

... and Monday  
Donald was guest of  
at the shower given by  
Margaret Frith.

Friday night shower host-  
ess the bride-elect are Miss  
Hodgson and Miss Mary  
Mouf, and Thursday her  
and sister-in-law, Captain  
Glen McDonald, will  
be at a cocktail party  
at HMCS Discovery.

Miss McDonald's par-  
ticipants and Mrs. C. A. Mc-  
will be hosts at a buffet  
after the wedding re-

bride's matron of honor  
her sister-in-law, Mrs.  
Donald, and Miss Hodg-  
son be her bridesmaid.  
John W. Bell will be Mr.  
best man.

### Decorate Winner

John Finucane, who with  
Finucane and their small  
daughter, Kathy, of Van Marino,  
were the guest of her parents,  
Mrs. Austin C. Taylor,  
decorate the winner of the  
contest Saturday at Exhibi-  
tion.

ROUTE. . . Mrs. James  
on leaves Wednesday for  
Florida to meet her son, Mr.  
Crookston of Toronto,  
and spend several days here  
on his mother en route to  
Florida, where he will make  
his home.

HORNBY. . . Mrs. Ernest  
Harris and her nieces, Va-  
ne and Jo-Anne, daughters  
of Mrs. Charles Edward  
are leaving today for two  
weeks at Hornby Island Lodge.

EASTERN GUEST. . .  
Mrs. G. Swan is entertaining  
Thursday in honor of Mrs.  
Griffith of Montreal.

KANAGAN. . . Mrs. A.  
Hill, her daughter, Mrs.  
Procier, with her chil-  
dren, Sarah and Michael, are  
leaving the end of the week to  
visit Mrs. Griffin's daughter, Mrs.  
Paterson, in Kelowna.

NTAIN HOLIDAY. . .  
Mrs. George Nesbitt have  
returned from a trip to Banff  
and Invermere.

NG TRIP. . . Mrs. B.  
with her daughter, Miss  
Seibird, of Sacramento,  
and sons of her brother-in-law  
Dr. and Mrs. A. Taylor



—Dave Buchan, Staff Photographer

**SKIRL O' THE PIPES** is a sound to warm the cockles  
o' your heart if you're a Scottish lassie. Mrs. Harry  
Pryce, who cocks a delighted ear to the pipes of Pipe  
Major Malcolm Nicholson, was born in Ayr, Scotland,  
which gives her a partisan interest in Brigadoon, the  
TUTS show whose scenes are laid in her home county.  
She's pictured here on opening night, Monday, with  
drummer W. MacArthur, Bill Whitehead and Pipe Major  
Nicholson.

Halls and Foxwell

SEPTEMBER BALL. . . Mem-

Mr. and Mrs.  
Tilly, and the a  
Murphy.

The bridal gown  
over satin was a  
fields of lace in th  
ing lily point sh  
skirt. The bride's  
butterfly roses wi

Miss Olga Kuryk  
honor in a ballerina  
yellow nylon gown.  
Miss Lois-Anne Re  
the groom, was in  
attendants carried  
tary bouquets of  
and wore matching  
their hair.

George Smith was  
and ushers were Den  
and Ronald Murphy,  
the groom.

## Summer Stud End UBC Ses With Dinner

Bringing Summer  
University of B.C. to  
is the annual dinner  
Summer Session S  
society to be held  
Stanley Park Pavil

President of the 19  
Miss Mary MacDona  
L. Black as social co

Invited as special g  
dinner dance are Dr  
Intosh, director of  
School, and Mrs. M  
M. M. Weaver, UBC  
ative, and Mrs. Wea  
G. Patham, profess  
graphy at University  
and lecturer at th  
School.

## Golden Weddin

Mr. and Mrs. Will  
son will celebrate the  
ding anniversary So  
their son-in-law and  
Mr. and Mrs. John  
will hold open house  
honor. . . Mr. and M  
were married in 1  
came to Vancouver 4  
. . . Two sons, Mr. A  
son and Mr. Charles  
live in Vancouver, as  
ter, Mrs. Murray Mo  
daughter, Eleanor,  
from Powell River  
ents' anniversary.

