

# THE JOURNAL

OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL

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## Upcoming Events

**Burns Dinner**  
University Club  
Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Whisky Fête 2014**  
University Club  
Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

  
**Curling for Dummies**  
Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
(Tentative)

**St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014



The Ball – A fitting celebration to mark a fantastic 2013!

## President's Letter – Passing the Torch

The past year has seen the passing away of several monumental personalities in the Scottish community.



T. R. Anthony Malcolm was not only a past president of the Society, the organiser of the first Burns supper held by the Society (at least in the string of them leading to the present), the person who established the St. Andrew's Charitable Fund associated with the Society and imbued with the power to grant charitable donation receipts recognised by Canadian taxation authorities and the founder of the Quebec Thistle Council but he was a flamboyant and fascinating person. We were truly saddened when TRAM passed away in 2013, leaving an enormous hole in Montreal's Scottish community.



Kirk Johnstone was not only a member of the Society council, the organiser of the Montreal Highland Games, the organiser of the Society's Taste of Scotland whisky tasting event and the Ogilvy store piper, but he too was a larger than life character who contributed enormously to the Montreal Scottish community. Somehow, Kirk just got things done - big things. We were shocked and angered that cancer took Kirk away from us at his early age. Kirk will be sorely missed.



Joyce Kyles was not only a member of the Society council and chair of the welfare committee for many years but she was a personal friend of mine, on several occasions saving my skin by finding guests of honour for the Burns Supper while I was chairman of that event. Joyce was a remarkable woman, succeeding in the investment world at a time when it was heavily male dominated. Joyce is another who passed away in 2013 who will be sorely missed.

In addition to these unfortunate deaths, the Society has a number of people who have fulfilled important roles with the Society but have informed us that they will not be continuing. As mentioned elsewhere in this Journal, after bringing the 2013 Ball's silent auction to record heights with revenues of \$17,650, Ellen Bounsall has told us she will not be continuing with the organisation of the silent auction she started in 2007. Tom Speirs who took care of the music for the Scottish country dancing at the Ball for many years with his late wife Betty and, more recently, working with Mary Dreghorn, informed us in 2012 that he was withdrawing from the country dancing at the Ball. Luckily, his moving plans were somewhat delayed and he was able to attend Ball committee meetings and oversee the transition in 2013, but Tom has informed us that he will not be back for 2014. Chareen Dias, who organised the silent auction at the 2012 Ball and who has been chairperson of the welfare committee and the person responsible for protocol at the Ball for several years, has likewise informed us that she will be moving to Scotland and thus unable to continue in those functions. The Society owes a big debt of gratitude for all these people have done over the years and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

All this to say, we have a lot of big shoes to fill and we are hoping others will be ready to take on the challenges. ***If you are interested in becoming involved (or more involved) in Society events or know of others who might, please let us know.***

Related to passing the torch, we are working on setting up a file sharing web site onto which members of council and committees can upload and download copies of documents relating to the Society and its events. The idea is that copies of the electronic files used in Society affairs will be saved in a central location, accessible to members of Council and committees. This way, documents can be readily updated without having to add to Norma's mammoth workload and large files can be shared without having to worry about email attachment size limitations. When responsibility for an event is passed on, the new organiser will have a collection of useful information and model documents. I expect the site to be up and running by the time this Journal comes to press. Current members of council and committees will be sent invitations to the site. In addition, a link will be added to the Council and Committees page of the Society web site.

One last thing I would like to mention is that it was pointed out to me not long ago that the Society organises no particular event to thank members of council and committees for all their hard work and dedication. To correct this, I plan to host a barbecue at my house at some time during the upcoming summer. Details will be provided as summer approaches. I hope to see you there in large numbers!

Scot Diamond  
President

## St Andrews Ball and Ball Week Committee Members 2013

Brian MacKenzie

Having been involved with the Ball Committee for close to 10 years now and this being the first as Ball Chair I must say the top item that stands out of this continuing initiative is the people that are so committed to ensuring both the fund raising success is realized and that ball attendees have an exceptional experience. From the time that we started working on the ball at our post mortem meeting in December until Auld Lang Syne is danced to in the wee hours after the Ball it is evident that the Ball committee is focused on all aspects of The Ball and activities leading up to this extraordinary event.

The fine organization by the sub-committees such as the Debutantes committee chaired by Julie Perron and assisted by Jennifer Donaldson, Roberta Bolton, Susan Stevenson, Simone Diamond and also Carole Duhamel who helped in many ways and hosted the Debutantes tea reception. The Protocol and Presidents reception under the capable leadership of Chareen Dias and assisted by Gillian Leitch. The Black Watch and 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Liaison worked well with Pipe Major Cameron Stevens MMM CD helping to coordinate and the Floor Committee Chair under the watchful eye of the Regiments Drum Major Michael Lanno CD and assisted by George Tait and Joseph Boran. The outstanding decorations, pictures and calendars celebrating Scots Women of Canada put together by Francoise Lambert.

The professional Photographers photo's been available quickly on our web site and was helped coordinated by Helen Meredith and Scot Diamond. Printed material, programs, tickets and

other items were coordinated by both Margo Pollock and Norma King. The Sales team this year was headed up by Jason MacCallum and his wide reach out to the cultural and corporate community helped to fill the tables.

To go on further, the St Andrews Society of Montreal had an increased media presence throughout the Quebec community, spotlighting this special year as we celebrated our very first female Guest of Honour Ms Karyn Brooks, Senior Vice President and Controller at Bell Canada Enterprises, there did not seem to be a day that went by without getting word out through print, internet, radio or TV and this was mainly due to the hard work of Kate Arthur. The success of this year's Silent Auction was truly evident, the hustle and bustle of people engaged in the Silent Auction area throughout the evening was exhilarating and many thanks to Ellen Bounsall in putting all this together and realizing a record for funds raised.

Special mention to LCol (retired) Bruce D. Bolton MMM CD who is a driving force in all aspects, helping to Liaise with many organizations like Trafalgar School, the Cantlie Hotel, the Mayor's Office and other venues that help to make the ball week a success, with the assistance of Karl Usakowski, Alec McGuckin and this year's Aide-de-Camp Lt Hovig Maghakian helps to coordinate and meet the strenuous requirements of the schedule.

