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A message from our President.....

Dear Clan Cameron members and friends,

Well, it is newsletter time again and since the last issue we have attended the Paeroa Highland Games. With the help of Ian Martin, Ray Craft and David Cameron we controlled the enquiries of the day and the interested visitors. To Ian, Ray and David your assistance with the tent and visitors was greatly appreciated. Last but not least, we welcomed good old John Cameron of Manawatu, who also helped out and enjoyed the evening Tattoo.

My life this past while has been quiet since my little sojourn. I have been slowly getting back to good health, becoming a year older as well as completing another year of married life.

Travel has not been on the agenda, even though petrol is cheaper other items do not agree with the savings.

Tanya says to view the American Clan Cameron site – daily updates on facebook plus other Clan Cameron notes.

Best wishes for the future to all members and family and friends.

Regards

Fraser Cameron



Coming Events:

Saturday/Sunday 4/5 April 2015

Hawkes Bay Highland Games

at Lindisfarne College, Pakowhai Road,
Hastings (near Stortford Lodge).

Come and soak up the atmosphere at this annual event. You will be sure of a great welcome in the Cameron tent.

Enquiries to Mike Topham 06 879 8215

Friday 17-Sunday 19 April 2015

50th Annual Gathering and AGM

Palmerston North.

See corrected registration form on the web site. (\$10 Registration cost was omitted on the original). If paying by Internet banking, the correct bank account number is 02 0727 0307628 00

Sunday 14th June, 2015

Bay of Plenty Annual General Meeting

will be held on at the home of Denis and Joy Cameron, 8 Kokomo Key, Papamoa commencing at 2.00 p.m. and followed by afternoon tea

Sunday 28th June

Bay of Plenty Mid-year Christmas Luncheon

will be held on at the Masonic Lodge Centre, Corner of State Highway 29 and Hairini Street, Maungatapu, Tauranga. Numbers are essential for catering so it would be appreciated if members could ring Denis, 575-4659, or Ray Crafts 577-9562. Time and cost to be confirmed. Our Social committee will be in touch.

Saturday 22 August 2015

Auckland Branch Mid-Winter Dinner

6pm for 6.30pm. Quality Hotel, Parnell, Auckland. Price expected to be under \$60. This will be a special dinner to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the departure of the barque *Blenheim* from Greenock for Port Nicholson.

197 Scots were on board, including many Camerons. Our President, Norman, is a descendant, as is our guest speaker for the evening, Marc Ulyatt. Marc is the author of 'The Kaiwarra Camerons' Further details in the June issue.

The Clan Cameron Museum at Achnacarry is now on
facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClanCameronMuseum>

Clan Cameron NZ is now on Facebook



Link to Facebook and 'How to Get Started on Facebook' are on our website.

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Sue Frahms

Whakatane

Ceud Mile Fàilte

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

History Corner *by Fiona Cameron*

Packing for the journey

Many of us think little of throwing a few (or often more than a few) things in a bag and hopping on a plane to travel halfway across the world. A taxi or car ride to the airport, fingers crossed as you hope you have managed to cram whatever you need into your suitcase and still stayed within the weight limits. A comfortable flight with on board meals of your choice and entertainment before touching down at your destination. What would it have been like, I wondered, for a poorer family from the Highlands of Scotland travelling halfway across the world in the 19th century to make a new life for themselves in New Zealand?

Firstly, there was the cost. Distance meant that passages to New Zealand were often three times that to closer destinations such as Canada or America. A steerage passenger's contract ticket for the *Strathfieldsaye's* voyage from Glasgow to Otago in 1858 lists the steerage price for an adult as £16. To put this into perspective, a study in 1867, estimated that nearly three-quarters of the Scottish population earned less than £30 a year. There were provincial, private and government immigrant schemes which offered assistance for prospective immigrants, but most did not cover the whole cost of the passage, or asked for a smaller deposit with the balance to be paid off once settled in New Zealand.