IN VICTORIA. . .  
Carol Fellowes has  
England to visit her  
Christopher Cater

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CEDAR 6723

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Moved by Mr. A. Kirk and seconded by Mr. Charles MacKenzie that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. CARRIED

The Secretary read a letter from the R.C.A. Victor Company regarding the making of records for our Association, and was instructed to write the company again and obtain prices for both shellac and vinylite records in the amounts of 1,000; 2,000; 3,000; 4,000; & 5,000.

The President was instructed to invest \$1500 of the Association's funds in Dominion Government bonds and to buy them in the denominations of 2 500 dollars and 5 100 dollars.

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Committees for the Indoor Meet were chosen as follows:

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A new member Mr. Briggs was introduced by Mr. Mellies and welcomed into our Association.

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CARRIED

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Mr. Douglas suggested that if the various bands appearing at the Caledonian Games were given appearance money, more bands would be attracted to that event.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Donald MacDonald*

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President Chas MacKenzie (acting)

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Balance Sheet of the 19th Annual Gathering held in  
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	B.C. Tax -----	7.94	
	H. Telford -----	4.34	
	Rent Armory -----	35.00	
	Advertising -----	17.85	
	Printing -----	28.64	
	Judges Fees -----	47.65	
	Secretary's Exp. ---	11.32	
	Photos bought ---	10.00	
		<u>512.74</u>	512.74
		<u>NET PROFIT</u>	62.46
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## Itemized list of Donors to 19th Annual Gathering.

Burrard Dock	25.00
Bell Irving Agencies	25.00
Pacific Brewers Agents	25.00
St. Andrew's & Caledonian	25.00
Mr. Robert Fiddes	20.00
Empire Shipping	15.00
Gaelic Society of Vancouver	10.00
Simmons & McBride Ltd.	10.00
Honourable E.W. Hamber	10.00
D. MacDonald Blacksmith Shop	10.00
Globe Hotel	10.00
McCarter & Nairne	10.00
Seaboard Shipping Co. Ltd.	10.00
North Pacific Shipping Co. Ltd.	10.00
Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band	10.00
M. MacDonald (Embassy Ballroom)	10.00
McGavin's Ltd.	10.00
Colonel H.R. Fullerton	10.00
John Entwisle	10.00
McKenzie & Fraser	10.00
A.E. Jukes & Co.	10.00
B.C. Highland Dancing	10.00
Mr. Rod MacRae	10.00
Eaton Vetern Association	10.00
Senator Tom Reid	7.50
Burrard Cartage	5.00
Mr. Howard Forester	5.00
Mr. Pat Campbell	5.00
Mr. H.M. Eddie	5.00
General J.A. Clark	5.00
Safeway Ltd.	5.00
Mr. Walter Douglas	5.00
Mr. J.K. MacKenzie	5.00
Mr. Ed Esson	5.00
Mr. George Hay	5.00
Mr. H.A.M. MacKenzie	3.00
Mr. Murdock Campbell	2.50

## Donations in Kind

Tait's Jewelry Trophy  
 Eaton's Ltd. \$10 certif  
 Woodward's Ltd. \$5 certif  
 D. Urquhart  
 Newspaper Publicity  
 after Games.

TOTAL

\$377.00

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The Secretary read the Financial Report of our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering, which showed a net profit of \$62.<sup>44</sup>

A letter from the Scottish Auditorium Ltd was read to the meeting and Mr. Hay and the Secretary were appointed to attend the forthcoming meeting.

It was suggested that in the event of our next Annual Gathering being held in the Seafarth Assembly a suitable raised platform be placed in front of the stage for the pipers.

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on the third Thursday in April. Carried

Mr. Ed. Erson read a letter from the Victoria Pipers  
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There was some discussion regarding a new class of  
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The Annual Meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held on April 19th 1951 in the Seaforth Armory with the President Donald MacDonald in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The Secretary read a letter from the Highland Games Association asking that our Association send a delegate to Seattle to a meeting of their organization on Sunday April 22nd and Mr. W. Lamont was instructed by the meeting to attend.

