



# The Cairngorm Echo



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Association of Canada*

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## THE NATIONAL HORSE OF SCOTLAND

The Clydesdale was developed in the county of Lanark, Scotland. Commonly known as "Clydesdale District". **John Patterson**, tenant farmer of Lochlyoch in the parish of Carmichael, Co. of Lanark, sometime during 1715 to 1720 brought in a Flemish stallion from England (these horses are known as Belgian horses today) and crossed this breed with the mares of Scotland. The offspring became quite well noted during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. They were described as having "white on legs, gray hairs in tail, and sometimes over body, white on belly, this being proof of purity of blood."

Prior to 1870 the Clydesdales were only imported here to Canada, and there they flourished. After 1880 Scotland began shipping to the USA although many were purchased in Canada prior to that date. Three words depict this wonderful horse, "strength, agility and docility".

When you see these beautiful animals today, thank a Farquharson Clansman.



# THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF CLAN FARQUHARSON

By Ross Christie, President

The Band is getting ready for its performance season. This year we look to having 14 engagements beginning with the Apple Blossom

Parade in Annapolis Valley. June 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending with the Truro Santa Clause Parade on November 25<sup>th</sup>. People can check the band portion of our website for details [www.clanfarquharsoncanada.ca](http://www.clanfarquharsoncanada.ca)

This year we are looking at three special, one time, engagements. We have been asked to be the duty band at the Halifax Highland Games, July 7<sup>th</sup> (Clan Farquharson will also be the Clan of Honour at the Games), we are registered for "Pipefest Parade" on July 8<sup>th</sup> and we will play for the Clan Dinner on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Band continues to grow. We have three experienced, new to us, pipers out with us. Last years snare drum student should be on the street this summer, and we have acquired a new drum student. We will be close to eighteen in number by mid-summer.

We invite all Clan Members to come out and experience our performances, parades or concerts. Have a listen, have a chat. You might decide the Band is the place for you. All new recruits are welcome. Telephone: 902-835-2259.



## FARQUHARSON CLAN BADGE

The Scots fir tree is listed as the Farquharson tree. Many Clans wore their plant on their bonnet when entering into a battle as there was little enough time to recognize your opponent in a battle or time to look at tartans. Some Clans would have two tartans on at the same time. The Clans at a glance wearing the Crabapple, Fir, Juniper, Oak and Pine (Buchanan, Farquharson, Fletcher, Grant, Gunn, Lamont, Murray, MacAlpine, MacDuff, MacGregor, MacQuarrie, MacRae, Stewart and Watson), the Heather, Braken, the whortleberry or Cranberry (Cameron, Davidson, MacAlister, MacAulay, MacDonald, MacGillivray, MacIntyre, Mackinnon, MacPherson, and Robertson). These Clans were all friendly to the Stewart Cause. The Stewarts themselves wore the Oak but also wore the Thistle. One needed only to see the plant and the badge to see if you were facing friend or foe. However, sadly to say I expect there were many mistakes made just as we have "friendly fire" today in our "modern" warfare.



Spring, 2007

Greetings to All from Halifax.

As Spring feels as though its' finally arrived for good, we eagerly look forward to this year's premier event ... the 2007 International Gathering of the Clans to be held in Nova Scotia. Not only will our Clan be participating, but we have been selected as the Clan of Honour for the Halifax Highland Games, to be held during the Gathering. The Clan Farquharson Association of Canada has struck an event committee and they have been busy finalizing plans for an eventful and enjoyable Gathering for all our friends from around the World! It will be a most memorable time, certainly one not to be missed! If anyone requires further information on the event or travel to or within Nova Scotia, please don't hesitate to contact us.

On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Executive, especially David and Lise, who have facilitated my transition into the position of President. Without the dedication and efforts of the entire Executive, and all provincial representatives, our Association would not continue to be as strong as it is. I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire Clan Association, to acknowledge and express our appreciation to Mr. Robert Findlay for all the time and effort he has given to the Clan over the years. I wish Robert all the best and look forward to seeing him at many events over the coming years.