For most Scottish immigrants, the journey would have started with a long overland trip to Glasgow if they were lucky, or even further on to Liverpool or London. Once they arrived there, they would have to find interim accommodation before sailing. The emigrant ships were often stripped out and used for cargo for the voyage back to England, so sailing could be delayed for some time while the cargo holds were re-fitted for passengers.

Space for steerage passengers was very limited with whole families sharing a couple of bunks, separated from their fellow travellers by partitions if they were lucky. Luggage in the passenger area was limited to necessities needed for the voyage.

Even this was strictly proscribed. The New Zealand Company regulations of 1841 stipulated that '*Provisions, Cooking Utensils, Mattrasses [sic] and Bolsters, will be found by the Company; but Blankets, Sheets and Coverlets are not supplied, and of these the Emigrants must provide a sufficient stock for themselves and their Families. They must also bring their own Towels, Soap, Knives and Forks, Tin or Pewter Plates, Spoons, and Drinking Mugs. The Emigrants will be allowed to retain the Mattrasses and Bolsters on arrival in the Colony, if they conduct themselves well during the Voyage.*' So if you behaved, you were allowed to keep the rather dodgy and probably dingy mattress you had spent the last three months sleeping on. In addition, each adult was allowed a meagre 10 cubic foot of luggage which was to be stored in the hold.

On the subject of clothing, the New Zealand Company Charter regulations stated: '*The Emigrants must bring their own Clothing, which will be inspected at the Port by an Officer of the Company; and all parties are particularly desired to observe that they will not be permitted to embark, unless they provide themselves with a sufficient supply for their health during the Voyage.*'

Women had to have six shifts, two flannel petticoats, six pairs of stockings, two pairs of shoes, and two strong gowns. Men were told to take six shirts, six pairs of stockings, two pairs of shoes, and two complete suits.

Cooking for steerage passengers was done communally, with provisions provided by the shipping company. This list of provisions given for the *Strathfieldsaye's* voyage does not sound particularly appetising, although the allowance of pepper and mustard may well have been a godsend once the fresh meat had lost some of its 'freshness'. And no gluten-free options either. So the next time a plane soars overhead, whisking its passengers in comfort across the world, spare a thought for our emigrant forebears and what they had to endure to get here.



The wooden barque Strathfieldsaye made one voyage to New Zealand, leaving Glasgow on January 22, 1858, arriving Port Chalmers on April 29, 1858. Of only 656 tons gross, she carried 263 passengers. She was lost at sea in 1863. - Editor

From the Branches....

Auckland *by Norman Cameron*

As President of Clan Cameron Auckland Branch this is my first annual report and I wish to thank the Committee for their support over the year. A special mention must be made of the contribution of Bryan & Jenny Haggitt for allowing the use of their house for meetings and pre Christmas BBQ. Elaine Ebbett who took on the roll of Secretary has fitted into the job very well, she and Anne Cameron proved their worth at the door at the Clan Dinner. Elaine organized a very successful mid-winter pot luck luncheon at her residence. Neil Cameron as usual turns out a well compiled magazine every two months and has given good advice to me over the year. Every year Neil & Ruth represent the Clan at Waipu and this year Duncan McQueen helped by towing the trailer there and back. I was unable to attend the Auckland Highland Games but Neil and Ruth were there as usual and ably supported by Anne Cameron.

However, I attended the Turakina Games in January. As there was a very low Cameron turnout I joined Clan Grant. I now know how

Neil Cameron must feel at the Waipu Games.

I must thank the McQueen family for their support, Andrew & Matthew helping at the AGM BBQ and playing their respective instruments, Sarah for her dancing over the years, Sarah has been awarded an Excellence Scholarship at Otago University so we must say farewell and thank you. Over the year I have attended most of the Scottish Clans Association meetings, have also attended Clan Donald & Clan McPhee dinners. The Branch had a visit from Alan Cameron a vet from Louisiana, USA. Bill Cameron from Lochaber, an ex First Lighter and he gave a very entertaining speech at our annual dinner. The Branch has gained ten new members and our Treasurer Bryan Haggitt has been diligent in collecting the subs

Bay of Plenty *by Denis Cameron*

Membership remains approximately the same with 77 members. We welcome Sue Frahms, a new member who joined our Branch when she visited the



Paeroa Highland Games in February. Our thanks to Fraser Cameron, the New Zealand President and his wife Elaine who took a tent to the Paeroa Games and also the support given by some of our newer members as well as long serving members. All had a most enjoyable day and most stayed for the "Tattoo" in the evening which provided some excellent entertainment. It was great to see members from other branches of Clan Cameron also there to enjoy the occasion.

