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Upcoming Events

Curling For Dummies Night
Montreal West Curling Club
Saturday, 6th February, 2010 at 6pm

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78th Fraser Highlanders Bonspiel
St. Lambert Curling Club
Saturday, 6th February, 2010

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Meeting of Council & Committee of Management
Monday, 8th February, 2010

St Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday, 14th March, 2010

✦
Pot Luck Supper
The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul Church
Saturday, 27th March, 2010

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Quebec Thistle Council Awards Dinner
Mr. Richard Pound, Scotsman of the Year
Saturday, 10th April, 2010

Meeting of Council & Committee of Management
Monday, May 10th, 2010

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Annual General Meeting of Members
followed by Reception for New Members
Monday, May 10th, 2010

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Meeting of Council & Committee of Management
Monday, 9th August, 2010



Thomas Mancini and Santa Claus at the Children's Christmas Party this past December 13th, 2009.

President's Report January 2010

As is always the case the fall and festive seasons have rushed by and another St. Andrew's ball is a fond memory. The 2009 edition was exciting and fun and our guests General John de Chastelaine and his wife MaryAnn made the event a truly memorable one. We were all impressed with this very Canadian couple that have represented our country both in military and diplomatic roles. In addition, however, they are both excellent Scottish country dancers, (a compliment perhaps of little value coming from your two left footed president). John has also created a country-dance of his own which he is allowing us to attempt at our 2010 ball honouring our 175th anniversary. I would like to congratulate Bruce Bolton, the Ball Chairman and his committee for organizing a very special and successful event.

As I write the Robert Burn's season celebrating his 251st birthday has come to a close. Scot Diamond did a wonderful job again this year holding another sold out event celebrating the bard with much good humour and excellent fare at the University Club. The Reverend Doctor Ralph Watson gave the toast to the immortal memory of Burn's touching upon the many aspects of his complex character. I had the opportunity to talk about Burn's as celebrated over the years in Montreal to a lunchtime crowd at the Atwater library, an organization with whom our Society has long been linked. Both at the Atwater Library and at our dinner the address to the Haggis was given by George Barclay who was in fine form.

2010 is the 175th year of our history. Planning for several celebratory projects is underway including the digitization of the Society's records that will be made available on our web site, the re design of the site itself, and the development of an SAS Facebook page. There are discussions underway to participate again in the St. Patrick's Day parade after an absence of 170 years.

Our Activities Committee under the leadership of Dr. David Fownes and Dr. Gillian Leitch has been very active. I would like to draw your attention to two upcoming events: "A Curling for Dummies" event to be held at the Montreal West Curling Club on February 6th, and a Potluck Dinner that will be held on March 27th at St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Church. There will be piping that evening by Alan Jones playing different instruments from his extensive collection of pipes, and we are going to try a bit of Scottish dances of the simpler variety that evening. I hope to see you at one of these events.

Aye, Peter

The Best Party in Town ~ St Andrew's Ball

Bruce Bolton

«The Best Party in Town » is not a bad description for a Ball which has been held 173 times previously, all with pipers, drummers, highland dancers, debutantes, scarlet uniformed officers, pages and flower girls, and beautiful ladies in diamonds who all dined on a fine meal and danced to the wee hours of the morning. That was and is St. Andrew's Ball!

On Friday night, 27th November, the Society was graced with the presence of MGen (ret'd) John de Chastelain and his wonderful wife MaryAnn, and they filled the role in much the same way they had awed the crowd in 1999 when they were also guests of honour. They had met all the debutantes and escorts the night before, and "caught-up" on the Scottish Country dances to be performed at the Ball.

The 8 debutantes with escorts were an inspiring group, from young, about to be professional violin players to scientists, from a Hungarian Count to young Officers from the Canadian Grenadier Guards, they performed the Debutantes Waltz with expertise and grace then switched to modern rock and roll in a twitch: all this under the watchful and motherly eyes of Anne Navin.

Being groomed as future debutantes and escorts were Ella and Beatrice Ivanovici, accompanied by David and Mark Mancini, who presented flowers to MaryAnn de Chastelain with great aplomb for their very tender years.

The weeks of Scottish Country Dancing practices were evident when the sets formed up, marching in behind a most magnificent looking and sounding Black Watch Pipe Band, they filled the Ballroom floor, 1/3 larger than last year. Mary Dreghorn and Tom Speirs must have been very proud of their students, while most of the students were more concerned about the next move that might embarrass them in front of what they thought was a knowledgeable crowd.

The next generation of Ball goers and participants were to be seen everywhere. The young Highland Dancers from the Montreal Highland Dancing Association, co-ordinated by Heather McNabb, started the evening and then the Black Watch Cadet Pipe Band, one of the longest supported programs of the Society, showed the onlookers what they had been learning. The young people present certainly persuaded some of the silvered haired attendees to relive some of their younger days on the dance floor.

Modern dance music was amply provided by the band '1945', and the ballroom had been uniquely



Claudette Geisinger enjoying Ron Walker's two step; MGen (ret'd) John de Chastelain and his wonderful wife MaryAnn with the flower girls and pages; the inspection; reels in full swing; future debutants and escorts, preparing to slay the haggis and Dancers of the Montreal Highland Dancing Association.

decorated by Milady Francoise Lambert and a team of students from Trafalgar School for Girls, the Compagnie Franche de la Marine and the 78th Fraser Highlanders. Helium filled balloons with Scottish Rampant Lion wind socks rising from a table of flowers chosen by Ellen Bounsall, turned the ballroom into a magical kingdom. The Sheraton Hotel had once again provided a most suitable site for the Ball, especially when the modern and stark setting was so well camouflaged, and the delectable meal was served promptly and graciously. Of course the slaying of the Haggis by CWO (ret'd) John Roger with his highland dirk brought drama to the evening.

In the hallway the silent auction tables of a superb selection of prizes was well frequented and raised \$ 7,680, to the delight of Anne Drost and Ellen Bounsall who had spent hours soliciting the prizes and preparing them for presentation. Later in the evening the Scottish Arms pub was brought to life by Dave Gossage, on flutes, whistles and guitar, Ashley Macleod on fiddle and Patrick Lesyk on guitar and

voice, all courtesy of Hurley's Irish Pub. A selection of single malts provided by the Hotel added a special touch to those who imbibe.

Behind the scenes the military precision was seen to by Pipe-Major Brian MacKenzie, Chairman of the Floor Committee and Mary Johnston Cox, Chairlady of the Protocol Committee, assisted by Chareen Dias, Emily Dias-Geoffrey and Capt Jim Conway, the Master of Ceremonies. The photos which accompany this article were well organized by Ball Committee and Council member Helen Meredith, and taken by Carrie Macpherson.