Last and not least is the Scottish Country Dance coordination under the leadership of Mary Dreghorn and assisted by Dave Fownes and George Tait, truly an exceptional task that helps to make the evening a memorable one. Further to this group I would like to thank Tom Speirs who is stepping down from the dance committee after many years in this organization, Tom has helped us throughout this challenging endeavour year after year and on behalf of the committee we wish him well in his next steps.

### Silent Auction a Spectacular Success!

Scott Diamond

When Ellen Bounsall's husband Peter McAuslan was First Vice-President of the Society and thus Ball Chairman in 2007, Ellen took the initiative to organise the first St. Andrew's Ball silent auction. What an initiative it turned out to be. Since the beginning, over \$70,000 has been raised. From the beginning it was a success. In the first year, the tally was over \$6,800. Over the years, the auction has grown to gigantic proportions culminating in an



Dancing the night away...

astounding \$17,650 at last year's Ball.

Not only has the silent auction become the most important component of the fund raising done for the Ball but it also provides an opportunity for Society members to contribute and be part of the excitement.

This they do by donating items, soliciting items and buying them at the Ball. Sufficient items were donated for a whopping 79 lots, including such standards as tickets to hockey games and other events, hotel stays, restaurant meals, jewellery, gift baskets, wine, whisky, books, paintings and prints. Included were also innovative items which involve people donating their time and expertise such as a historical walking tour (the McNivens and Nancy Dunton), genealogical research (Dr Gillian Leitch), a pipe band to play at your event (the Black Watch), dental services (Dr David Fownes), fishing guiding (Karl Usakowski and his father) and the ever popular bagpipe playing Santa (brokered by Bruce Bolton). Big ticket items included a hockey jersey to be signed by Ken Dryden during a meeting with the buyer (signed Ken Dryden jerseys sell on Ebay for around \$3000) and a night's stay in the W Hotel's Extreme Wow suite (value \$2600).

Ball guests really got into the fundraising spirit of the event (the silent auction is, after all, meant to be a fun way to raise funds not a bargain hunter's paradise), perhaps sparked by the impromptu performance by the Black Watch Pipers and Drummers who closed the bidding with a rousing fanfare, by driving some of the prices of 17 items above their list value. Most notably, sold above stated value were the collection of whiskeys donated by Society council members (sold with an effective donation of \$375) and the last bottle of Black Watch Commemorative Speyside Whiskey (\$235 over, though a steal considering the rarity factor).

We wish to thank our donors, listed below, but the biggest thank you goes to Ellen who not only started the silent auction in 2007 but spent weeks

and weeks of her time as silent auction chairperson in all years to date except 2012 when Chareen Dias did the heavy lifting, soliciting items, following up with others to encourage them to solicit items, preparing the item descriptions, organising the pick-up of the items and getting them to the Ball venue, setting them out at the Ball, arranging for the payments on the night and tallying up and reporting. Ellen's performance at the 2013 Ball was truly magnificent.

The amount of work, however, required to pull all this together is more than one single volunteer can reasonably be expected to bear. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, not the least of which are the difficulties resulting from the distance from her new home in the Eastern Townships and the sheer magnitude of the effort required, Ellen has informed us that she will not take on this task for 2014.

One suggestion Ellen has made is that the services of a company specialising in organising silent auctions be retained.

These organisations bring a certain number of their own items which they offer for sale along with whatever the host organisation brings. These companies take care of the preparation of the description of the items they bring, the layout of the items at the event and the financial administration. They pay the host organisation the amount of the sales above the minimum bid they set based on their costs and the profit they require for it to be viable for them. They guarantee the host organisation at least 5% of the proceeds of sale from the items the silent auction company brings. The host organisation receives the full proceeds of the items its members bring forth but remains responsible for soliciting those items, getting them to the event and providing the

descriptions.

Whether or not the Society uses a professional silent auction organiser, we will need one or more



Birds' eye view of some of the items up for auction.

persons to coordinate the silent auction at the 2014 Ball. It is a daunting task but of major importance for the Society. Both Ellen and Chareen have retired. If, however, we can get a group of energetic and committed people together, maybe we can avoid leaving some of the fund raising power of the Ball (limited by the number of people in attendance) to a commercial enterprise. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility or being part of such a group, please contact us.

Here follows a list of the 2013 silent auction item donors. We encourage you to patronise the establishments of those among them that are in business:

Delpeyrat, "By George!" Catering, 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders, Activities Committee of the St Andrew's Society, Astri Prugger Design & Studio Trink, Auberge Saint-Antoine, Aveda, Ball Committee 2013, Bistrot Le Cirque, Black Watch (RHR) Canada, Black Watch Pipes & Drums, Campbell Picture Framing, Cary Leclaire, Chareen Dias, Chateauguay Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada, Chocolaterie La Cabosse d'Or, Club Sportif MAA, Council Members St Andrew's Society, Cynthia Hyde, Simple Space, Daisy Antiques Exclusive, David's Tea, Design Plantenance, Domaine Pinnacle, Dr. David Fownes, Dr. Gillian Leitch, Dr. Gillian Leitch, Estérel Resort, Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Fairmont Tremblant, Festival Musique de Chambre de Montréal, Glen Nobes, Henry Marks, Helen Tyros, PearTree Financial Services Ltd, Hotel Le Crystal, Hotel Zero 1, IPI Events, La Pivoinerie D'Aoust, Le Centre Sheraton Montreal, Le Marche aux fleurs, Liliane & David Stewart Program for Modern Design, L'Occitane En Province, Louise Penny, MacDougall, MacDougall, MacTier, Jason McCallum, Marriott Chateau Champlain, McCord Museum, McGill University, Ken Dryden, Mont Habitant,

Station Mont Tremblant, Montalvin, Mr. Snuff, Nancy Dunton, Bruce and Marie McNiven, ORTHEX Canada, Peggy Regan, Gryphon Bakery, Power Corporation of Canada, Pretty Ballerina, Rasa Pavilanis, Raudone Farm, Santa, Schulich School of Music, McGill University, Scottish Central, Scottish

Development International, Shirley & Ron Levene, Susan Pepler, The Garden Path, The Scottish and Irish Store, Ottawa, Toile, Tom Speirs, University Club, Virgin Radio, W Hotel and the Whisky fête Committee.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Ball!

