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## Preface

The purpose of the Caledonian Society has been to cement together the ties that bind Scotchmen everywhere and to provide an opportunity in Zorra to perpetuate the memory of those of our forefathers who established the Home and built the foundation of the modern Community we enjoy today.

The gathering today is to mark another milestone in the History of the Zorra Highland Society that was formed in 1847 and has been renewed so successfully in the great gathering of 1937.

Today you will hear the call of the Pibroch, the marching of men, you will have the opportunity to see some of the best Scotch dancing in Canada, as well as other Highland sports.

In today's contest we shall again honor the memory of the famous Zorra World Champion Tug-O'-War Team, by having a local team make entry and contest for the honours.

The Society give promise to many other events throughout the year and we solicit your patronage as the success of the Caledonian Society can only be accomplished by the whole hearted support of the citizens of Zorra.

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Settlement of a few adventurous Highlanders in Zorra more than a century ago, and the subsequent eviction of many more from the Duke of Sutherland's estates in Sutherlandshire, combined to give Oxford the nucleus of a community whose people have become noted throughout Canada and beyond. In the first major migration and others which followed, there were many who bore the name of Sutherland. Of the next generation, born or brought up in this land, was John (Aben) Sutherland, who married a Ross, member of one of the migrating families from Scotland, and these were the parents of H. W. Sutherland, who died in Woodstock, and whose funeral service was held at Embro, capital of the Zorras, where until recently he resided.

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since 1619 has borne in the wall of its church a plain stone with the inscription: "In hoc diruto caemeterio Sutherlandia plurimorum comitum cineres conquiescent." The coincidence does not end here, for in the same seventh concession of West Zorra is the Old Log Church cemetery, where "rest together," as the Latin epitaph has it, the mortal remains of the pioneer McKays, Rosses, McDonalds, Frasers and Sutherlands, including soldier Sutherlands whose dark green tartan was found in the ranks of the old 93rd Regiment, with Wellington in the Peninsular War.

John (Aben) Sutherland—the Gaelic nicknames were commonly bestowed to distinguish between those of the same family name—was one of the most respected residents of the township, and a cousin of the late E. L. Sutherland, coach of the famous Zorra tug-of-war team. Evidently he had better schooling for his services were in demand as clerk, and his ability in this line his son Will inherited. The latter worked a farm in the seventh, formerly owned by the Misses Clark, but with increasing activities in connection with insurance, appointment as village clerk, authorized assignee in bankruptcy and other duties of the kind, he opened an office in Embro and there participated in many community activities. While still residing at Embro, he became a member of the Woodstock Rotary Club and drove into the city regularly for the Monday luncheon meetings, even before he became secretary-treasurer of the Western Farmers Weather Mutual.

Of the many voluntary offices he was prevailed upon to accept, none was more appropriate than that of secretary for the reorganized Zorra Caledonian Society, which put on the successful Highland games at Embro last Dominion Day. There was a lot of work in that, and Will Sutherland did it enthusiastically. Like many other workers in the organization he felt himself repaid when the massed pipe bands swung through the village and the fair ground to the blood-stirring music of a Highland march, applauded by several thousand visitors.

Only a few yards from the scene of that July gathering, Knox United church, of which for many years Mr. Sutherland was a devoted member and office-bearer, received the last honors. Their expressions of esteem testified to the integrity and Christian character of one who served his day and generation well, though to the bereaved wife and daughter, brother and sisters, his passing must have seemed indeed untimely.

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WHILE MR. C. E. SUTHERLAND is one of the originals to renew interest in the Zorra Caledonian Society and is this year President of the Organization. His presence and interest is outstanding as he is a direct descendant of two of the Zorra Pioneer families, the Sutherland and McCorquodale, who played an important part in the early development of the Zorras.

It was for such pioneer families that the Home, the Church and the School was established as well as our present form of Democratic Government.

With the selection of farm property on the 10th line of East Zorra, the Sutherlands established a home, and on October 29th, 1886, C. E. Sutherland was born, one of eight children, three sons and five daughters. He attended the little red school house on the 10th line, also attended the Woodstock Schools, later entering the grocery business in Woodstock.

Seeking greater outlet in business, he became interested in Life Insurance and represented the North American Life Insurance Co. in this district for many years. During which time he found time to serve the city as Alderman and for two years as mayor, as well as taking a keen interest in Civic affairs, he has been prominently connected with sports of various kinds.

