickly and although much has happened, the Society remains in many important respects unchanged. This is a good thing as the Society exists after almost 170 years because its purpose continues to resonate with its membership. I know that the incoming Committee of Management has the experience, the dedication and the vision required to manage the affairs of the Society and I remain confident that the Society is well positioned to make a significant positive contribution going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Ian Aitken
President