On March 1st we had our Summertime Pot-Luck Luncheon at the home of Denis and Joy with a great variety of wonderful food and great company. Ray Crafts provided some entertainment on his bagpipes which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody including the neighbours.

After many years in the "Chair" of the Bay of Plenty Branch of Clan Cameron, I will NOT be seeking re-election at the forth coming AGM on June 14th. It has been a privilege to be your President for many years but it is now time for a change.

Canterbury by Rae Magson and Colin Cameron

From Rae:

Some of our members attended the Scottish Heritage Council Festival at the beginning of February at Riccarton Bush in Christchurch. We sold Cameron magnets and pens, also gave away haggis. The day did not have quite as many people attending as hoped for, maybe due to the weather, however it is a way of getting ourselves out in the public so that people know we exist. It appears our President Nick Cameron had a successful day with the Pipe Band.

Otherwise we have not had any activities, although we have thought about organising a visit to the newly opened Ashburton Museum. This will be sometime in the future

From Colin:

The Sixth Annual Scottish Cultural Festival was held on Sunday 1 February at Riccarton Bush. Our Cameron tent was there as usual, staffed by Bev Cameron, Ngaire Porter, and Isabel and Colin Cameron. Nick Cameron had organised the tent but was involved in the piping competitions.

Public and Pipe Band numbers were down due to the school holidays and other events taking place in Christchurch that day. The weather was glorious but with a 30° plus temperature that had to be suffered by the bands and entertainers. However, they managed to put on first class displays for the public.

This entertainment was provided by four Pipe bands, Highland and Scottish Country Dancing groups and a singer, Willie McArthur, who did a grand job keeping the crowd and the children entertained. A children's colouring competition was held, along with a children's caber toss using cardboard carpet rollers - all very popular.

The Cameron Haggis was marched in, addressed, and then delivered to our tent, where it was served free to all who came forward to taste.

Hawke's Bay by Helen Shaw

Our hot dry summer has come to an end with very welcome rain at the end of the week. Enough to keep the gardeners happy and hopefully give the grass for the farmers a kick start. We are now bracing ourselves for worse to come on Monday.

We have not had any activities since Christmas but will be turning out as usual for the Hastings Highland games at Easter in 3 weeks time. It is to be hoped we can be outside this year. The public don't visit in the same numbers when we are inside.

Several members will be attending the Annual gathering at Palmerston North in April and are looking forward to catching up with clansfolk from other branches.

Manawatu by Jessie Annabell

For the first time in some years, the Manawatu branch did not have a tent at the Turakina games in January. That did not stop members from attending, as can be seen from the pictures on our branch Facebook page.

Our branch AGM on February 22nd was at the lovely Mount Lees Reserve. This venue has proved very popular and the intention is to use it again.

The Manawatu branch is hosting the national AGM in Palmerston North from April 17th to April 19th. For those who have not yet booked to come we remind you that the RSVP date was 25th March, though there is a little leeway after that. It promises to be a good programme. On Friday evening there is an informal gathering at the home of Joy & Colin Cameron in Rangitikei Line. On Saturday afternoon we have a number of outings planned, all of which are worth seeing. The guest speaker at the dinner on Saturday night is Ian McKelvie, M.P. for Rangitikei and member of Clan Cameron. The church service on Sunday morning will be at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Broadway. We look forward to seeing many of you, including local members, at the weekend.

Taranaki/Wanganui by Shona Wallace

Clan Cameron Taranaki/Wanganui Branch held a pot luck lunch in December. However not well attended, just the usual stalwarts. It is very hard to enthuse Camerons in this part of the country. We look forward hopefully to a better year.

