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OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL



September 2009

Upcoming Events

Taste of Scotland's Fine Foods & Malts
Black Watch Officers' Mess
October 23, 2009

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Old Brewery Mission Dinner
@16:30 November 18, 2009
*Volunteers welcome to join Debutantes
& Escorts*

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St. Andrew's Ball - Debutantes' Reception
Black Watch (RHR of Canada)
Officers' Mess
November 25, 2009

St. Andrew's Ball Luncheon
Tudor Hall, Ogilvy
November 26, 2009

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St. Andrew's Ball
Le Centre Sheraton Montreal
November 27, 2009

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St. Andrew's Day Luncheon
Royal Montreal Curling Club
Saturday, November 28, 2009

Morning Service
The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul
November 29, 2009

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2009 Children's Christmas Party
Black Watch Officers' Mess
December 13, 2009

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Burns Night Dinner
January 22, 2010



Another rainy day at the Highland Games!

Letter from the President

On August 2nd I attended the Montreal Scottish Festival aka the Highland Games. Our society supports awards for Highland dancing and it was a pleasure for me to give out these awards to these energetic and talented young people. I spent time talking to many of those present, and had an interesting conversation with a couple whose daughter was involved in the competition. This francophone family had no particular family or other attachment to things Scottish, but, had their daughter participate just for the pleasure and physical fitness that the dancing provided. Debbie Johnstone is to be congratulated for a professionally run competition with participants from many regions of Canada and the U.S.

It was truly unfortunate that once again, for the second year in a row, the playing fields were hit by torrential rains just as things were getting underway in early afternoon. This kept people away in droves and attendance was disastrous with a commensurate financial impact. Kirk Johnstone and his volunteers did a magnificent job of organizing the day, but you just can't beat the weather. If you wish to offer your help or donate to the cause, please contact Kirk at: kirkjohnstone@videotron.ca.

There was a meeting of the St. Andrew's Society Committee of Management on August 10th where a budget for the year was adopted projecting a small surplus. Among the usual important items, such as bursaries, cultural activities and welfare being provided for, a \$3000 amount was set aside to digitize the record books and other documents of the St. Andrew's Society and the St. Andrew's home, both going back to the 1830s. Over time, commencing this year, these materials will be made available on line for the use of our members, and to allow for scholarly research.

At the same meeting, the membership committee proposed that all debutantes and escorts at the annual St. Andrew's Ball will be provided with free society membership for a period of 5 years as long as they meet all other requirements for membership. This change reflects an attitude at council that we must find ways to encourage younger members of our community to participate in our affairs and activities to assure a vibrant future. It is of note that a recent survey of our membership found that more than 50% of members are older than 70, and that fully 70% are over the age of 50. If you know of a young person who may be interested in becoming a debutante or escort please contact Stephanie Glezos at: irishangel26@hotmail.com.

The ball will be held on November 27th at the Sheraton Centre this year in a venue that proved a great success in 2008. I hope you will attend what is the premier social event of the Montreal social calendar. I hope to meet you there.

Peter McAuslan

From the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal's Archives - The Festival Celebration of November 30th

Mary Johnston Cox – Honorary Historian

Montreal's first recorded St. Andrew's Ball was held in 1816 at the Mansion Hotel on St. Paul Street and while a few other St. Andrew's Day celebrations were now and again held in the City after that date, it was not until 1871 that the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal finally held a Ball under its own auspices in the St. Lawrence Hotel – 36 years after the Society's founding in 1835.

A St. Andrew's Day Dinner, however, was held by the Society on November 30th of that year and continued annually, with a few exceptions, until 1854. It was attended by the gentlemen members of the Society and other invited male guests,

including the Mayor and Presidents of the Sister Societies, representatives of the Clergy and Regimental Officers. The event was held at any one of six hotels – Rasco's, Orr's, Mack's, Daley's, Donegana's and Compain's. The four committees who arranged the Dinner, Toasts and Music, Decorations and Subscribers appear to have been well organised. According to our records, they diligently checked the best price for the dinner and the wine, studied the toasts (16 in all) and verified who was going to give them and to whom. They also advised the musicians of the appropriate tunes they had to play to coincide with the subject of each toast, obtained the services of a pipe band (often a regimental one) or pipers plus ensuring the quantity and quality of the haggis and acquiring the Atholl Brose.