Moved by Mr. J. MacKenzie & seconded by Mr. A. Kirk that the bill of Helen Telford be paid.

CARRIED

Moved by Mr. W. Lamont and seconded by Mr. C. MacKenzie that a MacCrimmon medal be bought for D. Rankin the winner of the Piobaireachd competition.

CARRIED

The officers for the coming year were

President	Pipe Major Edmund Esson
Vice President	Donald MacDonald
Secretary	D. Urquhart.

All by acclamation.

The following members comprise the Executive for the coming year.

Mr. R.F. MacRae, Mr. W. Lamont, Mr. Rod MacVicar, Mr. A. Kirk, Mr. C. MacKenzie  
Mr. J.K. MacKenzie, Mr. A. Pinlayson, Mr. D. Murray, Mr. George Hay,  
Mr. H. Hamon, Mr. J. Macaulay, Mr. S. Hellies, Mr. Gordon Sinclair & Mr. F. McIvor.

Auditors for the coming year are Mr. J. McHardy and Mr. R.F. MacRae.

Trustees for the coming year Mr. R.F. MacRae, Mr. G. Hay, & Mr. J.K. MacKenzie.

The Committee to go to Haney on Sunday Apr. 22nd.

Chairman Mr. Donald MacDonald, Mr. D. Murray and the Secretary.

Chairman of Committee to assist on the field at Haney on the 24th of May will be Mr. D. Murray, assisted by Mr. C. MacKenzie, Mr. G. Hay, Mr. F. McIvor and Mr. Macaulay.

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Alternative judges for Professional events  
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Professional competitors from the field.

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Captain Thomas Mitchell was suggested as an instructor for a projected Air Force Girls Band.

Mr. D. MacDonald suggested that the membership cards expire at the end of the year instead of in April.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase a carrying case for the records of the Association and also to purchase two books one for photographic records and the other for newspaper records.

A hearty vote of thanks to our retiring President was given by the meeting.

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Mr. D. MacDonald suggested that the membership cards at the end of the year instead of in April.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase a carrying case for the records of the Association and also to purchase two books one for photographic records and the other for newspaper records.

A hearty vote of thanks to our retiring President was given by the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ President                      \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.



# British Columbia Pipers' Association

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An executive meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held in the Seapark Auditorium on April 15th.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The matter of Band classification was brought up by the President who wished the meeting to clarify the A & B class Bands status.

Mr. Harn suggested that no military, company or civic bands be allowed to compete in the B band competition.

The President stated that in his opinion the reason for forming an A and B class was to give certain bands a chance to win against a group of bands in their own competitive class.

Mr. MacRae thought the decision to enter the A or B class should be left to the band itself since the prize for A class would be more attractive than the B class and each band would enter the most suitable class of their accord.

Mr. Brown didn't think the Association should take the responsibility of classifying the bands into A class and B class. He suggested that the pipe majors of each band on the field take a ballot classifying the various bands into A class and B class.

Mr. D. Macdonald suggested our Association should draw up a set of rules classifying bands as A. or B.

# British Columbia Pipers' Association

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Moved by Mr. Donald MacDonald and seconded by Mr. F. Melvor that Mr. W. Lamont and Mr. G. Sinclair be appointed to play for the dancers at the Boney Games and that their names be given to the committee at Boney. CARRIED

Moved by Mr. W. Lamont and seconded by Mr. D. MacDonald that Mr. W. Campbell be recommended as sole judge for professional events and that Mr. W. Barrie & Mr. D. Rankin be recommended as sole judge of the amateur events. CARRIED

Alternatives judges for professional events  
Mr. Alex Johnson, Mr. J. MacMillan Victoria and Mr. W. Douglas.

Alternatives judges for amateur events.

Professional competitors from the field.

Captain T. Mitchell was suggested as a Band judge. (Deputed)

Drumming judge to be by Drake if available.

President

Secretary

An executive meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held in the Seaforth Armouries on May ?.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The matter of Band classification was brought up by the President who wished the meeting to clarify the A & B class bands status.

Mr. Horn suggested that no military company or civic bands be allowed to compete in the B band competition.