Our AGM was held in Wanganui at the Botanical Reserve. A very beautiful place but not really suitable for a lunch meeting. I for one came home with severe sunburn despite precautions. We had a disappointing turnout with only 7 members there and only 2 of them from Wanganui.

Our officers remain the same with Neville Wallace Pres Shona Wallace Sec and Alan Drake Treas. Plans are underway for next years National AGM which will be held in Hawera.

However we all enjoyed our picnic even though one member commented that we should be called the walking stick club due to the number of walking sticks and crutches in site! Apart from the sunburn an enjoyable get together with great company.

Manawatu Branch is now on facebook
"Clan Cameron Manawatu"

The Barque Blenheim 175th Anniversary Update

The Blenheim working group are well on the way with the planning of both the Wanganui dinner & the Kaiwharawhara picnic. Hugh McPhail is working on a web page with the first generations of the Blenheim people which should be interesting. So keep an eye out for it.

As well as the Wanganui dinner, the Auckland Branch's Annual dinner will also celebrate the 25 August 1840 departure of the *Blenheim*. This will take place on Saturday 22 August. President Norman Cameron would welcome any descendants of anyone who came out in that ship to join us for this special dinner.

Has anyone any memorabilia of anything that their descendants brought out with them? If so we would like a photo of it or can arrange for it to be photographed. We have already photographed the bagpipes! Or family stories that have been passed down the family re the voyage.

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Ian Cameron's Trip to Scotland

by Mike Topham

In July 2014, Napier Member Ian Cameron and his partner Kay, made a trip to the U.K. to attend the wedding in Fife of their Napier friend Cameron Burn and his Scottish fiancée Julie Cotteril.

Ian and Kay had formed a warm relationship with Julie when she spent time in Hawke's Bay during her O.E. down under. Several fellow Kiwi's attended the wedding.

Ian and Kay flew to Rome then took an eleven day coach tour through Europe to London. They then clocked up 2300 kms. travelling by rental car throughout the U.K.

This journey took them through Northern Wales, Gretna Green, Fort William, John o' Groats, across to the Orkney's, Inverness, Kirkcaldy and back to London via Kent where Ian's sister resides.



Their holiday culminated in a six day coach tour of Cornwall and Devon before flying home.

Some of the highlights of their trip, in addition to Julie and Cameron's wedding, were visiting the Clan Museum at Achnacarry, purchasing a kilt and accessories at Kirkcaldy, and being invited to be Witnesses at a wedding at Gretna Green when the nominated witnesses failed to arrive.

The Versatile Haggis

With thanks to "The Braes of Lochaber"



Skipinnish to headline Highland Haggis Festival

The amazing Skipinnish ceilidh band will be performing at the Highland Haggis Festival Ceilidh on Saturday 11th April. The fun packed haggis themed evening will also feature talented local musicians Deirdre and Dougie Beck, a traditional haggis supper and a raffle. Haggis Hunter ale will be on sale in the bar and haggis flavoured crisps available to taste courtesy of Mackies. The event will run from 7pm until midnight.

The event is being organised by the local marketing tourism group. The family fun day earlier in the day will run from 1pm – 4.30pm at Spean Bridge School. A spokes person for the group said "This year is the Year of Food and Drink 2015 Scotland and we plan to show the versatility of the haggis at this unique event. The 'Haggis Queen', Jo Macsween will be cooking in our demonstration kitchen, as will other local chefs. She will later be judging a children's cookery competition and is hoping to cook the winning recipe. We are also planning children's activities, storytelling, haggis hurling, craft stalls and much more. There will be live traditional music courtesy of Lochaber Music School. There is even going to be a haggis hunt in the village in the morning."

Visit the Highland Haggis Festival Facebook page, or www.highland-glens.co.uk for up-to-date festival information.

Perhaps we could use some of these ideas - Editor.

*"Fair fa' your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the pudding'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace
As lang's my arm."*

- Robert Burns

Achnacarry's Burns Night celebrations

The 7th international Achnacarry Burns Night held on 24th January was a huge success. The community turned out in strength to toast the bard, eat haggis, drink whisky and work off the calories dancing and singing. Sandy Edmond addressed the haggis,



duly piped in by Astie Cameron, in his own inimitable style helped by sips of the amber embrocation. After the meal our own band, Beers Law, gave us a Scottish singsong and dance music, punctuated by solos from our talented neighbours.

