

# Scotland — Land of cottages and castles

By AILEEN ADAMS  
 EDINBURGH, Scotland — Scotland in the spring is a land of cottages and castles, all set among clouds of daffodils.  
 It is a land where the scent of the sea is ever present, a land where clear streams tumble down hills and the green fields are punctuated by low grey stone walls.  
 A land small in comparison to Canada, even to Ontario, it never fails to amaze one with its spaciousness. There are mile after mile of green grazing fields, fields so

populated with little lambs that you would think fluffy, white clouds had settled on the grass.  
 Lambs are everywhere, frisking and hopping as if their legs were coiled springs. So full of life and bounce and fun are they, you think you can never face a lamb chop again.  
 Castles are almost as plentiful as lambs in Scotland. The publication, "Scotland — 600 Things to See," lists 118 castles (including Glamis and Balmoral) and five palaces that are open to the public at certain times of the year. Perhaps the best known

is Edinburgh Castle which sits high and aloof on its hill, wrapped in mist and mystery.  
 The castle has a particular link with Canadians because, in the courtyard, there is a plot of earth brought from Nova Scotia in 1625. It was brought to dramatize the fact that Nova Scotia (New Scotland) was the lawful possession of Scotland.  
 It is pleasing to think that anyone of Scottish ancestry coming from Canada has only to walk across this square of Canadian soil to feel the pull of ancestral ties and the deep link between the two countries.  
 In its way, Stirling Castle is even more dramatic, perched high as an eagle's nest on a precipice that falls steeply to the plain below.  
 The road to the castle twists up from the town and it's easy to see why, centuries ago, Edward I,



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besieging the castle, had to rob abbeys and cathedrals of their lead roof tiles to increase the destructive power of his catapults.  
 But more than history is the present beauty of the castle. Standing in clear, pure light, washed with sunshine, it has its quadrangles, its western facing niches perched to catch the sun, where roses once bloomed and medieval demoiselles laughed and chattered and troubadors sang, so many hundreds of years ago.  
 In the great hall of Stirling Castle, the

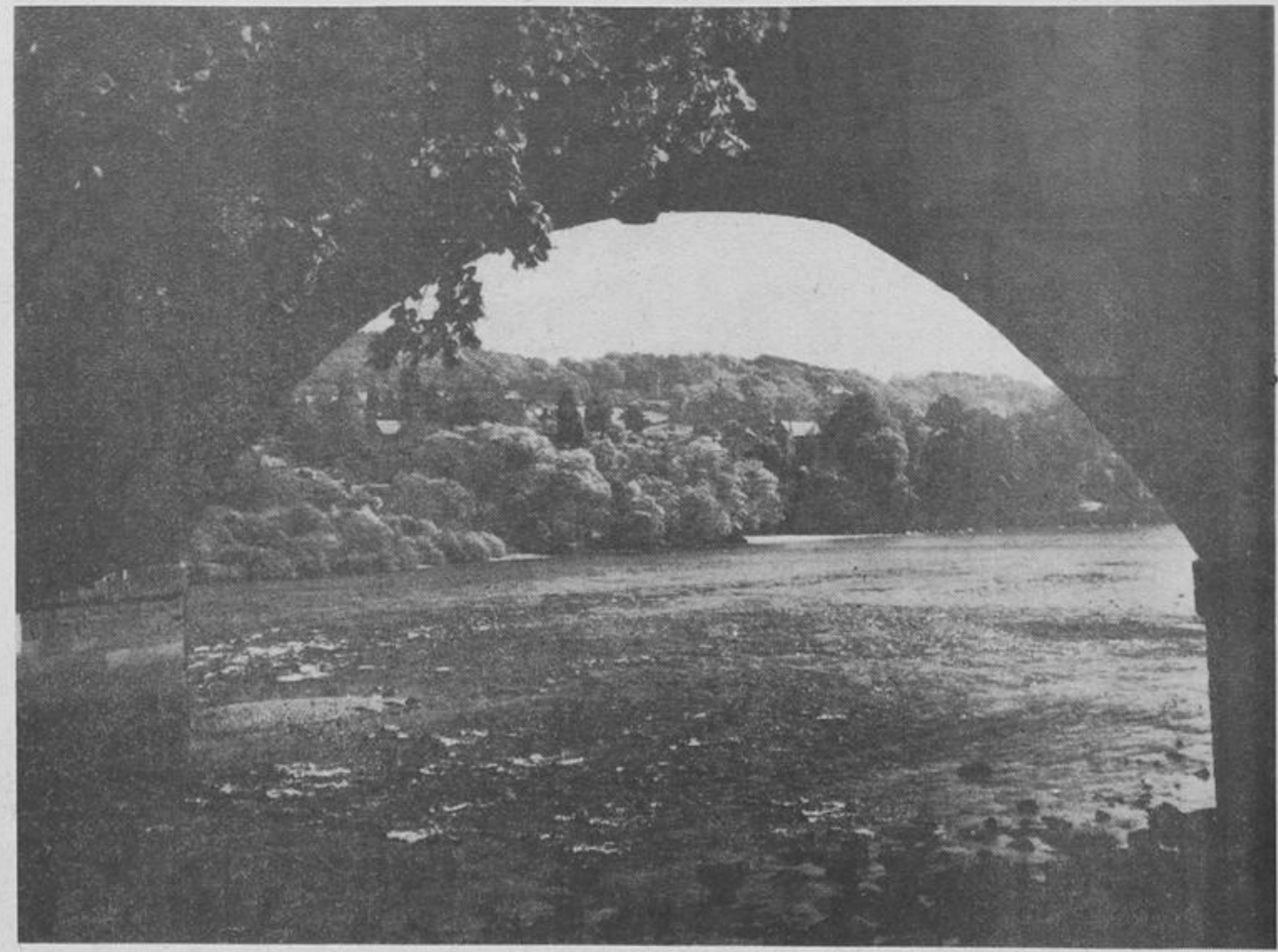
Stewarts "once in glory reigned," as the guide will tell you. The vast area is now painstakingly being restored.  
 Each of the great oak beams is aged for 15 years before it is locked into place in the high, arched roof. It is planned that the great hall will be finished in 1997.  
 Then there is Scone Palace — built at the geographical centre of Scotland. As a meeting place of councils, Scone dates back to the year 710 and, of course, is the source of the Stone of Scone, upon which all the British Monarchs have been crowned.  
 Scone Palace itself is comfortable and magnificent. Largely rebuilt in 1802, it is now the hereditary residence of the family of William David Mungo James Murray, the present Earl of Mansfield.  
 The rooms are palace-like in proportion and display an imposing array of artifacts. There are exquisite ivories carved from a single tusk. Antique French furniture, some of it made to the order of Marie