The President stated that in his opinion the reason for forming a A & B class was to give certain bands a chance to win against a group of bands in their own competitive class.

Mr. MacRae thought the decision to enter the A or B class should be left to the band itself since the prizes for A class would be more attractive than the B class and each band would enter the most suitable class of their accord.

Mr. Esson didn't think the Association should take the responsibility of classifying the bands into A & B class. He suggested that the pipe majors of each band on the field take a ballot classifying the various bands into A Class and B class.

Mr. D. MacDonald suggested our Association should draw up a set of rules classifying bands into A or B.

Moved by Mr. Donald MacDonald and seconded by Mr. F. McIvor that Mr. W. Lamont and Mr. G. Sinclair be appointed to play for the dancers at the Haney Games and that their names be given to the committee at Haney.

CARRIED

Moved by Mr. W. Lamont and seconded by Mr. D. MacDonald that Mr. W. Campbell be recommended as sole judge for professional events and that Mr. W. Barrie or Mr. D. Rankin be recommended as sole judge for the amateur events.

CARRIED

Alternative judges for professional events Mr. Alex Johnson, Mr. J. MacMillan Victoria and Mr. W. Douglas.

Alternative judges for amateur events. Professional competitors form the field.

Captain T. Mitchell was suggested as Band judge. (Department)

Drumming judge to be Cy Drake if available.

E Esson President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Note: The editor realizes that there seems to be some duplication in this page but was unable to determine what went where so leaves it up to the reader...

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B.C. Pipers Association's REGULATION, TO CLASSIFY  
A. & B BANDS, WHERE COMPETITION IS CONCERNED, IS AS FOLLOWS

A. CLASS - OPEN

B. CLASS. RESTRICTED, THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES TO APPLY  
DEBARRING,

N° 1 ANY BAND WHICH HAS COMPETED AND WON A  
PRIZE IN OPEN COMPETITION IN THE PAST 5 YEARS

N° 2 ANY BAND WHICH HAS WON A B CLASS COMPETITION  
IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

MOVED BY ROD MACRAE SECONDED BY J. HORN THAT BOTH CLAUSES  
WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ENTERED IN OUR BOOKS AS STATED  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

SIGNED. *E. Gordon*  
Pres.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY C. MACKENZIE AND R. MACIVER THAT THE  
BILL OF 15<sup>30</sup> FOR ENGRAVING BE PAID, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,

SIGNED *E. Gordon*  
Pres.

ADJOURNED. 9<sup>40</sup> PM.

B.C. Pipers Association Regulations to Classify A & B bands where competition is concerned is as follows

A Class                   Open  
B Class                   Restricted. The following clauses to apply debarring

No 1                   Any band which has competed and won a prize in open competition in the past five years.

No 2                   Any band which has won a B class competition in the previous year

Moved by Rob MacRae seconded by J. Horn that both clauses will be accepted and entered in our books as stated.

Carried unanimously,

Signed *E. Esson*

Pres.

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Moved and seconded by C. MacKenzie and R. MacIver that the bill of 15.30 for engraving be paid.                   Passed unanimously.

Signed *E. Esson*

Pres.

Adjourned                   9.40 PM

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The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held in the Seaford Almshouse at 8 p.m. June 21<sup>st</sup> 1951. In the absence of the President and Vice-President Mr. Rod MacVicar occupied the Chair.

Moved by Mr. J. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. D. Murray that the bills of Hellow Telford and Jacoby Bass be paid carried

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Seattle Games Committee asking them for the fees they proposed to pay the judges and also the two pipers required for the dancing competitions.

Mr. Bailey of the Caledonian Society told the meeting that all dancing and piping events must be over before 2 p.m. After that time there will be the official opening the Beauty Queen contest and the massed bands. This is made necessary because the stadium is required for a baseball game and must be vacated by 6 p.m. The bandmen competition will be held this year. The novice piping competition will start at 8.30 a.m.