The table sales committee of Bruce McNiven, Ian Aitken, Jason MacCallum, Peter McAuslan and Guthrie Stewart succeeded in attracting over 350 guests, just a few short of last year but in a different economy complicated by the H1N1 flu epidemic. Margo Pollock, aside from bringing her two sons to be pages, had designed and organized all the dramatic graphic material for the Ball. Darren Navin helped with the ball week activities and hosted the Gazette's

Jennifer Campbell which resulted in a wonderful article on the Ball. Everyone knew, however, that really behind the scenes, Norma King was always there catching those little things that are forgotten, assembling the table seating and making sure she could enjoy a wee dram that night at home, and dream of getting back to work on Monday to commence post ball activities.

This team effort meant that the Society President, Peter McAuslan, the Honorary Ball Chairman, Kenneth Bentley and the Ball Chairman, LCol Bruce Bolton, could just sit back and enjoy the ball- and that they did. They join in thanking all the members of the Ball Committee for their 6 months of meetings to put together "The best party in town".

New Members

The Society is very pleased to welcome new annual members: Janice MacLellan Branigan, Margaret Little, Peter Little, David Mancini, Mark Mancini, Thomas Mancini, Margo Pollock and Diana M. Tremblay.

Flowers of the Forest

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of: Rod MacIntosh Rousseau, Life Member since 1983; Lorna Hobart, wife of annual member, Richard Hobart; Roderick Stuart, husband of annual member, Claire Henry Stuart.

Two Scottish Families: Nearly 200 Years in Montreal

Susan McGuire

The role two families of Scots played in the development of Montreal, and how their accomplishments are still evident, continuing and thriving, were highlighted by four events in the fall of 2009.

Hutchisons

An illustrated talk on the work of architect Alexander Cowper Hutchison was given by architect Susan Bronson and art historian Janis Zubalik on November 3. Sponsored by the Thistle Council of Quebec, the event was held at the headquarters of the Macdonald-Stewart Foundation on Sherbrooke Street.

Alexander Hutchison was one of Montreal's first locally trained architects and his professional life spanned some six decades, beginning about 1850. The buildings he designed are among the most interesting in Montreal's architectural landscape, and include McGill's Redpath Museum and Erskine & American United Church (soon to be opened as an annex to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts). He was the leading architect for many other major Montreal buildings, including the La Presse building and Montreal City Hall.

The presentation included a brief summary of the masonry work of A.C.'s brother John Henry Hutchison, who was responsible for the stone construction of many handsome buildings, including the Redpath Museum, Windsor Hotel, Mount Stephen Club and St. James Methodist Church.



Dr. Lawrence Hutchison and his wife Lois present a Hutchison family book to Lynn Verge, the Atwater Library's executive director.

Hutchison Book

The introduction to the Bronson-Zubalik presentation was by Dr. Lawrence Hutchison, who recently published privately a history of the Hutchisons. It traces some 12 generations, including James Hutchison who came to Canada about 1833; his son, mason and builder William Hutchison, and grandsons architect Alexander Cowper and builder John Henry. William's younger brother, flour inspector & miller Matthew Hutchison and his wife Helen Ogilvie were Dr. Hutchison's great-grandparents.

The book, entitled From Ayrshire, Scotland to Canada: The History of a Hutchison Family in Scotland and Canada, 1650-2009, is in the Atwater Library's Scottish collection.

Redpaths

Probably no one knows more about John Redpath than Richard Feltoe, who has meticulously chronicled Redpath's life and times, and is currently curator and corporate archivist at the Redpath Sugar Museum in Toronto. In honour of St. Andrew's Day, Mr. Feltoe spoke about John Redpath and his family on November 26 at the Atwater Library.

John Redpath arrived in Montreal in 1816 as an impoverished young man, but already skilled in masonry work. After numerous small building



Gary Aitken, chairman of Grace Dart Foundation, brought together June Hickey and a portrait she didn't know existed of her great-great grandfather John Redpath. Portrait is in the boardroom of Grace Dart Extended Care Centre.

contracts, he provided the stones for the construction of Notre Dame church, soon had the contract for stonework on the Lachine Canal, and then built portions of the Rideau Canal system, most spectacularly at Jones Falls. He dealt extensively in real estate, banking and railways. Later in his diverse life (1854) he established his sugar refinery, the first major industrial enterprise on the Lachine Canal.

Richard Feltoe's books about Redpath and his enterprises -- *A Man of Substance*, *The Story of a Sugar House*, and *Let Redpath Sweeten It*, are in the Scottish collection of the Atwater Library.

Atwater Library and Computer Centre

A Federal government \$425,000 grant to the Atwater Library and Computer Centre was announced on December 4 by Senator W. David Angus on behalf of Environment Minister Jim Prentice. Awarded under the National Historic Sites Cost-Sharing Program, the grant—with additional funds to be raised by ALCC—will be used to improve building safety, secure windows and masonry, and make the building accessible to people with physical disabilities.

It is unlikely that there are two more important extended families in the history of the 181-year-old Atwater Library than the Scottish families of Hutchison and Redpath—with the possible exception of the (English) Bulmer/Rutherford connections. ALCC was formed in 1828 (by a Scot, the Rev. Henry Esson) as the Montreal Mechanics' Institution and has had several name changes in the interval.

All the Hutchisons mentioned above (except patriarch James) were members of the

Mechanics' Institute.

William was an MIM member as early as 1843. He was a member of a committee that in 1852 drew up the first preliminary plans for a permanent mechanics' institute building in Montreal.

A.C. Hutchison became an MIM member in 1851, at age 13, and took MIM drawing courses; by age 20 he was on the MIM Committee of Management, and began teaching architectural drawing at MIM the following year. As an architect, he rented office space in the MIM building before setting up a larger firm. About 1915 his architectural firm drew up the plans for the current Atwater Library building at the corner of Atwater and Tupper.

J. H. Hutchison, a life member of MIM, served on the MIM Committee of Management, and was active during construction of the current ALCC building at Atwater and Tupper.

Matthew Hutchison became an MIM member in 1854 at age 24, and later was a life member. In 1874 he left for Goderich where he was partner with the Ogilvie family in a flour milling enterprise. His wife was a sister of Alexander Walker Ogilvie who was active in the MIM in the 1850s.

