



Senator Elizabeth Hubley
NEWS RELEASE
 The Senate of Canada

**Senator Hubley Seeks to Name Maple
 Leaf Tartan as National Tartan**

On March 3, 2010, the Clan MacLennan Canada received notice from Leslie McMillan, Special Assistant in the office of The Honourable Elizabeth Hubley, Senator, regarding the motion for the second reading of her Private Member's Bill X-226, which would recognize the Maple Leaf tartan as Canada's national tartan.



"Officially recognizing the Maple Leaf Tartan as the national tartan of Canada is an important step in recognizing the contributions of the Scottish people in building this country," said Senator Hubley in her speech on second reading of the bill. "This tartan has been an unofficial symbol for Canada for many years. It is time to give it the official designation it deserves, as a tartan which can be claimed by all Canadians."

Canadian history in the making!

The Maple Leaf Tartan was designed by David Weiser in 1964 in anticipation of the centenary of the granting of Dominion status to Canada in 1967. The pattern's inspiration comes from the maple leaf and incorporates the green of the leaves' summer foliage, the gold which appears in early autumn, the red which appears with the coming of the first frost, and the brown tones of the fallen leaves.

To read her speech, please follow this link:
[http://www.parl.gc.ca/40/3/parlbus/
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 E.htm?Language=E&Parl=40&Ses=3#44](http://www.parl.gc.ca/40/3/parlbus/chambus/senate/deb-e/091db_2011-03-03-E.htm?Language=E&Parl=40&Ses=3#44)

To read the text of the bill, please visit:
[http://www2.parl.gc.ca/content/Senate/Bills/
 403/public/S-226/S-226_1/S-226_text-e.htm](http://www2.parl.gc.ca/content/Senate/Bills/403/public/S-226/S-226_1/S-226_text-e.htm)

Senator Hubley appreciates your support for this bill and looks forward to its swift passage through Parliament.

Please feel free to contact Leslie McMillan with any questions or comments. tel: 613-992-1177 or fax: 613-992-1516

The Evolution of Tartan Day in Canada

Many Scottish people left Scotland during the Highland Clearances and during other gloomy times to immigrate to Canada to discover, explore, settle and build a new life for their families and in the process have made a remarkably positive contribution to Canadian society.

While the population of Scotland is now over 5,000,000 million people, today Canada alone, has an estimated 4,700,000 million who are of Scottish heritage with just under 4,000,000 claiming Scottish ancestry on the 2006 census (Statistics Canada 2006).

Tartan Day in Scotland, the United States, and even Argentina is celebrated on April 6th commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. John Prebble, a famous Scottish writer, left a passage in his book, "The Lion in the North: One Thousand Years of Scotland's History", which describes his analogy of the Declaration of Arbroath as follows:

"In its mixture of defiance and supplication, nonsensical history and noble thought, two things make the Declaration of Arbroath the most important document in Scottish history. Firstly, it set the will and wishes of the people above the King. Secondly, the manifesto affirmed the nation in a way no battle could, and justified it with a truth that is beyond nation and race."

In 1966, the University of Guelph began a Scottish Studies Program to focus attention on our Scottish Heritage. The Scottish Studies Society, hosted an annual Tartan Day Celebration Dinner in April, at that time honouring the most prominent Scottish person as Scot of the Year. The first Dinner was held in 1993 in Toronto with the award going to Major-General Lewis Mackenzie, CAF, who was born in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Following the defeat of the Scots at the Battle of Culloden (16th April 1746), the English government enacted the Act of Proscription (12 Aug 1747) which prohibited the wearing of tartan (as well as numerous other restrictive and repressive measures). Tartan Day initially came about in New York City as a one-

time commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the repeal of the Act of Proscription (1 July 1782). Tartan Day was taken up by Australia and New Zealand in 1996 when it was celebrated on 1st of July continuing until this day. Other countries have their Tartan Day too, choosing either July 1st or the 6th of April (or in some cases another April date).

On March 9, 1986, a "Tartan Day" was proposed by the Federation of Scottish Clans of Nova Scotia 'to celebrate and promote our Scottish Heritage in Canada'. At that time, the provincial legislatures were petitioned by the people to recognize April 6th, as Tartan Day. In 2007 Peter Stoffer introduced a Private member's bill for "An Act respecting a Tartan Day" taking it to a Federal level. Progress of the bill was interrupted by the 2008 election, but afterwards was resubmitted.

