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**NEW BRUNSWICK SCOTTISH CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

BATHURST, NEW BRUNSWICK

HOSTED BY: THE BATHURST CHAPTER OF THE NB SCOTTISH CULTURAL ASSN

The Board of Directors invites you as a valued member of the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association to attend the 38th Annual General Meeting of your Association.

Director and Committee reports will be presented together with the election of members of the Executive and Directors. This is your opportunity to participate in your Association's activities, so mark your calendar and enjoy a visit to Bathurst.

DATE: Saturday October 20th, 2018

TIMES: 11:00am to 12:00 noon: Meet and Greet
12:00 noon to 1:00pm: Lunch
1:00pm to 3:00pm: 38th Annual General Meeting

LOCATION: Bathurst Heritage Museum, 360 Douglass Avenue, Bathurst, NB

RSVP: Please advise by October 15th, 2018 if you plan to attend the Annual General Meeting, This will assist with the planning for the lunch and the copying of material. Please respond to Mel at 506-575-8160 or email him at mel.fitton@xplornet.ca

Thank you and see you in Bathurst !

Athol House Service & Picnic 2018

Ian Hamilton
Caledonian Society of Restigouche

The Caledonian Society of Restigouche annual church service and picnic was held on July 8 at the Athol House Cemetery, pulp mill grounds, Atholville. The minister officiating at this year's service was Rev. Glen Sampson, of Knox Presbyterian Church in Campbellton.

All guests were welcome to stay after the service to enjoy a delicious Haggis sausage fresh off the grill and the camaraderie of the fellow Society members.

Special thanks to the AV Cell mill and Village of Tidehead for their continual assistance with the annual event.



Tachraidh na daoine, ach cha tachair na cnuic.



Men will meet, but the hills will not.

Please, Sir, More Haggis . . . ?

Mel Fitton, NBSCA President and Generalissimo of the Clan MacHaggis Volunteer Army

Well, we had another good year at the Haggis Café and Scottish Bake Shop at the NB Highland Games Festival - the weather was great all weekend and the attendance was also great, especially on the Saturday

First thing Saturday morning we had the annual visit from the NB Department of Health inspector. At the end of a hour inspection we received an excellent report, with no violations noted. Three bar fridges are now used to keep the meat and dairy products at a constant temperature, plus iced coolers are used for keeping baked goods. Coleman propane ovens are used to heat the haggis and meat pies and a microwave is used for the Scotch Eggs, sausage rolls and bacon butties.

The menu again included our Haggis-on-a Bun, beef meat pies, bacon butties, sausage rolls, Scotch eggs, scones, shortbreads, macaroons, oat cakes, rice krispie squares decorated with the flag of St. Andrews, Im Bru, bottled water, tea, and coffee. All the items sold really well; there were a few crumbs left at the end of the day on Sunday.

The baked goods, as in past years, were supplied by our amazing group of home bakers. Their tasty products are really enjoyed by all who visit the Haggis Café and Scottish Bake Shop. We understand that NB Health is reviewing current food preparation guidelines which, in addition to meat products, may include baked goods. Always something to think about!

As usual our sponsors continued their support, including: Dumfries Maples who provide their licensed kitchen facilities for the Haggis preparation;

Madds Petro Canada Truck Stop and Acorn Restaurant at the Kings Landing exit of the TCH, who provide two 20 pound tanks of propane; Maritime Coffee Service in Fredericton who provide our tea and coffee supplies and coffee machine; Advanced Fabrics in Hanwell who store our tents and associated equipment (check out their ad in the NB Scottish Journal); Simms Home Hardware in Fredericton who provide discounts on materials and equipment; and Cal's Independent Grocery and Bakery in Nackawic who donated shortbreads and provided discounts on water supplies. Additionally a cash donation was received and use of bar fridges, Coleman ovens, tables, and a microwave was donated .

