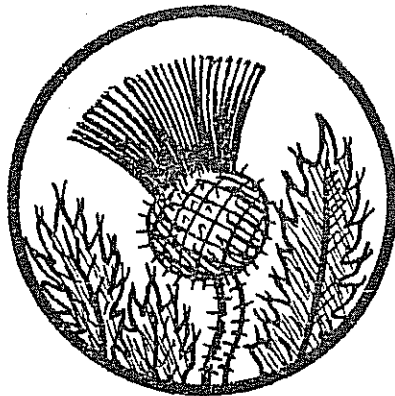




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S.A. Caledonian Society

Incorporated

Caledonian Memorial Hall
379 King William Street, Adelaide

17th July, 1944.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the above Hall on TUESDAY EVENING, 25th inst., at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS.

1. Minutes of last General Meeting.
2. Annual Report and Financial Statement.
3. Election of Officers.

The following nominations have been received:

Chief: J. McLeay, Esq.

Directors (five required): Messrs. M. McIntosh, W. J. Henderson, G. W. McCord, L. Niven, J. W. Murrell.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. E. L. Hill.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. N. H. Campbell.

4. Any other business.

Following the business of the Annual Meeting there will be a programme of items by the Pipe Band, Songs by Mrs. J. Black, and dancing by the Bairns.

HALLOWE'EN will be held at the PALAIS ROYAL on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1944.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 10th August. Any constructive suggestions from members for the more efficient working of the Society will be welcome.

WILL LADIES PLEASE BRING A BASKET?

Subscriptions for the Current Year are now due.

N. N. TANSELL, Secretary.

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South Australian Caledonian Society

Founded August, 1881 ————— Incorporated 1911

OFFICERS, 1943-1944

Chief:

JOHN McLEAY, Esq.

Chieftains:

Hon. Malcolm McIntosh, M.P. W. W. McGregor, Esq.

Directors:

J. R. Gordon, Esq.	Andrew Small, Esq.
W. J. Henderson, Esq.	J. Ogg, Esq.
Norman McKinnon, Esq.	Lt.-Col. L. K. Farquhar
Duncan Frazer, Jnr., Esq.	G. W. McCord, Esq.
J. M. Soutar, Esq.	L. Niven, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. W. E. L. Hill.

Hon. Chaplain:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.

Secretary:

N. N. Tansell

Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. A. Ross Scott and N. H. Campbell

Hon. Accompanist:

Mrs. I. Shepherdson

Past Chiefs:

1881-1883—Hon. Alexander Hay, M.L.C.
1883-1885—Hon. Dr. Allen Campbell, M.L.C.
1885-1886—Hon. Sir J. Lancelot Stirling, M.L.C.
1886-1887—Hon. J. H. Howe, M.L.C.
1887-1888—David Murray, Esq., J.P.
1888-1891—Aloysius MacDonald, Esq., J.P.
1891-1892—Hugh Fraser, Esq., J.P.
1892-1894—Hon. John Darling, M.L.C.
1894-1895—Aloysius MacDonald, Esq., J.P.
1895-1897—Hon. A. Wallace Sandford, M.L.C.
1897-1899—John Wyles, Esq., J.P.
1899-1902—A. J. McLachlan, Esq., J.P.
1902-1903—G. Fowler Stewart, Esq.
1903-1904—P. D. Haggart, Esq.
1904-1907—John Darling, Esq., M.P.
1907-1909—John W. Sandford, Esq.
1909-1914—Robert Wemyss, Esq., J.P.
1914-1917—Geo. McEwin, Esq., J.P.
1917-1918—Jno. Drummond, Esq.
1918-1921—W. J. Hill, Esq., J.P.
1921-1924—Duncan Fraser, Esq., S.M.
1924-1925—James W. McGregor, Esq.
1925-1928—Andrew D. Young, Esq., J.P.
1928-1930—John Tassie, Esq.
1930-1933—Hon. Sir David Gordon, M.L.C.
1933-1936—Maxwell A. Fotheringham, Esq.
1936-1938—Hon. Sir Geo. Ritchie, K.C.M.G.
1938-1940—C. B. Anderson, Esq., I.S.O.
1940-1943—Capt. Duncan Menzies, J.P.
1943-1944—John McLeay, Esq.



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Brithers and Sister Scots,

Your Council has pleasure in submitting this sixty-third Annual Report, together with the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th June, 1944.

At the end of our last fiscal year, as we finished up with a nice credit balance, on the recommendation of the retiring Chief (D. Menzies) the Council decided to reduce the mortgage by £50. This was duly paid over to the Savings Bank in July. Once again the fiscal year ends very satisfactorily.

Membership.

During the year 48 new members have been elected, including Associate (Lady) Members. This shows steady progress.