With thanks to the Braes of Lochaber and Jan Moncrieff (photo)

Massey University Distinguished Alumni Service Award to Andrew Cameron OAM, FNM,JP

The Distinguished Alumni Service Award acknowledges specific and meritorious service to the community at large including assistance to disadvantaged groups or individuals.

The 2015 recipient is Red Cross nurse Andrew Cameron for his work in war-torn regions of the world. Mr. Cameron graduated from the University with an advanced diploma in nursing in 1984 and had to move to Australia to train to be a midwife. He has worked for the Red Cross since 2005. and has been sent to Kenya, Sudan, Afghanistan twice, Iraq, South Ossetia in Georgia, as well as serving remote populations in Australia. In 2011, Mr. Cameron became the 25th New Zealander in a century to win the prestigious New Zealand Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 2013.



Andrew is the brother of Canterbury President Nick Cameron. We hope to publish an article about Andrew's battle with Ebola in Sierra Leone in a future issue. - Editor

Extracts from the letters of Jessie Campbell,

to her family from Petone and Wanganui 1841-1845

Continued from the February issue.

His mother has much to answer for--- a creature who has been more neglected in every respect --- I have never met with. Mrs. Wright, of all her father's family had the least claim upon her brother and I look upon it as a particular hardship upon me to have to toil for her so. My own friends, whatever assistance they may have been to us, have certainly never been a burden upon my husband and I am determined that here George shall not remain. I have strongly recommended his uncle to make him work his passage Home again. I should enjoy his mother having him back after she thought of herself so nicely rid of him, she did not even write a line by him. Mrs. Gray wrote to me that she thought he would be very useful to her brother.

The broad Scotch sounds so horrid where most of our own society is English and all speak so well. Instead ofGeorge says always he isthe other day he said he had been paddling the canoe. YOU can read all I have said of him to his Aunt Grace I know I have written warmly on this subject but I cannot help it. People have a most mistaken idea at Home that the Colony is the fittest place for a man who is too stupid to do well in own country. On the contrary it requires greater energy of mind and ability to succeed here. Situations are not so easily got at Wellington as when we first arrived, more young men have come out than supply the demand of them, and certainly neither George's manner, appearance nor education are likely to procure him a place.

John Cameron is still an inmate of our house, and a valuable acquisition he is. He provides so much for the house, such as tea, flour etc. that his living with us is a great assistance besides his own labour which he does not spare. He is the person to do well here, he has so much prudence, good sense, energy of mind and of activity of body. My better half was most fortunate to get him for a partner. He has worked as hard at that new house of ours as if it were his own, I hope it will be his house until he gets a wife. John made a good purchase of cattle when in Wellington and we now rent a section of land about a mile from the town for 5 pounds a year---which has excellent grazing for the cattle.

Our new house has a shingle roof and clay walls, it will be very comfortable, we expect to be in it in four weeks, we will have a garden and a small plot for flowers in front. Capt. C. was determined to build a good house as he will be sure to let or sell it when he goes to the country.

The missionary of whom I wrote as being so troublesome was drowned a few months ago crossing a river on horseback. Since his death the natives are more favourable to the whites, and there is no doubt when the long looked for Mr. Spain makes his appearance and finds what is to be paid for the land, that all disputes will be settled. We heard yesterday that Mr. Spain was at length actually on his way here.

I hope in my next to be able to tell you that we have at length got possession of our land. Capt. C. says he would be quite happy if he was settled on it

We like this country more and more, the climate is so fine, every animal and vegetable seems to thrive. The soil about the town is poor and sandy but even that produces wonderfully. We have quantities of vegetables in our present garden. My better half never relished vegetables because they are the produce of his own and John's toil. We have great quantities of Cape Gooseberries. I have made some jam of them which is very good.

