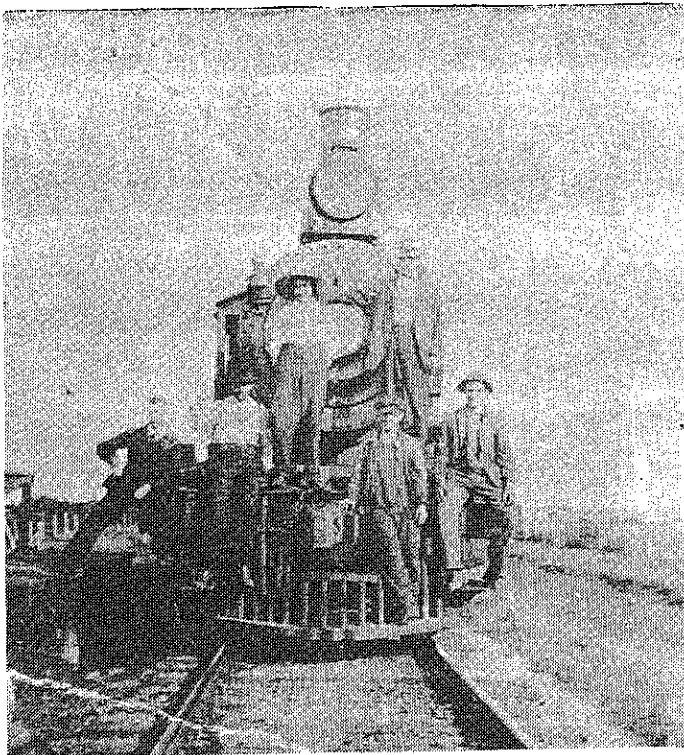


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THE OLD IRON HORSE

(Excerpt from the Ottawa Citizen - Friday Feb. 15, 1957)

There was work, kidding and stark tragedy as the last train over the New York Central System made its final run over the line from Ottawa to Cornwall and Massena yesterday.

It was only a freight train pulled by 1600 horsepower diesel engine. It is all that's been running ever since the last passenger train passed over the line three years ago, but there was nostalgia in big doses along the way.

There was work, as the crew put the last train together, picked up a car here and there enroute, kidding as old friends said goodbye at each station. And tragedy, as retired New York Central veterans watched as the last train slowly left the Ottawa yards at 3:30 p.m.

The diesel whistle moaned her last approach to Russell and other towns and hamlets along the route. The Board of Transport Commissioner had given permission to the N.Y.C. to drop the remaining freight service on the line that was losing money.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As summer comes to a close, I would like to report that we have had a lot of visitors here at the museum.

As a dairy farmer, I don't get to spend a lot of time there. What, with haying and all the various jobs that go with the operation, time is limited.

We had a good turnout on Canada Day for our Strawberry Social. Pioneer Day along with our ladies bake sale was a big success even though the crowd wasn't large.

We are always pleased to see people researching their family trees and it is amazing, we meet people from all parts of North America.

It reminds me of a story my uncle used to tell. Some of his great uncles had moved from Osgoode to North Dakota years ago. They were involved in farming and cattle ranching out there. After being there for a number of years, they wrote home to their old neighbours, telling them what a beautiful country it was. They were hoping to persuade some of them to move down. One fellow said, "The weather out here is nice, the air is just so healthy that nobody ever gets sick, and you might just live forever." He also said jokingly, "We even had to kill one old fellow just so we could start a cemetery."

Food for thought:

The nice thing about memories is that they don't spoil no matter how long you keep them.

Murray Little

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

DISCOVERING HIGHLAND COUSINS

By Elizabeth Stuart

Among my STUART relatives was my grandfather, Alexander McNaughton, my uncle Donald McNaughton, and there is my cousin, Jean McNaughton and her son Adam McNaughton - 4 generations in one family with McNAUGHTON as a middle name.

.....And my great grandfather, John STUART, born 1819 - the same year as Queen Victoria - had a twin brother, Donald McNaughton STUART, Pastor of Knox Church, Dunedin, New Zealand, from 1860 until his death 1895. One could rightly assume that our STUARTS had a McNAUGHTON ancestor.

