



# The *Heather Line*



Newsletter of Clan Lamont Society of Canada

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Clan Chief: *Father Peter Noel Lamont*

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## *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations*

It was a long time ago that this newsletter was first printed, with little hand drawings and other input. We want to say a special “thank you” to all the people who stuck with us over the years and kept the Society alive.



The design here of all the tartans across Canada is very fitting indeed and represents a salute to the many members in the provinces who supported our Society. We also want to thank all the members in the United States who have been staunch supporters of our Society since its inception.

Although sometimes things have not been perfect in grammar in the newsletter, words not spelt correctly, or some such thing, we thank you for sticking with us through our impurities. One must have a laugh at one’s faults and show that we are human.

*This year we will be gathering for our 25th Anniversary in Halifax.*

On July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. we will attend the raising of the International Gathering Flag at the Grand Parade Grounds in front of the City Hall on Barrington St. in Halifax. This will be followed by a luncheon, with the Mayor, following the opening speeches .



At 7:00 p.m. we will attend the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. For tickets contact [www.nstattoo.ca](http://www.nstattoo.ca)



On Saturday we will have our tent at the Antigonish Highland Games.

Sunday a dinner will be held, plans will depend on how many are still in the area. We hope you can join with us. The dates are July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>t</sup>

Should you plan to be in the city please contact Jean Watson at 902-864-1994 or e-mail: [jean.watson2@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jean.watson2@ns.sympatico.ca)

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***FLOWERS OF THE FOREST*****Marion Spence**

It is with deep regret we inform you of the passing of Marion Spence of Juniper, New Brunswick. Marion was one of the Founding Members of our Society along with her sister, Marjory Martinson, both have now crossed over.

I shall miss her kind letters to me and the encouragement she always put in her letters and kind thanks to the Executive who continue the work of the Clan.

Marion was an active lady, a kind lady, and we extend our sincere regrets to her daughter and extended family.

**Heather Shaw**

I was greatly saddened to receive, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, news of the passing of Heather Shaw, of Mossblown, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Heather came to Nova Scotia for our last gathering, while serving as President of the Society in Scotland. She was very strong in her feelings of injustices committed upon the Clan Lamont in years gone by and had no problem speaking forth on the Clan's history.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, I shall never forget her speech, with her red hair blowing in the breeze, standing on the hill, beside the Lamont cairn against the skyline at Dunoon. Many were gathered as it was the first time our Clan Chief Peter Noel Lamont of Australia had ever visited Scotland. Her passion and feeling for the Clan was to the fore on that occasion, and her love for the Lamont people.

After a long struggle with cancer, she has crossed over to be with her Celtic ancestors. May she rest in peace.

## **Clan Lamont donates to Pipe Band For Irish Trip - Lynn Redmond, Pipe Band PR**



**Band in Dartmouth above Halifax Harbour**

In January, members of the Dartmouth & District Pipe Band had the opportunity to perform in Ireland at Temple Bar TradFest, Dublin's premier celebration of traditional music and culture. The 2011 festival ran from January 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> with its most ambitious program to date, offering more events than in any other year.

The band performed six times during the festival, including opening for Clannad outside of the famous Christ Church Cathedral, several street parades through Temple Bar and a concert performance on one of the outdoor stages.

The cathedral performance presented a few hitches, including a snow-bound Pipe Major and unexpectedly cool temperatures, yet the band rose to the occasion and enchanted the shivering crowd waiting to get into the sold-out Clannad concert.

Of the street parades, one member says, "They were great fun. The crowd really got into it, following us through the streets, taking pictures and dancing along." Halfway through the first parade, Scott Long appeared in proper dress ready to take his place; the aforementioned Pipe Major had arrived after a 24h delay in New Jersey and was reunited with his bags just as the parade commenced—yes, that's right; his flight was delayed *and* his bags were lost!

With half the performances under their kilts and pipes that were holding up quite admirably in the chilly humid weather, the band took in some sightseeing and pub visits in between Saturday's line-up. After their final performance of the day, the travellers headed to a nearby watering hole for some band bonding. Upon approaching the pub, they heard the sound of pipes being played from within and found themselves crashing a celebration dinner honoring poet Robbie Burns. The attendees couldn't believe their luck (despite being Irish) that an entire pipe band from Nova Scotia had arrived at their party, and some remained unconvinced this hadn't been pre-arranged.