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Six piping judges will be required and the following names were given to Mr. Bailey

For Professional Piping

1. Alex Johanson
2. W. Campbell.
3. J. Mc Millan of Victoria

For Amateur Piping

1. Ken MacLeod
2. Albert Whyte
3. W. Barrie.

Mr. Gordon Sinclair suggested that \$15 should be the minimum fee for judging but Mr. Bailey thought that \$12<sup>50</sup> for professional + \$10 for amateur was the most the Society would allow.

Mr. MacVicar agreed to look into the role of a piping platform.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held in the Seaforth Armoury at 8pm June 21<sup>st</sup> 1951.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President Mr. Rod MacVicar occupied the chair.

Moved by Mr. G. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. D. Murray that the bills of Helen Telford and Jacoby Bros be paid. Carried

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Seattle Games Committee asking them for the fees they had proposed to pay the judges and also the two pipers required for the dancing competitions.

Mr. Bailey of the Caledonian Society told the meeting that all dancing and piping events must be over before 2pm. After that time there will be the official opening the Beauty Queen contest and the massed bands. This is made necessary because the stadium is required for a baseball game and must be vacated by 6pm. The bandsmen competition will be held this year. The novice piping competition will start at 8.30 am.

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2. Albert Whyte
3. W. Barrie

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Mr. MacVicar agreed to look into the cost of a piping platform.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 1951 in the Seaford Rooms.

The minutes of the previous meeting adopted as read. In the absence of the President, the Vice President Mr. D. McDonald occupied the Chair.

Mr. Rod MacRae suggested that, in regard to a proposed Piping platform, pallett boards should be used.

Mr. Rod. MacTear reported that the cost of two piping platforms made from 1" plywood 16x16 would be approximately \$300<sup>00</sup>.

This matter was left in abeyance for the time being.

Mr. D. McDonald said that the Best Fiddle was placed third in the Hazy Games and received no prize. There were four bands eligible to play but one did not compete.

The Secretary was instructed to write to both Hazy and the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society that this was not according to our rules, and that the winner of the B competition should have been compelled to play in the A-competition.

Moved by George Allan and seconded by Mr. M. Nicholson that \$100 be donated to the Seaford Fund

There being no further business the meeting <sup>carried</sup> adjourned.

The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 1951 in the Seaforth Armouries.

The minutes of the previous meeting adopted as read.

In the absence of the President, the Vice President Mr. D. MacDonald occupied the chair.

Mr. Rod MacRae suggested that, in regard to a proposed piping platform, pallet boards should be used.

Mr. Rod MacVicar reported that the cost of two piping platforms made from 1" plywood 16x16 would be approximately #300.00.

This matter was left in abeyance for the time being.

Mr. D. MacDonald said that the Irish Fusiliers were placed third in the Haney Games and received no prize. There were four bands eligible to play but one did not compete.

The Secretary was instructed to write to both Haney and the St. Andrews and Caledonian society that this was not according to our rules, and that the winner of the B competition should have been compelled to play in the A competition.

Moved by George Allan and seconded by Mr. M. Nicholson that \$100 be donated to the Seaforth Fund. Carried

There being no further business the meeting adjourned..

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The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held in the Seaford Armory on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1951.

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Mr. Rod MacRae occupied the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain official permission to hold the meetings in the Armory.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. X. Kirk that the bill of John McHardy be left over till the next meeting. Carried

There was considerable discussion regarding the publication of original tunes and Mrs. Malcolm Nicholson agreed to bring some tunes and a charter along to the next meeting so that the members could judge which tunes would be suitable for publication.

The Secretary was instructed to mention on the cards that original tunes would be played at the next meeting.

Tunes composed by people associated with the B.C. Pipers as well as those composed by members would be considered.

Mr. Rod MacRae suggested that the winning quartette at the next Inverness Meet should play an encore with a slow march or something suitable.

The being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipers Association was held in the Seaforth Armoury on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 1951.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

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Moved by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. A. Kirk that the bill of John McHardy be left over till the next meeting. Carried

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Tunes composed by people associated with the BC Pipers as well as those composed by members would be considered.