The recent death of our Immediate Past Chief, Duncan Menzies, was a distinct loss, it removed one who had given faithful service to the Society over a long period. Mr. Menzies was ever willing and ready to do his share, and his many kindnesses will always be remembered. Other members who passed on during the year were Mrs. J. W. McGregor (widow of late Past Chief J. W. McGregor) and Squadron-Leader John V. Angus. On your behalf letters of sympathy have been forwarded to the relatives.

A few resignations have been received, owing to removals, transfers and other circumstances, whilst a number of members cannot be with us as they would wish, owing to war activities and much pressure of business.

Our Chief.

Mr. McLeay, though a very busy man in his business and municipal affairs, has always found time for the many duties which fall to the lot of a Chief. The Society is most fortunate in that he has agreed to accept re-nomination for a further year. The members of the Council, and the Society, will continue to assist him in every way possible.

The Council.

The Chieftains, Directors and Officers have met regularly during the year and under the able direction of our Chief, have worked to further the interests of the Society and its members in every way.

At the last Annual Meeting Mr. L. Niven was elected a member of the Council; whilst at the previous meeting Mr. G. W. McCord had been elected a Director in place of Mr. E. Grant Walsh, who had resigned.

On 8th October, 1943, Director W. W. McGregor was elected a Chieftain of the Society.

Members of the Council as set out in the notice paper retire through the effluxion of time, and nominations to fill the vacancies called for, to be elected at the annual meeting.

Congratulations.

The Society desires to offer its congratulations to Past Chief C. B. Anderson, I.S.O., on the honour of

the order of C.M.G. conferred upon him by the King. We also congratulate Mary Howie upon gaining the B.A. degree. And Director A. Small for having the "Andrew Small Playground" at Port Lincoln named after him.

Hallowe'en.

Once again Hallowe'en was celebrated in our own Memorial Hall and although, through lack of space, it was necessary to restrict the attendance to members of the Society only, there was a very large gathering and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Bairns danced until nine o'clock, and then retired to a special marquee erected at the back of the Hall, where a dainty home-made supper was served by the ladies.

The Chief generously supplied the ice creams.

The C. M. Taylor cups (named after the donor), together with miniature, was presented to the winning set in the Eightsome Reel Competition. The Competition was judged by Pipe-Major Niven and the set was led by Misses Barbara and Nanette Young. Our sincerest thanks are again due to Mr. Taylor for his continued interest and liberality in presenting these cups, which creates such a keen interest amongst the Bairns.

During the evening Captain D. Menzies was invested with the badge of Past Chief.

The floral decorations merit a very special mention. Mrs. McLeay and a large number of ladies spent a very busy morning decorating the Hall, which, as everyone unanimously agreed, looked beautiful.

The Chief and Mrs. McLeay sincerely thank all who supplied and helped arrange these beautiful blooms.

St. Andrew's Day.

As last year's St. Andrew's Day Social was such a success, the Members of the Council decided that a similar Social would again be held in our own Hall in conjunction with a Quarterly Meeting. There was a large attendance of members and friends. A toast to His Majesty the King was proposed by the Chief, and one to "The Land o' Cakes" was delightfully given by Sir A. Barrett. The Hon. Malcolm McIntosh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to our guest speaker.

Before supper was served, five Bairns, each bearing on high a plate on which rested a steaming hot "Haggis," were piped around the Hall by Director N. MacKinnon.

Past Chief Andrew Young gave the address to the Haggis in his usual inimitable manner.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. E. Mulholland who so generously consented to make the Haggis which is so necessary for the success of a St. Andrew's Social.

The programme included Scotch songs, dances, and selections by the Pipe Band.

Burns Night.

The 185th Anniversary of Robert Burns Birthday was celebrated on 26th January, in conjunction with a Quarterly Meeting. Rev. R. W. McLeod, Moderator Elect of the Presbyterian Church, gave a very delightful address on "A Night with Burns," which was a great treat, as this cultured lecturer showed up new lights and aspects of the character of Burns.

The rest of the programme included Pipe Band selections, Scotch dances and songs.

After supper chairs were pushed back and all present enjoyed dancing until 11 o'clock.

Highland Ball.

It was again decided not to hold this function on account of the unsettled war conditions.

Pipe Band Report.

The following report has been received from Mr. Andrew Small, manager of the Pipe Band:

My last three years' reports started off with these words — "We are still in the throbs of War"; and unfortunately this year again I cannot get away from the phrase, but one thing is quite certain that we must be getting nearer the end of hostilities.

I am pleased to say that the Band maintains its reputation in the eyes of the public, for its ever ready response to all worthy objects, particularly war efforts and charitable institutions. This is endorsed by the many congratulatory letters received in acknowledgment of services. For its work in connection with the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign, this Band was awarded a "Certificate for Outstanding Services," under the signature of the Commonwealth Treasurer.