Janet (Jessie) McNAUGHTON, the mother of the twins, was the only child of John McNAUGHTON born Braes (slopes) of Balloch, the very old Breadalbane Castle built c 1850 by Colin CAMPBELL, the 6th Laird. John McNAUGHTON, b. 1742, was the eldest of 3 brothers, the youngest, Donald McNAUGHTON, born 1746, enlisted c1767 in a Breadalbane Regiment that was sent to America. It was a surprise to find that he had settled in Charlottenburg, in Eastern Ontario, having received land as an United Empire Loyalist who had served in the KRRNY (King's Royal Regiment of New York.) Living worlds apart, they died a year apart, John in 1840, age 98, and Donald in 1841, age c95.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE OTTAWA AND CENTRAL CANADA DIRECTORY 1876-1877

Ramsay's Corners

A post village situated on Lot 20, in the 5th Concession, Ottawa Front of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Russell, 7 miles from the city of Ottawa. Was first settled about the year 1835. Contains a church, a store, and a population of about 100.

Alexander, Wm. - farmer
Anderson, Nichol, - farmer
Baskerville, John - farmer
Baskerville, Joseph - farmer
Childs, Peter - farmer
Clark, John, jr - farmer
Clark, John, sr - farmer
Culbert, John, jr - merchant
Cunningham, John - farmer
Curboy, Peter - farmer
Dancey, James - farmer
Doctor, Miss A - teacher

Farmer, John - farmer
Fee, Wm - farmer
Henry, Francis - farmer
Hewston, John
Hood, Thomas - farmer
Hood, Robert - farmer
Ingram, Wm & Jas - farmers
Johnston, David - farmer
Johnston, James - farmer
Johnston, James - farmer
Johnston, John - farmer
Kinmont, Charles - farmer
Kettles, Charles - farmer
Lester, farmer
McDermid, Duncan - farmer
McDermid, Rev H.H - Presbyt'n Min
McGreggor, James - farmer
McLaughlin, Alex - farmer
McMillan, Alpine - farmer
McRae, R.D - farmer
Marlin, Hezekiah - farmer
Marlin Wm John - farmer

Morow, Thomas - farmer
Moxley, Richard - farmer
Parton, Thomas - farmer
Pettipiece, Robert - farmer
Piper, B - farmer
Ramsay, John - farmer
Ramsay, Robt - Postmaster
Rowat, Wm - farmer
Sharp, Peter - farmer
Sharp, Wm - farmer
Smith, A - farmer
Stewart, Francis - farmer
Stewart, James
Stewart John, jr - farmer
Stewart John, sr - farmer
Stewart, Thomas - farmer
Thomas - farmer
Wilson, James - farmer

This partial list is reproduced with thanks from the collection of Frank Freir.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Another busy summer has just ended here at the museum. This year we have seen an increase in the number of visitors.

We have received donations of family histories:

- (1) The descendants of William Booth (1810-1895) compiled by Marian & Willis Buckingham
- (2) The Morris of Springhill (A Family History) compiled by Len Lemoine & Family.

We are pleased that our collection of family histories are expanding. A lot of time and hard work goes into such a project, but the information is of great value to other researchers.

Early in the summer Jim Rowan donated more copies of the publication "150 Years of St. Catherine's" a history of St. Catherine's parish and Metcalfe and sketches of St. Catherine's church; Cohen & Hoffman's General store; Sandy McPherson's Blacksmith Shop; Drill Hall; Robinson's Mill; the Pump Factory and Grist Mill, all in Metcalfe. A freelance artist has been contacted to find the best way to display the sketches.

From Peter Crerar a booklet of letters from his Crerar ancestors. They are the contents of a packet of letters, all but two brought out to Canada West in 1852 by John Crerar (1808-1886). The collection provides a glimpse of Crerar family dynamics in the 1830 - 1850 period, tenant farmers in Bredalbane.

At the end of August we had a visit from Mrs. Elizabeth MacLennan, her daughter Mrs. Marilyn Lawlor and grand daughter Leslie Lawlor. These ladies were researching the Kennedy family. Mrs. MacLennan's Mother, Elizabeth was a daughter of David Kennedy and Jane Wilkie, and she married Robert C. MacGregor. Mrs. MacLennan let us photocopy pages from her mother's bible. These were hand written dates of births, deaths, and marriages. She also donated a photo of David & Jane Kennedy with their son James W., daughters, Mrs. MacGregor, Mrs. James York (Campbell), Mrs. Peter Crerar, and Mrs. John Angus.

Approximately 40 descendants of the Timothy Iveson family gathered at the Museum on Sept. 7. Our president, Murray Little and some of our members were on hand to welcome our guests. Time was limited but everyone got a chance to look through letters, photos and artifacts that had been donated by the late Frances Iveson. At this time, a beautiful watch and case belonging to Timothy Iveson was presented to the museum on behalf of the Iveson family.

Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to help increase the valuable information in our Archives.

Donna Bowen

CURATOR'S REPORT

A number of items have come into our collection since last issue of the Newsletter.

David Gray donated a school text book entitled "Agriculture for Public Schools." On the inside cover is written "Sept. 1935 SS #10 Osgoode." This is a very interesting book that has chapters on all aspects of farming.

From Mrs. Dorothy Hammell, from her father's collection (Arthur Cameron, Metcalfe) the front page of the Citizen, Ottawa Nov. 11, 1918 - PEACE (Title 3" high) WORLD WAR ENDS; ARMISTICE SIGNED; KAISER IS OUT; REVOLUTION GROWS. Price per issue 2 cents.

Gordon Bowen of Vernon donated (1) A velvet lined pipe case with leather strap and a snap closing, and pipe. The pipe stem being amber colored, attached to a curved dark colored bowl. It belonged to his great grand father Edward Bowen. It looks to have not been used frequently. (2) A chanter for a bagpipe that is believed to have belonged to one of his McDiarmid ancestors. It was found in a grandfather clock.

The aforementioned pocket watch belonging to Timothy Iveson, along with a glass dome on walnut base for display. The watch has a duo-tone gold colored face with an inscription inside (was unable to re-open it, to reread the inscription)

From Murray Hall of Smiths Falls, a complete milk testing set with manual for testing whole milk - The Babcock method. Mr. Hall was R.O.P man in this area for many years. We are in hopes of having Mr. Hall speak to us at a meeting in the future.

Ann Leighton-Kyle

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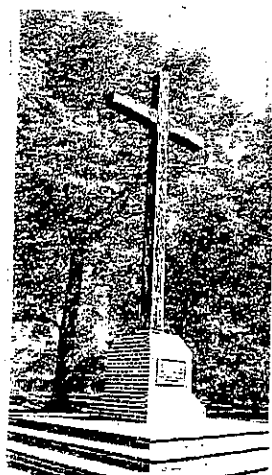
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THE EDITOR'S NOTES OF INTEREST

Descendent of "Pioneer Family of Osgoode" dies at age 101 years

Grant, Reverend Sister Marion (Anne Laura Grant) at Mount St. Joseph, Peterborough, Ont. Friday June 21, 1996, retired High School Teacher, pre-deceased by her parents, Thomas Grant and Anne Daley of Enniskerry. Sister Marion, the second child of this large family, born January 28, 1895, grand daughter of James Grant and Elizabeth McNally of Metcalfe, Great Grand daughter of Michael Daley and Elizabeth McGuire (Lot 14, Con 3). Sister received her education at Herberts Corner's School, Metcalfe High School, Ottawa Normal School and her B.A. at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.



Sister taught four years in Hawkesbury, Huntley and Osgoode before entering the convent "The Sisters of St. Joseph" in Peterborough in 1918, joining her elder sister, Mamie (Sister Flora), and a younger sister, Irene (Sister Anna Clara). Another sister Ethel, wife of Arthur Anderson (formerly of Vernon) was also a teacher.

Sister Marion, whose teaching career spanned more than half a century, included teaching at Coburg, Fort William, 1923-1930, St. Peters in Peterborough 1930-1961, as well as Lindsay 1961-1970.

While teaching she was also in charge of St. Cecilia's Convent (1950-1956), local Treasurer in Coburg (1970-1983), retiring to Mount St. Joseph in 1982. In May 1993, Sister Marion celebrated 75 years with the sisters of St. Joseph. On June 24, like the closing of a book, Sister Marion's body was interred in St. Peter Cemetery in Peterborough. The last of the four Grant sisters (born and raised in Enniskerry) whose combined teaching careers spanned over 100 years, helped to launch countless numbers of students on their journey through life, are now but a memory.