John Redpath's first recorded activity at the Montreal Mechanics' Institution was in 1829, and in 1834 he was elected a vice-president. The organization was in hiatus from 1835 to 1840, and it was John Redpath who was the prime mover in its re-establishment in 1840 as the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal; he served two years as president. John Redpath's brother-in-law John McPhee, son Peter and sons-in-law John Dougall, George Drummond and Prof. Bovey were all to become MIM members.



Sen. David Angus (right) announced a Federal government grant to the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. At left is 2nd Vice President Scot Diamond of the St. Andrew's Society, which supports ALCC's Scottish collection. At centre is ALCC president Ellen Bounsall.

Burns Dinner

The Society's annual Burns Supper held once again at the University Club this year on Friday, January 22nd. The 105 people in attendance were treated to an entertaining and thought provoking Toast to the Immortal Memory by the **Reverend Dr. Ralph Watson**, author of *Burns: To The Immortal Memory*.

The Reverend Dr. Watson is no stranger to toasts to the Immortal Memory. He estimated that in the last 25 years, he has delivered between 50 and 60 of them.

Ours was only one of three he was delivering this year. His self-declared challenge upon accepting to grace us with his words this year was to prepare one for our event which looked at Burns from a fresh viewpoint. On occasion, our Guests of Honour were not, prior to preparing their speeches, intimately familiar with the life and works of the Bard. This often results in a refreshing talk as the audience can feel the

speaker's excitement as he leads us through his discovery of a man and his works that have maintained their relevance for over 200 years. The Reverend Dr Watson, however, with his encyclopaedic knowledge of Burns and his works, was able to illustrate his points by drawing from passages more obscure than could ever be referenced with confidence by somebody relatively new to Burns. The resounding applause of the audience confirmed that the Reverend Dr Watson had indeed met his challenge. On behalf of the Society, I again thank the Reverend Dr. Watson for giving us such a treat.

After the supper was over, a number of people asked where we found our speaker who delivered such a carefully crafted, entertaining and smoothly performed Toast to the Lassies: Gregory Doyle, born and raised in Scotland, attended City University and University Nancy 2. He has held positions as an equity trader and Vice-President of BT Alex. Brown, an

Associate Director of Bear Stearns, a Portfolio Manager with CDPO and CDP Capital and is currently Vice-President, Investments with Kruger Inc. Along with the undersigned, he is a warden of the Parish of the Annunciation of Our Lady in Town of Mount Royal. As we will see below, Greg is very knowledgeable about Burns and holds Burns suppers in his home. We are very grateful for his wonderful performance at our Burns Supper this year.

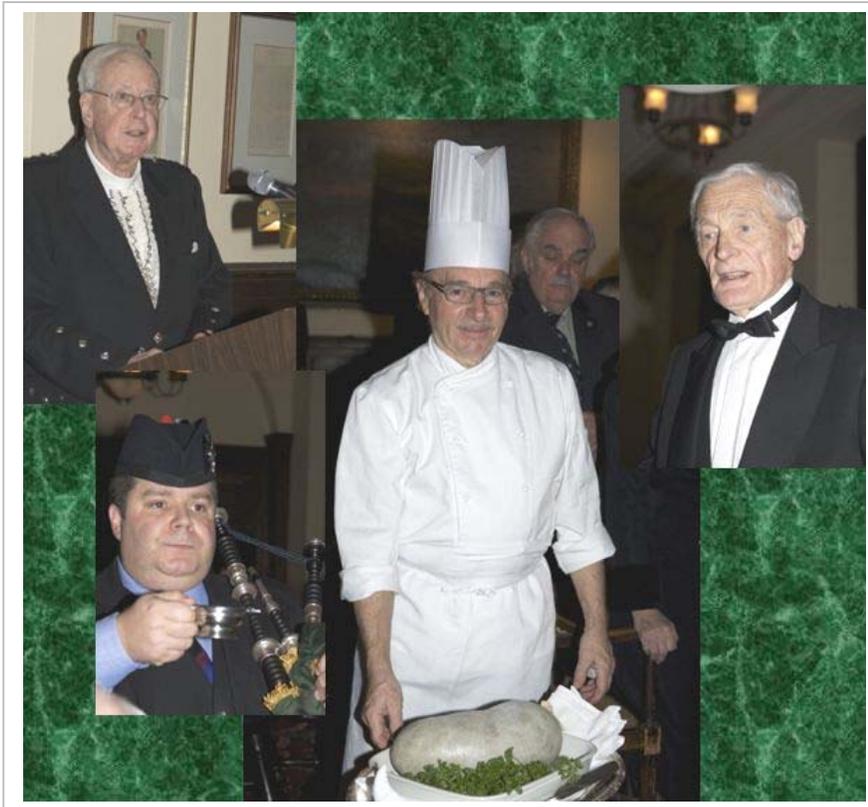
The Reply from the Lassies was done with humour and grace by Janet Rankin Hambleton. Janet is active in the

Montreal community in general and the Scottish community in particular through her involvement with the Fraser Highlanders. Janet is also a member of the Board of Directors of the University Club. Janet did a terrific job and we thank her again.

Once again, **Chef Alain Monod** treated us to a magnificently prepared meal beginning with venison paté with Cumberland sauce, Auld Reekie Cock-a-Leekie soup, haggis (wi' a' the

honours), neeps 'n tatties, Atlantic Salmon steak Balmoral, rumbledethumps and green peas and carrots and Topsy Laird and Scottish shortbreads for dessert. The comments heard after the supper about the food included "excellent" and "fantastic". This has always been the case and, knock wood, the undersigned has yet to receive a complaint about the food at the University Club. His consistently superb cooking has been recognized as far away as France which made Chef Monod last year a *Chevalier de l'ordre du Mérite agricole* for his contribution to French cooking. This award is apparently second in prestige in the French culinary world only to the *Légion d'honneur*. Bravo Alain et merci pour nous avoir préparé encore une fois un magnifique repas avec des recettes écossaises traditionnelles.

We thank **George Barclay**, friend and frequent accompanist of our Guest of Honour, for delivering the *Address to a Haggis* and **Pipe Major Cameron**



Stevens for a wonderful job on the pipes. We also thank Society President **Peter McAuslan** for delivering welcoming remarks, **Moirá Barclay-Fernie** for introducing the Reverend Dr. Watson whom she has known for many years, our **Guest of Honour** for saying the Selkirk Grace, **Anne Navin**, **Christopher Dye** and **Campbell Oliver** for their work with the phone committee, logistics and selling drink tickets at the event, the **members of the Society's Activities Committee** for their work on the phone committee, **Norma King** for taking such care to ensure people were seated at tables which suited them and greeting the guests at the event, **Tom Speirs** for bringing the music, **Ian Aitken** for taking pictures at the event, our sponsors **McAuslan Brewery**, **Curry House**, **Ye Olde Orchard Pub**, **McKibbin's Pub**, **Hurley's Pub**, **Intrawest - Mont-Tremblant** and the **Society's Activities Committee**. We most importantly thank **all of you who chose to attend the event**: as it is only as a result of your support and active participation that we were able to have such a successful celebration of the Immortal Bard.