It's estimated that the donations of baked goods, sponsor support, cash donation, and in kind use of equipment saved about \$700 to \$900 this year.

The organizers of the New Brunswick Highland Games Festival provided a

location adjacent to the Ceilidh Tent again this year - a great location - and they provide tables and chairs.

Financially, total sales revenue was \$ 5,255 with expenses currently estimated at \$2172, which gives an estimated profit of \$3083. Again this year this profit will help to ensure that the Association is able to continue its financial support of the New Brunswick Scottish History Project.

Please note that the fixed expenses for the Haggis Café and Scottish Bake Shop include the vendor fee to the Games organization; Im Bru pop, and the meat for the haggis, for a total of \$1320; this amount varies slightly each year mainly depending on the price of meat. The remainder of the expenses includes dairy products, condiments, water, buns, meat pies, paper plates, and plastic cutlery.

The Clan MacHaggis Volunteer Army did their exceptional job in preparing for and operating the Haggis Café and Scottish Bake Shop which included the preparation of the Haggis, donating baked goods, setting up the tent and associated equipment, and working 5-hour shifts serving our customers, old and new. This - the Association's only fundraiser - would not happen without your generous support of time, energy, enthusiasm, and your terrific sense of humour. It's really appreciated and can't be said often enough.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL !!

Below, Haggis preparers snap on their latex gloves for the mixing of all that yummy goodness, before baking.



Miramichi Scottish Festival - A Beautiful Thing

Phyllis Mossman, Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi. Photo courtesy of www.highlandsociety.com/

Once again the Miramichi Scottish Festival was blessed with beautiful weather for the weekend of August 17-19. This year's Festival owes its success to Irene MacCardle and Scottish friends.

The Candlelight Tartan Dinner started the celebration on Friday evening. Prior to the dinner a surprise guest and her husband arrived. Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve from Pickering, Ontario had contacted the Society regarding the Clan MacFarlane and the possibility of having a tent at next year's Festival. However a sudden decision was made to attend this year. They are a delightful couple. Everyone enjoyed meeting them and we certainly hope they will return next year.

Plen Dickson and Paul Stewart were presented with the Davidson Merit Medal. Following dinner, the Lumber Jills entertained and what a performance they put on. So very full of talent and energy.

After the church service on Sunday at St Andrews United Church in Chatham, the

memorial wreath was laid in Elm Park and then Lunch in St Luke's Hall.


Later in the afternoon events moved to MacDonald Farm where a record number of Scots and friends enjoyed the Pipe and Drum Band from Moncton and the Miramichi Fiddlers. The Tea Tent sold out and the Haggis sausages were in great demand.

The 2019 Festival will be held on August 23-25.




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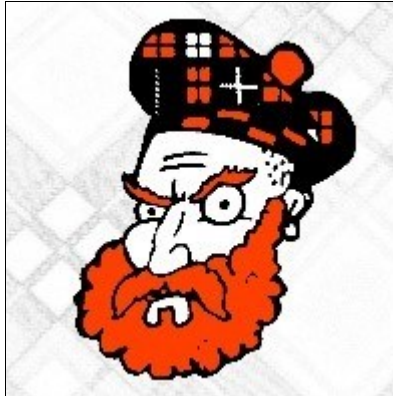
Laurie Hossack

It has been a busy and warm summer. In July the Society took part in the Angry Scotsman's Run. This run is an annual marathon and part of the Festival by the Sea, a major summer event for the city.

The Angry Scotsman is played by an actor associated with the Saint John Theatre Company. This un-named gentleman got himself in trouble shortly before the Run when he was reported to the police for shooting golf balls in King Square. The city police arrived only to find the golf balls were actually ping pong balls. It was great advertising for the Run and the local police were most accommodating, helping, as well, by controlling traffic in the downtown area during the Run.

The runners were welcomed by the Society before they took off with Society Piper Allan McNeill playing a medley of tunes in the background encouraging them on. Society members handed out medals and water to the runners as they returned from their run.