Many parades have been held, principally in the city and suburbs, and although requests came from country centres these had to be turned down on account of Road Transport Regulations.

Port Lincoln, however, was an exception; so, for the first time in the Band's history it travelled by sea to this popular seaside resort. The Band, Concert Party, Highland Dancers and supporters numbered 48 and the civic welcome and general reception by the town's people was something not easily to be forgotten. After paying all expenses, a sum of £110 4/11 was handed over to the Mayor, Mr. R. F. Poole, to inaugurate a fund to provide a children's playground on the sea-

front at Port Lincoln. The Band's real mission to Port Lincoln was to form the first Caledonian Society in the town and this was successfully carried out and to-day is now well established. Our worthy Chief John McLeay installed the first Chief — Keith Matheson — and his Officers in a truly Scottish characteristic manner. He was ably supported in this by our Patron, W. W. McGregor, and President, William Fraser.

During the year the Band was called on to give two broadcasting programmes through 5CL, and three City Corporation Concerts, all of which performances were highly commended.

Amongst the War Rallies was a special request for the Band to appear at Government House in connection with the Prisoners of War Fund. His Excellency the Governor personally entertained the Band after its performance and thanked members for their assistance.

A very interesting event was the Band's participation in the "Musical Festival" at the Tivoli Theatre in aid of the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund, when for the first time in South Australia items were played by the combined Brass and Pipe Bands.

A special serenade programme by massed Pipe Bands — our Band, the Society Girls' Band, and the A.W.A.S. Pipe Band — was given at Government House as a farewell gesture to His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey. The 25 Pipers and 20 Drummers gave an excellent exhibition which delighted His Excellency who was most cordial in expressing his appreciation, and afterwards entertained the combined Bands to afternoon tea and refreshments. Chief J. McLeay, on behalf of the three Bands, bid farewell to the Governor and wished him God-speed and a safe return to Scotland.

The fact that our Band was the only civilian Band selected to play in conjunction with the S.A. L. of C. Area Military Band for the Anzac Day March speaks well for the reputation maintained by the Band's appearance.

During the year the Band was visited at Band practices by many interested Scots, also Pipers and Drummers from various units of the Fighting Forces passing through our city. One I must mention particularly, Donald MacKinnon of Barra, Inverness-shire, who is easily the most outstanding Piper to visit our State. A cordial welcome is extended to all those visitors.

The A.W.A.S. Pipe Band, which has almost become part and parcel of our Band, is making steady progress, both in piping and drumming, and the girls are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm to become efficient.

I regret to record the loss of Drummer William Bryde who was killed in an air crash whilst serving in England.

Finance, usually, is a Band manager's greatest worry, particularly during these times, yet, I am pleased to say that we are still on the credit side of the ledger, and no call has been made on our Society for maintenance to uniforms, equipment, reeds, etc.

In closing, I desire to thank all Members for their devoted service in the welfare of the Band's work during the year, particularly our Patron, W. W. McGregor, and President, William Fraser, for their practical support, and for the co-operation of our Vice-Presidents and Officers. To Major L. J. West the Band offers thanks for his assistance as acting Drum Major, and to Hon Members, C. Knuckey and D. Stark for their valued assistance at Port Lincoln, not forgetting our genial caretaker, "Paddy."

To all our Members in the Fighting Forces we extend our sincere affection, and may they all return within the realm of the Band before another year.

Bairns' Class.

The Bairns' Class, which started on 5th May, already has a large attendance and more are joining each week.

The instructors, Messrs. J. Ogg and L. Niven, and the pianiste, Mrs. I. Shepherdson, are doing a very splendid work, and making this a most enjoyable and popular night for the bairns. At the end of last year, on the recommendation of the instructors, Jim MacKinnon was elected assistant instructor of this class.

Quarterly Meetings.

These have been all very well attended by members and friends. Our thanks are due to the lecturers who have helped make these meetings so very interesting and instructive; and the artists who have contributed their various talents so willingly and generously.

Winter Social Dances.

The Social Dances started on 16th May, and, if sufficient Members come along, they will be continued on alternate Tuesdays throughout the season.

Bring your friends along and help make these evenings the success they should be.

Scholarships.

This year as P. McLeay and W. R. Bailey tied in the examination for Scotch College Scholarship, the Council decided to award a half scholarship to each of them.

Both these pupils are doing first class work in their various studies.

As there was only one entry for Presbyterian Girls' College, the Council decided not to make an award this year.

There were no entries for Muirden College Scholarship.

The Members of the Council sincerely hope that there will be more interest taken and more nominations received this year for these valuable scholarships.