We would like to thank Gillian Leitch for preparing and holding a quiz on the life and works of the Immortal Bard. In order to give others a chance, our Guest of Honour did not enter his responses into the quiz. The winner was the above-mentioned Gregory Doyle with 10 out of 15 correct answers. It is to be noted that many knew the city in which Rabbie is buried but none other than the Reverend Dr. Watson knew that it was in St-Michael's churchyard. Congratulations to Greg who will receive as his prize a copy of Robert Crawford's *The Bard: Robert Burns, a Biography* as soon as it is released by Chapters on February 23rd.

We would also like to note that it is much easier for those arranging the seating and preparing the food and the hall if the number of persons in attendance is known well in advance of the event. Guests are wedged quite snugly in the hall and care is taken to seat people with others of compatible age and backgrounds. Last minute changes can be very difficult to accommodate. Moreover, the University Club sets the price per guest for the meal on the basis that we will have approximately 100 guests. This year, only 29 tickets had been purchased a full week prior to the event. Moreover, if a guest does not show up for the event, the Society still has to pay the Club for the meal prepared for him or her. We price the tickets as close to break-even as we can. Consequently, somebody who has said they will

attend but has not paid and fails to show up on the night can drive the event into a deficit. This year, we had a record number of guests, over 30, who had not remitted their payment in advance. Please note that payment can now be made by credit card over the phone. Please help us with the event by both reserving and paying for your tickets early next year.

We would like feedback from the membership on the venue. There were occasions in the past, at venues other than the University Club, where we had superb speakers but most of the comments we received after the event were complaints about the food. As mentioned above, the food and the service have always been impeccable at the University Club. However, some Society members have indicated that they find the event is too expensive. The fact that the event has not been selling out well in advance may be an indication that this view is more widely held than we would like to think. We acknowledge that certain other Burns Suppers in Montreal, such as the one put on by the Sons of Scotland, are quite a bit less expensive than ours. This is accomplished by holding the event in a church basement and having volunteers rather than an award winning chef do the cooking. The menu is less fancy, though good nevertheless, and rather than the average guest being served 40% of a bottle of quite drinkable wine, each ticket includes one or two beers. The undersigned personally appreciates the advantages of holding the event at the University Club but this is the Society's event and we would like to know what the members have to say. Please address an e-mail to nking@standrews.qc.ca or call the Society Office to let us know.

Finally, please note that good speakers are the key to the event. This year's speakers will be a hard act to follow - we have already lined up a speaker for the reply from the Lassies but suggestions for guests of honour and a speaker to deliver the toast to the lassies for next year, are most welcome.

We hope to see you all again next year.

ScotDiamond ~ Burns Supper Chairman

The 2009 St. Andrew's Society Debutantes and Escorts

The following are some details of the past Year's Debutantes and Escorts.

Andréanne Marie-Brigitte Beaudoin is currently enrolled in the Commerce program at Marianopolis College. Andréanne participates in sports such as Pilates, dancing, running and has been Highland dancing for 15 years. Apart from her active lifestyle, Andréanne enjoys baking and reading. In her spare time, Andréanne participates in the Social Justice committee at Marianopolis and volunteers her time at Splash and Dash for the Sarah Cook Fund and the

Burns' Dinner Winners

The winners of the Burns Quiz at the Burns' Supper were Greg Doyle and Andre McKrol, who won a biography of Robert Burns. George Barclay came in second.

Debutants and Escorts Help with Dinner for the Homeless

Gillian I. Leitch



On November 18th, this year's debutantes and their escorts served dinner to the homeless at the Old Mission Brewery. The meal was sponsored by the Society. Joined by Anne Navin, Ellen Bounsall and Gillian Leitch, the debutantes and escorts served three sittings of a delicious meal.

The debs were photographed wearing their Old Mission Brewery aprons. From left to right: Corey Anhorn, Rita Mikhael, Laura Cartmel (kneeling slightly), Karl Usakowski, Andréanne Beaudoin, Thomas Baldwin and Andria MacDonald.

Daffodil Ball for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Ensign Corey Raymond Anhorn is originally from Edmonton, Alberta, Corey relocated to Montreal to pursue his studies in Honours Anthropology at Concordia University. In addition to his studies, Corey is currently serving as Infantry Ensign with the Canadian Grenadier Guards. Ensign Anhorn devotes his spare time to working with a number of non-governmental organizations specializing in public health and women and children's rights, and personally co-founded the Montreal based NGO - In Their Shoes.

Laura Lise Mary Cartmel is a graduate of Queen of Angels Academy. Miss Cartmel is currently at John Abbott College studying Honours Social Science with Math. Laura's interests include sailing, soccer, flag football, and snowboarding.

Ensign Thomas Jakob Baldwin is a Halifax native, currently serving as an officer in the Canadian Grenadier Guards. Ensign Baldwin devotes his spare time to sports and volunteering with various youth

organizations. Thomas will be attending Concordia University next semester, enrolled in Political science and aspires to be a police officer with The Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Melissa Mary Flynn is a graduate of Queen of Angels Academy, currently studying Liberal Arts at John Abbott College. Melissa enjoys playing flag-football, as well as dancing, with a keen interest in ballet. Miss Flynn hopes to attend McGill University next fall, and aspires to become either a professor or an historian by enrolling in the Honours History programme.

Stephen Christopher Albers is currently enrolled at John Abbott College, after having graduated from Selwyn House School in 2008. Beginning in 2010, Mr. Albers hopes to study Law at McGill University. After playing rugby for Selwyn House, he now plays rugby for the Montreal Irish Rugby Football Club, and has just finished a very successful season, earning

Rookie of the Year honours. His other interests include hockey, football, literature, and music.

Andria Cheryl Mary MacDonald is a member of the Montreal Highland Dancing Association and aspires to become an elementary teacher. Andria is a member of the West Island Youth Symphony, where she plays Jazz trumpet and was recently fortunate to tour Europe performing.

Jamie Ryan Zerebecki is a graduate of the Rosemont Technology Center, earning a trade in Carpentry. Jamie hopes to continue his education in construction and framing, and aspires to work on large scale building projects in the future. Jamie also enjoys downhill, mountain biking, and Lacrosse.