On October 22, 2010, the Canadian Federal Government officially passed the bill marking April 6 as the official Tartan Day that will be celebrated by Canadian Scottish nationwide. The Right Honourable James Moore, Heritage Minister, "is pleased to announce that from this day (6th April 2011) forward Tartan Day will be celebrated each year on April 6th, the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish declaration of independence".

Our colourful Scottish Tartans identify our clans, families and communities, and embody our Scottish cultural past, signifying the Scottish Heritage engaging us in body, spirit and mind. Every year across Canada, we hold over 60 Highland Games and Festivals so that those of Scottish ancestry may enjoy, celebrate and learn about their heritage. As a proud Canadian Scot, (or even if you are one of those that wished they were), take the time to celebrate Tartan Day on April 6th, 2011. Be a part of Canadian history in the making, and express your pride of all things Scottish by wearing the tartan of your clan; one of the nine Provincial, the Yukon Territory; or a tartan with Military affiliations; enjoy the pipes and drums of a local Highland Band or attend a Ceilidh whilst enjoying food and drink with family and friends.

Yours in Kinship;

Ray McLennan (*Clan MacLennan Canada President*)
& Melanie McLennan

Message from the President

Apparently on February 2nd 2011, the groundhog did not see his shadow thereby telling Canadians that we were to have an early Spring. However, here it is March 21, 2011, with snow being very present across the nation. This year, many Canadians across Canada and in particular the Maritimes, will remember this past winter as comparable to what we witnessed decades ago.

Clan MacLennan held our first executive meeting of the year on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Burlington with seven members of the twelve able to attend. It was a pleasure to visit with the faithful executive again, for without them, our effectiveness as a working executive would diminish drastically.

Chief Ruairidh has expressed his disappointment that he will not be visiting Canada this summer due to economic, personal and professional reasons. He is reluctant to make any promise at this time to attend next year so as to avoid further disappointment. He is keenly aware that he has changed his plans twice and has asked that you accept his apologies. And we in Canada, are well aware that we have not felt the full brunt of the last couple of years of economic upheaval like other parts of our global community.

Looking forward to our 2011 Highland Games season, your executive has created an early listing (see listing at end of this article) of Highland Games that the Clan MacLennan Canada tent will hopefully be attending.

There are over 60 Scottish celebrations across Canada which kinfolk may attend, hopefully you will enjoy your summer as you attend the highland games in your area.

** In lieu of our planned gathering for the Chief, please note that Clan MacLennan Canada will be holding a Ceilidh at the Glengarry Curling Club in Maxville, during the Glengarry Highland Games. More info will follow.

Thanks again to our executive members for without you, we would be lost. A special mention of our member Marilyn Lawlor, and her daughters, for volunteering to do the preliminary planning for the Ceilidh at the Glengarry Highland Games on July 30th, 2011. A very special mention also, to David MacLennan of Ottawa for his continued support, wisdom, guidance and assistance throughout each year.

We are seeking two more members to become part of the executive with a view to replacing retiring executive members. Elizabeth Prebble and Robin MacLennan are both taking a well deserved rest from active duty after many years of committed Clan service. Both will continue in an advisory role given their many years of experience.

We would also welcome more input from our members as to what you would like to see happen and would appreciate hearing your thoughts and ideas for ways to increase the effectiveness of our Canadian Clan activities and communication.

Ray McLennan

President

SUMMER HIGHLAND GAMES SCHEDULE

| Date | Location of Highland Games | In Attendance |
|-----------|----------------------------|--|
| June 11 | Georgetown Highland Games | Bob MacLennan, Ray & Lorna McLennan |
| 25 June | Cobourg Highland Games | ? |
| 1 July | Embro Highland Games | Ray & Lorna McLennan |
| July 2 | Kincardine Highland Games | ? |
| July 16 | Cambridge Highland Games | Bob MacLennan, Ray & Lorna McLennan |
| July 30 | Glengarry Highland Games | Ray & Lorna McLennan ** |
| Aug 13-15 | Fergus Highland Games | Robin & Bob MacLennan |
| Aug 21 | Bracebridge Highland Games | Ray & Lorna MacLennan |

FLOWERS OF THE FIELD



MACLENNAN, (nee Hutzul) Janet Lynn
"Jan"