### St Andrew's Society of Montreal Contribution to the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry

Bruce Bolton

The contribution of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal to the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry reflects the pivotal role played by the city of Montreal in the development of Canada for nearly two centuries; and the

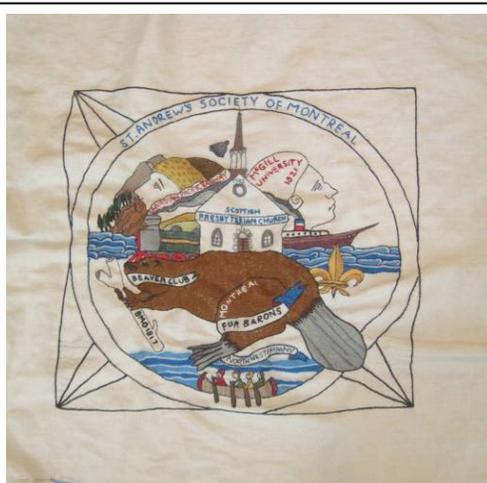
contribution made by Scots to its importance. Long before the transition from French colonial government to the British regime in 1763, the auld

alliance was in evidence - thus, the fleur-de-lys. For example, one of the governors of New France was Claude De Ramezay whose name betrays his origins. A Scottish padre held the first Presbyterian service here in 1786, leading to the building of the Scots Kirk on St. Gabriel Street, often referred to as "the fur traders' church". The beaver represents these hardy Scots who used Montreal as the headquarters of an enterprise which stretched beyond the Rockies to the west coast. Education was a preoccupation for Scots. James McGill, himself a

prominent fur trader, bequeathed his estate for the building of a university which bears his name, now



Suni Hope-Johnson and Moira Braclay-Fernie display the Montreal Patch of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Credit: The St. Andrew's Society of Montreal



The unfinished Montreal Patch of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Credit: St. Andrew's Society of Montreal

one of the world's leading institutions of higher learning. Montreal, being at the point of the St. Lawrence River where large ships could go no further inland, became the port where ocean-going vessels discharged immigrants and goods. From here, by small ship and canoe, before the advent of railways, settlers and goods proceeded westward. In return, furs, timber for the Royal Navy, and later wheat, were shipped back overseas from Montreal. The Scots' well-known expertise in banking saw the establishment of Canada's first bank – the Bank of Montreal in 1817, now known as BMO, as shown in the tapestry. In 1835, Montreal Scots established the St. Andrew's Society for the welfare of immigrants and the furtherance of education. To this day, the Society continues with its commitment to this work and to lead the Scottish community of greater Montreal, promoting its cultural heritage in significant ways.

## New Members

The Society is very pleased to welcome new annual members: Mary Anne MacLeod Ferguson and Cheryl Kim Anderson. We also have a new Life Member: Martha Jane Hancock.

## Flowers of the Forest



We would like to extend condolences to the families of the following former members: Kirk Charles Johnstone, annual member since 2003, who transferred to a life member in 2008; and Joyce I. Kyles, annual member from 1986, transferred to life 2005. As well as being a member of Council from 1993 to 2007, Joyce Kyles was Chair of the Welfare Committee from 1997 – 2000.

### JOHNSTONE, Kirk (1949 – 2013)

Passed away early Tuesday morning, on September 24, after a courageous battle with cancer. Loving husband of Debbie. His memory will be cherished by his children: Wendy, Chris (Lydia), Vicky (Sheena), Ken (Lesley) and Tim, his grandchildren: Nathaniel, Oliver, Maegan and Ava, his brothers Barrie (Jennifer) and Eric, his sister-in-law Donna, other relatives and friends. The family will receive condolences at the Urgel Bourgie Funeral Complex, 3955 Côte-de-Liesse, Ville Saint-

Laurent, on Sunday, September 29 and on Monday, September 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held, Tuesday, October 1st, at 11a.m. at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, 11775 Filion St., Montreal. Interment

will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Department of Oncology at the Montreal General Hospital Foundation.

### KYLES, Joyce (née Tannahill) (1932 – 2013)

It is with deep sadness that the family of Joyce Kyles announces her sudden passing in her home on October 5th at the age of 81. Joyce was predeceased by her beloved daughter Wendy Kyles Mayoff. She is mourned by her devoted family, brother Ken, sister-in-law Linda Hobley Tannahill, much loved nieces Jenni and Kerry Tannahill, sister Patricia Tannahill Noonan, and son-in-law, Robert Mayoff. Well known and respected in the investment community in Montreal, Joyce spent 41 years as an investment manager. She was involved with the Montreal community and active in many Montreal based charities including the St. Andrew's Society. Joyce's wisdom, humour and gourmet cooking will be missed by many; family, friends as well as clients, colleagues and associates who often became dear friends. A memorial service will be held on October 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Mount Royal Funeral Complex, 1297 chemin de la Forêt, Outremont, H2V 2P9 (514) 279-6540. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada [www.kidney.ca/](http://www.kidney.ca/)

## Canada's Welcome to the Nation's Youngest Governor General of Canada - The Marquis of Lorne and His Royal Bride, Her Royal Highness Princess Louise

Mary Johnston Cox ~ Honorary Historian



Princess Louise - Deighton & Drunthrope, Lithographers, Scott & Fraser, Printers

In July 1878, as Lord Dufferin had not wished to extend his period of office as Governor General of Canada, Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli suggested to Her Majesty Queen Victoria that it would be a good appointment for her recent son-in-law, John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, who had married her daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, to be the next Governor General of Canada. Disraeli felt this appointment would be a benefit for the British Empire and it would be a good beginning for the royal couple to commence

their forth coming royal duties. Her Majesty was agreeable but was concerned about her daughter becoming homesick for her family.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise prepared for their departure for Canada. They hosted a state farewell dinner at Kensington Palace. After saying goodbye to family and friends on November 13, 1878, the royal couple left Buckingham Palace accompanied by Her Royal Highness's brothers, Prince Arthur and Prince Leopold, for London's St. Pancras railway station to board the overnight sleeper train bound for Liverpool. On November 14, 1878, they arrived in Liverpool where they were cordially received by a grand civic reception at the Liverpool City Hall as well as a dockside send-off. As the distinguished couple boarded the ship, it was extremely difficult for Princess Louise to bid goodbye to her brothers. Little did any of them realize how eventful this voyage would be.