Laura-Isobel Sylviane Christine McCall is a graduate student at McGill University, studying towards a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology; her work focuses on the parasite *Leishmania*. Following graduation, Laura hopes to become a professor and run her own research laboratory one day. Miss McCall obtained a French Baccalaureate from College



Rehearsal for the Debutantes Waltz

Stanislas in Montreal in 2006 and a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology with First Class Honours from McGill University in the spring of 2009. Laura-Isobel is a competitive Highland dancer and a passionate reader.

Constantinos Ragas is currently pursuing his law degree (B.C.L., LL.B.) at McGill University's Faculty of Law and works as a law student at Fasken Martineau LLP. Before returning home to Montreal, Constantinos obtained a degree in International Relations from Mount Allison University, where he played on the men's rugby team for four years. A lover of languages and cultures, Costa is fluent in English, French and Greek

Rita Natasha Mikhael graduated from College Ste-Marcelline with High Honours and is currently a health science student at Marianopolis College. In her spare time, Rita enjoys figure skating, skiing, fashion and travelling. In the future, Rita aspires to become a surgeon.

Karl Usakowski, Count of Hussakow a descendant of Prussian, Polish and Russian nobility was born and raised in Montreal. In 2004 Count Usakowski joined the Royal Canadian Air cadet squadron 830 Pierrefonds where he rose to the rank of corporal. After the 2005 holiday season, Count Usakowski transferred to the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada Cadet Corps 2497 where he was awarded the position of platoon commander and decorated with the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence and the Army Cadet Service Medal. Count Usakowski departed the Cadet Corps in June 2009 after five years of continual service. Since June of 2008, he has been part of the 78th Fraser Highlanders student squad of the Fort S-

Helene garrison.

Catherine Anne Morin est actuellement étudiante en sciences de la santé et en violon à l'école de musique Vincent d'Indy. Elle est aussi membre, depuis trois ans, de l'orchestre symphonique des jeunes de la Montérégie, où elle a donné des concerts en Europe à Vienne, Salzburg et Prague. Catherine est aussi très impliquée dans son milieu: elle fait du bénévolat à l'hôpital Sainte-Justine et à l'accueil Bonneau. Mademoiselle Morin souhaite étudier en médecine ou en droit.

Isaac Jobin Ce jeune homme de 21 ans, boursiers de l'Université de Montréal, termine sa maîtrise en interprétation violon. Dès l'année prochaine, M. Jobin entreprendra

l'exigeant programme du doctorat en violon et sera appelé à perfectionner son art en Europe et aux États-unis. Actif sur la scène musicale, il fut dirigé sous la baguette de grands chefs d'orchestre dont Ken Nagano, Dominique Fanal et Joseph Rescigno. Sportif dans l'âme, il aime également s'évader à la lecture d'un bon livre.

Whisky Tasting

Gillian Leitch

The annual Taste of Scotland was held on the 23rd of October at the Officer's Mess of the Black Watch. It was a sold out crowd which feasted on Scottish food, and tasted 31 different Scotches. The guests lingered long after the Scotch was retired from the field, an indication of a good party.

The raffle for the Christmas party brought in over \$700 for the cause, and some people went away with



some great prizes, assembled by Mary Johnston-Cox.

On behalf of the Activities Committee, I would like to thank all those who donated scotch for the evening: Ian Aitken, Ross Aitken, Kenneth Blackburn, Tom Dwyer, Stein Torodd Helle, Kirk Johnstone, Peter McAuslin, Larry Terry and Col Bolton of the Fraser Highlanders. I would also like to thank those wonderful people who volunteered to bring the event together: Ethel Enkel, Ann Navin, Kathy Hardiman, Louise Warden, Derek Robertson, George Tait, Angus Bell, Dave Fownes, Campbell Oliver, Kirk Johnstone, Scott Diamond and Peter McAuslan. Special thanks go to Norma King, the Society's secretary. ☺

Children's Christmas Party ~ December 13th, 2009

Mary Johnston Cox, Co-ordinator, Children's Christmas Party

Once again, thanks to all of the Society's members and others who so kindly donated their gifts, time and much appreciated assistance, the annual Children's Christmas party was a fun day for over 50 happy children. Adding to their enjoyment was the wonderful performance by members of the Cadet Pipes & Drums and The Black Watch School of Piping and Drumming, led by Pipe Major Stefan Lawson and Lead Drummer William Mitchell. In addition, everyone was delighted by the exuberant performance of three Highland dancers, Karine Mayers, Amanda McCulloch and Jennifer Donaldson, all dressed in red costumes to enact their special Reindeer dance which they did beautifully and with lots of enthusiasm. Nemo, the Magician again enraptured his captivated young audience with his magic and our one and only bagpipe-playing Santa Claus enjoyed himself as much as the children while he handed out their gifts - later, marching around and playing festive tunes



before he left, happily anticipating his return on December 12th, 2010. My sincere thanks to all of you - by your generosity and helpfulness, this special event was once again successfully achieved at no cost to the Society.

The History of the Robert Burns' Statue Unveiled in Montreal on October 18th, 1930

Mary Johnston Cox, Honorary Historian

For many years, from the commencement of the 20th century, the Scottish community of the City of Montreal had eagerly hoped that one day a monument would be erected in their city to the memory of Scotland's beloved poet, Robert Burns. Monuments in his honour had already been erected in other cities in Canada: Victoria (1900), Toronto (1902), Fredericton (1906) and Halifax (1919). In all likelihood, this fact would have made the Scots even more anxious to have their own statue erected in Montreal. Finally, in 1922, in response to a circular issued by the Montreal Ayrshire Association, a meeting was held in the St. Andrew's Home to discuss the establishment of a movement in regard to ensuring the erection of such a statue in Montreal. It was attended by representatives of the following societies: Ayrshire, Caledonian, Forfarshire, Highland, Renfrewshire and also from various camps of the Sons of Scotland, including Kelvingrove, Lachine and the Clan McLennan. All of the Societies were in favour of such a movement and were confident of success. Regretfully, however, Canada would soon be facing a period of high unemployment and economic depression, unequalled in its history. In fact, evidence shows that it was already starting at that instance. For example, W. G. Ross, President of the St. Andrew's Society stated in the Society's Annual Report for the year 1922-1923, that: "the calls upon the Society (for that year) were the greatest in its history".

