

Lorne Scots bands are England bound

The Lorne Scots Regimental Band and the Regimental Pipes and Drums will be traveling to England this summer and members are busy raising funds for the trip.

Band Sergeant Major, W.O. Ken Allen, RR 2 Acton, said the two bands of the Peel, Dufferin and Halton militia unit have been invited to England by the Commanding Officer of the Fifth Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to participate with their band at performances at Ontario House, Chelsea Pensioners Home, the Tower of London, etc. During their stay in England from July 16 to 30 the combined bands will also produce a record.

"This is the first time a military band from Peel, Dufferin and Halton counties has been accorded this privilege," Allen noted.

"As you can imagine there are some considerable transportation expenses involved. Some of our band members are still in school and without financial assistance they would not be able to participate. To this end both of our bands have worked hard in 1983 raising money through musical engagements, garage sales, bazaars, etc."

Allen said they are also hoping citizens in Acton, Georgetown and Milton will help bolster the transportation fund with donations. They ask that any donations be sent to Captain M. Rehill, Director of Music, 906-301 Francis Ave., Stoney Creek, Ontario, L8E 3W6, and cheques should be made payable to the Lorne Scots Regimental Band Association (U.K. Tour Fund.)

The following is a history of the Lorne Scots bands compiled by the regiment:

The history of the Lorne Scots Regimental Band began on September 14, 1866. On this date, the 38th Peel Battalion was authorized and on September 18 of that same year, the 20th Halton Battalion of Infantry was formed. Thus began the history of these two Regiments which, in 20 years time, would

amalgamate to form the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment).

The first Scottish connection was made September 27, 1879 when the Halton Rifles were reviewed by his excellency the Marquis of Lorne, the Governor General of Canada at the time. Permission was received in 1881 to redesignate the Halton Rifles as the 20th Halton Battalion (Lorne Rifles). At this time, the Campbell tartan and the diced Glengarry were authorized for wear.

These two Regiments formed their own bands which were later to amalgamate to form the band here today.

The Peel Battalion formed a band in 1877 in Brampton. From 1867 until 1924 the Band switched back and forth between Brampton

and Orangeville, each band vying for the honour of being the Regimental Band. Whichever band performed best became the Regimental Band at the time. In 1924, the band was reformed in Orangeville and again reformed in Brampton in 1928.

The Halton Battalion formed its band in Oakville in 1866. Its first performance was the launching of the ship White Oak in Bronte Harbour on July 1st, 1867. This band stayed consistently with Oakville until 1936.

After World War I, the 38th Peel Regiment was renamed the Peel and Dufferin Regiment in 1923.

In 1931, the Halton regiment was reorganized as the Lorne Rifles (Scottish) and received permission from the Duke of Argyll to use his personal crest—the Boar's Head and his personal tartan.

On December 15, 1936, following a general reorganization of the Militia, The Lorne Rifles (Scottish) and the Peel and Dufferin Regiment were amalgamated to form the Lorne Scots.

From 1936 until 1958 the band was the Georgetown Citizens' band under Alf Parrott and won the Robert Simpson trophy for winning the CNE Band contest three years in a row. In 1958, the band was reorganized in Milton by Captain E.G. Corlett. Captain Corlett subsequently moved the band to Oakville, its present home.

In 1959, the band played for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth when she inspected the Regiment at Malton Airport. In 1962, the band played for the Princess Royal when she visited the County of Peel.

In 1978 and 1979, the Band played for both the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Kent.

The Lorne Scots Regimental band continues to serve the people of Southern Ontario in many capacities, as it has done for 116 years.

Oakville priest heads Bd.

Reverend James Mihm, Trustee, Ward 3 Oakville, was re-elected chairman of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board for the year 1984.

Father Mihm was first elected to the Board in 1977 as one of two Oakville Ward 4 trustee representatives. He has previously served as chairman of the board's public relations committee 1979 to the fall of 1981. In October, 1981, Reverend Mihm was appointed chairman of the Education Committee, a position he held until November, 1982.

Father Mihm is the pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Oakville.

Harry McDermott, trustee Ward 8, Burlington, was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

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