The distinguished couple left England on November 14, 1878, from the port of Liverpool aboard the Allan Line steamship, the SS Sarmatian. The Sarmatian was built in Greenock, Scotland. It was the most deluxe and fastest steamship of the Allan Line. It had been refitted and with the addition of state rooms became suitable for the carriage of members of the Royal Family. No sooner had the ship left the port of Liverpool when it was struck by a hurricane-force storm, which followed them all the way across the Atlantic Ocean. A few days later the British government received word from the U.S. Government in Washington about a plot to kidnap Her Royal Highness and her husband at sea. Because of this plot, the British Admiralty immediately commanded a British warship to escort the Sarmatian until it reached the port of Halifax where Her Royal Highness's brother, Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, on his ship, the Black Prince, was awaiting the Sarmatian's arrival. When the Sarmatian berthed at the port of Halifax on Saturday, November 23, 1878, Prince Alfred took his ship's launch and sailed over to the Sarmatian to meet his sister and the Marquis of Lorne. When he boarded the Sarmatian he was escorted to his sister's state apartment. On-lookers described the brother and sister reunion as highly emotional. Prince Alfred was the first to welcome his relatives to Canada.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise were officially received in Canada on Monday, November 25, 1878. Amidst cheers and ceremonial gunfire, they came to shore from the Sarmatian. "The landing was the prettiest sight imaginable – the town looking its best in bright sunshine, with its many steeples, and houses

covered with flags", the Marquis of Lorne recorded in a letter to his father, the Duke of Argyll. They set foot on Canadian soil to the sound of a royal salute, the national anthem and loud cheering from the crowds. The Marquis of Lorne descended from the ship first and then assisted Her Royal Highness to make her first step on Canadian soil. It was a small and dainty footprint but by the time she left Canada in 1883 she left a heavy imprint on the Canadian nation. She captured the hearts of the Canadian people and in fact they were referring to her as "Their Queen of Canada". The province of Alberta was named after her as was beautiful Lake Louise. Her Royal Highness's full name was Princess Louise Caroline Alberta. The latter name given to Alberta was in honour of her father, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's Royal Consort.



Marquis of Lorne - Lith. by Rolph Smith Ltd. Toronto, from photo by W.J. Topley, Ottawa

At the pier they were met by a city of Halifax delegation including the Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald and the interim Governor General, Sir Patrick Macdougall. From the dockyard they then were taken by carriage to Province House where

the swearing-in-ceremony took place. All along the route arches were raised and bunting waved along the course. People were cheering and guns booming their salutes. On November 25, 1887, the Marquis of Lorne officially became Canada's fourth and youngest Governor General at the age of 33. That evening Lieutenant Governor Archibald hosted a formal dinner followed by a reception. It was past midnight when the royal couple returned to the Sarmatian. Lorne commented "Nothing could have been more pleasant than the welcome given by Halifax."

On Tuesday, November 26, the vice-regal couple were escorted to the Intercolonial Railway's Halifax station to the "Royal Train", which it was referred to during their stay in Canada, where they began their journey to Ottawa. Everywhere the welcome was warm. Demonstrations of loyalty throughout the Maritimes and Quebec impressed the Marquis of Lorne. "Nothing can exceed the desire of the people everywhere to show their loyalty and goodwill," he wrote his father. Scots-Canadians "everywhere overflowing with enthusiasm" sang their own version of "The Campbells Are Comin" at every stop of the train from Halifax to Montreal.

On November 29, four days after leaving Halifax, the train steamed into Bonaventure Station. The welcome that the vice-regal couple received in Montreal is described as "tumultuous". It lasted

three full days with bands parading through the streets, receptions, speeches, luncheons and dinners. For the vice-regal visit Montreal was described as "one Blaze of Light". The city was a brilliant spectacle. Upon their arrival in Montreal they were still met with the same song "The Campbells Are Comin" sung by the cheering and flag waving crowd of all denominations; including Scottish, Irish, French and English. The royal couple were ushered into a carriage drawn by four white horses on loan from the city fire department. Firemen ran alongside of the carriage carrying burning torches. Because of the noise and cheering, the horses became so agitated that a few bystanders assisted the firemen in removing the traces and manually drew the carriage along the route to the recently opened majestic Windsor Hotel (the first luxurious hotel of its kind in Canada, referred to as the "Palace of Canada.") where they would reside until they departed for their new home in Ottawa. The celebrations in Montreal included fireworks and illuminations, which the distinguished couple would be able to see from the balcony of the hotel. When they arrived at the hotel they were shown to the most luxurious suite. Throughout the years, after the young couple's visit there was always a "Royal Suite" available until the final, sad closing of this famous hotel in 1981.

After a period of rest, they attended a private dinner held in their honour, hosted by the President of the St. Andrew's Society. This dinner had also specially invited guests attend; including, Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Macdonald, as well as Sir Hugh and Lady Allan. After the dinner, at the sound of the pipes, His

Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness as well as the invited guests left the dining room to attend the St. Andrew's Society ball at which they were the guests of honour. This was the first ball to be held in the new ballroom as well as the first official function at the Windsor Hotel. They proceeded down the stairs, couple by couple, in accordance with the way they would be partnered for the first quadrille following the pipers on their way to Peacock Alley. At the foot of the stairs they turned left and proceeded along

Peacock Alley until they reached the end where they turned left into the Windsor Hotel's magnificent ballroom where they walked diagonally across to the far corner where a beautifully decorated enclosed dais had been prepared complete with elegant chairs ready for the guests of honour to be seated as well as the Society's President and his wife and other invited dignitaries.

According to the Montreal Gazette, November 30, 1878, when the music began Princess Louise opened the St. Andrew's Ball by dancing a quadrille. His Excellency and Lady Macdonald led off and her Royal Highness and Colonel Stevenson, a close friend of the Marquis of Lorne, were opposite them. The vice-regal couple also engaged in a Scottish reel. Described by one observer as "acquitting herself with fascinating grace and an old time air at once delicate and charming," the Princess felt at her best since landing in Canada. Her Royal Highness was described as a "remarkably, fine dancer. Her Royal Highness has a majestic carriage and grace itself marked her every movement." Her regal bearing clearly portrayed the fact that she was indeed a Royal Princess. It is reported that the Governor General "delighted the guests by the youthful ease, enthusiasm and energetic moves

with which he expertly danced the Scottish reels befitting the son and heir of a Highland Chieftain which he was." His Excellency was described as "being conspicuous for his excellence in the reel. He was quick of motion and an eye intensely bright, his face always wearing a smile." This ball was

considered the most famous ever held.