I have so much milk that I have actually made some small cheeses, the rennet made from pig's stomach, which does very well. We have pumpkins not yet at there full growth which already

measure 4 ft. in circumference

For the last week we have had a most pleasant comet visible every night. Capt. C. says the famous one of 1811 was not nearly as brilliant.

Our summer is now drawing to a close, we still have pleasant weather. When the mornings were longer, Capt. C. was up every morning at 5 o'clock, is not this a change? I never dreamt he would be so active--- and better than all, he is so much respected, he and Dr. Wilson are bosom friends, it is quite an extraordinary event if they are two days without seeing each other! and such arguments as they have! The chess players have not met for some time, when the evenings are longer they will have their usual meetings.

One of our visitors, Dr. Allison, came out in the same vessel as Maclachlan, Miss Mackenzie Gramy and husband, he says Mac bore parting with his wife very coolly. I doubt she is not likely to see him again ..

Dr. Allison is a very pleasant sensible young man, he must have a good deal of credit as he and his brother have 6 sections, the brother is quite a lad.

I am sorry to hear they are likely to have such bad times in the Highlands, last year Capt. C. congratulated himself on being out of the country. I may say I have greater ease of mind here, than I have had since my marriage, the reason is nothing is done unknown to me, and I know exactly what expenses we have and how we are getting on. In every respect this is a great comfort.

The last time I wrote I was very much harassed, being without a servant for two months, I did the whole work of the home except the washing. I have now one I that had for a short time at Petone, she is from Skye and came out on the Blenheim, she is a strong able woman and milks the cows, she travelled from Port Nicholson here by land with John Cameron and the cattle, her brother also. She is the second white woman to travel that route. I hope to have her for some time, as she does not speak good English there is not so much chance of her getting a husband.

I mentioned in my last letter that Drimantoran had gone all wrong, everything he had has been seized by his creditors, his subject (capital) it is thought may pay 12/- in the pound, God knows what his family will do, his dissipation has destroyed his mind so completely that he will be quite a burden to the family, his memory is quite gone, only think of his asking John Cameron what ship he came out by. It is quite deplorable to see him such a wreck, the Almighty bestowed talents on him that should have made him a credit instead of a disgrace to his country. Catherine's intended is still in Auckland, he is highly spoken of as a most respectable man. My servant says he is from Lochaber but left it when just a boy and his parentage is not genteel. Adam is very steady, he is the sole support of his mother.

I had a note from Catherine lately mentioning they had letters from the Bank and that Margaret had written to me, her letter has never come to hand, all yours arrive safely! It is laughable if a letter Margaret has taken two years to consider, should have miscarried. You and my dear brother Alexdr. are the only members of our family who seem to recollect they have a sister in this part of the globe. I trust to hear that Margaret has got safely over her confinement. What a heavy charge she has with such a large family.

I must now bring this long and illegible scrawl to a close, and hope you will be able to read it. Now my dearest Isabella, I must have done, my husband joins me in kindest love to you and my mother.

Believe me your most affect. sister,
Jessie Campbell.

As I know you feel an interest in everything regarding the children, I may as well tell how careful they were when I was without a servant. Louisa every morning dressed Susan and Willie, Colin swept the room and set breakfast. John boiled the rice and infused the tea, by the time I came from the cows all was ready for me, John and Colin always worked the churn for me.

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This has been only lightly edited. To be continued. - Editor)

The Commando Exhibition

With thanks to *The Braes Newsletter*

The West Highland Museum opens its doors again at the beginning of March and thanks to the hard work of Dr Chris Robinson, the popular Commando Exhibition at the Museum has recently been revamped.

There are items on display from the Lochaber Archaeological Society's dig at Achnacarry last year. The group received funding in 2014 from the Armed Forces Community Covenant and from the Highland Council to start an archaeological survey of Achnacarry. A considerable number of artefacts were found, some of which are now on display in the Commando Exhibition at the West Highland Museum.



Archaeological finds found at Achnacarry now on display

The project also included the construction of a "Commando Trail" starting at Spean Bridge Station where volunteers wishing to train as Commandos arrived. A series of interpretation boards lead to Achnacarry via the Commando Memorial.