The Grant family name, Thomas Grant and his wife Anne Daley built their home on the Old Prescott Rd. in the hamlet of Enniskerry around the turn of the century, operating a General Store until his death Jan. 30, 1938. Thomas like his father before him, a master craftsman, a hewer of logs, barn framer, brick layer etc, is credited with many barns and homes still standing today in the township. Patrick Grant, brother of Thomas, operated a pump factory in the village of Metcalfe. Some of the drills for making wooden pumps have been donated to the museum by the Anderson Brothers, grandsons of Thomas Grant. (More on the Grant families in Vol. XIII and Vol XIV of Pioneer Families of Osgoode)

A "GHOST OF THE PAST" OR "A LINK WITH THE PAST" (well, call it what you will!) (But definitely.... "A NO NAME STORY")

Having delivered a number of copies of the last newsletter to a Senior's home in Osgoode Village, in leaving I was approached as I walked across the parking lot to my vehicle, by a gentleman who drove up beside me and said, "Mike stop in, I have something to show you." Knowing the gentleman, I knew it would relate to the past. Always eager to learn anything, whether it be in bits and pieces from Township history, I followed him home.

Commenting on the well kept farmstead set amidst evergreens and maples, with beautiful flower

gardens and well kept lawn, I walked with him to a machine shed at the back. Reaching up over his head, he took down a strange looking board. "Do you know what this is out of?" he asked me. I answered "no." Examining the board, it actually was a two by eight inch plank bevelled on both ends and roughly between five and six feet in length. It resembled a board that you might take out of the bottom of a molasses or pork barrel, of which many of us remember.

Mystified, I had to ask, "What is it out of?" He answered, "This is the last remnant, that we know of, of one of the illegal stills, (an apparatus for distilling alcoholic liquors) that once graced the bushlands of our township in years gone by."

This particular still, or part of it, served two purposes in its lifespan. The first purpose was to produce this alcoholic beverage. Set up in a bush lot in the township, the proprietor had to carry by hand one hundred pound bags of sugar and whatever other ingredients he needed to make the beverage. To use a horse and rig would leave tracks for some law abiding citizen to call in the authorities.

One such incident occurred in the winter time, the same day the proprietor had all his neighbours there to saw up the winter's wood into stove wood for the coming winter. The proprietor had just shipped a batch and had one bottle left in the house for such an occasion. That morning he spotted a team and sleigh nearing the farm house. He recognized the driver who had a resturant and sleepover, and also took would-be travellers to their destination. The driver was not alone - 'a surprise visit by a Law Officer.' Thinking his day had come, the proprietor quickly dropped the one remaining bottle into the hot water reservoir at the end of the stove.

The Law Officer on entering the house, enquired of the proprietor if he made illegal whiskey here, which he denied emphatically. The officer asked if he minded if he searched the house, which he did but to no avail. After the Law Officer went on his way, the bottle was rescued from the hot water reservoir. The liquid in that bottle was then depleted in the way and form in which it was intended in the first place.

At a later date the Law Officer did close down the illegal trade.

The second purpose was after the illegal operation had closed down, the authorities asked two farmers if they would remove the "still", which they did. They rebuilt a part of it in the cellar of one of the farm houses and for many years it was used as a cistern, eventually replaced by a concrete one.

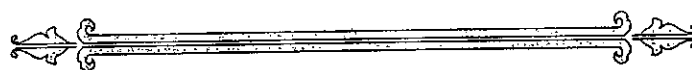
If this two by eight inch plank has brought a smile or rekindled a memory of your past, then I have achieved my purpose in writing about it.

Shur'n the way it was told to me

The first European to set foot in America was an "Irish Man." Patrick McGuire was his name. In preparations for his voyage of discovery, Christopher Columbus went via Ireland and Iceland. He was assisted by a skilled Irish sailor, Patrick McGuire and other Irish sailors to the new world in 1492.

When they drew near the shallows of the North American coast, to enable the boat to touch land, Patrick McGuire was the first man to jump out of the boat.

Michael Daley



WHAT'S IN A NAME - DISCOVERING HIGHLAND COUSINS - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Donald McNAUGHTON U.E. had a large family with many descendants, one of whom, Barbara DEVANEY visited me on my birthday in 1993. A son, John McNAUGHTON, was a well-known surveyor of the Ottawa Valley whose name appears on many early documents in our Archives. Dr. George NEVILLE sent me an article about him from The Biographies of Surveyors. John died December 1888, the same month as John STUART, his cousin, my great grandfather. How well did they know one another?