Several Society members took part as well in manning the Society tent on Clan Avenue at the New Brunswick Highland Games held in late July in Fredericton. This is a fun weekend enjoyed annually. The Society is a major sponsor of the



Games and wishes to thank Rosemary McCaffrey for her assistance each year in keeping us organized. This year Society Chaplain Rev. John Martin conducted the Kirkin of the Tartan at Sunday morning service at the Games.

The Society helped with the cost by helping to sponsor the Simonds Lions Club Caledonia Pipe Band's trip to Scotland in August where they took part in a number of pipe and drum competitions. We are very proud of their showing and enjoyed following their photos and videos on Facebook while they were there.

A good number of members were present at the Society's August quarterly meeting when the planning for the annual St. Andrews Day dinner held at the Riverside Country Club in Rothesay on November 30th commenced. The cost of the dinner is \$60.00. The menu includes Maple Parsnip Soup, Salad of Baby Spinach & Radicchio w/ Raspberry Drizzle, Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, Pepper Crusted Strip-loin of Beef w/ Red Wine Jus, Potato Gratin & Vegetable Medley, and Apple Crisp a la Mode for desert. IF YOUR TONGUE IS WAT-TERING and you wish to attend the dinner contact Laurie Hossack for tickets at 506 847-4420.

Barry MacKenzie Receives First Hutchinson Award

Phyllis Mossman, Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi

This year the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi established a \$5000 Award in memory of Richard and Ernest Hutchinson who were Presidents of the Society in the early years. This Award is to be given yearly to a student studying full-time in a Masters or higher degree program at a recognized university.

The recipient this year is Barry MacKenzie of Antigonish, NS who is completing his Ph.D. in History at the University of New Brunswick. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2007 from St FX University in the Honours History program.

Barry is a member of the Highland Society and worked for the establishment of the NB Scottish History web site. He is a



regional coordinator for the Monarchist League of Canada, member of the Knights of Columbus, of the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association and of the Clan MacKenzie Society of Canada, among others.

He has completed some part-time teaching and has a passion for teaching undergraduate students and for research into a number of subjects. Up-

on completion of his Ph.D he has several projects waiting , two related to the Miramichi region. The Highland Society was pleased to present this award to Barry at the Candlelight Dinner during the recent Miramichi Scottish Festival.

Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival



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June, 2019

Celtic Club in Miramichi - Year One Is 'in the Books'

Matthew Stewart, Miramichi Valley High School

Last year some like-minded teachers at Miramichi Valley High School started a new school club

With so much talk of cultures and backgrounds these days, the teachers - being of Scottish descent - started thinking of ways to enlighten students about their own heritage and roots.

As they looked through many Canadian history textbooks they soon found that the rumors were true: there is very little mention of the huge sacrifice, hard work that not only the Scottish people endured during the forging of this great country but Celtic peoples in general.

With so many people in the Miramichi area, province and country of Celtic descent, the teachers thought it would be fitting to give students of Celtic background the opportunity to learn about their culture and share it with others.

Mr. Stewart, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Menzies first met with members of the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association and the New Brunswick Irish Canadian Cultural Association and with their support came up with the name MVHS Celtic Club (Celtic MV). It includes Scottish, Irish and Welsh, as they seem to be an overlooked in history textbooks.

Being part of the Highland Society themselves the teachers noticed that youth do not always take part in events and are not being engaged. They were told the same by other groups: many groups hand out bursaries and scholarships, but with little involvement from the students themselves.

"We believe," said Mr. Stewart, "like the saying goes, that it is very important to know where you have been to aid in knowing where you are going. Instilling a sense of pride in anyone's culture is a wonderful thing and can direct and help one in making life's many decisions in a positive way.

"Our cultures and paths may not always have been perfect but are a part of history and who we have become, and, yes, sometimes we learn from our mistakes," continued Stewart.