"I saw this group of young people come in wearing hoodies and jeans and thought it was a bunch of ruffians," laughed one of the dinner guests. "Turns out they all play the pipes!"

The two groups piped some tunes alongside one another late into the evening, and some of the band's new fans came out to the well-attended final stage concert on Sunday, which was blessed with an enthusiastic audience and agreeable weather. After a legendary weekend, the band sailed home on clear skies, high on extraordinary music and Irish hospitality.

About Dartmouth & District Pipe Band: [www.dartmouthpipeband.com](http://www.dartmouthpipeband.com)

The Dartmouth & District Pipe Band is based out of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, drawing members and students from across the province. The organization currently consists of a grade three and grade five band as well as a reputable bagpipe and drumming school.

Recently the band has performed with Rawlins Cross at both the Halifax for Haiti concert and the Welcome Ceremony for Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. They also opened for The Stanfields CD release party and performed at Celebration Square during the 2011 Canada Winter Games.



## **An Clarsach Laomannach (The Lamont Harp)**

The **Lamont** Harp, now in an Edinburgh museum, is the oldest surviving Celtic harp. The harp was the traditional musical instrument of the Celts, long before the adoption of the bagpipe in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The harp was the instrument of the bards, those individuals whose gift of oral recitation made them invaluable to the early clan chiefs.

The Lamont harp dates from at the latest, the mid 1400s. It was in the possession of Lillias, a daughter of Duncan Lamont, our 8th Chief, when in 1464 she married Charles Robertson of Lude.

The harp stayed at Lude, near Blair Atholl, until 1914, when it was purchased by the National Museum of Antiquities for 850 guineas. It is now one of the prized historical objects of Scotland.



## **THE LAMONT BROOCH, OR BALLOCHYLE BROOCH**

... much to be regretted that either the original or a copy was not on view alongside the very beautiful replica of the Lorne Brooch in the recent Exhibition in Glasgow. The following description of the brooch is taken from the Proceedings of Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Volume I, page 170 (1853), where you will find an excellent engraving of the brooch – “Notice of an ancient Celtic Brooch, the property of William Rose Campbell, 28th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry, Esq., of Ballochyl (Holy Loch, Cowall), Argyllshire.



This large and beautiful ancient brooch has long been in the possession of the Ballochyle Family and, according to family tradition, was originally acquired at a remote period, on occasion of the marriage of the Laird of Ballochyle with the daughter of Lamont of Lamont. Even to a late period it had been used as a talisman or charm against witchcraft or disease, both for man and cattle, being dipped into the potion prepared for the sick. The brooch is silver-gilt, set with a rock crystal in the centre, and bearing the inscription around it, somewhat rudely cut, in Roman characters: -- \*DE X SERVE AND HAIF THE X HEVIN X BABAIF. It measures 5 ½ inches in the greatest diameter, and appears to belong to the latter part of the sixteenth century. The initials M.C., and also a shield bearing the gyronny of the Campbells in its first and fourth quarters, the second and third being blank, are twice repeated in its ornamental border, and a stamp, probably of the assay-master, a shield with the Roman letters VS interlaced, is also repeated twice on the back and twice on front.” See George Young’s site:

## **NEW LAMONT MUSIC**

Hi Jean,

I recently composed a new tune in honor of Clan Lamont's ancestral homeland entitled "Echoes of Cowal."

The music video address is

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbjDRGhaJIU>

I thought you might enjoy it.

**Yours truly,**

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Morrisville, PA USA

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(Haunting music and a spectacular tour of the Cowal area and activities.)



## **Clan Lamont Society of Canada Activities**

The Society is not very active during the winter months. We did all get together for a Christmas Dinner and some friends from other clans joined with us. (All paid for their own dinners so there was no cost to the Society.)

We are now preparing for the Lamont Memorial Day and luncheon at the Fultz House Museum at 10:30 am on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Three flowering crabapple trees were donated by the Society some years ago and now are very beautiful in the spring. With the changing climate, however, they are blooming earlier or sometimes are not in bloom for the event.

We also are preparing for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with attendance at the various International Gathering events this summer.