I should also point out that, beginning with this issue, Ms. Jean Watson has agreed to serve as the editor for our Newsletter. For those of you who have yet to have the pleasure of her acquaintance, you will find that she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in all things Scottish and I know you will enjoy and look forward to her manuscripts as much as I do.

As you read through this issue, I trust you will agree that all the activities and events happening this summer are an excellent opportunity to come and visit, or return to, "New Scotland". I look forward to meeting you all.

In your service,  
Sean Christie, President,  
Clan Farquharson Association of Canada

## **The Gathering of Clan Farquharson News**

Submitted by Dave Porter

The Gathering of the Clan Committee has met a number of times over the past year and have put in a great amount of work in planning and organising activities for the Gathering of Clan Farquharson from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to the 9<sup>th</sup> of July this summer. Now that plans are almost finalised our programme looks very interesting. The only thing required now is to have our fellow members come and join with us for a few enjoyable days meeting and getting acquainted with our many members from across the country. Perhaps we shall even meet, again, with some members that have been here for past Clan events.

Our Summer/Autumn newsletter that was sent out last November listed our daily activities and also noted some tourist sites and attractions of interest. As well, these sites were accompanied with the applicable website so that everyone could look up any information that they might think would help them plan their visit to Nova Scotia. There were tourist attractions from around the Halifax Metropolitan Region as well as all over the province which can be visited either before or after our own gathering activities.

Information was also given in our last newsletter about how to order tourist guide books as well as festival and event books that would give you many great ideas to work into your visit. Also of importance, we listed the toll free telephone number for obtaining not only tourist information but also finding accommodations and making reservations. Here it is again:- 1-800-565-0000.

If anyone does not still have a copy of their last newsletter they can look up past newsletters on our website at:- [www.clanfarquharsoncanada.ca](http://www.clanfarquharsoncanada.ca) under the newsletter tab or e-mail David Porter at:- [oggin@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:oggin@ns.sympatico.ca) and a copy will be e-mailed to you.

\*\*Editors Note: Dave's Address is found under the Executive's Listing on the last page.

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### **For Toronto and Area.**

**Andrew McKinnon**

Presents

## ***Scotland the Brave***

at the Roy Thomson Hall

on June 16, 2007 at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

The smash hit celebration of the best of Scottish music, song and dance. A spectacular production with over 100 performers on stage including full orchestra, choir, pipe band and drum corps, highland dancers and soloists.

Many of you may not have ever heard of **Tartan Day, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tartan Day was started here in Nova Scotia by the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia (of which we are Members) in 1986. We are celebrating **our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** This date has spread Canada-wide with the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly recognizing it on April 6, 1987, Ontario Dec. 19, 1991, British Columbia Mar. 25, 1992, Prince Edward Island April 2, 1992, Saskatchewan April 6, 1992, Manitoba April 6, 1992, Alberta April 6, 1992, New Brunswick December 1992, Newfoundland April 6, 1995, and Quebec December 18, 2003.

Once it was approved in Ontario the United States picked it up as well, then Australia, New Zealand and around the world. If you have a computer and type in **Tartan Day** many sites will come up with stories of what they do on this date.

When this date was started it was felt we needed our own date to honour the Scots in Canada who came and strived for a better life. We needed to honour their accomplishments, and tell our children that they do have heroes to look up to in the Scottish Culture in our own country. We are happy to have the Scots in other countries now celebrating with us. Check with the Scottish Societies in your province and see what they are doing for Tartan Day and get in on the fun.

Due to Easter, **In Halifax on April 4<sup>th</sup>**, Tartan Day celebrations will be held at the Legislative Assembly at 10:00 a.m. Official Opening, followed by entertainment. **Pictou on April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 the International Flag will be raised and Tartan Day celebrations and entertainment will be held at the Hector Trust Center, Haliburton Road.

Wear your tartan to church on Tartan Day Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> or to work, play or worship.

April 14th

### TRIBUTE TO TARTAN DAY DINNER

Once again the Stewart/Stuart Association of Nova Scotia will host the "Tribute to Tartan Day Dinner" in April, on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**, **Tickets are \$18.00 each** and may be purchased at 902-864-1994 (Jean) The Association regrets the increase in price however last year they took quite a loss with a lower price. It will again be held at the St. Margaret's Anglican Church Hall, 3761 Robie Street, (North End). Salad, Tea/Coffee, Hot Roast Beef, pie assortment. Various Entertainment. Door Prizes. The event starts at 6:30 Sharp! Come and enjoy a night out with all the Clans.