The Celtic Club took advantage of this year's province-wide Celtic Awareness Week and put together a week full of exhibits, displays, info, guests and even food. With displays and exhibitors from local Scottish and Irish groups, exhibits from different historical areas and centres in the Miramichi area, and info from the Celtic Club itself, there was lots to look at and learn from.

The idea was to give stu-



dents, staff and the community as a whole information about our Celtic culture and to find out how many of those attending knew their heritage and where they come from. A sign-up list was displayed and all were invited to put their name down if they knew they had Celtic roots.

"I invited many students to sign the list just in knowing their last name alone. It is surprising that some do not know where their name comes from. Sometimes a little help in linking a bit of history or a historical figure is enough to foster a bit of curiosity and maybe even pride, to get a person to take part and lead to learning more. It is also wonderful to have those students come to you that do know and do have that pride in where they come from", said Mr. Stewart.

The week included snacks and meals of Haggis Sausage and old Irish Cheese, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Real Haggis to nibble on while looking at displays and chatting. It also brought visitors and guests like the local newspaper - the Miramichi Leader, two radio stations-99.3 The River and 95.9 Sun FM, Mayor Adam Lordan of the city of Miramichi, ASDN Superintendent Mr. Mark Donovan, and the Minister responsible for Celtic Affairs-, Lisa Harris.

This year the club wishes to have new members and grow in different directions. The teachers have been looking at teaching Highland Games events, starting a pipe band and even Celtic languages.

They know that there are many people in our province with knowledge in these areas and invite anyone who may be interested to help their group. They also thank the many people and organizations that have helped and continue to help their club.

If you would like more information on what the Club is doing, would like to start a club in your area or, again, can help in any way, please e-mail matthew.stewart@nbed.nb.ca



Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew

Maxine Campbell, President

Following the winter hiatus, members of the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew (FSSA) gathered at Government House in April, May, and June for short business meetings followed by cultural-based programmes. In April, Tim Richardson, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, spoke of the history of Government House, then led FSSA members on a tour of the building. In May, Melynda Jarratt, Executive Director of the Fredericton Region Museum, presented her most recent book, *Letters from Beaulieu*, and spoke in detail about her grandfather's experiences in Scotland during the Second World War. In June, Jacob Spencer, representative of Innis and Gunn, conducted a Scotch tasting event featuring Glenfiddich single malt whiskys.

Apart from the regular meetings, the FSSA members partnered with other groups in several events. In April, the FSSA and the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association (NBSCA) supported each other on Tartan Day at their respective flag raising ceremonies at the NB Legislature (NBSCA) and Fredericton City Hall (FSSA) [see photo, right]. Afterwards, many of the attendees gathered at the Lunar

Rogue for lunch. In July, the Society was represented at the NB Highland Games.

At the September meeting the members enjoyed an educational and entertaining presentation by Nicole Odo and the Highland Dancers. They shared the historical significance of each dance before performing it.

Looking ahead, the **Fest of Saint Andrew**

will be held at the Fredericton Inn on November 23. **Burns Night** will be celebrated at Picaroons on January 26, 2019.



The Griddle That Fed Bonnie Prince Charlie

Gary Campbell. Story idea by Melynda Jarratt



According to family lore, this griddle was used to bake scones for Bonnie Prince Charlie when he was on the run from the English.

My father learned about this story in the early 1920s when he tried to bury the griddle to use as a ground (!) for his crystal radio. His mother quickly put a stop to that!

It was brought to Canada by my Scottish ancestors in the 1820s/1830s. It is cast iron, about 22 inches in diameter and would have

been hung over a fire on a crane. The rivets from the missing suspension loops can still be seen.

My McColl ancestors lived in Southwestern Scotland along the route that the Jacobite army followed when retreating from England in December of 1745. So, it is possible that this griddle was used to bake scones for the Scottish army, perhaps even Bonnie Prince Charlie himself! This is a treasured family heirloom. I am pleased to be able to share it with you.