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## **International Gathering of the Clans and Scots in Nova Scotia 2011**

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> Official Opening**

Time: 10 am Event: 1st Annual Tartan Foot Race. Location: King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal, NS  
Contact: Donna Lee Butler, [dabutler@scotsns.ca](mailto:dabutler@scotsns.ca) or Joy O'Neill, 902-638-813, [joneill@annapolisdigby.com](mailto:joneill@annapolisdigby.com)

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> IGC Scottish Street Parade**

Time: 10:15 am Location: Sinclair Inn, Lower St. George, Annapolis Royal  
Contact: Jean Watson, 902-864-1994

## **June 25<sup>th</sup> Tree-Planting Ceremony**

Time: 10:30 am Location: O'Dell House Museum, 136 St. George St., Annapolis Royal  
Contact: Ryan Walsh, 902-532-7754, [historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca)

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## **IGC&C in NS (cont'd)**

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Charles Fort**

Time: 12:30 pm Location: RCL #21 Port Royal Branch, 66 Victoria Street, Annapolis Royal  
Contact: Jamie MacLeod, 902-532-5196 (RCL) or Donna Butler, [dlbutler@scotns.ca](mailto:dlbutler@scotns.ca)

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> Heritage & Cultural Activities**

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Location: Fort Anne National Historic Site  
Contact: Donna Lee Butler, [dlbutler@scotns.ca](mailto:dlbutler@scotns.ca) or Lillian Stewart, 902-532-2321, [lillian.stewart@pc.gc.ca](mailto:lillian.stewart@pc.gc.ca)

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> "Ciad Mile Fáilte" Reception**

Time: 7:00 pm Location: Historic Gardens, Annapolis Royal (pay event)  
Contact: Trish Frye, 902-532-7018, [admin@historicgardens.com](mailto:admin@historicgardens.com) URL: [www.historicgardens.com](http://www.historicgardens.com)

### **June 26<sup>th</sup> Kirkin' o' the Tartans**

Time: 10:30 am Location: St. Luke's Church, 346 St. George St., Annapolis Royal  
Contact: Donna Lee Butler, [dlbutler@scotns.ca](mailto:dlbutler@scotns.ca)

### **July 1<sup>st</sup> 60th Pugwash Gathering of the Clans Festival & Regatta**

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Location: Waterfront, Pugwash, NS  
Contact: Lisa Betts, 902-243-2946, [pugwashgoc@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashgoc@gmail.com)

### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> ScotDance Canada Championship**

Series (2011 Canadian Nationals) Location: Keating Centre, Antigonish  
Contact: Brenda MacKay, 902-396-6975, [sdccs2011@bellaliant.net](mailto:sdccs2011@bellaliant.net) or  
Janice MacQuarrie, 902-863-6376

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> FSCNS Art Show**

Location: Main Street, Antigonish Contact: Jerry MacGillivray, 902-863-3749

### **July 5<sup>th</sup> Clan Chisholm AGM**

Time: TBA Location: Community Hall, 2752 Ohio East Road, St. Andrew's (Antigonish)  
Contact: Loyola MacDonald, 902-863-2872

### **July 8<sup>th</sup> Clan's Day Flag Raising (Mayor's Reception)**

Time: 11:30 am Location: Halifax City Hall, Halifax Contact: Jean Watson, 902-864-1994  
Official raising of the International Gathering flag in Halifax. [jwatson@scotns.ca](mailto:jwatson@scotns.ca)

### **July 8<sup>th</sup> Clans Night in the Halifax Regional Municipality**

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 pm Royal Nova Scotia International **Tattoo**  
Location: Metro Centre, Halifax Contact: Jean Watson, 902-864-1994  
Tickets: Metro Centre Box Office, 902-451-1221, [www.nstatattoo.ca](http://www.nstatattoo.ca)

### **July 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Gaelic/Scottish Heritage Days**

Location: Sherbrooke Village Museum Contact: Lynne Hayne, 902-522-2974, [haynelm@gov.ns.ca](mailto:haynelm@gov.ns.ca)

### **July 17<sup>th</sup> Tartan Fashion SHOW (pay event, \$30) featuring Veronica MacIsaac's Fashion Designs**

Time: 2 pm Location: Halifax City Club, Halifax Contact: Jean Watson, 902-864-1994 or  
Halifax Club Office, 902-423-8460 URL: [www.halifaxclub.ns.ca](http://www.halifaxclub.ns.ca)