Mr. Rod MacRae suggested that the winning quartette at the next indoor meet should play an encore with a slow march or something suitable.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The regular meeting of the PSC Pipers Association was held on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1951 in the Seafort Memorial with the President in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. D. McDonald and seconded by Mr. M. Nicholson that the bill of Beatus Hollis be paid carried

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. McLean that the matter of the international challenge cup would be further considered at the next meeting.

Mr. G. Hay said that the publicity for the Robert Wilson concert was well in hand, with two good window displays obtained.

Mr. McDonald said the ticket sales for this concert were very satisfactory to date.

Mr. George Allan was given charge of the quartette to play at the Robert Wilson concert and it was left to him to pick his papers.

Mr. D. McDonald said that the Caledonian Society would have to pay the full amusement tax rate on their share of the Robert Wilson concert tickets but that he would try for a lower rate for our Association.

Mr. Ed Emon suggested a membership drive be started as soon as possible and that special effort be concentrated on the various bands.

Mr. Brown reported that he had brought back with him a good selection of tape recordings and that Mr. Biggar would be glad to continue to make these recordings and then build up a library for our Association.

He also contacted Willie Ross and Mr. Burgen in regard to being present at our next Inverness Meet and reported that there was a good possibility of one or both of them coming.

He felt sure that other Piping Societies across Canada would lend their assistance and that the necessary finances to bring these two pipes to Vancouver would be forthcoming.

He said that Radio Station CKWX would let the Associates have the use of a studio to play the tapes.

Moved by Mr. D. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. W. Lee that cards be sent out stating that the next meeting be held in the CKWX station and that business be confined to a few minutes and the rest of the time available be spent in listening to the tape recordings.

Mr. D. MacDonald told the meeting that Mr. W. Baillie was in poor health and suggested that any members that could should call on him.

Mr. MacKinnon brought up the matter of a school of piping and there was considerable discussion on this subject.

Moved by Mr. D. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. W. Lee that this matter be brought up again as soon as possible.

Moved by Mr. W. Lamont and seconded by Mr. C. MacKenzie that another committee be formed to supersede the previous committee formed to consider original tunes.

The meeting left it to Mr. Nicholson to choose his own committee for the purpose.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The regular meeting of the BC Pipers Association was held on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1951 in the Seaforth Armouries with the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. D. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. M. Nicholson that the bill of Beatrice Hollins be paid. carried

The Secretary was instructed to notify Miss MacLean that the matter of the International challenge cup would be further considered at the next meeting.

Mr. G. Hay said that the publicity of the Robert Wilson concert was well in hand, with two good window displays obtained. Mr. MacDonald said that the ticket sales for this concert were very satisfactory to date.

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Mr. Esson reported that he had brought back with him a good selection of tape recordings and that Mr. Biggar would be glad to continue to make these recordings and thus build up a library for our Association.

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Moved by Mr. D. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. MacIvor that cards be sent out stating that the next meeting be held in the CKWX station and that business be confined to a few minutes and the rest of the time available be spent in listening to the tape recordings.

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Moved by Mr. D. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. MacIvar that this matter be brought up again as soon as possible. Carried

Moved by Mr. W. Lamont and seconded by Mr. C. MacKenzie that another committee be formed to supercede the previous committee formed to consider original tunes. Carried

The meeting left it to Mr. Nicholson to choose his own committee for this purpose.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.



The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipes Association was held in the CKWX studio on Nov. with the President in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. A. Kirk and seconded by Mr. V. W. Donald that the minutes be adopted as read. caused

The President reported that no financial report on the Robert Wilson concert was available but that it was definitely a success financially.

The President told the meeting that on his trip to Scotland he noted that the bands there play much slower than here and that the same thing was true of Eastern Canada bands. He said that this should be seriously considered by the Association as it would make a big difference to any of our bands competing in Hamilton or in some other Eastern Canadian city.

Mr. Enson reported that Mr. Biggan, who had charge of the tape recorder is now back in the United States and that the machine is now in the possession of Pipe Major W. J. Sellar of the Seaforth and that further good selection of tapes will be forthcoming.

The meeting then adjourned and the remainder of the evening was spent in listening to the first group of tapes from our recorder played to us through the courtesy of the CKWX studio.