From the Suitcase Stories exhibit currently at the Fredericton Region Museum, featuring 4 packed suitcases and other items that newcomers brought to their New Brunswick home.

More About Griddles, er, Girdles

Courtesy of Robert Hay, archivist, Aonad Naomh Moluag (Lismore Gaelic Heritage Centre), Lismore, Scotland.

Every house on Lismore would have had at least one traditional Scottish (or Irish) hanging plate griddle or girdle (Gaelic *grideal*), with a hinged handle for easy storage.

Used for baking bannocks, oatcakes, scones, pancakes, potato bread and biscuits, they were very versatile and could be used directly on, or suspended over, an open fire and on stoves and cookers. In the days before the wheat loaf supplanted the oatcake or bere bannock, "in Scotland, amongst the rural population generally, the girdle ... took the place of the oven" (H.M. McNeill, *The Scots Kitchen*, 1929).



Gowan Brae, Steeped in History

Isabel MacLaggan.

The 18-hole Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club in Bathurst derived its name from a place in Scotland.

A plaque, strategically situated in the massive flower bed close to the clubhouse entrance, tells the interesting story. As the plaque states, Gowan Brae was settled in 1848 by Robert Ferguson of Gowan Brae, Scotland.

The scenic course - celebrating its 60th anniversary this year - occupies what was known formerly as Gowan Brae Farm, a beautiful pastoral layout. It borders Bathurst Harbour in the Youghall area of the city, close to the Bay of Chaleur. [Note: 'Youghall' is probably named for 'Youghal' in Cork, Ireland, from Irish Gaelic 'eochoill' meaning 'yew woods'. -Ed.]

In fact, there are water views from at least 14 of the 18 holes throughout the course. Director of Golf at Gowan Brae is the pro, Adam Chamberlain. Adam, father of two young children, began golfing at Gowan Brae as a youngster himself. Current president of the club is Jamie MacLaggan who, incidentally, is a 12th generation Scot since 1593, original roots being in Fifeshire, Scotland.

Gowan Brae hosted the Canadian Men's Senior Golf Championship a month ago. There were 156 competitors in the 5-day event. Other national tournaments have been held at the Club in previous years.

Golf in its present form was inspired and developed by the Scots around the middle of the 15th century. The old course at St. Andrews, Scotland, is known worldwide.

According to the history of Gowan Brae Golf Club, the valuable property was essentially donated for a golf course in 1957 by Leach Investments of Winnipeg, representing descendants of Robert Ferguson. The expansive acreage, also known as



Ferguson Point, was made available through a lease, an arrangement that continues today. The only request by a family member was for a box of oysters annually!

As the plaque states, the Leach Family wanted to preserve the beauty of Gowan Brae by earmarking it as a golf course. The old farm house was used as a clubhouse until a new building was opened in 1961.

Farther back in history French explorer, Jacques Cartier, visited the area in 1534 and established a trade pact with the Micmac people. Later the Bathurst Harbour site attracted the Recollet and Jesuit religious orders and it became known as Pointe-aux-Pères. A chapel was built at the mission in 1620.

Then came Nicolas Denys, a pioneer in trade and in the fishing industry. He was appointed governor of the coasts and islands from Canso to Gaspé in 1654. His chief residence was at Pointe-aux-Pères where in 1688 he died and was buried on the site, as the story goes.

The Gowan Brae golf course was carved out of a large tract of land steeped in local history.

Presbyterians in New Brunswick

Isabel MacLaggan.

The early Scottish settlers who came to New Brunswick were, for the most part, Presbyterian, members of the Church of Scotland.

It is interesting to trace how these Scots gradually established churches in their adopted land. Of course they first satisfied their spiritual needs by meeting in their homes, without a clergy person. The first Presbyterian church in early Bathurst was built in 1827 but was soon destroyed by fire.