Gerri MacEWEN, wife of Dr. Pete MacEWEN of the Civic Hospital, a descendant of Janet McNAB-MacEWEN, is much involved in researching the MacEWEN Family. There were old letters from a Dr. James MacNAUGHTON of Albany, New York, addressed to his cousin in Beckwith. As well there was a page from the Albany paper lamenting the death of this famous Doctor who had died on a lecture tour in Paris. Checking my numerous McNAUGHTON cards I discovered the relationship. Dr. James, born in 1794, was the son of Alexander McNAUGHTON who married Janet McDONALD 1780. Janet McDONALD born Bolfracks, Weem Parish, Perthshire, 1762, was a daughter of Allan McDONALD and Grizel (Grace) KENNEDY married 1751. Grace McDONALD, born 1772, a younger sister of Janet had married Alexander McNAB, raised 10 children and come to Canada in 1832 to join 3 sons already here. They lived and died on the McNAB-FRASER farm, lot 32, Concession 8 Osgoode Township.

Allan and Grace McDONALD of Weem Parish (included parts of Aberfeldy) had 6 known children. We have considerable information on 3 of them:- John, born 1754, m 1789 Janet MENZIES and had 9 children, seven of whom lived longer than 80 years. In Osgoode there was John's son, James, who came to Ormond with his bride in 1832, had a family of 12 children, and by now there are c3000 descendants. John's daughter, Catherine, married her cousin, John McNAB in 1833 and was the first bride in Osgoode. They were bonded by Colin McNAB & John McDONALD, brothers of the couple. Catherine died in Kenmore in her 80th year. Sister Grace McDONALD was grandmother of the RUTHERFORDS. Alex Cameron RUTHERFORD, first premier of Alberta, was honoured by the erection of a Provincial Historical Plaque on our Museum grounds. Brother Allan McDONALD started the Woolen Mill in Carleton Place. He had spent 2 years at Albany, NY, before coming to Ontario. He died in Carleton Place age 77. Brother Alexander McDONALD, "The Dyer" remained in Aberfeldy, unmarried, where he operated the Woolen Mills. His Estate of \$80,000 was divided amongst the other 8 members of the family.

In 1792, Janet McDONALD and Alexander McNAUGHTON bought the Mill on nearby Remony Estate - on the south east end of Loch Tay, in the area from which many families came to Osgoode:- McLarens, McAndrews, McEwens, McArthurs, Campbells, McDougalls, Crerars. The McNAUGHTONS had 10 children, 7 sons and 3 daughters:- Donald, Catharine, Grizel, John, Alex'r, Catharine, Allan, James, Patrick, Patrick. A Patrick and a Catharine died young. Dr. James MacNAUGHTON of Albany certainly had numerous cousins in Osgoode. the McNAUGHTON family to which he belonged was recognized in the very valuable publication by The Rev. William GILLIES. In *Famed Breadalbane* I was fortunate to obtain a copy on my first visit to Scotland in 1976. The careers of the father, Alexander and of his 6 scholarly sons were described. But the names of mother and daughters were omitted. For the 3rd son Alexander, the comment was - "became a Doctor of Medicine, entered the Royal Navy,

died young."

Duncan MacDONALD of Brockville, with roots in Glengarry, is a tireless publisher of genealogical information on Glengarry. He is now publishing a finding aid for all Petitions to the Government from the Glengarry immigrants. Knowing of my McNAUGHTON interest, he sent me a copy of an 1848 request from a *Helen McNAUGHTON, widow of Alexander McNAUGHTON, retired Surgeon from the Royal Navy;- Alexander McNAUGHTON oldest son and heir, now of Albany, formerly of Montreal, would claim the 800 acres in Osgoode granted his father - lots 25,26,27 in the 5th concession and the east halves of lots 25 and 27 in the 10th concession.*

The 600 acres in the 5th concession lie 2 miles north of the property on which I live, pt lot 35 con 5, property bought 1831 by my great great grandfather Colin McNAB for his father. Colin also bought lot 36 for himself, lot 37 was brother Peter's. How much contact did these cousins have here in the wilderness of Canada? And lot 27 in the 10th concession is adjacent to lot 28 settled by my great grandfather John McDONALD in 1830 (a different McDonald family). John was born in Port Seton, near Edinburgh and was one of the Sappers & Miners working on the Rideau Canal 1827-1832. How would they know one another? Was Alexander, Surgeon to some of Col. BY's men?