Council of Empire Societies.

By arrangement with the above Council, the Chief on behalf of our Society, added his signature to a Valedictory Address to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey on his departure from this State.

Kindred Societies.

Visits have been made to functions held by the Lothian Club and Cambrian Society by members of our Society.

Tennis Club.

Due to war-time conditions the Tennis Club is still in recess, but will start again as soon as there are enough members available on Saturday afternoons.

Scottish Festival.

On Sunday, 28th November, 1943, a St. Andrew's Day Service, conducted by Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., was held in the Adelaide Town Hall. The Pipe Band marched from Government House, and attended the service.

Representatives from the Lothian Club and our own Society (Past Chief Duncan Menzies) took part in the service.

Bairns' Picnic.

On Saturday, 6th November, the Bairns' Picnic was held at Hazelwood Park, Burnside. We all had a most enjoyable time, the weather being ideal. Many thanks are due to the Chief and Mrs. McLeay and others who assisted in making this picnic an unqualified success. Particularly Mr. W. C. Inverarity for lending his wonderful collection of games to the bairns, who made full use of them.

Ladies' Indoor Bowls.

This is a very popular event every Tuesday, and any lady wishing to join should come along any Tuesday afternoon, as there are a few vacancies.

Thanks.

The Council wishes to thank all those ladies and gentlemen, both members and non-members, who have in any way assisted them during the past twelve months, also the Honorary Officers, Treasurer, Auditors, Pipe Major and members of the Pipe Band, Hon. Pipers and instructors, pianiste and accompanist.

On behalf of the Council,

N. N. TANSELL, Secretary.

SOCIETY'S COMING EVENTS, 1944.

July 25—Annual Meeting.

August 1—Dance.

August 15—Dance.

August 29—Dance.

September 12—Dance.

September 26—Dance.

October 10—Dance for Bairns' Picnic
Fund.

October 20—Final Bairns' Class.

October 27—Hallowe'en.

November 30—St. Andrew's Day.

Ladies' Indoor Bowls: Tuesday afternoons, 2 o'clock.

Bairns' Class: Friday nights, 7.15 to 10 o'clock.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year ending 30th June, 1944.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Bairns' Class	14	14	9
" Caretaker	52	0	0
" Donations	7	7	0
" Girls' Scholarship Fd.	12	7	6
" Hall Expenses	19	2	1
" Hallowe'en	5	13	4
" Insurance	29	9	11
" Interest	57	9	11
" Lighting and Power	16	12	7
" Pipe Band	3	2	6
" Printing and Stationery	37	8	1
" Rates and Taxes	76	0	9
" Secretary	59	6	8
" St. Andrew's Social	1	5	0
" Sundry Expenses	12	1	1
" Telephone	11	18	11
" Depreciation:			
Furniture	15	3	4
Library	14	7	
Band Uniforms	4	7	11
Shop Fittings	2	18	3
War Pictures	6	9	
" Add Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital A/c	23	10	10

£463 7 6

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Bairns' Class	14	15	0
" Rent	156	5	6
" Subscriptions	290	2	3
" Social Committee, Donation for E. Light	16	0	
" Hall Expenses	1	8	9

£463 7 6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

	LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mortgage, Savings Bank	1,400	0 0		6,909 17 3
Less Paid 16th July, 1943	50	0 0		
		<u>1,350 0 0</u>		136 10 3
Capital A/c as at 1st July, 1943	5,591	16 9		
Add excess Income over Expenditure	23	16 7		22 5 5
		<u>5,615 13 4</u>		15 13 11
Mortgage Liquidation Fd. as at 1st July, 1943	122	11 11		
*Add Receipts during year	2	0 5		472 16 7
		<u>124 12 4</u>		44 2 8
Boys' Scholarship Fund		677 16 11		
Girls' Scholarship Provision A/c		144 13 4		28 13 11
Scottish Associations		15 10 10		
*Bridge Club	2	0 0		26 4 2
Interest		5		3 1 4
		<u>£2 0 5</u>		
				677 16 11
				1 12 10
				3 1 1
				134 17 6
		<u>£7,928 6 9</u>		<u>£7,928 6 9</u>

SUMMARY OF BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND, 30th JUNE, 1944.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 1st July, 1943	681	7	1				
Interest on Inscribed Stock	20	6	0		26	8	0
Interest, Savings Bank of S.A.	2	11	10		677	16	11
	£704	4	11		£704	4	11
				By Scotch College			
				Balance, 30th June, 1944			

N. N. TANSELL, Secretary.

J. McLEAY, Chief.

I hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet as on the 30th June, 1944, is in accordance with the books of the Society.

Dated, 4th July, 1944.

N. CAMPBELL, F.F.I.A., A.C.A.A., Auditor.

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