Two years later a number of Scottish settlers in the area held a meeting, the purpose of which was to apply to the Glasgow Colonial Committee for assistance in procuring a minister and to open a subscription list for the building of a new 'kirk'.

By 1834 upwards of £100 were received to-



wards the construction project. Also a gratis building lot was given by Hugh Munro. The subscription list increased three fold as well.

Finally, in 1839, the kirk, built by contractor James Willis, was finished externally. A year later the Glasgow Colonial Committee appointed Rev. George McDonnell as the minister. McDonnell was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh.

So St. Luke's Presbyterian Church [photo, left] was established in 1841 under the direction of the Miramichi Presbytery. It was located at the north end of what is now St. Luke Court in West Bathurst. The church was an aid-receiving charge for the next 20 years and was largely dependent on help from Scotland.

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Bathurst Chapter

Isabel MacLaggan.

Bathurst Chapter is looking forward to hosting the 38th Annual General Meeting of the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association to be held on Saturday, October 20 at Bathurst Heritage Museum.

The upcoming October meeting brings to mind several other NBSCA gatherings that were held in Bathurst over the years.

One such event was in 2008 when the provincial annual meeting was held at the same location. Earlier in the day the Bathurst Chapter unveiled a monument on the Veteran's Memorial Bridge in honour of Scottish ancestors. At least eight members of the provincial executive and board of directors attended the ceremony.

Back in 2000, NBSCA members and potential members met in Bathurst to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the NBSCA. The formal dinner was held at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club with the late Mabel DeWare of Moncton area as guest speaker.

Playing a key role in organizing the anniversary dinner and program was Joyce Neuburg, who later was instrumental in forming the Bathurst Chapter. She continues to be a member of the Chapter executive.

Not only did Joyce represent the Chapter on the provincial board of directors for many years but she spearheaded locally the erection of both the monument on the bridge and the large memorial cairn at the entrance to the "Olde Scottish Cemetery" on St. Luke Court, also in 2000.

As stated in that printed program for the cemetery project, the cairn was "a private initiative undertaken by interested individuals who have been responsible for the cairn's planning, design and erection".

More specifically, special acknowledgement was extended

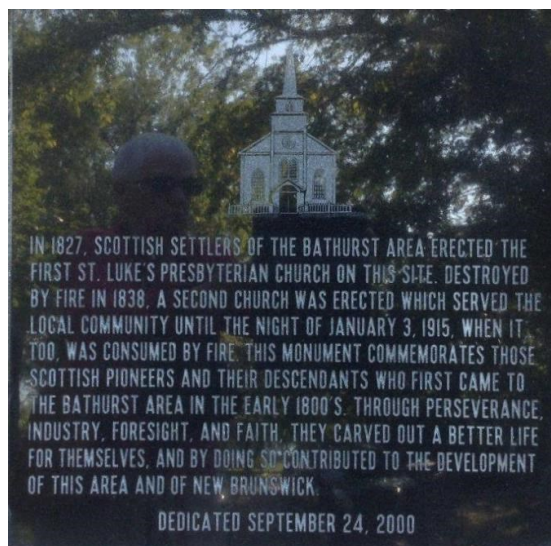
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A winter fire in 1915 destroyed the place of worship again.

The congregation decided to erect a new brick building in what had become centre of town.

The cemetery behind the old church on St. Luke Court still honours the first Scottish settlers. More than 50 different family surnames are represented in this burial ground. An attractive memorial cairn was erected in 2000 and a restoration project was undertaken more recently [photo, right].