Subsequently, It would not be until around 1929, that the project was finally but unofficially taken up by members of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal, after having been approached by William McBroom, a well-known authority on Robert Burns and a member of the Ayrshire Association. It commenced with the formation of a special committee, named "The Burns' Statue Committee" under the Chairmanship of William McBroom. This committee was elected to raise the required funds and to choose the monument. An

Advisory Committee was also appointed, comprised as follows:

J.T. McCall, Trustee; The Rt. Hon. Lord Atholstan; Brig. General W.O.H. Dodds, CMG, DSO; Lt. Col. W.H. Clark-Kennedy, VC, CMG, DSO; Major (later Lt. Col.) Andrew Fleming, President, St. Andrew's Society of Montreal; Major A. E. Ogilvie; T.B. Macaulay, LL.D; Hugh Mackay, K. C.; Hugh Paton and Walter Wilson.

All of the above, including William McBroom, were members of the St. Andrew's Society. Four of them were Past Presidents and one was the current President. Five of them were also members of the Society's Financial Committee.

The total amount raised was \$12,492. Of the total subscribers, 85% were members of the St. Andrew's Society and their contributions amounted to 95% of the total amount raised. To the gratification of the committee, the project was under-budget by \$25, the final cost being \$12,467. It was remarkable that the required funding for this much-desired project was attained despite the ongoing depression, high unemployment and the stock market crash of 1929.

The Burns' Statue Committee's choice of the 9-foot high statue to be commissioned was a replica of the one in the town of Ayr in Scotland by the sculptor, George A. Lawson, R.S.A and the bronze cast was by Burton Foundry in Surrey, England. The pedestal on which the statue stands is of Laurentian granite and is 10 feet, six inches high. There is a bronze panel on the front, which is the west side, inscribed: ROBERT BURNS 1759-1796, below which and engraved into the granite are the words:

IT'S COMIN' YET, FOR A' THAT, THAT MAN TO MAN,
THE WORLD O'ER, SHALL BROTHERS BE FOR A' THAT.

On the north, south and east sides of the pedestal there are three bronze panels, also by G. A. Lawson, depicting scenes from three of Burns' well-known poems: On the north side: The Cotter's Saturday Night; on the south side: Tam o' Shanter and on the east side: To a Mountain Daisy. Engraved on the plinth on the west side are the words: ERECTED BY ADMIRERS OF BURNS

The site chosen for the monument at the north west corner of Dominion Square (now known as

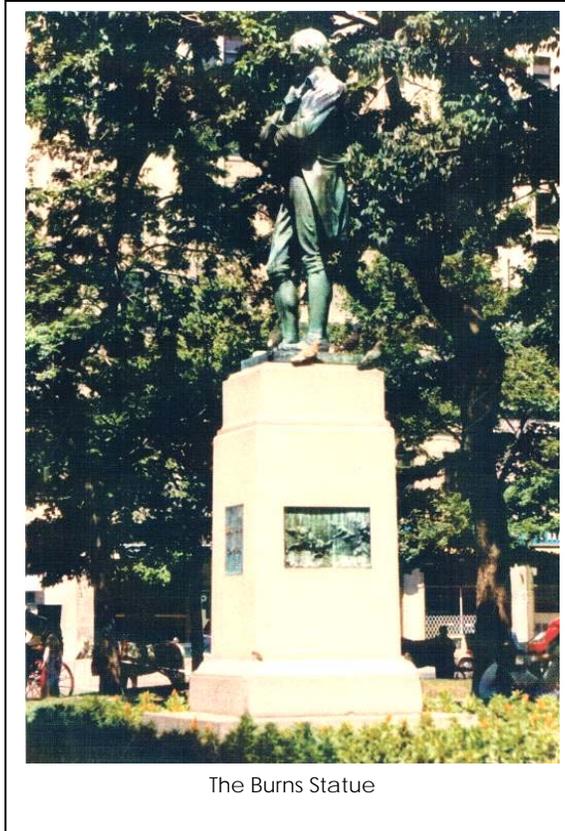
Dorchester Square) was kindly granted by the Mayor and Councillors of Montreal and it was no coincidence that the statue was positioned facing the Windsor Hotel – the scene of so many wonderful St. Andrew's Balls that had been held there ever since the hotel's inception in 1878. The unveiling ceremony took place on Saturday, October 18th, 1930 before the largest gathering of Scots ever assembled in the City of Montreal. At the appointed time, however, a heavy rain storm suddenly poured down upon the gathering and the ceremony was temporarily delayed.

The Windsor Hotel management, however, very graciously invited everyone present to use the large Windsor Hall for the opening ceremony proceedings. The guests seated on the platform included: Chairman, William McBroom and Trustee, James T. McCall of the Burns Statue Committee; fifteen members of the St. Andrew's Society, including the Society's President, Lieut. Col. Andrew Fleming, as well as representatives of the Sister Societies and others.

The Band and Pipers of The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada played selections of Burns' songs and the proceedings opened with the audience singing the "Old Hundred" followed with a prayer by Dr. Malcolm Campbell and the dedicatory address given by John Williamson. After the

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Alderman Weldon, representing Mayor Houde, gave their addresses, the Chairman, William McBroom formally handed, to Alderman Weldon, the rights of the monument to the City.

In spite of the rain, the members of the unveiling party and representatives of the various Scottish societies and associations returned to the monument which was unveiled by Mrs. Alexander Hutchison, daughter of James T McCall. Wreaths were then laid at the monument by representatives of several Scottish and kindred societies, including the St. Andrew's Society, Caledonian Society, Montreal Ayrshire Association, Renfrewshire Association and St. George's Society. The rain then became a deluge and the unveiling party, followed by two thoroughly drenched Black Watch pipers in full Black Watch



The Burns Statue

attire, made a hasty retreat back into the hotel. At the request of the organizing committee, the two pipers had complied with Pipe Major William Johnston's request that they should go out to the monument and play various pipe tunes to attract onlookers. There they had remained in the rain until the unveiling ceremony was finalized. This first-hand information was given to me by one of those two pipers (a long-time member of the St. Andrew's Society) after he had read an article that I had written and was published in the Gazette on Sunday, July 21st, 1996 – the 200th anniversary of Burns' death, which the Society acknowledged that same day by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument.