### TWO EVENTS YOU MAY WISH TO ATTEND

#### CULLODEN DAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

Knoydart, just outside Lismore, Pictou Co. will be the scene of the Memorial Service. March off 11:00 a.m. sharp. Park on highway, bring boots for damp ground, dress warm. Pipers, banners, flags. Lay a wreath if you wish. Refreshments following at Lismore Hall and Entertainment. Usually 300 or more in attendance. Donation for hot dinner. Music, dancing and guest speaker. Stones in the cross on cairn from Culloden Battle Field. donated to Nova Scotia.

#### CLAN LAMONT MEMORIAL

June 3, 2007, Clan Lamont of Canada will host a short Memorial Service by the crabapple trees at Fultz House Museum, Lower Sackville. Corner Sackville Dr. and Cobequid Road, parking off Cobequid Road on Memory Lane. This will be followed by a lunch in the Museum. Soup, rolls, sandwiches, sweets, tea/coffee. (Small fee \$6.00)  
Entertainment All Welcome

**Letters To the Society:**

I'm writing to let you know about an excellent new non-commercial publication for Scots everywhere - and to ask for your help!

It's an illustrated guide to kilts, especially for anyone wondering about wearing traditional Scottish dress for the first time, which is impartial, simple, clear, and informative. And best of all, it's free.

The work covers most questions everyone asks, from why it's so great to wear a kilt; to choosing the right style; to finding your tartan, or other materials; to finding a good quality kilt maker; to what to wear with it for different occasions; and so on.

There are also important warnings about the serious threat to our heritage posed by a new breed of unethical traders. I say 'important' as they are fast destroying traditional skills and authentic producers and the Scottish community worldwide needs to know about it.

It's the product of years of dealing with thousands of enquiries about every aspect of buying kilts and tartans. I knew that the time had come to condense it all down into a simple guide. So with much help from colleagues and indeed from competitors, this is the result:

<http://www.scotweb.co.uk/nick/buyingyourkilt/>

PLEASE HELP spread the word to your colleagues and contacts. Do send this message on to your personal friends and family. But especially we'd love if you could add its address to your web site, newsletter, and/or blog, etc. We would hugely value your contribution to our cause in doing this.

And finally, all feedback is very welcome. It's nice if this is constructive of course. :-) But please do point out where I've missed things, got it wrong, or just committed howlers. I will correct and update as I want it to be as accurate and inclusive as possible.

Thanks! And please just ask if I can help in any other way.

Warmest regards Nick Fiddes (Dr)

Founder, Scotweb

Governor, Scottish Tartans Authority

<http://www.xmarksthescot.com/forum/showthread.php?t=2>

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**A BIT OF INFORMATION YOU MAY OR MAY NOT ALREADY KNOW**

A kilt maker from Scotland is now established at the Scottish Lion (Little Scotland) at 95 Akerley Blvd., Burnside Industrial Park, Dartmouth, N. S. Telephone: 902-468-9084

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I wonder...do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

The excitement of Christmas is only a distant memory now. Winter is here and it is cold as usual. The high-light so far this winter was, a Burns Supper. I did take my own suggestion and again this Christmas gave that "Special Gift", an invitation to a Burns Supper. This event has been sponsored for the last several years by our local Pipe Band. This sure is a pleasant way to breakup the doldrums of a long winter.

Spring will eventually come and we are already giving thought to the summer's activities.

We will only be able to attend two Highland Games this summer.

June....9, 2007 Georgetown Highland Games

July....21, 2007 Highland of Durham Games (Held in Uxbridge)

The next big event this year is the Gathering of our Clan, in Nova Scotia. You will be mailed further information about this event. I do encourage all members to plan to attend. This is a great event!

A Wee Joke in closing: One day a Mother asked her son if he said his prayers before eating. His reply was, "I don't have to Mom, you are a good cook."

