



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

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"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

2008 Tartan Day Message.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Proclamation signed by then Premier Frank McKenna making April 6th and every April 6th thereafter Tartan Day in New Brunswick. It is a day set aside to recognize the contribution made, and continued to be made, by Scottish immigrants and their descendants. It is a day that we ask everyone to wear a piece of Tartan to recognize the day and its importance.

Back in 1993, the province only had one Highland Games celebrating our Scottish Heritage and culture. How things have changed - 2008 will see three very strong Highland Games. The season begins with the Gathering of the Scots in Perth-Andover in May. It continues on in June with the Moncton Highland Games and finishes with the provincial games - The New Brunswick Highland Games and Scottish Festival.

In addition to these events, which celebrate all things Scottish, the province has two very strong study groups learning the Gaelic language. The groups help individuals keep our ancient language alive in New Brunswick. It is not only at Highland Games will you hear someone speak the Gaelic it could be at a coffee shop or at a local book store.

Another notable accomplishment we have seen is how the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi has restored and opened Wilson Point tourist attraction to the public. This site has a reconstructed church and many of the grave stones have been restored. I encourage everyone to take the time to visit this site.

In the fall of 2007, the NB Scottish-Cultural Association began the provincial historical project that will see all the information on immigrants to New Brunswick in the early 19th collected and stored in one place. This collection will be available to all and will provide a wealth of information for those who come after us.

In 2007, we saw the first compressive book on Scottish Pioneers in New Brunswick written, published and entitled “ With Axe and Bible” by Lucille H. Campey. If you haven’t had the chance to read this book, I hope that you will take the opportunity to do so.

Our Scottish culture in New Brunswick is alive, well and being celebrated. We have so much to be proud of and share with our neighbours and friends. I hope you will join me on April 6th and wear a piece of Tartan to show your support. I also invite you to take part in the many different events planned throughout the province.

Happy Tartan Day!

Dan Taylor
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