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The regular meeting of the B.C. Pipes Association was held in the Seaford Rooms on December 13<sup>th</sup> 1951 with the President in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The President read a letter from Mr. S. McNeill of the College of Piping in Glasgow in which he offered to use our recorder to make tape records of any material which would be of interest to our Association. He suggested recording leading bands, individual pipers, B.C. programs and also anything else we might wish.

Mr. Errow agreed to write to Mr. McNeill regarding this.

Mr. Errow read a letter from Rae MacIntosh offering a selection of bagpipe records including one of the Thousand Pipers at the recent Festival.

A short talk was given by the President on differences between our bands and the Old Country bands. He pointed out that the Old Country bands had good volume of music and the chanters were in unison.

There was some discussion about non paying members.

Moved by Mr. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. J. McDonald that this matter be dealt with by the President & the Secretary

Moved by Mr. MacIver and seconded by Mr. Sinclair <sup>carried</sup> that notice of motion be made at the next meeting to open the constitution in regard to membership dues <sup>carried</sup>.

Moved by Mr. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Lee that the cost of a tape recorder be ascertained with a view to purchasing one for the use of the Association carried

Moved by Mr. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Lee that a trophy be bought for Ian M<sup>rs</sup> Douglas.

Moved by Mr. A. M<sup>rs</sup> Donald and seconded by Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Lee that Mr. Sinclair contact Mr. G. M<sup>rs</sup> Donald and make arrangements to purchase a suitable trophy for the International Amateur Aggregate for Piping if one can be obtained for \$50.

Moved by Mr. Sinclair and seconded by George Allen carried that the President be authorized to investigate the possibility of our Association bringing either Willie Ross or John Burgess to our 20<sup>th</sup> Indoor Meet carried.

Mr. Sinclair suggested informal competition for beginners be held at intervals by our Association.

This suggestion met with the approval of the meeting and a definite date was set for the first competition namely Jan 17 1952.

There will be two classes only with three prizes in each class.

1. A chanter players competition
2. A beginning bagpipe players competition

A second competition would be held in March and the chanter player who wins the most points in the two competitions will have an engraved shield fixed to his chanter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

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Dear Mr Urquhart,

In reply to yours of 14th. I'm afraid the manner in which my little school was run during the war years, you may find, holds little that would help you.

Briefly, I could get no financial support, and very little moral support at the start. The Scottish Societies had just spent several thousands on equipping a boy's band that dissolved within 12 months, and naturally weren't taking another chance. The parents frowned; The local Regiment, from which the first bunch of boys had been let out in 1939, and for whom I rounded them up, suggesting that they might serve later as a sort of Pipers' Reserve, merely raised their eyebrows, so I started on my own.

I secured the voluntary services of Donald Cameron, and a former regimental drummer, and got busy trying to arouse interest locally, but failed. I then wrote Willie Ross of Edinburgh, and a relation in the army in Scotland, and got some useful hints and some moral support which included the offer to have the School affiliated with the A. & S. Highlanders and wear its kilt. On enquiring from A. & S., (Canada) I learnt that kilts in their tartan were not available as they themselves had to purchase them. However, they added an encouraging letter, and enclosing my little file of moral support letters, and one of my own pointing out the need for a Pipers' Reserve, I shot the lot to the Minister of Defence (Col Ralston). I hardly expected any immediate results but he approved and sent instructions to the Master General of Ordnance and I was equipped through M.D.11., with 25 uniforms, 4 drums, and carriages.

The tide then turned; the parents came through; the Societies smiled on the School, and although we struggled from May 1st. 1940 with nine boys, about 4-5 chanters, and no drum, the boys took the road about Christmas time with 15 sets of pipes, but not a penny in the fund.

I arranged charity parades and offered the services of the band free gratis to Reserve Units, etc, and as marks of appreciation gifts from various organizations - Army, Navy, Legion, Red Cross, Rotary, Etc, began to trickle in. However, with boys reaching military age, or many joining up underage, the band and school began to break up about its 3rd year and the P/M found it more than he could handle and all other P/Ms were overseas.

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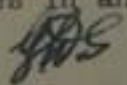
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