

Kincardine Scottish

Follow the pipers every Saturday night in July and August

Throughout July and August, Queen Street is lined with summer visitors and people from Kincardine to watch and follow the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band on one of their musical marches. Under the leadership of Pipe Major Henry Lamont, the Scottish have played the Pied Piper to young and old alike as they perform favorite Scottish music.

The band began in 1906 but folded for a couple of years until the members got together again in 1911 to prepare for the 1912 reunion here. The Pipe Major at that time, William Young often hosted practices in his barber shop.

As one of only two pipe bands in Western Ontario, the Scottish was in large demand to perform at church services, garden parties, street parades and concerts. In 1934, they presented a one hour program over a London radio station and were considered worthy of a police escort as they paraded from the train to the studio.

In the 50's, they began competing in the highland games and came home with awards on more than one occasion. The Scottish took part in the first Tartan Day, a one day exhibition in Victoria Park. In 1974 they participated with six other Western Ontario band units in the Orange

Bowl parade at Miami. Four years later, some of its members joined the Ontario Massed Pipe and Drum Band to parade in the world renowned Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, California. The same band travelled to Scotland in the summer of 1979 for a three week tour and were greeted at each parade by the Lord Provost, who made presentations to them. The highlight of the trips occurred when the Duke of Fyfe, her majesty's representative.

The band has also played in a Grey Cup parade and in San Francisco. Mr. Lamont is a 35-year member and Pipe Major for

over the past 30 years, and says the large crowds at the Rose Bowl parade are among the high points of his years with the Scottish.

The band practices and performs year round with its 20 members coming from Kincardine and beyond. Mr. Lamont says he has met "a lot of fine people" during his Saturday night travels.

"I've seen a lot of children grow up," said Mr. Lamont, who feels the Scottish will continue to be a part of Kincardine. This year the Scottish will also play at Walkerton, the Ripley Fall Fair, and in Paisley.



MEET KINCARDINE'S PIED pipers. The Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band attracts huge crowds on Saturday evenings from

July through August as they march through downtown Kincardine. First-time visitors to this town will probably stare in

amazement as hundreds of children and adults follow behind the band down Queen

Street. The Saturday evening march is tradition here.