Back in 1833 when the Bathurst settlers were struggling to establish a kirk, the five Church of Scotland ministers in New Brunswick held a meeting in Fredericton. The outcome was the creation of the Pres-

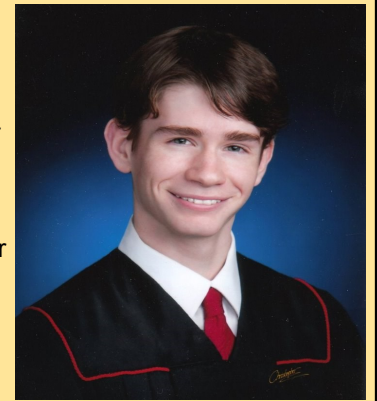


Bursary Winner

Cameron Walker, a 2018 graduate of Bathurst High School, is the recipient of the \$300 Bathurst Chapter Bursary. He is the son of Jim and Alice Walker and is enrolled in Health Sciences at St. Francis Xavier University, with medicine being his ultimate goal.

As a member of Bathurst Chapter himself, along with his family, Cameron attended and participated in all Chapter evens for many years. "The Scottish culture has always been a large part of my life," he said in his letter of appreciation. "I'm going to miss the Haggis at the meetings most of all."

He referred to the large Scottish population in Antigonish and for that reason he feels he will not lose his culture. He intends to continue the Scottish traditions with which he is familiar. A family trip to Scotland a few years ago helped to instill all things Scottish in his life.



to Joyce Moody Neuburg, a direct descendant of the Moody Family, for her "personal involvement and contribution". More than 50 different family surnames, including Moody, are represented in this old burial ground. "I know I arranged it, and I'm glad the cairn is right at the entrance to the cemetery," Neuburg said when interviewed at her home.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 20 - **Bathurst Chapter Annual Meeting** : 9:30 a.m.. for Meet & Greet, Meeting at 10 a.m.. To be followed by the provincial Annual General Meeting beginning at 11am.

Sunday evening, December 2 - **Feast of Saint Andrew** at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club

bytery of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Two years later, with there being 10 ministers on the roll, it was decided to turn the Presbytery into a Synod. The Synod was divided into the two Presbyteries of Saint John and Miramichi.

Then, in 1868, the Synod of New Brunswick united with that of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to become one, still connected with the Church of Scotland.

Finally, on June 15, 1875, the four Presbyterian Churches in Canada, including the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, combined to form the now existing Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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Simonds Lions Caledonian Pipe Band at Worlds in Scotland

David Galbraith

Yes, indeed, we will be hosting our Ceilidh this year again – the 6th annual – which will be our 'Thank You' Ceilidh - to show our appreciation to our many supporters and donors who contributed to our very successful trip to Scotland, and the World Pipe Band Championships.

In our class of 57 bands we made the cut from the preliminary round to the final of our Grade 4B class, placing a respectable 17th

Our whole trip was a very worthwhile educational and musical experience, with the majority of our members making their first trip to Scotland, and experiencing the country, and playing in contests at this level.

Our Ceilidh is as follows:

Date: October 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 start

Place: Loch Lomond Villa, Simonds Lions Club Auditorium, Loch Lomond Rd

Price: \$15 per person.

We will feature the band, our highland dancers (who also attended the contest in Scotland), Celtic music, food, door prizes, auction and 'jam session'.



We appreciate the interest shown for this event. Tickets can be obtained by contacting me at: 506-696-4253, or galbraith@nbnet.nb.ca.

De Tha Dol? What's Going On?

Saturday, October 13

Forever Highland Happy Hallowe'en Dance Competition

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rothesay, NB
31 Gondola Point Road

Saturday, October 20

Annual General Meeting

NB Scottish-Cultural Association, Inc.
Bathurst Heritage Museum, 360 Douglass Avenue, Bathurst
See details on page 3.