In addition to the account of the MacNAUGHTON sons in the Breadalbane book, their genealogical record is available in other sources; Donald Allan Macnaughton M.A (OXON) of Edinburgh, Hon Canon of Newcastle Cathedral, a descendant of the 2nd son John, published 1988 *A Highland Family - The MACNAUGHTONS of Remony, 1750-1930*: which includes copies of

a few letters that the sons sent home to the parents. From Alexander we have a letter written to his father from Paris June 30, 1821. The war was over and now he was idle. He and a friend were planning to walk to Switzerland, 100 miles, cost 5 sh, then a Swiss tour of 80-90 miles, the Rhine Valley and Lyon, Marseilles, Montpellier - the most celebrated school in France - Toulon until he would be familiar with Italian, Naples, Rome, all Italy on foot. Back here in 12 months. Comment by Dr. Donald Macnaughton: *It would be good to know more of the adventures of this gallant naval surgeon, who travelled so far from his native Remony.*

Alistair Duncan MILLAR, the present Laird of the Remony Estate, published 1995 *A BIT OF BREADALBANE*, which includes a detailed account of his property and the area around it and again there is the MacNAUGHTON genealogy. For Alexander there is merely (Surgeon R.N)

When I visited Scotland in the past, I always shopped at *MacNAUGHTONS of Pitlochry* for fine woolens. I knew we had information in Osgoode which would be of interest to their family. These descendants of Donald, the oldest son in the family, had been Woolen Manufacturers at Pitlochry since 1835. At the store I was given the name and phone number of Blair MacNAUGHTON who, along with his son Allan, owns and manages their world-wide business from Moulin, near by. The father came and took me to his home and then to the factory where I saw a young lady using a coloured computer to construct new plaids and another designing patters for cloths. An attractive sweater in the store was priced at 600 pounds. There was the show room displaying for prospective buyers the beautiful products and a very large storage building for goods that would be shipped world-wide.

I was driven to Aberfeldy where I would spend the next 3 nights and where Blair discovered that the new owner of Balnearn Hotel, a John MacLAURIN was a former friend from school days. I was driven on to

Kenmore and shown the MacNaughton Window in the 200 year old church. The window portrayed some Canadian emblems. Blair's father and uncle had worked in Canada before their father called them home to take over the business. His father had volunteered for WW1 from Canada. As well the window honoured others of the family - Professor John MacNAUGHTON of Queens, McGill, Toronto. I saw the reconstruction of a Pictish water home in the Loch off shore from Acharn. Remnants of such homes had been discovered in the water years ago. Blair stated that he had been in practically every city in Canada except Ottawa. In October he is speaker at the Scottish Games in Atlanta, GA. My nephew, John STUART, expects to meet him there.

From his book "A BIT OF BREADALBANE", Mr. Miller in speaking about the woolen business at Pitlochry relates; "In June 1960, Blair Macnaughton, then head of the firm advertised his intention to beat the Throckmorton Record made in 1811. My wife and I attended the clipping in a park behind the Pitlochry cinema at 8:00 a.m., then after all the processes of manufacture were completed, in the evening to guests of honour at dinner, Blair appeared wearing the finished jacket to the newly composed pipe tune 'Blair Macnaughton's jacket', having beaten the record by seven hours and ten minutes. The whole world of woolen manufacturing was present. It was a great occasion ...Blair is reported in 1994 to be able to get into it."

On Sunday, July 7, Elizabeth McDIARMID visited me at Aberfeldy and took me to see the Scottish thousand acre hillside farm of her brother Donald, at Lawers. A jeep took us a mile downhill to the ruins of the old village on the north shore of Lochtayside. The walls of the church built in 1669 still stand. The graveyard is still used. On Monday Elizabeth drove me around the present Remony Estate. The last owner of the woolen business there, a Peter MacNAUGHTON, died without heirs.

Recent research has shown that Alexander MacNAUGHTON's Osgoode property was to be forfeited in 1840 for non-performance of settlement duties, but it was found that he had died, the children had gone to Albany and Dr. James was the Executor. I am using the Albany census to follow the families there. There were three McNAUGHTON physicians in 1871, James, his younger brother Peter and Peter's son. And Alexander McNAUGHTON Jr. was married and had a son Alexander. More to follow in the next Newsletter. Record at the Ontario Archives of the Heir and Devisee Commission which looked after Intestate Estates will give particulars of the family.

We have various Allan MacNAUGHTONS, many Allan McDONALDS, Allan, McNAB, Allan McLEAN, Allan McIntOSH, Allan FERGUSON - related through that first ancestor ALLAN McDONALD.

Elizabeth Stuart

NEWSCLIPPING FROM AROUND 1868

The following lines were penned a short time ago by Miss Jane Ferguson, S.S. No. 9 Township of Osgoode and read in the Victoria Hall, Metcalfe on the 27th of December last.