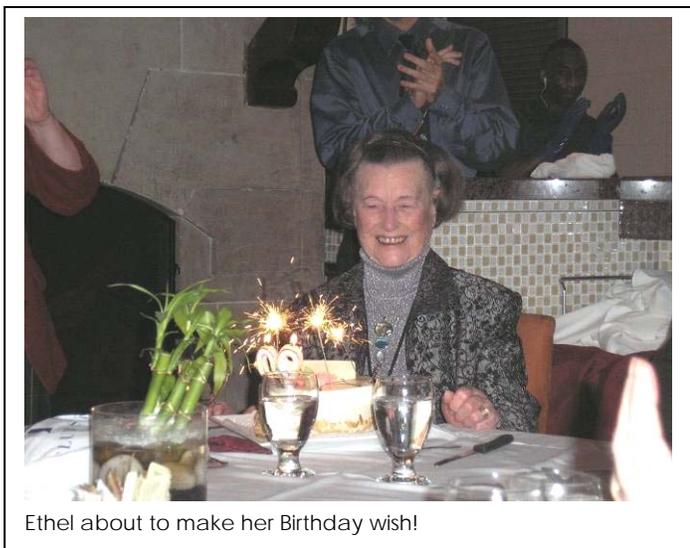
In regard to the number of Burns' statues in Canada, including the Montreal one, there are eight. In addition to the four mentioned in my first paragraph, as being erected between 1900 to 1919, there are also the following: Vancouver (1928) Montreal (1930) Winnipeg (1936) and Edmonton (2000). Four of them (including Montreal) are by George A. Lawson.

Ethel Enkel's Birthday Celebration

Gillian I. Leitch

On St. Andrew's Day a group of society members, friends, and family joined Ethel Enkel for a 90th birthday celebration hosted by her daughters Cynthia and Susan at the Montreal Athletic Association.

Ethel joined the St. Andrew's Society in the late 1980's and became a life member in 1990; she has been an active member of the Activities' Committee since that time. Ethel has contributed much to the St. Andrew's Society. Many have enjoyed her delicious contributions at the Taste of Scotland event and her delectable cuisine after the annual general meetings. We wish to extend to her happiness on this occasion and wish her many more happy birthdays.



Ethel about to make her Birthday wish!

Update from the Communications Committee

The St Andrew's Society is now on Facebook. You can find us at:

<http://tinyurl.com/sasfacebook>

Also, our new website is currently being developed. If you have any articles or photos to contribute please contact Kat Urbaniak at kat.urbaniak@gmail.com.

Campbell Oliver's Homecoming 2009

Campbell Oliver

I spent ten glorious days in Scotland. Arriving by *Eurostar* in London, after my first crossing by the Chunnel, we then took the train to Edinburgh.

I had not been in Waverley station for many years and was very impressed by the improvements they have made to it, even if a trip to the loo cost 30p. A big difference from when it cost a penny many years ago.

We picked up our car and proceeded to drive to my home town of Galashiels. However, we got stuck behind a very long tower for a windmill, which was joining a few others on a wind station between Stow and Galashiels.

Just as we were entering Gala we were directed to one side of the road by the police and had to wait, while about 60 horses and their riders made their way to Torwoodlee as part of the Braw Lads Gathering ceremonies.

As the majority of border towns have a Common Riding, which goes back to the middle ages when they used to ride around the boundaries of the area to ensure that no one had taken over part of their land. As Galashiels had no such thing they decided to make one up and it has been an annual event since 1930 other than during the 2nd world war. It has changed a bit over the years but it is still carrying on.

The next day we took a quick tour around the Borders and to Bemersyde, Melrose Abbey and to see the huge statue of Sir William Wallace near Dryburgh Abbey.

Unfortunately the shield has been painted over to form a saltire by Scottish nationalists and it has proved

Pot Luck supper

There will be a pot luck supper held for the Society at Kildonan Hall in the Church of St Andrew and St Paul, on the 27th of March, 2010, at 5pm. Bring a dish and your company and join other members in a fun evening of food, games and music. For more information please contact Norma at the Society offices.



Sir William Wallace at Dryburgh Abbey, with Campbell Oliver (left) and his Norwegian friend Torodd in the blue.

impossible to clean.

We were invited to the Overseas Reception for the Braw Lads gathering and it was a very enjoyable evening where I met some people I have not seen for 40 years.

We were up early the next day for

the ceremonies. We were impressed by the enthusiasm and number of spectators who were at the War Memorial at 8am to see the Burgh Flag given to the Braw Lad to take around the marches on horseback. There were a total of 390 horses that day; the oldest rider being 70 and the youngest 4.

We left Galashiels early the next morning and spent a very enjoyable week touring Scotland with unbelievable weather in the 30's.

We spent the only cool day of our trip in Edinburgh where I had forgotten how cold it can be with the wind of the Firth of Forth and I was very disappointed to see them digging up Prince's Street to put tram lines back in.

We also walked down the Royal Mile to look at the new Parliament Buildings and again were quite

disappointed as they do not fit in with the rest of Edinburgh and ran 10 times over the costs of the original estimates so the poor Scots will be paying for the foolishness of a few members of the Scottish parliament.

Debutants and Escorts at the Ball

Gillian I. Leitch

One of the highlights of the annual St. Andrew's Ball was the presentation of seven debutantes and escorts to the guests of honour General (ret'd) John de Chastelain and his wife Mrs. MaryAnn de Chastelain.

The debutantes and escorts for the year 2009 were: Andréanne Marie-Brigitte Beaudoin escorted by Ensign Corey Raymond Anhorn, Laura Lise Mary Cartmel escorted by Ensign Thomas Jakob Baldwin, Melissa Mary Flynn escorted by Stephen Christopher Albers, Andria Cheryl Mary MacDonald escorted by Jamie Ryan Zerebecki, Laura-Isobel Sylviane Christine McCall escorted by Constantinos Ragas,

Rita Natasha Mikhael, Baroness of Stebnick escorted by Karl Usakowski, Count of Hussakow and Catherine Anne Morin escorted by Isaac Jobin

The young ladies and escorts have ties to the Montreal Scottish community, including the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, the Montreal Highland Dancing Association, and the 78th Frasers Highlanders.

During the month of December, the debutantes and escorts attended weekly dance practices under the tutelage of Mary Dreghorn and Tom Speirs. The rehearsals for their official presentation at the ball included learning the debutante waltz, practising their curtseys and bows, and as well as walking gracefully into the ballroom. Additionally, they were taught how to do the traditional waltz.

As part of the debutante experience, the girls were invited for lunch at the home of Ellen Bounsall-McAuslan, wife of the President of St. Andrew's Society. Joining the debutantes were the wives of two past presidents, Mrs. Marie Senecal Tremblay McNiven and Mrs. Jean Bentley. Mrs. Barbara Bolton, wife of the Ball Chairman, and Ms. Gillian Leitch, historian and co-chair of the Activities' Committee were present.