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FROM THE PANTRY "bho an seomar shoithichean"

[It's Maple Sugar Time, here is a tasty treat for your Spring Dinner](#)

### MAPLE CHICKEN

2 lb (1 kg) chicken pieces  
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup (50 ml) vegetable oil  
1/2 cup (125 ml) maple syrup  
2 Tbsp (30 ml) cider vinegar  
2 Tbsp (30 ml) sherry  
2 Tbsp (30 ml) soya sauce  
2 tsp (10 ml) ground ginger  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper  
1/4 tsp (1 ml) paprika

Coat chicken pieces well with flour. In large nonstick fry pan, add vegetable oil. Cook for 5 minutes, browning well, turn often. Arrange in 9" x 12" baking dish. In small bowl, mix together maple syrup, vinegar, sherry, soya sauce, ginger, garlic, pepper and paprika. Pour over chicken evenly. Bake at 350° F for 45 minutes to 1 hour, turning once during baking. Cover with foil, if browning too quickly. Garnish with freshly chopped parsley.

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Interesting Items: To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

No more Mosquitoes: Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

(Lets hope this works!!!)

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*“The Braes Of Mar”*

*Farewell, ye braes of broad Braemar, From you my feet must travel far,  
Thou high-peak'd steep-cliff'd Loc –na-Gar, Farewell, farewell for ever!  
Thou lone green glen where I was born, Where free I stray'd in life's bright morn,  
From thee my heart is rudely torn, And I shall see thee never!*

*The braes of Mar with heather glow, The healthful breezes o'er them blow,  
The gushing torrents from them flow, That swell the rolling river.  
Strong hills that nursed the brave and free, On banks of clear, swift-rushing Dee,  
My widow'd eyne no more shall see Your birchen bowers for ever!*

*Farewell thou broad and bare Muiedhui, Ye stout old pines of lone Glen Lui,  
Thou forest wide of Ballochbuie, Farewell, farewell for ever!  
In you the rich may stalk the deer, Thou'lt know the tread of prince and peer;  
But oh, the poor man's heart is drear To part from you for ever!*

*May God forgive our haughty lords, For whom our fathers drew their swords;  
No tear for us their pride affords, No bond of love they sever.  
Farewell ye braes of broad Braemar, From bleak Ben Aon to Loch-na-Gar –  
The friendless poor is banished far From your green glens for ever!*

This poem was written by John Stuart Blackie, Professor of Greek in the University of Edinburgh. He was born in Glasgow in the year 1809. He was a master of the German language, as well as Latin and Greek, a student of the Arts, Language and Literature traveling over Europe to study. Although he wrote many articles and books it was in 1857 he published the first works that brought him into the light as a Scottish Poet. It is said of Professor Blackies writings that he had “deep religious feeling, great simplicity, earnestness, and manliness, confidence in the goodness of men, and delight in everything that is pure, beautiful, and honest, with thorough detestation of all falsehood”.

**A Wee One**

Customer: I would like to buy a guitar, please  
Shop Proprietor: You are a piper, aren't you?  
Customer: How could you possibly know that?  
Shop Proprietor: This is a hardware store!

**EUREKA DINNER AUCTION: PICTOU COUNTY**

If you like dinner auctions, the Federation of Scottish Clans will be holding one at the Eureka Fire Hall on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Rain or shine. Evening. Donated items are needed. A great hot dinner will be put on by the Fire Dept..For tickets Contact Fiona MacLean at 902-863-2233 [Maclean\\_20@msn.com](mailto:Maclean_20@msn.com) This event was so much fun last year people have been asking for the Federation to hold another one..... so “come on down” or “up”.

## GENEALOGY: By Lise Porter

When I was a little girl, Sunday afternoons was family time at my paternal grandparents' home. My father came from a very large family of mostly girls, only 2 boys having survived into adulthood, an uncle and my father. The house was very weirdly built and in the dining room there was a small alcove where my grandmother's rocking chair was situated. This we could see from the front door as soon as we opened the inside door of the vestibule. We, the children would make our way to grandmother's chair curtsy and said good afternoon, then we would be shooed away as grandmother was "not feeling very well" according to the old aunts. Therefore, we never really got to know this gentle creature who would do as the eldest daughters would tell her. I think that peace at all cost was better than anything else. My grandmother died when I was 25 years of age but she did see her first two great-grandchildren. Ever since I started doing our families' histories, I have wondered what information she could have passed on that I could have told our own children about and ever since regretted having obeyed our elders and gone out to play. I know very little about my father's cousins and, what I call, side families, but I have found a lot of information about his line. Luckily, these people were Roman Catholics and it sure helps even now in doing family research. The point of the foregoing is a plea to all parents and grandparents as well as aunts and uncles, to talk to children about their antecedents, where they come from, what they did, etc.. Pass on the family lore and photographs to the younger generations so they also can appreciate the lives of their forebears.