It will be necessary to state the circumstances under which they originated. In December of 1867, a similar contest took place there, and among the prizes awarded, was one for the best original composition. This young Miss Ferguson, besides some others, competed for this prize. When all the papers had been read, it was considered by many, that hers was the best piece, but the committee appointed to decide to whom the prize should be awarded considered that Miss Ferguson's production was too good to have emanated from such youthful brain as hers, or in other words that it was not original and consequently gave to another the prize. Thereby stigmatizing her as plagiarist. Feeling that she had been

unjustly treated, she left that evening with the fixed determination of convincing those parties at some future time of the injustice they had done her.

Accordingly at this last competition she again far outstripped any of her competitors, and was awarded the first prize. To her paper was appended the following lines, which we are informed was one of her first attempts at versification:

*For the following piece, I beg excuse
And own its all frivolity,
That we have some originality.*

*'Tis now a year or something more
Since we met in Metcalfe village,
'Twas there if I remember well
That some were charged with pillage.*

*The charge tough indirectly given
We learned with proud disdain
As if we there, had something read
Not found in youthful brain.*

*Supposing it were really true,
We need not blush for shame,
Where is the one entirely free
Who ever rose to fame?*

*If half be true, that we have heard,
Both ministers and priests,
Deal largely in old foreign ware
And feed their flocks from crisps.*

*Why should not we whose scanty store
Is ever running dry,
Be privileged with a few old books
To keep us in supply?*

*Why should poor lads and lassies young,
Who have but little gumps,
Be barred from turning o'er a leaf,
To rob old Father Humps?*

*But if to prove true authorship,
Our scraps you scrutinized,
'Twill only prove like Dr. Punch,
Who used his cane to cure the flies.*

*The meanest intellect can forge,
And gain a prize perchance
With just so much of what his own
To prove himself a dunce.*

*The fluttering thing of feathered weight
Came moping in disguise,
It left with some the honoured name,
And gave to one the prize.*

From the Historical Society Archives



100 YEARS AGO

Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite, upon his death in 1896 left a will stipulating that income from much of his fortune should provide annual prizes to those who had given humanity the greatest benefit. These prizes, a cash award of about \$900,000 and a medallion was to go to the most significant work in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and economics and contribution to the cause of peace, in the previous year.

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN 1896

- * Puccini: La Boheme, opera in Turin
- * William Ramsay discovered Helium
- * Ernest Rutherford: Magnetic Waves
- * Niagara Falls hydro electric plant opened
- * French physicist A.H. Becquerel discovers radioactivity
- * First modern Olympics held in Athens
- * First Alpine Ski School founded at Lilienfeld, Aust.
- * Royal Victorian Order founded
- * Beginning of Klondike gold rush, Bonanza Creek, Canada

Kemptville Advance

Excerpts from the Historical Society Archives

Nov 26, 1891

Married: MURPHY-McGAHEY - Maggie, daughter of Mr. John Murphy Esq. of Kemptville to Dr. R.P. McGahey, Nov. 25.

Died: McDONALD - Mrs. James McDonald, Oxford Mills at residence of daughter Mrs. H. Agnew, born Garden Parish Scotland, Aug. 1812. Married Geo Spotswood and James McDonald, 9 children

Dec. 3, 1891

Died: EADIE - Geo Eadie of Manotick, about age 65.
Died: ORR - Mr & Mrs John Orr aged settlers at Manotick, within 24 hours of each other.

Dec. 10, 1891

Died: CAMPBELL - Mrs. Peter, an old resident of the county of Russell
Died: FENTON - Samuel Fenton of Ventnor, Dec. 8, about 62 years old leaves widow, 1 daughter, 5 sons.
Died: McVEETOR - Samuel McVeetor formerly blacksmith at North Gower died Sudbury about age 35, widow, 4 children

Dec. 17, 1891

Died: POTTER - Mrs Andrew Potter, North Gower Township

Dec. 24, 1891

Died: MORGAN - Ira Morgan hit by railway car in Ottawa, U.E.L. descent, settled in Twp. of Osnabruck, born 1828, removed to Osgoode when about 20 years (long obit)

Feb. 12, 1903

Died: CAMPBELL - D. Archy Campbell formerly clerk and Assistant Postmaster in W.T. Cieland's store in Reid's Mills, born in Vernon, died in Cranbrook, B.C. from Typhoid Fever.

Feb 26, 1903

Married: LINDSAY-WILSON- Maggie, youngest d/o Mr. J.D. Lindsay of Kars to Mr. S.E. Wilson.
Married: TOBIN-McGAHEY - Mary Tobin of Dawson to Mr. Timothy McGahey of Kemptville at St. John's Church on Feb. 18.