Antoinette, fill the rooms, hold not books but Chelsea china. The great Gothic displays of Meissen, Sevres, Derby and facet of Scotland. There are a multitude more to be explored in this ancient, yet new, land.

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Scotland charm

River Tay at Perth, a Highland centre staging an arts festival in May. There's an incomparable charm to Scotland in the Spring.



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By Anne Wanstall  
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Despite all its much publicized problems, Britain is still Canada's number one holiday destination — and deservedly so.  
 While there on a fact-finding tour when the weather was at its wintery worst, the garbage men were on strike, and labor disputes were the sole subject of the local newscasts, only London seemed greatly affected by all the problems.  
 Outside of the huge metropolises, citizens went about their daily business, virtually unaffected by the industrial upheaval.  
 The countryside is still about the most beautiful in Europe, the ancient buildings are still being preserved, travel is much easier between centres because of excellent motorways, hotels are being updated to provide North American-style convenience, and meals are greatly improved.  
 People are friendly and helpful to strangers, and although costs have risen sharply, it is still possible to get holiday bargains in most parts of the British Isles.  
 London will probably remain a drawing card, especially for first-time vacationers, but my advice would be to plan on a short stay to see the sights, then a quick getaway to even more beautiful and more leisurely centres outside. For a lower cost, and infinitely less hassle, you'll return with a bagful of memories.  
 Vacationers who intend to tour Britain with a rent-a-car should consider booking flights to Prestwick, Manchester or Gatwick. All give easy access to the countryside, without the nerve-racking experience of having to drive through outer London.  
 A great way to see Wales is by horseback. Cae Iago in the fold of the Twrch Valley, amid the splendid Cambrian Mountains, offers half-day, day rides, weekends, and full residential riding holidays.  
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 For all advice on a vacation in Britain, go to the British Tourist Authority, 151 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ont.

## Thornhill woman one of 9 charged with conspiring to fix tickets

A Thornhill court clerk was among nine people arrested Thursday and charged with conspiring to fix traffic tickets.  
 Juliet Sarabura, 40, of Old Number 7 Highway East, a court administrative clerk, faces one charge of obstructing the course of justice.  
 Also charged were Donald McLeod, 42, of Silverthorn Avenue, a justice of the peace, as well as a lawyer, two taxi owners, a truck driver and two other court clerks.  
 All nine were to appear in court yesterday. The arrests came after a year-long investigation by the internal affairs unit of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force.  
 The disappearance of court documents before a case is heard can usually result in the withdrawal of charges and it is also up to the court to inform the ministry of transportation and communication, which keeps driving records, of convictions.  
 With more than 500,000 documents going through the downtown provincial court office alone, it is quite easy for records to get lost.

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