On Monday, December 2, the vice-regal couple left Montreal for Ottawa. Despite the rainy weather at Bonaventure Station the couple were bid farewell by a crowd of people. They arrived in Ottawa in late afternoon. Although the weather was terrible, the rain did not prevent a larger turn out than expected to greet them. Due to the weather, the welcoming ceremonies were curtailed and the Governor General and Princess



St. Andrew's Society Ball, Windsor Hotel, Montreal, QC, composite, 1878 II-51688 (Detail), McCord Museum of Canadian History

Louise were quickly taken to their new Canadian home at Rideau Hall.

It is interesting to note that during her stay at Rideau Hall, Princess Louise decorated her bedroom door with a "trompe l'oeil" pattern of blossoming apple boughs. This door has been maintained in her memory to this day.

The vice-regal couple gave their first state ball on February 19, 1879. Nearly all Ministers of the Crown, Senators and Members of Parliament, along with a large number of invited guests, were present. During the opening set of quadrilles, the Marquis of Lorne danced with Lady Macdonald, and Princess Louise danced with Prime Minister Macdonald. This ball is described as one of the highlights of Ottawa social life up to that time and for many years afterward.

During their stay in Canada, Rideau Hall hosted many social functions, including numerous ice skating and tobogganing parties as well as balls, dinners and state parties. "Snow parties" were the most popular social events at Rideau Hall in the winter. In the summer, the vice-regal couple resided at the Citadel in Quebec City. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne were a very happy couple. Unlike her sisters whose marriages had been arranged with European nobility, this marriage was based on their love for each other. Princess Louise often accompanied her husband on his trips including camping trips. Each summer, it was the Governor General's custom to go fishing on the Cascapedia River in Quebec where they had a cottage built. Despite the lack of amenities, Princess Louise accompanied her husband on these fishing trips. Princess Louise excelled at fishing. On one of their fishing trips she caught a large salmon which was expertly packed on ice and sent home to her mother, Queen Victoria. Queen Victoria was so proud of her daughter's accomplishment that everyone who visited Buckingham Palace was told of her daughter's expertise in catching such a magnificent salmon, which she had specially treated and mounted and placed on an appropriate wall in Windsor Castle.

On April 10, 1883, the Marquis of Lorne informed Prime Minister Macdonald that his term would be up at the end of October. His Excellency stated "and although I should like to stay here all my days it would be impossible for me to stay longer.

It is all for the interests of this country to have a change in five years." The vice-regal couple's last few months in Canada flew by in a flurry of visits and farewells as well as a fishing trip to the Cascapedia River and a trip to their summer cottage. The Marquis of Lorne summed up his Canadian sojourn in a farewell address to members of the Senate and the House of Commons saying "the happiest five years I have ever known are nearly spent."

At noon on October 13, 1883, following the completion of his term, the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise left Ottawa on the "Royal Train" en route to Quebec City. They were escorted from Rideau Hall by the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and a guard of honor of the Governor General's foot guards were drawn up at the station where a large crowd assembled to witness their departure. The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise bade a kindly goodbye to those present. A royal salute was fired by the Ottawa Field Battery as the train moved away.

On October 27, 1883, amidst the cheers of thousands of Canadians, the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise left Quebec City aboard the Allan Line steamship, the Sardinian. As the Sardinian was sailing along the St. Lawrence and was heading out to sea, the sadness that Princess Louise felt inside her heart, leaving this beautiful country, Canada and the Canadian people was so overwhelming that she uncontrollably broke into tears. The Marquis of Lorne had previously remarked that his five years in Canada had gone by like five weeks. He, too, was also very sad to leave. The vice-regal couple had become as



**A little bit of Scotland at a Recent Citizenship Ceremony**

Marie Senecal-Tremblay has recently been appointed a Citizenship Court Judge arranged for Cameron to be present as Piper for the last Citizenship Ceremony of Senior Judge Georges Springate in Pierrefonds. The Minister and other dignitary's were also in attendance.

popular in Canada as they were in Great Britain.

On November 7, 1883, the vice-regal couple arrived in Liverpool. On their return home they resumed their previous positions as Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne. It was good that the Marquis of Lorne returned at this particular time because he was able to spend some time with his ailing father before he died in 1900. When his father died on April 24, 1900 he succeeded as 9th Duke of Argyll and Princess Louise became the Duchess of Argyll. Within the next century, their future descendants, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, were also invited to be the guests of honour at the 1974 St. Andrew's Society Ball, which was held at the Windsor Hotel. As they walked along Peacock Alley and saw Notman's composite photograph of the 1878 ball, portraying the 9th Duke and Duchess of Argyll, it would have been a special moment for them – in a sense they were walking in the footsteps of the 9th Duke and Duchess of Argyll.

The St. Andrew's Ball of 1878 was recorded for posterity by Notman's well-known composite photograph. A focal point of interest in the decorations of Peacock Alley was a huge reproduction of this picture taken of this ball in 1878. Among those who appear in the picture are: Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, the Marquis of Lorne, Sir John A. MacDonald, Col. Stevenson, Sir Hugh Allan, Maj. De Winton, Hon. Littleton; Lt-Gen. Sir S. Smyth, Maj. And Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Andrew Robertson, Hon. A.W. Ogilvie and the three pipers D. Weir, Peter McNeil and J. Williamson.

The vice-regal couple never returned to Canada. This exceptional couple, who were heartbroken to leave Canada and the Canadian people, kept their interests in Canada and its people to the end of their days. Princess Louise devoted herself to ensuring the welfare of the Canadian soldiers during the First World War. It is conceivable that if this ardently, caring Royal Princess lived throughout the end of the Second World War she would have devoted herself to the welfare of these Canadian soldiers as she had done for those soldiers in the First World War. They also made a lasting contribution to Canadian society especially in the arts and sciences. They were instrumental in the establishment of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, which later became the National Gallery, as well as the Royal Society of Canada. In addition, the Marquis of Lorne was the first to suggest the federal ministry of culture.