May 9, 1907

Reid's Mills - Miss Bertha Grey returned to her home in Metcalfe on Thursday after spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jackson Clarke.
Vernon - Mrs. Peter Dalglish after so many years of suffering passed peacefully away a few days ago. Her remains were interred in Springhill cemetery as was Miss Eliza McMartin of Ottawa on Sunday last.
- Mr. B. Moses has sold "Dolly Varden" to Mr. James Simpson, Metcalfe

May 16, 1907

Dalmeny - Mrs. Mary Dockstader of Winnipeg and Mrs. Chas Acres of Vernon visited in this vicinity recently.
Belmeade - Mr Hudson Byers last Sunday was the guest of Mrs George Acres.
- Mr. Hudson Dockstader has started farming on a large scale with an increased stock of milkers. He is fortunate in having his sister Millie to keep house for him.

May 27, 1907

Dalmeny - Mr. G.A. McDiarmid of New Orleans, accompanied by his sister Miss McDiarmid of Windsor, passed through town on their way to visit their uncle Mr. Hugh McDiarmid of Vernon before leaving for Montreal where they will be joined by their brother and proceed to Europe.
- Mr. J.G. Ferguson has returned from McMaster where he has just recently received his B.A. degree.

June 13, 1907

Vernon - Mr & Mrs B. Moses, Thelma & Freda spent a few days of last week at Greenbank, City View & Ottawa.
- Mr & Mrs W.J Moses spent Sunday with B. Moses and Mrs Kennedy

June 22, 1907

Dalmeny - Miss Pearl Helmer is visiting in Ottawa
Miss Christie McLaren of Vernon who has been visiting her nieces Misses L & M.J McDiarmid has returned home.

June 25, 1907

Vernon - Mrs. James Dalglish was a delegate to the Baptist convention to Stonefield, Que. last week.

July 4, 1907

Vernon - Messrs R Maxwell and son of Manotick, bought Mr. E. Bowen's driving horse on Monday last.

July 11, 1907

Carleton County Entrance Exams
Among those who were successful at the entrance examinations throughout Carleton County were the following:
Kars Centre - Irene Butler (honours), Violetta Craig, Leafie Fennell (honours), Mabel Green, Phoebe Highland, F. Graham, John H. Lewis (honours), Fergus O'Connell (honours), Sandy Scobie, Harold Wallace (honours).
Manotick - Dennis Bergin, Jessie Bradley (honours), Isobel Dunlop, Stella Duncan, Gladstone Doyle, Charles Findlay, Tena Findlay, Edith Gordon, Brown Lee, Michael Melounghney, Graham Montgomery, Florence Nolan (honours), Alma Pettapiece, Pearl Spratt, Lila Spratt, Celia Teevens, Gladys Wilson.
Metcalfe Centre - B. Wallace Blair, Hanna A. Carson, Ida E. Comrie, Russell Dow, Anna Gillesie, Nelson H. James, Mamie E. Kennedy (honours), P.J. Kearns, Emma Miller, Charles Mulloy, Mabel McVey, Bella A. Porteous, Elsie W. Shaver, John Roy Watson, T. Kenneth Waddell.
Osgoode Station - Florence Blanchfield, Mabel Boyd, Eddie Mussell, Maggie Smith
Vernon Centre - George Carlyle, May Cowan, Ruth Campbell, Dan P. Ferguson, Jessie Ferguson, Kathryn McConnell, Laura Rutherford, Alex Stuart.

July 19, 1907

Dawson - Mr W.J Tobin, CPR operator of Pearl Station has returned to his home for the holidays.
- Mr & Mrs J. Gillesie of Kenmore renewed acquaintances here.

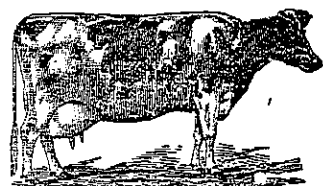
July 20, 1907

Dalmeny - Mrs J Stevens of Athens is the guest of her daughter Mrs J.C. Stuart
- Misses Jessie Ferguson and Katherine McConnell and Master D.P Ferguson were successful in passing the Entrance Exam.

Aug 6, 1907

Dawson - Miss Minnie & Annie McEvoy and bro Leo spent Sunday at South Gloucester
- A large number left this morning on the Ottawa Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre.

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