Saturday, October 20

Northeastern NB Highland Dancing Competition

Kinsmen Club of the Miramichi
100 Newcastle Blvd, Miramichi

Saturday, October 20, 7 pm

6th Annual Fundraiser 'Thank You' Ceilidh

Simonds Lions Caledonian Pipe Band
Simonds Lions Auditorium, 185 Loch Lomond Road
Tickets: \$15. Further Info: David Galbraith at 506-696-4253
or galbraith@nbnet.nb.ca

Friday, November 23

Feast of St Andrew Dinner

Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew
Fredericton Inn. Reception 5:30pm.
Entertainment Begins 6pm. Dinner 7pm.
Piping, drumming, dancing, haggis!

Saturday, November 24

Oromocto Highland Dance Competition

Oromocto

Friday, November 30

St Andrew's Day Dinner

Society of Saint Andrew of Saint John
Riverside Country Club, Rothesay
Tickets: \$60. Contact Laurie Hossack at 506 847-4420

Saturday, December 1

Moncton Christmas Celebration Competition

Moncton

Saturday, December 1

Saint Andrew's Banquet

Caledonian Society of Restigouche
Charlo Golden Age Club
Happy Hour 5pm; Supper 6pm

Sunday, December 2

Feast of Saint Andrew Night

Bathurst Chapter, NBSCA
Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club

The Way It Was Along My Bay - A&R Loggie Co. at Dalhousie

Vetta LaPointe Faulds, from *The Way It Was Along My Bay, Vol. 2, Dalhousie by the Sea*

Over the years since the first European settlers began arriving, Dalhousie had been a centre for the fishing industry. Sea products had been packed and shipped annually. Fishing, particularly for salmon, was the first major industry, with shipments to Europe of dried and salted fish.

Leading packers and exporters were W.S. Montgomery, Harry Olsen and Simon MacGregor, whose business was later carried on by his son Donald, and the A&R Loggie Company Ltd.. The Loggie brothers, Andrew, Robert, and Frank, came from Black Brook (now Loggieville) on the Miramichi. Andrew arrived first in 1879, where he approached local fishermen and discussed the purchase of salmon. He had a small shed built at Charlo and one a few miles down shore at New Mills. Snow was stored in these sheds for use in packing and chilling salmon, whence they were shipped to Canadian and American markets. Andrew returned to the Miramichi after the salmon season closed.

The next summer he returned to the Charlo district at which time he appealed to his brothers to establish a branch in northern New Brunswick. They chose Dalhousie where they purchased land near the shore in the west end of town which for many years was known as Loggie's Cove.

They engaged workmen to erect a building which would be divided into 2 sections, a cold storage room and an ice room. As the demand for salmon increased, new facilities were built along Bay Chaleur to meet it. The firm also had a number of its own nets in these waters.

Along the Bay Chaleur fish were shipped to Dalhousie on steamships then in service, while within shorter distances of Dalhousie the company kept a small boat which made regular pickup and delivery trips. Many years later they still maintained trucks and a 30-foot motor boat.

They also collected lobsters and blueberries and shipped them to Loggieville for processing.

From 1890 to 1900 canning was done on large scale at the Dalhousie plant. Very soon their attention was drawn to the great quantities of smelt in these waters.

They had brought Henry Simpson and his family from the Miramichi who, along with Havelock MacNeill set a new type of net - the 'box net'. It was an invention of the Loggie brothers which had already achieved success in the Miramichi, but in the Chaleur met with much amused scoffing before proving its worth. Since that time local residents have profited from it.

The company built sheds at Dalhousie Junction and the smelts were packed frozen as they were brought off the ice. Six collectors were hired to make 2 trips daily to ice fishing stands above Dalhousie and across the Restigouche River to the Quebec shore.

Twenty-five people were engaged to pack the smelt in boxes of 10, 14 and 20 pounds. At times as much as 100 tons of fish could be in the 'dead room' and,

when it was full, they were piled outside. Boxcar loads of smelt were shipped out of Dalhousie during those years.

With the death of the Loggie brothers by the early 1940s, the sale of the entire A&R Loggie Company brought an end to the company's Dalhousie operations.



Loggie's Beach and Government Wharf, based on 1910 photo.

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