In politics he has been Liberal and acted as Secretary of the local organization for many years and was honoured by the Liberal Government with the appointment to the position of Clerk of the County Court, Registrar of the Surrogate Court and local Registrar of the Supreme Court, also Sheriff of the County of Oxford.

He married a Zorra girl, Ethel Parker, who is largely responsible for the success of her husband, they have one daughter, Anna, who is also a prominent young lady in the Community.

With the record of the Sutherland and McCorquodale Clan, surely it is not too much to expect great things for the President of the Zorra Caledonian Society for the year 1938.

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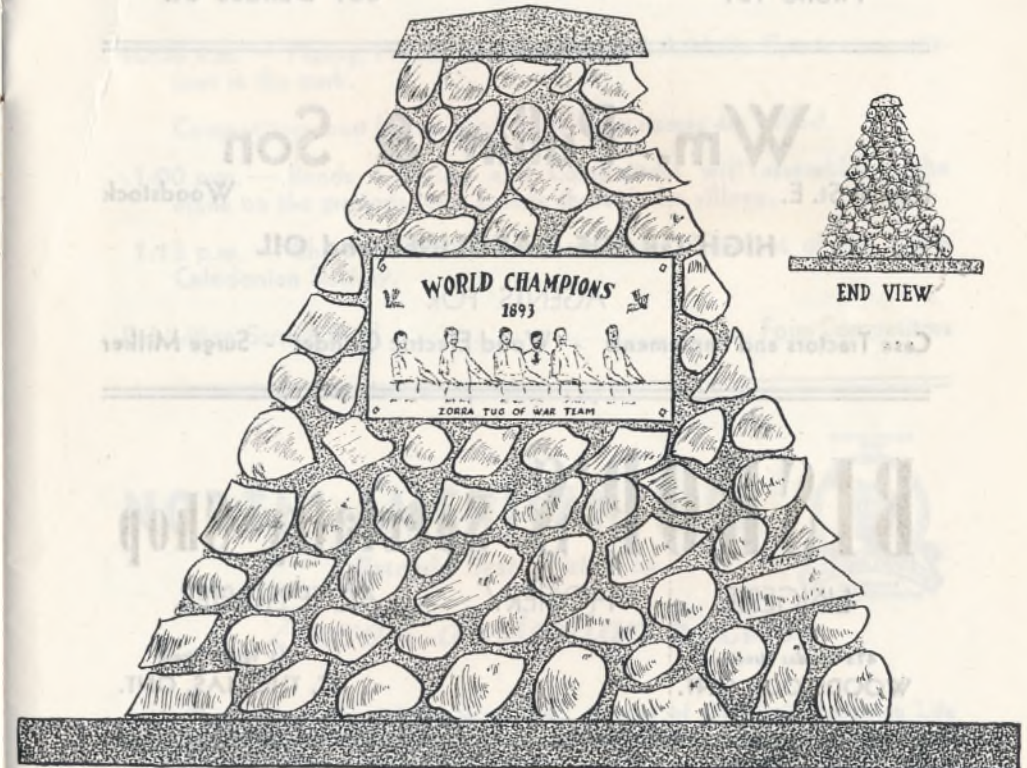
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# Programme

## ZORRA CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

July 1st, 1938

10:00 a.m. — Piping, Preliminary Dancing and Athletic Sports competitions in the park.

Competitors must be on hand when their names are called.

1:00 p.m. — Bands, Officials and Competitors will assemble at the arena on the grounds for a parade through the village.

1:15 p.m. — Short address by C. E. Sutherland, President of the Zorra Caledonian Society.

Exhibition Scotch Reel ..... Four Competitors

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3— Strathspeys and Reels .....	15.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00

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7— Strathspeys and Reels .....	Medals

## DANCING

8— Highland Fling, 10 and under .....	Medals
9— Sword Dance, 10 and under .....	Medals
10— Highland Fling, 13 and under .....	Medals
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13 — Highland Fling, 16 and under .....	Medals
14 — Sword Dance, 16 and under .....	Medals
15 — Scotch Reel, 16 and under .....	Medals
16 — Seann Truibhas, 16 and under .....	Medals
17 — Highland Fling, over 16 .....	Medals
18 — Sword Dance, over 16 .....	Medals
19 — Seann Truibhas, over 16 .....	Medals
20 — Reel o'Tulloch, over 16 .....	Medals
21 — Irish Jig, open .....	Medals
22 — Sailor's Hornpipe, open .....	Medals

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This program is subject to change. More events will likely be added before day of games.