While the dinners may have been enjoyable for

some, it certainly was not for many others and as early as 1835 it was implied that there were numerous objections to having St. Andrew's Day celebrated by only a Public Dinner. A suggestion was made that if Article VII of the Constitution could be changed to substitute "Soiree" for "Public Dinner" – the Ladies might then also have the opportunity to be present and enjoy the festival celebration but "the motion met with much disapprobation". Many years later another suggestion was proposed that "in place of an Anniversary Dinner it shall be optional to have either a Dinner, or a Ball or Soiree in which every respectable Scotchman or descendant of Scotchmen may participate in so patriotic a Festival".

In early November, 1848 a letter was received by the Society's President, {Sir} Hugh Allan purporting to be from "A Scotch Lassie" suggesting that a "Caledonian Ball" should be held to celebrate the anniversary of St. Andrew instead of the usual Public Dinner. After some discussion, it was resolved that in addition to the usual Anniversary Dinner; arrangements would be made for a "Caledonian Assembly" at Donegana's Hotel to take place on the evening of November 30th. The price of the tickets for the Gentlemen would be Fifteen Shillings but the Ladies' tickets would be free. In addition to the usual Men's Committee, a Ladies Committee was also formed to assist in the planning of what the Montreal Herald described as what they believed to be the first "Caledonian Assembly" ever given in Montreal.

On the evening in question, The Governor General, The Earl of Elgin accompanied by Lady Alice Lambton and the Hon. Mrs. Bruce, with other members of his suite, arrived at the Assembly around ten o'clock and remained until "the wee short hours ayont the twal", "mixing with the greatest condescension and familiarity among the company and partaking of the festivities". The



St. Andrew's Ball of 1872

following paragraph is quoted from an insert in a write-up of the event. One could surmise that the writer was not in favour of the Society's annual Public Dinners: "The St. Andrew's Society has this year set the example of celebrating the anniversary of Scotland's Patron Saint in a manner more conducive to true sociality and convivial enjoyment than heretofore, by substituting the elegancies of the dance with their wives and sweethearts for the selfish indulgences at the dinner table. We hope to see such days always so kept".

In 1855, the Caledonian Society was founded as an adjunct of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal; its purpose being for the encouragement and practice of Scottish Games, the cultivation of an interest in Scottish history, poetry and song. Also to unite and bond Scots and those of Scottish descent in Montreal. The Society worked admirably in fulfilling its aims and succeeded in bringing Scottish people together by fostering the spirit of fellowship and love for their adopted land.

As a proper adjunct of the St. Andrew's Society, the Caledonian Society supported in every way

*** St. Andrew's Ball Debutantes 2009 ***

Would you like to be part of the St. Andrew's historical Scottish tradition?

Join us as a debutante at the St. Andrew's Ball which is held annually in November.

Dressed in a formal full length white gown, you and your escort will be presented to the St. Andrew's Ball guests of honour in the presence of all the attending guests.

It will be a unique opportunity for you to learn to curtsy and bow gracefully, meet interesting people, dance a Scottish waltz, and to listen to the live performances of the bagpipe band and lots more. If you would like more information about the ball and the other activities related to being a debutante, please contact Stephanie Glezos at irishangel26@hotmail.com.

the same objectives as those of the St. Andrew's Society. For many years, all of the Caledonian Society's surplus funds were generously donated to the St. Andrew's Society's charitable endeavours.

Early in November, 1855 the St. Andrew's Society received a letter from the newly formed Caledonian Society expressing their desire to co-operate with the Society in that year's annual celebration by holding a Soiree on November 30th. After researching the correspondence between the two Societies on this subject, it is still difficult to comprehend the final outcome but it is apparent that the St. Andrew's Society did not have a festival celebration that year. The records for 1856, however, show that a combined Soiree and Ball event held at the City's Concert Hall on November 30th was under the auspices of both the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Societies. During the speeches given at that event, it was obvious by the apologies rendered that, in future, the St. Andrew's Society's November 30th celebrations would no longer include any exclusive Public Dinners. The following is an excerpt from Mr. A. N. Rennie's address:

"I shall simply, therefore, congratulate the ladies upon their success in shaming us away from the more selfish method which in days of yore we used to celebrate this day. Thereby asserting their women's right to partake in its festivities."