### **July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> FSCNS Art Show & Scottish Tea (\$10)**

Time: 10 am to 7 pm (both days). Location: St. Matthew's United Church, 1479 Barrington St., Halifax  
Sponsors: Contact: Jean Watson, 902-864-1994, [jwatson@scotsns.ca](mailto:jwatson@scotsns.ca)

## IGC&S in NS (cont'd)

### July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Antigonish Highland Games

Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Location: Columbus Field, Antigonish  
Contact: Fiona MacLean, 902-863-2233, [fmaclean@scotsns.ca](mailto:fmaclean@scotsns.ca)

### September 12<sup>th</sup> Nova Scotia 390<sup>th</sup> Charter Day

Time: 11 am Location: Fort Anne National Historic Site  
Contact: Lillian Stewart, 902-532-2321, [lillian.stewart@pc.gc.ca](mailto:lillian.stewart@pc.gc.ca)

### September 25<sup>th</sup> Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Time: 10:30 am Location: First United Church, Truro  
Contact: Merle Chisholm, 902-897-4165, [merlechisholm@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:merlechisholm@ns.sympatico.ca)

### October 1<sup>st</sup> FSCNS Scottish Dinner-Dance

Time: 5:30 pm for 6:30 pm Location: B-W Glengarry Inn Truro, Contact: Frank Logan, [flogan@scotsns.ca](mailto:flogan@scotsns.ca)

### October 15<sup>th</sup> Farewell Ceilidh (IGC Finale)

Time: 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm Location: Highland Village, 4119 Highway 223, Iona, Cape Breton  
Sponsors: Clan MacNeil (Atlantic Provinces)  
Contact: Mike MacNeil, 902-622-2109 or Dolena MacKinnon, 902-622-2254

List of many other events found at IGC [www.scotsns.ca](http://www.scotsns.ca)



## History of the Ship *Hector*

At Brown's Point in Pictou Harbour on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1773, the Ship *Hector* arrived with 189 passengers aboard. These thirty-three families and twenty-five single men began the first Scottish settlement in Nova Scotia and what is now the town of Pictou. Thereafter, many other Scots followed the people of the *Hector* to New Scotland.

The events leading to the journey of the *Hector* began April 16, 1746 with the Battle of Culloden where a fierce battle was fought between the Scottish Highlanders and British Loyalists. The Highlanders were defeated after only one hour and were then forced to live under British rule.

### The Promise of a New Life

A Scottish born Presbyterian minister, Dr. John Witherspoon, along with his acquaintance, John Pagan, were responsible for bringing the settlers to Pictou. These two gentlemen purchased the contracts for 200, 000 acres of Pictou land from the Philadelphia Land Grant Company, whose shareholders included Benjamin Franklin. Witherspoon, Pagan and their agent John Ross made an attractive proposal to the Highlanders, who had been living under

British oppression. The proposal included a farm lot and a year's provisions, along with a promise of rich and varied land in the New World. An advertisement appeared in the Edinburgh Advertiser 1773, and they secured a shipload of passengers in short order,

## History of the Ship *Hector* (cont'd)

who were hopeful for a better life. No official passenger list was recorded on the day of sail but, many years later, Will MacKay, who had been a passenger of only five years old on the voyage, compiled a passenger list from memory with some of the townspeople.

### The *Hector*

Under the command of English born John Speirs as Master, the *Hector* left Loch Broom, Rosshire in July 1773. The "Hector" was a Dutch "Boot Ship", designed for cargo, and originally built in the Netherlands in the mid-18th century. She was rigged as a three-masted ship of 200 tons berthen, with an overall length of 110 feet, a breadth of 22 feet and a depth inside the cargo hold of 11 feet, 6 inches. By 1773 the *Hector* was reported to have been in poor condition.

### A Difficult Voyage

The passengers experienced a difficult voyage, including a fierce gale off the coast of Newfoundland that blew the ship so far off course that it took two full weeks to recover their former position. Accommodations and provisions were of poor quality, and an outbreak of smallpox resulted in the death of eighteen on board, mainly children. Water had to be rationed during the later stages of the voyage and the food shortage was so severe that the moldy scraps of food that had been earlier discarded were eaten on the last few days of the journey.