Dancing competitors may compete in one class only.

Competitors in the juvenile and novice piping events may choose their own selections.

Competitors in open piping events must submit three tunes for each event.

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*Rules and Regulations for Highland Events — continued*

Competitors must be on hand at the platform when their names are called for or forfeit their right to compete in event called.

Competitors in juvenile events should be prepared to produce Government birth certificates if required.

The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning any reason for doing so, and any such refusal made by the committee shall be final.

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*Rules and Regulations for Highland Events — continued*

The judges of the pipe playing shall be entitled to stop any competitor whilst playing, if in their opinion, his playing is so inferior as to bar him from any chance of winning a prize.

Any competitor misconducting himself or acting contrary to the Rules of the gathering, or the orders of the judges, shall be excluded from competitions and prizes, and may be removed from the grounds.

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### Rules and Regulations for Highland Events — continued

The judges decision in all events is final.

Competitors in all Highland events shall appear in appropriate Highland costume.

Competitors in athletic events shall wear shorts and jersey.

Should the weather be unfavorable the Executive Committee shall have the right to declare off any of the events and if necessary to cancel or postpone the games.

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once; a four-part march shall be played twice, and a two-part four times. The Strathspey and Reel, if four part, once over each, if three or two twice over. Each band shall choose its own tunes, but shall submit the names before competing.

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- 1 — 100 Yards, open for boys .....
  - 2 — 100 Yards, boys 16 and under .....
  - 3 — 100 Yards, open for girls .....
  - 4 — 75 Yards, girls 16 and under .....
  - 5 — Running High Jump, boys open .....
  - 6 — Running High Jump, boys 16 and under .....
  - 7 — Running High Jump, girls, open .....
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### THE ORIGIN OF THE BAGPIPES

THE PIPES are not the invention of the Celtic race, they are not even now exclusively played by them alone, but it was in their hands that pipe music reached the peak of its development.

The bagpipes seems to have been known from very early times in the Iberian Peninsula and in Italy and it is more than likely that it is from there that they reached Britain through the medium of the Roman army.

The bagpipes were originally a very primitive affair, especially in Northern India where it was even more primitive and consists of a pig's bladder with a reed annexed to it.

It may come as a disappointment to the Scots and Irish to be told that the instrument regarded with such pride by them as peculiar to their countries was in fact introduced to them from Southern Britain where it was played until the end of the 18th century.

Shakespeare refers to the "drone of the Lincoln pipes", and during Tudor times it was one of the most popular English instruments. Henry VIII had a piper of his own and in this he was no exception among the crowned heads of 16th century Europe.

They have succeeded in maintaining themselves securely in Brittany, Scotland and Ireland, but more favoured by the Celtic people's, in whose hands, as nowhere else, they have reached an uncommon excellency of music. The pipes have survived in the British Isles more securely than elsewhere because they have been adopted officially by the army ever since the 1745 rebellion and now it seems that they have even penetrated to the Royal Air Force.

It is the curious hypnotic effect of bagpipe music upon people that places this instrument in a class entirely by itself. This effect is no doubt due to the unchanging tone of the drones and the sharp but sweet melody of the chanter, producing together a harmony very unusual for musical instruments, comparable only to a choir of voices. This is no doubt the reason why in medieval times the bagpipe was known as the chorus and there is ample evidence to the effect that it was the ancestor of the church organs, which are fundamentally based on a similar principle. Before these became the usual instruments for religious music the bagpipe supplied the accompaniment for singing in churches.

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To the true Celt the tartan is far more, however, than the gallant trapping of martial pomp. It is the symbol of an ancient and revered state of society, when to be the head of the clan was to be known and loved as a kind and considerate father by every dependent, however poor and lowly. It opens the floodgates of Scottish patriotism and makes the wearer proud to wear it.

Impossible though it be to fix the date of its origin, there is reason to believe that the Highland dress is of extreme antiquity; sculptured resemblances of it are to be found on ancient stones in various parts of the country. The dress in its oldest form was Kilt and plaid in one. The favorite custom of marking the cloth with stripes and spots, and thus producing what, in the language of the Gael, was called "Breacan" may have been practiced in very early times. The system of clanship cannot however be definitely referred to a very distant date. According to some authorities, the original population of the Scottish Highlands and Islands consisted of tribes who occupied extensive districts and were governed by powerful chiefs called Earls.