In an address by Col. Alexander A. Stevenson, President of the Caledonian Society in 1859 during an Assembly held at the City Concert Hall under the auspices of both the St. Andrew's and the Caledonian Societies, he replied to a question that he was often asked: "Why are there two Scottish Societies in Montreal and what is the difference between the St. Andrew's and the Caledonian?" He had explained that the aims of the one Society did not in any way conflict with the objects of the other; therefore, there was not a problem. He remarked, however, on the difference of opinion regarding the Public Dinners versus the similar type of event being celebrated that evening. Col. A. A. Stevenson then added that: "On this point as on all others where unanimity of opinion could not be secured, the Managers of both Societies, in the most amicable manner, Scotsman-like – just agreed to differ." I would like to add that Col. A. A. Stevenson was a long-time member of the St. Andrew's Society at that time in history and was President from 1878-1879. Over many years, the two societies worked in harmony with each other and a large room in the commodious St. Andrew's Home was assigned to the Caledonian Society

for their regular meetings.

During the next ten-year period in the Eighteen Sixties, with the exception of two dinners, the combined evening celebrations for St. Andrew's Day were either in the form of Soirees, Concerts or Musical Festivals. On November 2nd, 1871, however, it was moved, at the St. Andrew's Society's Annual Preparatory Meeting by Walter MacFarlan, seconded by the Hon. John Young, both Past Presidents, that St. Andrew's Day should be celebrated by a Ball under the auspices of the Society. Subsequently, the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal's first Ball took place on November 30th at the St. Lawrence Hall and was described by the Montreal Herald as being "one of the most enjoyable of the season. It was numerously attended and the festivities passed with great spirit and success." The 1872 Ball also held at the St. Lawrence Hall was described as giving promise of as lively a winter season as we have ever had. The winter season had indeed arrived because the arrival of the guests was accompanied by a fall of snow that "made sleighing a pleasure for the occupants - their first sleigh ride of the season." For fully two hours they continued to glide up to the main entrance of the Hall.

Following this successful inauguration, the St. Andrew's Balls were established as notable annual events.

Throughout the decades, they were the annual highlight of the Montreal season, especially the magnificent and opulent ones of the Victorian era that were held in the Windsor Hotel. Long may they and their traditions be enjoyed and remembered.

New Members

The Society is very pleased to welcome new annual members Ms. Anne Catherine Drost and Mr. William Jackson Clark. We are also happy to report that Ms. Andrea Navin, annual member since 2002, and Mr. W. Campbell Oliver, annual member since 2001, have transferred to life membership.

Curling Anyone?

The Activities Committee is organising a curling night at the Montreal West Curling Club for the 6th of February 2010. The cost will be about \$20 per person. We encourage those who have never curled before to come and try their hand at it! A minimum number of persons are required to maintain the rental of the ice at the rink. More details will be provided closer to the event. Those who are interested, please contact the committee through the Society's email address.

Future Member

Congratulations to Julie Perron and Brian MacKenzie whose first son, John James Perron MacKenzie, was born on 26th May, 2009.

Flowers of the Forest

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Jane Tinhof, annual member since 2006 and Mr. E. Thomas Patton, an annual member since 1996. Mr. Patton served as Society Honorary Treasurer from 2000 – 2009.

Once Upon a Time – A Wee Ceilidh Where? - Read on!

Beverley Hutchison

Myrna Southam and I were lucky enough to attend a concert at the Black Watch (RHR) Armoury on Saturday, 27th June.

It was a sparse, but very enthusiastic crowd that enjoyed Isla St. Clair, from just outside Aberdeen, Scotland, who entertained us with her Scottish songs and ballads. Isla sang with great feeling and enthusiasm which she imparted to us by inviting the audience to join in. Well, we did – with voice, hand clapping and toe stomping. Loch Lomond never sounded so good!

Next, came three dancers from the Black Watch pipes and drums; Karine Mayers, Amanda McCulloch, Jennifer Donaldson and also special guest dancer Charlene Rochon Main, all four dancers performed for us while the Black Watch Pipes & Drums Band, under the direction of Pipe Major, Cameron Stevens, assisted by Pipe Major (Ret'd), Brian MacKenzie, accompanied them.

The pipers were wonderful. It was very difficult to keep one's feet still!

Patrick King showed a video of Isla singing "A Scottish Soldier" as portrayed by a girl friend, a married woman, and finally, a

mother. This was a very moving rendition of this old favourite.

The concert closed with Isla singing "Amazing Grace" followed by the Pipe Band and the Scottish dancers performing the sword dance.

It was a marvellous evening of pipes and drums, dancers and Isla, who warmly entertained us all. Naturally a wee malt or wine was available to add to the enjoyment of the evening!

A toast – Slàinte Mhath!