December 18, 1955 - January 19, 2011

Passed away at The Juravinski Hospital, Hamilton, after a brief battle with Melanoma Cancer, in her 56th year. Lovingly remembered by her husband Ken of 27 years, in-laws Bob and Kay MacLennan and cousin Walter and Shirley Swerid. Predeceased by her parents Peter and Mary (Samkoe) Hutzul, formerly of Saskatchewan, where several cousins still reside. Jan was a secondary school teacher with the Hamilton Wentworth Board of Education for 33 years teaching at Briarwood, Parkview, Ainslie Wood, Delta, Sherwood. Jan retired in 2010 as assistant head of guidance at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School. Jan was a graduate of McMaster University. Jan had many special friends including Jane Lowry, Jacquie and Tom Feeny, Gerry and Almith VanDiermen and Goddaughter Nicole. Jan was known for her excellent baking, beautiful gardens, bird watching and yearly trips to Aruba. Cremation has already taken place. Friends will be received at MARLATT FUNERAL HOME, 195 King Street, West, Dundas on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 10 o'clock until the time of service at 11 o'clock, followed by a reception. Private burial at Mt. Hamilton Cemetery at a later date. If desired, in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Cancer Assistance Program (CAP), 569 Concession St., Hamilton L8V 1B2 or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.



MACLENNAN, (nee Maw) Elva Margaret
February 16, 1927 - February 6, 2011

Elva died peacefully at home early Sunday, February 6th. Elva was born at Mona

Road, Peel County, Ontario where she grew up on a large farm operated by her father Seward Courtland Maw and her mother Anne May Agar. Elva was the second oldest in the family and had 5 sisters and one brother. As a young teenager, she worked in the Malton area in a factory building Lancaster aircraft. After WW2 she went to work in Simpson's in Toronto. In late 1946 she met her husband Douglas Alan MacLennan at a summer cottage near Warton, Colpoys Bay while fishing. They were married April 30, 1949 and purchased a farm near Belwood,

Ontario. While living in the Belwood area Elva and her family were members and attended the Belwood United Church. Known as a great cook and baker she often cooked for farming crews working in the fields and road crews as the cottages were being developed around Belwood Lake. Her apple pie made with Duchess apples took 1st prize more than once in the Fergus Fall Fair. Elva took an active role in the 4H Clubs with her daughters, helping Mrs. Townsend, where she was a leader for several years. In 1968, Elva moved with her family to Elora Street in Fergus. During this time Elva and Doug spent weekends and summers boating throughout Southern Ontario, Muskoka and Georgian Bay. When Doug retired in 1988 they moved to Tsawwassen, British Columbia where they enjoyed several years boating and exploring the West Coast of BC. In 2009 Elva was becoming frail and she and Doug moved into a housing complex -The Waterford in Tsawwassen - where they have enjoyed the camaraderie of friends and staff. Elva is survived by her husband Doug and four children -Margaret, Ruth, Thomas and Donald. She has five grandchildren -Eric MacLennan Balac, Nickolas Reid MacLennan Whyte, Mitchell Alan MacLennan Whyte, Richard Douglas MacLennan and Rachel Alexandra MacLennan. Please join the family for 'A celebration of life and tea' at the Tsawwassen United Church, 2PM, Friday, February 11th. Anyone wishing to honour Elva's memory are encouraged to donate to Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, Tapestry Foundation for Health Care.

Clan MacLennan Canada Statement of Receipts and Disbursements August 1, 2010 - March 18, 2011

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| <u>Bank Balance August 1, 2010</u> | | <u>2,155.15</u> |
| Members dues | 2009 - 2010 50.00 2010 - 2011 280.00 2011 - 2012 40.00 2012 - 2013 20.00 | 390.00 |
| Clan Sales | Maxville 88.00 Fergus 80.50 Water bottles/postage 30.00 | 198.50 |
| Fergus Dinner Draw | 65.00 | |
| Donations | 10.00 | |
| G.I.C. Interest | 25.50 | |
| Bank Interest | .74 26.24 | 689.74 |
| | | <u>2,844.89</u> |

Disbursements

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| Newsletters & Directory (Jun, Jul, Oct 2010) | | |
| Stamps, Envelopes, Labels | 115.86 | |
| Photocopying | 257.06 | |
| New members kits x 4 | 34.82 | |
| US exchange | 1.51 | 408.95 |
| Bank balance as of March 18, 2011-03-26 | | 2,435.94 |
| Royal Bank G.I.C. | | 3,000.00 |
| Branch total | | <u>5,435.94</u> |

Total paid members

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| 2009 - 2010 | 14 |
| 2010 - 2011 | 36 |
| 2011 - 2012 | 12 |
| 2012 - 2013 | 3 |
| 2013 - 2014 | 2 |
| | <u>67</u> |