I often wonder what the lives of my antecedents were like. Therefore, I like to read about the "good old times", the events that influenced perhaps the places where these people lived and worked in. What clothes did they wear, what food did they eat, how was it prepared, did they start their lives in a log cabin or a regular house. These are all sorts of things which will enrich your genealogies and make telling the stories even more interesting. When dealing with the emigration of your ancestors, what caused them to come across the ocean and endure weeks/months of terrible conditions at sea, starvation and diseases. One has to admire their courage and tenacity if only because they survived in the new world. They may not have been rich in material things, but they certainly had a lot of internal fortitude and determination. All this has to be told to the younger generations so that they also can appreciate all the things that have contributed to making them who they are today. A house without foundation will not last very long and the same can be applied to our lives. If we do not take care of what our foundations were how can we, in turn, appreciate all that we have. So please, make notes of the past, yours as well, and pass it on.

In the American "Family Tree" of October 2006 issue, two articles dealing with the preservation of 'treasures'. The first, entitled "Safe keeping of antique books" and I quote:

"Old diaries, family Bibles and other books need a cool, clean, dry environment – no hot attics, damp basements or direct sun. Avoid using leather oil too. On a bookshelf, group similar-sized tomes, and don't pack them too tightly. Remove one by gently grasping the center – not the top – of the spine, and support the covers rather than letting them flop open. Use cotton twill binding (instead of paper clips, tape, rubber bands or string) to temporarily secure a falling-apart book and have an archival supplier make a box for it." The second article dealt with storing things in a cedar chest. Never store acid-free papers nor photos in a cedar chest or for that matter in any wooden box. Clothing should be first wrapped in acid-free tissue paper. You can purchase archival containers from reputable firms and prices are coming down for them.

This is all for this time, as summer approaches. I hope you will find many more bits of information for your family histories.

All the best, Lise.

2009 Homecoming Scotland, return to Scotland for this year of celebrations.  
[www.homecomingscotland.com](http://www.homecomingscotland.com)

#### SOME SUMMER EVENTS IN NOVA SCOTIA

Events not listed here may be found in the Tourism Guide or at [www.scotsns.ca](http://www.scotsns.ca)

- April 14 –“ Tribute To Tartan Day Dinner”, Halifax 6:30 p.m.  
April 21 - “Culloden Day Memorial”, Knoydart, Pictou Co. 11:00 a.m.  
June 3 - “Clan Lamont Memorial and Luncheon” Fultz Museum, Lr. Sackville 11:00a.m.  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – Gaelic Mod, St. Ann’s , Cape Breton  
July 1 – 9 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, Halifax  
July 5 – 9 CLAN FARQUHARSON GATHERING  
July 7 Halifax Highland Games  
July 8 Kirking of the Tartans, St. Matthews Church, Barrington St., Halifax  
July 8 “Pipefest Parade” 2:00 p.m. Halifax  
July 8 “Celtic Church Service”, Port Wallace United Church, Braemar Drive, 7:00 pm  
July 21-22 Antigonish Highland Games  
Aug. 12 Hector Festival, Pictou  
Aug. 18 Festival of the Tartans, New Glasgow  
Aug. 25 HIGHLAND BALL, ANTIGONISH – Charles V. Keating Millennium Ctr.  
Contact: Jerry MacGillivray, Antigonish 902-863-3749  
Oct. 14 International Official Closing, Iona Highland Heritage Village

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Dear Clan Friends: This is my first attempt at putting together your newsletter. I would love to hear from you and receive suggestions for the newsletter. I am taking classes to try to learn how to do a better job of putting a newsletter together. I hope you will have patience with my growing pains. Please send along family wedding pictures and pictures of what you do. We would love to put them in the newsletter with a little write up. Also any new births in the family or accomplishments by a family member be it in sports, music, writing, hobbies, etc.....Jean MacKaracher Watson

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**Taigelt Consaits o the ScotsLanguage** : If you can read and pronounce this you still have lots of Scots blood swirling in your veins!