The Marquis of Lorne took every opportunity to promote Canada at home and abroad. He visited every province and the Northwest Territories. He referred to Canada as his second home and a "Mecca for Settlers". He considered that his most important development during his administration as

Governor General was the appointment of a High Commissioner to Great Britain.

Princess Louise was considered the most accomplished of Queen Victoria's daughters. She was an excellent sculptor. Before she left Canada, she made a statue of her mother, Queen Victoria. This statue was presented to the Royal Victoria College, McGill University's College for women, at its opening in 1899. This college was built and donated by Lord Strathcona. The future maintenance and upkeep of this college was also funded by him. It was named in honour of Queen Victoria. This statue remains on the steps of Strathcona's building to this day.

John Douglas Sutherland Campbell died on May 2, 1913. On December 3, 1939, Princess Louise died at Kensington Palace. Many tributes were received, including one from the Prime Minister of Canada, Mackenzie King. It read: "In the death of Princess Louise Canada has lost a true friend who never failed to retain a very special interest in the country which was so much a part of her earlier life". In 1982, a bronze, life-size statue of Princess Louise was placed in an alcove in the rotunda of Alberta's Legislature Building in Edmonton

## Atwater Library Talk on The Abortion Trial of Robert Notman

Lynn Verge

On Thursday, January 23 the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series featured a talk by award-winning writer and journalist Elaine Kalman Naves about her new book *Portrait of a Scandal: The Abortion Trial of Robert Notman*.

The website of publisher Véhicule Press says of the book:

"In the winter of 1868 a name Montreal society associated with art, good breeding and culture became fodder for scandal mongers. The Notman name, synonymous with fine photography, was suddenly making headlines featuring the words 'abortion' and 'suicide.'

A dozen years earlier, two brothers fled their native Scotland. They were attracted to Montreal by its reputation for making the fortunes of go-getting Scotsmen. One was destined for fame, the other for notoriety.

...

*Portrait of a Scandal* depicts a society that distanced itself from sexual misconduct, while it lapped up its every detail."

Elaine Kalman Naves' book *Portrait of a Scandal* is now in the Atwater Library's Scottish Collection that has been developed with funding from the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal and now numbers some 1,500 items – books, eBooks and DVDs. The

Atwater Library is open to all people regardless of their municipal address.

## Debutantes and Escorts at the Ball

Julie Perron

St-Andrew's Day was once again celebrated this year by members of Montréal's Scottish community with the St-Andrew's Ball, hosted by The St-Andrew's Society of Montreal. The Ball was held on November 29, 2013 at the historic Château Champlain.

The event featured five lovely young ladies as Debutantes this year, as well as their handsome Escorts; their respective biographies are listed below.

Lessons began for the debutantes and escorts under the direction of Mrs. Julie Perron MacKenzie, during the month of October and progressed weekly over the course of five weeks. The young ladies and gentlemen practiced proper poise, deportment and decorum in anticipation of the grand evening and learned not only the Debutante waltz and the customary Valse à trois temps but also the traditional Gay Gordons.

Their diligence and hard work could be seen by all who attended the cocktail held the Wednesday prior to the Ball, offering the guests of the reception the opportunity to listen to the biographies of each Debutante and Escort and meet them personally, and where each of the young ladies and gentlemen were officially presented to the Guest of Honour, Mrs. Karyn Brooks and her husband, Bob Gillies, Mr. G. Scot Diamond, the President of the St Andrew's Society, Mr. Bruce Bolton MMM CD, past President of the Society, as well as the Commanding Officer of the Black Watch RHR, Major Christopher Phare and his wife, Camille Yip-Hoi. The Debutantes were particularly pleased to help begin a new tradition with Mrs. Brooks and be a part of the very first St Andrew's Ball involving a female Guest of Honour.

Once again this year, the Debutantes were invited to the lovely home of Mr. Susan Stephenson for a pleasant afternoon tea, in the company of the wife of the Society's President, Mrs. Carole Duhamel and the wife of the Society's past President, Mrs. Roberta Bolton. Games were played to the accompaniment of



Debutants and Escorts dancing.

harp music provided by Sylvia Deschênes, and the ladies took some time to reminisce with the Debutantes of St-Andrew's Balls past and discuss the way this year's Ball would finally unfold, come the big night. Finally, the Debutantes were presented with keepsakes, identical pewter thistle brooches, to commemorate the special accomplishment they have been a part of, and sat together for some photographs of the afternoon.

During the time the ladies were having their tea, the Escorts, in the company of the President, Vice-President and several male members of the St-Andrew's Society, enjoyed an outing to the Irish Embassy Pub, where they were presented with pewter thistle tie-clasps as keepsakes of their own.

Every year, a portion of the time the young people spend in preparation for the St Andrew's Ball is devoted to good works, and once again this year the Debutantes and Escorts chose to assist in the soup kitchen of the Old Brewery Mission, giving them the opportunity to provide a helping hand to the less fortunate in Montreal, and experience giving to another.

The day of the Ball was filled with excitement and activity, in addition to several practices beginning early in the afternoon, the Debutantes and Escorts were pleased to be invited to the President's reception, where they stood for official photographs and chatted once again with the Guest of Honour and her husband, the past President, the President and the Vice-president of the St Andrew's Society



Guest of Honor and her husband sat preceded by Alexandra Marshment, bearing flowers for the Guest of Honour, and Christian MacCallum - von Hahn, the Page for the Ball.

and their wives, the Commanding officer of the Black Watch RHR and his wife, Reverend Bill Gray and Mrs. Ruth Gray as well as the guests of the head table.

During the evening, the young people were able to experience the atmosphere of a traditional Scottish Ball, before finally preparing themselves for their part of the evening, the official presentation of the Debutantes and Escorts and the performance of the Debutante Waltz. The Debutantes made their way to the dais where the Guest of Honor and her husband sat preceded by Alexandra Marshment, bearing flowers for the Guest of Honour, and Christian MacCallum - von Hahn, the Page for the Ball, while the Escorts waited to the side.

After the formal introduction of each Debutante and her Escort, the Debutante Waltz was performed to the accompaniment of bagpipe music, to the great pleasure of the guests and proud parents. The Guest of Honour and her husband were then invited to begin the first waltz of the evening, and this year's Debutantes and Escorts happily helped them begin the dancing, after which the other guests of the Ball were asked to join in, bringing the presentation of the Debutantes to an end. The Debutantes and Escorts were then able to unwind and take full advantage of what was to be a truly memorable evening, enjoying the music played in the Ballroom, exploring the band room and the pub, and dancing Scottish country dances until the early

morning.

