

Shankbone publication- Quebec Commissioner -Spring 2025

The work on “Maison McKinnon” continues, although the future of it remaining within family hands is shortening. With it located in a high traffic area, the noise and light pollution is becoming intolerable and moving is the only option to retain mental and physical health.



As such the “Boutique McKinnon” that had commenced construction inside the building may become a travelling boutique in a trailer to visit Highland Games and other public events to sell Clan MacKinnon and other Scottish and artisans products. Ewen has started his new business as a tour guide with the “ClanMobile” as the means to transport tourists when they visit the local area. Ewen has designed 10 different tour routes in the area touching on both the Scottish and French history of the area. Bespoke tours can also be undertaken, custom made to your desire or based on genealogy searches.



The Montreal Highland Games is cancelled this year, and the Festival Celtique de Quebec is on the same weekend (5-7 September) as a military reenactment camp to be held on the Plains d'Abraham in Quebec City. The camp will include the 84th regiment, also known as the "Royal Highland Emigrants." This was a provincial regiment raised from former Scottish soldiers who remained in North America to defend the colony of Canada from the invading "Rebels". Donald McKinnon served as a Lieutenant in the regiment fighting shoulder to shoulder with French Canadians to defend their homeland from Rebels, having his house and store looted and everything stolen by the rebels as he was away in Quebec City. December 31st, 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the attack on Quebec City. Ewen will be wearing the uniform of the 84th regiment in commemoration of Donald McKinnon at this event. Ewen now hopes to profit from the new Rebel (American) friendly invasion of tourists who visit Quebec City and area yearly.

Joyce Racine, of Quebec received an award from the "Federation Histoire de Quebec", for her document on tracing her family roots in Quebec. It is included in this publication, but sadly it is only in French. She is descended from the same Donald McKinnon as Kathleen McKen, the Quebec Provincial Commissioner. (This is a different Donald McKinnon from the house noted earlier)



At the same event Ewen made a presentation on the Scottish migration to Quebec (Canada) as a guest speaker. Kathleen did the presentation in French and Ewen in English, and it was well received with many people lined up after to ask further questions. Ewen was asked to write an article as a follow up but due to space restrictions only concentrated on one of the identified immigration points. This publication is also attached.

Ewen remains searching for pieces of military tartan that may be hidden away in some forgotten trunk. A press release was sent out for Tartan Day which is included in this publication.

- Ewen kept the articles as bilingual hoping that the international MacKinnons may benefit from this inclusion.

Have a safe summer all!!

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Ewen Booth

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