A mind as a laddie at the schuil, monie a year syne noo, that A aye haed twa diffrent weys o speakin. In the hoose, outside wi ma freends an in the playgrund at the schuil A aye juist spoke ordinary but in the cless-room or when A wis speakin tae onie important weel spoken person, A aye haed tae mind ma mainners an try tae speak proper. Sae, like gey near awbody o ma generation, A grew up wi thae twa languages in ma heid, that A aye kent as 'ordinary' an 'proper'.

Ilka Januar in the schuil we aye haed tae read, lairn an recite some o the poems o Robert Burns an tae sing his sangs alang wi ither Scots sangs. A wad recognise maist o the words as bein the same as the anes we uised when speakin ordinary but we war nivver allowed tae uise thae same words for ilka-day communication in the cless-room. A cuid nivver unnerstaun the logic o this an jaloused ower time that whaur, accordin tae the teacher, Burns uised the Scots dialeck, whit A spoke maun hae been somethin diffrent; aiblins an inferior form o bad moothit English or e'en a kinna local slang. This consait anent language that wis drummed intae us, whiles wi a wee bit help frae the tawse, gied us a richt fause vizzie on life an in parteeclar, oor perception o strangers that we met for the first time.

Bairns that wantit tae sook in wi the teacher or dae weel at the schuil makit a richt maucht tae learn tae speak proper an efter a while it wis the clivver anes that wis best at speakin proper an the mair donnert anes that didna bother ower muckle if they spake proper or no. This gart maist fowk tae judge a stranger's level o eddication an intelligence bi hou weel they cuid speak English. A wis nae diffrent, till ae day durin the war, an English laddie cam intae oor cless. His faither wis in the RAF an wis stationed at Drem. This laddie cuidna speak ocht else nor English, e'en tho it wis wi a Midlands accent, it wis the best English A'd ivver heard an A jaloused richt awa that he wad be shuir tae be at the tap o the cless efter the neist exams. It taen me a guid nummer o years tae work oot whit wey he didna git tae the tap o the cless at aw efter oor exams but wis, in fack, aye doon about the fit. An him sic a guid English speaker tae.

Anither guid exemplar o hou wir consaits anent language wis deliberately thrawn bi the wey we war eddicatit, taen place in later years efter A wis weel on ma wey as a Scots language upsteerer. Ma sister, like masel, a Scots speaker aw her days, wis speirt whit she thocht about the campagne tae hain the Scots language. She fair got up on her high horse an said, "Thon's naethin but a piece o nonsense. A'v nae time for aw thon broad Scots rubbish. A'v spoken Fisherraw aw ma days an A'm no gaun tae chynge noo!"

As for masel, it wisna till A'd gotten haud o a copy o the Pocket Scots Dictionary durin a holiday on the Isle o Mull an, wi plenty time for reading, A read whit it said about the history o the leid an recognised a wheen o its words as the anes A uised when A wis speakin ordinary. Jings! An aw the time A'd been speakin Scots an haedna kent it. A wis e'en mair roused when A fund oot that aw this swither haed cam aboot cause Liberal politeetians haed taen it on thirsels tae pass the Eddication (Scotland) Act in 1872. Frae then on, the only language allowed tae be spoken in Scottish schuils wis tae be English. Frae then on, the Scottish teachers, that cuidna ban Burns cause o the wecht o his verse an his warld-wide renown, cuidna accept that speakin 'ordinary' wis the same language as that uised bi Burns or they wadna been able tae ban its uiss in the schuil as the law o 1872 dictatit. It wis the passin o this Act that gart the breardin o new derogatory names for the Scots language.

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March 13, 2007 Scottish News Cast stated Edinburgh Castle, Linlithgow Palace and St. Andrews Castle in 2006 have all achieved record visitor numbers more than 3 million

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