### Arrival in Pictou, Nova Scotia (New Scotland)

Finally, after almost two and a half months aboard the rotting round bottomed cargo ship, the *Hector* reached Pictou. The hardy passengers who had endured so much were now able to set foot on land and begin to make a new home for themselves and generations to come

[http://www.townofpictou.ca/hector\\_heritage\\_quay.html](http://www.townofpictou.ca/hector_heritage_quay.html)



Re-enactment of Hector arrival  
(every August)



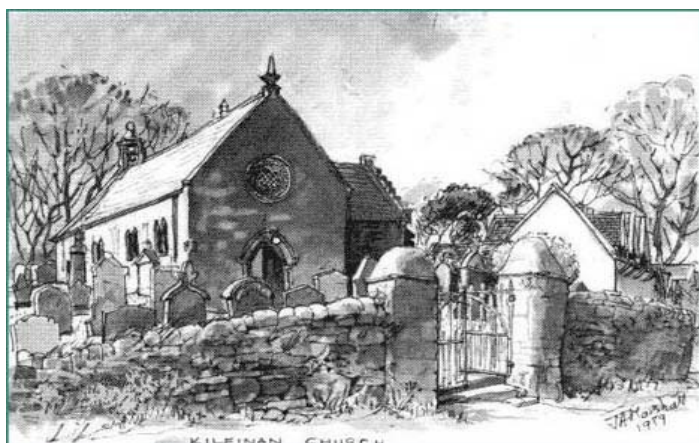
With thanks to the Web Site of the Union Fire Club Pipes and Drums who will be playing at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clan Lamont Memorial Day on July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fultz House Museum, Corner of Cobequid Road in Lower Sackville. Time 10:45 am.

<http://www.halifaxfirepipeband.com/aboutus.cfm>

### LISTS OF SUMMER EVENTS

There are so many events this summer that if you do not have a computer and plan on coming to Nova Scotia, please let me know and I will mail a list of events.... Jean at 902-864-1994.

## News from *Kilfinan Church*, Tighnabruaich, Scotland



We have not had any recent news from the Foundation. However, this past year some stones were uncovered which had definite Celtic drawings upon them and they are now under scrutiny by various archeology specialists.

This is a grand old church and each year we send a donation to the Friends of Kilfinan to help with their costs and fund raising endeavors to repair the church. I have seen the inside of this church before restoration. It is now beautiful.

## From the Kitchen

### Two Hour Rolls

Jeanne Matheson's Rolls, Glenholme, Pictou County.

3 cups of water  
8 Tablespoons of sugar (Or 7 of Splenda)  
6 Tablespoons of oil  
1 Teaspoon of Salt

2 Tablespoons of instant yeast  
2 Eggs (beaten)  
7 – 8 Cups of Flour

Mix yeast and 4 cups flour. In separate bowl whip eggs, sugar, oil and water. Add flour and yeast mixture and blend well. Add remaining flour and salt.

Let rise for 15 minutes. Punch down. Do not knead. Let rise 15 minutes again. Punch down and form buns.

Put buns in greased pan, cover with cloth and let rise on counter or warm place for 1 hour. Bake at 350F for 15 to 18 minutes. Makes 4 – 5 dozen buns.

### Marmalade

Something to put on the rolls??

3 oranges, (4 if small)  
1 lemon  
1 can crushed pineapple  
6 ¾ cups of sugar

### Nellie Crowe, Victorian Order of Nurses

Put oranges and lemon through food chopper (or if larger pieces are wished chop by hand).

Add pineapple, sugar and water.

Boil slowly for ½ to ¾ hour.

Remove from heat and bottle.

Some people for Christmas add a small bottle of

(This could be 4 sugar and 2 Splenda)

Maraschino cherries at this point to make a colourful marmalade. Bottle while hot.

## Membership

If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please send to:  
Treasurer Tom Brown, 140 Zinck Ave. Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, B4C 1W3.  
Individual Membership: \$15.00 Family Membership: \$20.00 (be sure and send name of spouse).

If you feel it does not matter if you join or not, you are very mistaken. We need your support to carry on and keep the Society doing the many things we do to support the Scottish Culture. We appreciate you and we need you to help us carry on. We thank you sincerely.



Chief Peter Lamont



Chief's Coat of Arms

## Scenes of Scotland