Also on display at the Museum are new interpretation panels, and new artefacts have been added to the Exhibition, including a number of items that have been kindly loaned to the Museum by the family of Tom McDonald of No.1 Commando.

The West Highland Museum in Cameron Square, Fort William is open from 10am – 4pm daily (5pm, April – October) and entry is free.



Lochaber Restoration Projects

By Bill Cameron:

There are currently two Cameron restoration projects underway here in Lochaber which may be of interest to members of the clan in New Zealand.

The first relates to Col John Cameron of Fassifern. This year will see the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, where Colonel John was killed at Quatre Bras. His funeral is believed to be the largest ever seen in Lochaber, when three thousand people gathered to pay their respects after his remains were returned to Lochaber in 1815. A monumental obelisk was later erected in his honour.

The Cameron obelisk stands in front of Kilmallie Parish Church where Col John is buried. The obelisk will shortly undergo extensive renovation work, with a re-dedicated service scheduled for June this year.

Lochaber historian, Roddy Mainland is leading the renovation work and will write an article on the project for the next issue of the newsletter.

The other project which is in the early stages of planning, is to preserve the German field gun that stands outside the clan Cameron museum at Achnacarry. I will write something on this in the next newsletter.

I attach two images of the gun. The one on right shows it (centre) at Inverness Castle sometime in the 1950's. The image below shows the gun as it is today at the clan museum at Achnacarry. This shot is taken from the museum web site.



By Editor:

The inscription on Col. John Cameron's monument, written by **Sir Walter Scott** says:

"Reader, call not his fate untimely, who thus honoured and lamented, closed a life of fame by a death of glory"

Scott seems to have had an intense admiration for the brave and chivalrous Highland hero, and in his *Dance of Death*, speaks of him as follows:-

*"Through battle, rout, and reel,
Through storm of shot, and hedge of steel,
Led the grandson of Lochiel,
The valiant Fassifern."*

*Through steel and shot he leads no more,
Low laid 'mid friend's and foemen's gore;
But long his native lake's wild shore,
And Sunart rough, and wild Ardgour,
And Morven long shall tell;*

*And proud Ben Nevis hear with awe,
How, at the bloody Quatre Bras,
Brave Cameron heard the wild hurrah
Of conquest as he fell."*



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Photo: Jenny Haggitt

Bryan Haggitt's induction as Vicar of St. Barnabas Church, Glenfield. Cameron supporters from left: David, Karen and Florence Cameron, Rev'd Bryan, Heather Cameron Sands, Jenny Haggitt, Rebecca Haggitt, and Bryan Haggitt Sr.



Photo: Roz Grant

Tracey Grant, Norman Cameron and Ewen Grant at Turakina Highland Games



Photo: Robbie Cameron-Henry

BOP Luncheon. Back: Betty Cameron, Ray Crafts, Janet Crafts, Hazel Cameron, Helen Renner, Alison Jordan, Tanya Cameron, Phil Renner, Ian Martin, Iain Bibby. Front: Harold Cameron, Betty Kearney, Fraser Cameron, Jean Barker, Joy and Denis Cameron,



Photo: Ewen Grant

Roz Grant, John Cameron, Fraser and Elaine Cameron at Paeroa Games



Photo: Joy Cameron

Fraser Cameron and Ian Martin at the BOP Luncheon



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Manawatu AGM at Mt. Lees. From left: Ewen Grant, Kerry McMillan, Mary Lampen- Smith, Neal Gilchrist, Harry Lampen-Smith, John Cameron, Ann Goodwin, Mary Barber, Jessie Annabell, Anne Walker- Long, John Annabell, Paul Cameron, Russell Cameron. In front Jo and Dean Cameron and their three children James, Emma and Daniel



Photos from Riccarton Bush.

Above: Ngairie Power and Bev Cameron staffing the Cameron tent
Right: Isabel Cameron on tent duty during the 'Address to the Haggis'. Alex Cameron is manning the Kaiapo Whisky tent.

Photos: Colin Cameron



Tossing the Sheaf at Waipu.
Photo: Editor