Atwater Library and Computer Centre News - Scottish Collection

Agnes McFarlane

The Atwater Library's Scottish Collection includes books, DVDs and audiotapes with a Scottish connection. The authors, actors, producers and other participants are Scots or people of Scottish heritage from anywhere in the world. In books, the topics range from serious history, current affairs, politics, travel, biography, arts and culture to light-hearted humour, cooking and food. In fiction, the authors range from the greats - J. M. Barrie, Robert Burns, A. J. Cronin, Walter Scott, and David Walker - to current favourites such as Kate Atkinson, M. C. Beaton, James Kelman, Ian Rankin, and Alexander McCall Smith. Some of the new literary lights



From the annual general meeting of the incoming executive (Left: Scot Diamond, Peter McAuslan and Bruce Bolton) and to the right a picture of Peter and Ron Rice, this year's recipient of the Keith Radley Hutchison Award.

Montreal Scottish and Celtic Culture Meetup Group

The [Montreal Scottish and Celtic Culture Meetup Group](http://www.meetup.com/celticculture-16) has been going for a year now, and has exceeded my expectations in both the number of people involved, and the variety of events we have been able to organise. The monthly pub nights have been very successful, attracting an increasing group of regulars. The summer months allowed us to branch out, and head outdoors. We held a couple of picnics in Parc Lafontaine, and we attended the St Andrew's Society BBQ and St-Ambroise Brewery. September also saw the first (of hopefully many) evenings of modern Scottish music events, when a group of us attended the Glasvegas/Kings of Leon gig at the Bell Centre.

Our numbers are growing too, we're now at 52 members, and each month brings in some more. Though they may not all attend every meeting, but if not, they stick with us for the information we provide on other events happening in and around Montreal.

So, first year down, and we're doing well. So, what does the next year hold for the meetup? We plan to continue with the monthly pub nights of course. They are our mainstay, but we also hope to continue to expand the events we run, from attending gigs/concerts, to other activities and sporting events.

Check us out on the web, both at www.meetup.com (<http://www.meetup.com/celticculture-16>), and now on Facebook (search for Montreal Scottish and Celtic Culture, and you'll find our group). If you're interested, or know of someone who might be, then look us up. Our October meetup is on the 8th of October, in L'Isle Noir.

represented are Christopher Brookmyre, James Meek, Ali Smith, and Irvine Welsh. Among the DVDs are the The Last King of Scotland, Local Hero, Trainspotting, The 39 Steps, Brigadoon, and Mrs. Brown.

The collection now numbers close to 1,200 and is growing all the time. New titles are selected from reviews in Scottish magazines and from the shelves of local bookstores. They are purchased with funding generously provided by the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal. Many items come from donations by friends of the Atwater Library. Donations and suggestions for new titles are welcome and can be sent to the attention of Rani Yoganathan or Gail O'Hagan.

The catalogue of the collection may be viewed from the Library's website: www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

1. Click on catalogue in the upper left corner of the screen.
2. To see the whole collection, type "scottish collection" and click the subject button;
3. To check for a particular author or title, enter the name or title and click the appropriate button.

Books are indicated by a book icon, DVDs by DVD, and audio cassettes by a microphone. All items show the designation SC.

On the Library shelves the books and DVDs bear a blue St. Andrew's flag on the spine and the letters SC to ensure easy visibility and to make browsing easy.

ST. ANDREW'S WEEK TALK ON JOHN REDPATH

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, on Thursday, November 26 at 12:30 pm, Richard Feltoe will be giving a talk on John Redpath, the 19th

century Scots-Montrealer business leader and philanthropist who was a major builder of The Atwater Library of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal. Mr. Feltoe is John Redpath's biographer and is also the curator of the Redpath Sugar Museum in Toronto. Mr. Feltoe's book, A Gentleman of Substance: The Life and Legacy of John Redpath, 1796-1869, will be on sale. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and Scottish shortbread will be served. Admission is free but there will be a request for donations.

Westminster Asked to Lift Slur Against Jacobites

Article by John Ivison and taken from the National Post July 15, 2009 Edition

Scotch Canadians whose ancestors supported Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite rebellion may not know it but their family names have officially been mud for more than 250 years.

After the failed insurrection to restore the House of Stuart to the British throne, Acts of Parliament deemed the blood of many rebels "corrupt," confiscated their property and exiled them to North America as indentured servants.

Now, the Scottish Parliament is taking steps to remove any stigma associated with support for the Stuart cause.

Canadians with the last name Drummond, Cameron, Chisholm, Fraser, Gordon, Graham, Laird, MacDonald, Mackenzie, Mackintosh, Mackinnon, Malcolm, Nairn, Ogilvie, Stirling, Mackintosh, MacKinnon, MacLeod, Ross, Stewart or Sutherland may well be the descendants of Jacobites who were exiled after the rebellions.