Young ladies aged 16-26 years may apply to become a St-Andrew's Day Debutante, and young men aged 16-26 may submit an application to become an Escort. Submissions for Debutantes and Escorts for the 2014 season are being accepted at this time. Those interested in submitting a candidature for the selection process are invited to contact Julie Perron-MacKenzie at 514-717-4851 or [julie@scottishcentral.ca](mailto:julie@scottishcentral.ca)

### BIO'S DEBUTANTES AND ESCORT 2013

**Rebecca Anne Blackburn**

Rebecca or Becky as she likes to be called is 18 years old and currently studying in communications. Rebecca's long term goal is to further her studies in education and wants to be a teacher. Becky lives in the Laurentians where she enjoys skiing, horseback riding and highland dancing. Every summer she volunteers her time at either a daycare centre or a Christian camp where she has the opportunity to teach and play with young children and assist anyone with special needs.

**Escorted by Ross Julien Green**

Ross is a secondary 5 student at Westmount High School and the Drill Sergeant Major at the Black Watch RHR of Canada cadet corps. In his spare time he enjoys recreational shooting, playing bass guitar and song writing with his band and learning sound engineering. In his cadet career Cadet Sergeant Major Green has attained the rank

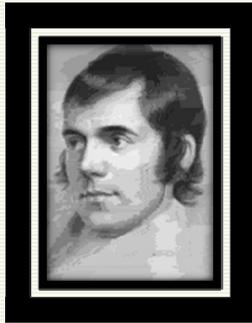
of warrant officer and has attended long distance marksmanship courses at Connaught ranges, he hopes to attend the basic parachutist course this summer.

**Claire Madeleine  
Dorothy Kelly**

Claire feels very privileged to be a debutante this year with the St Andrew's Society. She currently studies Liberal Arts at Dawson College. Before Dawson Claire attended the Institute of Child Study in Toronto and then after moving to Montreal she attended Roslyn Elementary and Trafalgar School for Girls. There graduating



From Left to Right: Jennifer Donaldson, Louis Buckett, Ashlea P. Powell, Anthony Parlapiano, Juliana L. Meyer, Kristina Labrèche, Dennis Hernandez, Becky Blackburn, Ross Green, Claire Kelly, Patrick Trudeau, Julie Perron



### **Burns Quiz - Burns Nicht 2014**

1) What does Burns have in common with Guinness?

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2) Which of these Canadian cities does not have a Burns monument: Montreal, Winnipeg, Ottawa or Windsor?

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3) What was Burns' father's first name?

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4) Who inspired the poem 'Scots Wha Hae'?

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5) What poem is represented on the four sides of the Burns monument in Montreal?

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6) How old was Burns when he died ?

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7) On which planet was Burns commemorated by naming a crater?

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8) When was the first Burns supper celebrated?

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with honours and winning the music and French prizes. Claire started studying music at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music when she was just three years old and sang with the Toronto Children's Choir followed by the Choeur des enfants de Montréal. Claire has played clarinet and has sang at Trafalgar School while taking lessons from the clarinetist at the OSM. She used to sing at least five hours a week and it is still one of my passions. Claire is a competitive athlete and has enjoyed playing many sports. For now she has settled on competitive rowing and is a proud member of the Dawson Crew. Claire loves languages and speaks English and French. Last summer, I worked as a photographer and Head of Media at Camp Ouareau, an all-girls camp near St-Donat that builds independence and leadership in young women. My media team took over 35,000 photos during the ten weeks of camp.

### **Escorted by Patrick Leathead Croce Trudeau**

Patrick was born in Montreal in May of 1995. He attended St-Joseph public school, Ste-Louise-de-Marillac public school and Pensionnat Notre-Dame-des-Anges, all at the elementary level. Patrick then went on to Montreal's École Internationale high school. After obtaining his diploma he entered Dawson College's Electronics Engineering program.

From the age of 5 and up until 14 Patrick attended Scout meetings, enjoyed spending a lot of time at many scout camps and built up his expertise of survival training and first aid. This discipline helped Patrick to build his leadership skill and sense of responsibility. Patrick interests also include pistol shooting, white-water canoeing, road biking and rowing.

### **Kristina Catherine Labrèche**

Kristina Catherine Labreche is 22 year of age and is currently employed at the Bay downtown. She has volunteered a lot of her in the sports program in Ville Lasalle, namely the Lasalle Football League and has also committed time to helping out at the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada Pipes and Drums Ladies Auxiliary. Kristina while in high school was also instrumental in developing and supporting a feed the children breakfast program whereby needy kids received a full breakfast within the school system. She enjoys spending her time with family and finds this being the best part of her life. She has spent two and a half years sharing her life with Dennis Mitchell Hernandez.

### **Escorted by Dennis Mitchell Hernandez**

Dennis Hernandez is 27 years of age. He was born in Los Angeles, California and within a short time his family moved to El Salvador, the country of his family's origins. His mother was the first to

## Museum Without Walls: Scotland's Clearances Trail App

Madainn mhath! Good morning!

We, at the University of the Highlands and Islands' Centre for History, thought that you might be interested to hear of the innovative "Museum Without Walls: Scotland's Clearances Trail app" that we have been involved in, in collaboration with Timespan Museum in Helmsdale, Sutherland. Cutting edge digital technology has been used to bring Scotland's past to life in the shape of a new iPhone App which will allow users to relive one of the most notorious episodes in Scottish history – The Highland Clearances. The app has been developed to coincide with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2013, of the Clearances and the emigration of men, women and children from the Strath of Kildonan. The epic voyage to Red River in Manitoba made by some families cleared from the Strath is widely viewed by historians as one of the most demanding journeys endured by European emigrants to North America. The area around the Red River went on to become the city of Winnipeg in Manitoba.