Whatever be the date of the introduction of the Highland dress, early mention is made of it under the foreign but forceful name of "Tartane" to entitle it to veneration. James III, of Scotland had his cloak lined with "Blue Tartane", also used for riding collars for the Queen; James V, wore the tartan when in 1858 he went hunting in the Highlands. Later there are allusions to the "tartane" in several acts of Parliament. In 1662

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### The Tartan — continued

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Through rigid acts of Parliament in 1746 and 1748 the Clansmen were forbidden to wear the tartan or carry arms, therefore until 1782 except by stealth, the tartan was unseen upon the Highlands where it had been the people's pride.

Between 1763 and 1775 not less than 20,000 Highlanders found a refuge in America. Canada received many of them and a new Celtic race sprang up to nourish their children on the traditions which the pilgrims had brought with them overseas. The flood of emigration began again to flow freely westward in the early years of the nineteenth century. They delighted and inspired their children with stories of the clans in the days of their greatness, they told them of the bygone race of chiefs who would have died for their people, the glamour of the tartan, as the love for the old dress was in his blood and this love grew stronger and deeper with years of exile.

Instead of being the forbidden garb, the Highland dress won renewed favour in the new home and at every reunion of the scattered race it was the special token of long and honourable descent from heroic ancestors.

Clan societies grew up and multiplied in the New World, then gradually wherever Scotsmen dwelt, the sympathetic feeling of kinship was kindled and the tartan became symbolic, not of the Highlands alone, but of Scotland as a whole. Ardent Scotsmen began to enquire if they also were not historically entitled to wear the tartan of a clan from which, perchance they were descended. Many were disappointed, clansmen they were not, but what they could wear as a birthright they wore out of admiration for the dress which typified the heroic qualities of the Scottish land.

From the Chaos of the past the tartan has been restored to its rightful place of honour, and the interest which it evokes is both national and world-wide. Many are the Scottish men and women who still wear it for love of the long-gone days. It is a gladdening glimpse of the clan-glory that has departed. Clad in kilt and plaid, in bonnet and feather, the Scottish soldier acquitted himself with magnificent daring on many a stubborn field of battle. Well might the gallant Sir Colin Campbell cry at Lucknow "Bring on the Tartan". Its beauty is unequalled, it is the badge of bravery; it is the dress that has won a deathless renown.

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Highland dancing is an art handed down from one generation to another. It is something that cannot be standardised or notated, but must be learned from someone fortunate enough to have studied under the old masters or their pupils.

There are many who gayly start Highland dancing; keen to master the art, but they discover there is much more in it than meets the eye and give up the effort long before the time has arrived when they might be considered as proficient. The effort to achieve distinction as a Highland dancer is considerable and means constant practice with little reward except by those who understand the dance. The true artist will practice continuously and while watching others dance will follow every step and if a slip be made he will feel as much discomfort as if he were doing it. The dancer must possess the natural build of an athlete, a sense of rythm and the gift of imagination, also if he has a knowledge of the Bagpipe, it will be so much easier to master the dance.



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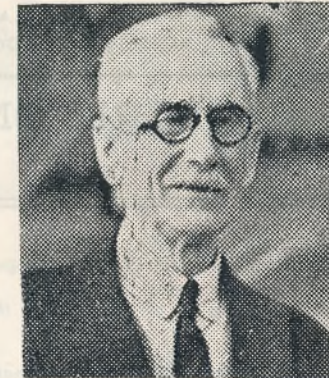
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Ralph Connor's mother, Mrs. D. Gordon, was a devoted church worker and organized the Women's Missionary Society at Harrington and many missionary Auxiliaries in the Stratford Presbytery and throughout the country.

Ralph Connor attended secondary school at St. Mary's and during his boyhood he worked for farmers in the Harrington district to pay expenses of his education.

After teaching school for a time, he attended Toronto University and upon graduation, studied theology for three years at Knox College. At that time, Dr. J. A. McDonald later editor of the Toronto Globe, was editor of 'The Presbyterian'. He encouraged Ralph Connor in the beginning of his career in Literature and some of his work began to appear in serial form in this church publication.

He was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1890. The Rev. Dr. James Robertson influenced the young man to do missionary work in the foothills of Alberta, and it was while here that his fame as an author began. "The Sky Pilot," "Black Rock," "Glengary Schooldays" and "The Man from Glengary," were among his earlier writings and soon became very popular.

He was called to St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, in 1894 and held this charge the remainder of his life, except the years of the Great War, when he served overseas.

He was one of the most prolific Canadian writers and was the author of over a dozen popular novels.

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