Many Jacobites were "attainted" by Act of Parliament that denied them their property and

disinherited their descendants.

Those affected included national hero Rob Roy McGregor and Flora MacDonald, Bonnie Prince Charlie's rescuer after the Battle of Culloden in 1746, who settled in North Carolina.

Scottish Conservative Jamie Mc-Grigor has tabled a motion, with cross-party support, calling on the Scottish Parliament to back a petition that demands the Westminster Parliament overturn the Acts of Attainder and clear the names of Jacobite families.

Not only could the stigma associated with "corruption of the blood" be overturned, but some Canadians may also find they have legitimate claim on ancient titles that would be restored if the campaign is successful.

Peter Drummond-Murray, a retired banker and heraldry expert who started the petition, said that a number of peerage titles could be affected including the Earl of Kilmarnock and the Duke of Berwick.

"Lots of ordinary people were transported to North America who still have this slur on them. We're petitioning for it to be removed," he said.

He did not rule out that there could be Canadians with claim to old titles, but said that there is no question of successful land claims being launched after nearly 300 years.

The list of those "attainted" included all ranks from peers and lairds to clerks and commoners. As the Jacobite threat subsided in the 19th century, a number of peers were able to afford the procedure of a private bill in Parliament to reverse the attainder process.

However, many families that supported the Stuarts are still stigmatized by what one member of the Scottish Parliament called "historical discrimination."

ATTAINED NAMES

After 1688, when James VII of Scotland and II of England was replaced by his daughter Mary II and

her husband, William of Orange, many who refused to swear allegiance to William and Mary were tried for treason and "attainted." Some were executed, some sent into exile and were punished by Acts of Attainder -- losing their rights and property. This process continued after the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745. This is a sampling of those who were attainted. Many of their descendants live in Canada now.

- Sir Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn
- Sir Donald Mackdonald of Slate
- Sir John Preston of Prestonhall
- Sir John Mackenzie of Cowl
- Alexander Mackenzie of Apple Cross
- Donald Mackenzie of Kilcowie
- Alexander Cameron of Dungallon
- Evan MacPherson of Clunie
- Lauchlan MacLauchlan of Castle Lauchlan
- John MacKinnon of MacKinnon
- Charles Stewart of Ardsheel
- Donald MacDonald of Lochgarie

Communications Committee Survey Results

The results of the questionnaires have now been gathered and a report has been produced. If you would like a copy please contact me at kat.urbania@gmail.com or on (514) 678-2859. If you did not complete a questionnaire but would like to complete one or if you have any other comments about the communications/website of the St Andrew's Society please let me know.



A quick shot of the Church parade.

France Honoured University Club Chef Alain Monod

J. Cassar

According to an article which printed in the Montreal Gazette, Chef Monod was given France's Merite agricole award. The award is given to individuals who are faithful to the food and wine traditions of France. Members of the Society wish to extend their congratulations.

Society Barbeque ~ Aug 5th, 2009

Gillian I Leitch

The Society held a barbeque on August 5th, at the McAuslan Terrace, St. Ambrose Street. It was a lovely night, with marvelous weather. Dave Fownes and Campbell Oliver manned the beast of a barbeque with much panache, serving delicious hamburgers to Society members and the general public. I would like to thank them, along with the other members of the Activities Committee (Ann Navin, Kathy Hardiman, George Tait, Ethel Enkel and Louise Warden) for their assistance in the planning and running of the event.

Homecoming 2009 ~ Clan Gathering

J. Cassar

If you are interested in some material related to this past summer's clan gathering take a look at the following links:

- http://www.rampantscotland.com/diary/diary_gathering.htm
- <http://clangathering.org/>
- www.youtube.com (search "clan gathering 2009")

Potluck Dinner

Campbell Oliver

We had a potluck supper at Kathy Hardiman's home. The photo (to the right) is of the salmon prepared by George Tait, who (as you see) successfully deboned the fish perfectly.



Clan Gathering – July 2009, Edinburgh.

Private Rental Spaces: Households and Business Storage

Lock-It Storage Inc. has been providing a storage locker to the Society for many years. Their clean and secure facility is located five minutes from downtown just below Westmount, off the Glen at 4840 Acorn Street. Telephone is: 514 934-0386.

Mini storage is an inexpensive way to safely store personal and business items. They offer sizes as small as a closet or as large as a garage.

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.

Editor's Note

There were many photos sent (and a couple of articles) to me this issue; however, there weren't enough to get another 4 pages of material. I will endeavour to include these pictures in the next few issues.

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