I attach an article on the project and hope that you might be able to pass it on to your members or publish it in one of your forthcoming newsletters. (See page 16)

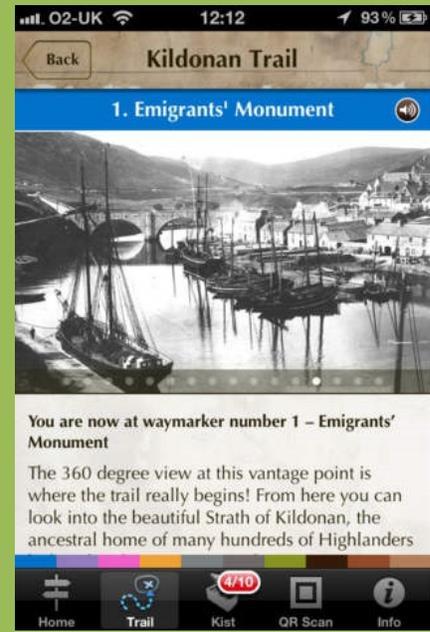
If I can provide any further information on the project, please do let me know.

Le gach deagh dhùrachd

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emigrate to Canada seeking opportunity here in Montreal, the remainder of the family came over in the 1990's and settled here. Dennis currently works in the cleaning business however his long term goal is to attend Business School and start his own company. His interests include learning new languages, traveling and rock climbing.

### Juliana Alarice Labrèche-Meyer

I would like to introduce Juliana Labrèche-Meyer; she is the second child of three and currently studies at Vanier College in the Special Care Counselling program with a goal of specializing in a pet therapy program. Her interests include music and she is currently a tenor drummer in the Black Watch Cadets Pipes and Drums as well as in the Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums. Juliana volunteers at the Action Center in LaSalle assisting physically disabled adults, this program help disabled people to attain independence, personal growth and good health. In April of 2012 Juliana went on a humanitarian trip to Ecuador to work alongside the community in building a section of their school. She was involved in school sports teams as well competing with the LaSalle soccer team. Juliana is active in her church parish and

has helped in different programs within my church.

### Escorted by Anthony Alfonso Parlapiano

Anthony Parlapiano is 18 years old and enrolled in the Black Watch Cadets. He is in command of the corps as Corps Sergeant Major, with the rank Master Warrant Officer. He had the opportunity to be selected to take part in the Cadet International Exchange program in Scotland in 2012. Anthony's is currently studying Pure and Applied Sciences at Vanier College. His aspirations are to work in the field of sciences due to his passion for the sciences. His personal hobbies include outdoors activities like volleyball, skiing and also astronomy.

### Ashlea Margaret Alice Bonnie Potter-Powell

Ashlea is 19 years old and is currently in her second year at Marianopolis College. She is in the Honours Social Science Program where she leads the Marianopolis Christian Fellowship club. Ashlea will be applying to McGill and her plan is to study there in both Psychology and Western Religions. She volunteers as a leader and Sunday school teacher for the St. Andrew and St. Paul's Youth Group, along with other activities and events for the church. Ashlea enjoys dancing, reading and a



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good cup of tea.

### Escorted by Louis William Buckett

Louis Buckett is currently studying at Marianopolis College in Health Sciences. Other than focusing on his studies, Louis enjoys rowing and travelling. Recently he has done humanitarian work in Ghana, and taught English as a second language in India. Louis is also on Student Congress as coordinator of student advocacy where he is an active member of Academic Council. He hopes to study Biology next year in university.

Just a little reminder of last years  
Taste of Scotland in preparation  
for February's Whisky Fete!



### Burns Quiz Answer Key:

- 1) Born the same year; 2) Ottawa;
- 3) William; 4) Robert the Bruce;
- 5) Tam O'Shanter; 6) 37; 7) Mercury;
- 8) 29 January 1802

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## Museum without Walls: Scotland's Clearances Trail App

A museum in the far northeast of Scotland has used cutting edge digital technology to bring Scotland's past to life in the shape of a new iPhone App which will allow users to relive one of the most notorious episodes in Scottish history – The Highland Clearances. Timespan, in Helmsdale, has developed the app to coincide with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clearances and the emigration of men, women and children from the Strath of Kildonan, in 2013. It has been funded by Museums Galleries Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The app is an exciting collaboration between Timespan and local school children, the descendants of those cleared, and historians from the Centre for History at the University of the Highlands and Islands. The aim of the app is to give virtual and actual visitors an interactive trip around one of the Highland's most beautiful and historic areas, the Strath of Kildonan. The epic voyage to Red River in Manitoba made by some families cleared from the Strath is widely viewed by historians as one of the most demanding journeys endured by European emigrants to North America.



Around 100 people left the Strath of Kildonan in 1813, to be replaced by thousands of sheep, as they were more profitable than people. A boatload of the displaced residents sailed to Churchill on the coast of Hudson Bay in northeastern Canada, where they were forced to build their own shelters as the savage Canadian winter closed in. The following spring, they began an epic 1000 mile journey, many walking in handmade snowshoes, before reaching the Red River Settlement around Lake Winnipeg in Canada where Scottish aristocrat, the Earl of Selkirk, had promised them land.

One of these individuals was Catherine Macpherson, who nursed the sick after typhoid broke out aboard ship and who survived a severe flood that carried away her log-built home. Catherine's story comes alive on the app. The area around the Red River went on to become the city of Winnipeg in Manitoba.

The app contains a wealth of audio and visual information, as well as archival maps that can be accessed anywhere around the world. The 'Kildonan Trail' takes you on a journey along the Strath to learn about how the landscape has changed over the last 200 years and the 'Clearances Story' follows the Macpherson family as they face eviction from their home. Find out what the Macphersons' house looked like in 'The Longhouse' and hear the voices of the descendants in 'Oral Histories'. The app can also be used as a valuable educational resource by teachers and pupils. If you visit Scotland you can also come to Timespan and follow the trail in the beautiful Strath of Kildonan.

How can you participate? You can sign up to Timespan's mailing list [www.timespan.org.uk](http://www.timespan.org.uk) to receive an email when the app is available in the app store. You can leave your thoughts and stories about clearance or emigration on Timespan's Facebook and Twitter. You can keep up to date with what's happening for the clearances bicentenary in 2013 at [www.timespan.org.uk/bicentenary-programme-2013/](http://www.timespan.org.uk/bicentenary-programme-2013/) or participate in a new Trans-Atlantic cultural exchange project via [www.timespan.org.uk/sock-sampler/](http://www.timespan.org.uk/sock-sampler/). Or you can sign up to a ten week long Scottish history module at the University of the Highlands and Islands: [www.history.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.history.uhi.ac.uk).

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