After the informal introductions, the debutantes listened attentively to the



The Debutantes' Waltz



A Society visit to City Hall where they were received by Mayor Tremblay and signed the Book of Honour. In order from the left: St. Andrew's Ball Chairman, 1st Vice President, Bruce D. Bolton; Ellen Bounsall McAuslan; MaryAnn de Chastelain; (seated) General (Ret'd) John de Chastelain, Ball Guest of Honour; Gérald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal; Peter McAuslan President.

presentations made about the history and goals of the St. Andrew's Society, the importance of all the learning that is involved in becoming a debutante and the life long memories that they will have. The debutantes, in turn, spoke about themselves and their interest in becoming a debutante. Mrs. Bounsall-McAuslan gave each debutante a thistle pin as a keepsake and they were encouraged to wear it during the week prior to the ball. It was a fun filled afternoon of games and laughter. It gave the debutantes an opportunity to get to know each other, and the members of The St. Andrew's Society.

While the debutantes were enjoying the delicious meal served at the McAuslan residence, the escorts were also being wined and dined at an escort event hosted by the President Mr. Peter McAuslan at the Irish Embassy. LCOL (ret'd) Bruce D. Bolton, Chairman of the Ball Committee, Dr. Kenneth Bentley, Honorary Ball Chairman, and Brian MacKenzie, Chair of the Ball Floor Committee, Mr. Paul Quinn, owner of the Irish Embassy also attended the luncheon. The informal occasion allowed the escorts to learn out about the Society from the leaders and supporters of the St. Andrew's Society.

The night before the ball, the St. Andrew's Society

and Black Watch (RHR) of Canada Regiment hosted a debutante reception at the Black Watch Armoury. Here the debutantes and escorts were presented to the members of the receiving line which consisted of General (ret'd) John de Chastelain and his wife MaryAnn de Chastelain, Lt. Col Bruno Plourde and Ms. Teena Caron of the Black Watch Regiment, and Mr Peter McAuslan President of St. Andrew's Society. After LCOL (ret'd) Bruce D. Bolton introduced the debs and escorts and read a short biography, they went through the receiving line. Everyone was impressed with their academic achievements, accomplishments, ambitions, and their involvement in extra curricular and volunteer work.

The reception allowed the young men and women to personally meet and speak to the Guest of Honour, General (ret'd) John de Chastelain, Mrs. De Chastelain and other dignitaries.

A group of debutantes and escorts also volunteered at the Old Brewery Mission. They helped to serve the annual St. Andrew's Day dinner which is sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society. This volunteer work allowed them to understand the importance of helping the less fortunate.

The debs and escorts were very excited and enthusiastic on the evening of the ball. The debutantes were dressed in beautiful white gowns with matching gloves and wore a tartan sash. Their escorts were in tuxedos or kilts and Prince Charlie jackets.

The formal photographs, which were taken with the Guests of Honour, General (ret'd) and Mrs. de Chastelain, pages Mark Mancini and David Mancini, flower girls Ella Ivanocici and Beatrice Ivanocici, captured their pride and happiness and will provide lasting memories of the ball for the rest of their lives.

The formal presentation featured a ceremonial

Society Ties

Society ties are still available. The embroidered logo on the tie is a golden rampant lion on a cross. These navy blue ties are similar to the Society's previous ties, except the logo is larger and they are made of silk. The price, including taxes and delivery, is only \$20. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the Society's office.

entrance as the debutantes and escorts were led by the pipe band into the ballroom. After their introduction by the Sergeant-at-Arms James Conway, each debutante slowly made her way across the dance floor to execute an elegant curtsy and was then joined by her partner. Then came the debutante waltz, perfectly performed to the sound of the accompanying piper and drummer. They made a grand exit off the dance floor once again to the sound of the pipes and drums.

Being a debutante and an escort was a special experience for these young ladies and young men. They were very appreciative of having the honour to be part of the Ball and thank the St. Andrew's Society for making the event a memorable occasion.

Presentation of New Regimental Colours by the Prince of Wales to the Black Watch

The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada was very proud to receive the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, and the Duchess of Cornwall at the Armoury on Tuesday, November 10th. The superb choreography, in such close quarters, only highlighted the skill and attention paid by all the members of the Watch.

The Master of Ceremonies, the Black Watch's Honorary Vice President, Major Michael Boire, skilfully guided the audience (to which several members of the Society were in attendance) to the proceedings throughout; including the delays caused by some of the locals outside.

The Prince spoke to how he was



A group photo of the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall and the Black Watch.

privileged to present the colours to the regiment, as his Grandmother, who was for a long time the Colonel-in-Chief; he cherished being able to take over this position. He also spoke to how Canadian's had and are currently playing an important role in conflicts around the world. He further thanked the armed forces members and their families for their support.

A few Society members were in attendance and had the chance to meet his highness; something that for most only comes around once in a lifetime.



Prince of Wales making his rounds for the inspection
Photo by Cpl Jasper Schwartz Canadian Forces



Hall decorated for the St. Andrew's Society Ball.

- Whiskypedia: A Gazetteer of Scotch whisky / Charles Maclean.
- Being a Scot / Sean Connery and Murray Grigor.
- The Bard: Robert Burns, A Biography / Robert Crawford.

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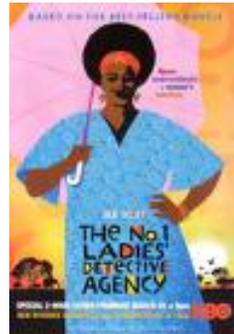
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Atwater Library and Computer Centre News - Scottish Collection

Lynn Verge

The Atwater Library's Scottish Collection includes books, DVDs and audiotapes with a Scottish connection. Here are a few new items that you might just want to take time to review (www.atwaterlibrary.ca)!

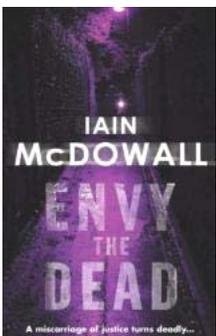


DVDs:

- The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (2009). HBO series box set.
- Morvern Callar (2001). Directed by Lynne Ramsay.
- My Life So Far (1999). Directed by Hugh Hudson.
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- A Musical Tour of Edinburgh, the Highlands and the Hebrides. (1992). With music by Felix Mendelssohn.
- Incident at Loch Ness (2004). Directed by Zak Penn.

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- Ties of Blood, Kin and Country: Scottish Associational Culture in the Diaspora / edited by Tanja Bueltmann, Andrew Hinson, Graeme Morton.
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