

The Clans and Their Arms, Crests and Badges.

An esteemed correspondent, who believes that "nothing would be more acceptable to Scottish-Canadians than an amount in each month's *Fiery Cross* of one or other of the Scottish Clans, around whom circles such a halo of romance and story," asks us to inaugurate our first appearance before the public with the commencement of such a series. We readily agree. Our account of each clan must necessarily be short, and we propose to simply give their accepted origin; location of territory, crest, badge, and other armoial-bearings; warcry, or slogan, tartans, etc., respectively, so far as can be ascertained.



GAUL: BILBERRY, OR OAK

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THE BUCHANAN'S, NA CANNANAICH.

First in alphabetical order come the Buchanans. The name is a territorial one, and is now that of a parish in Stirlingshire, which was anciently called Inchcailach, (Gaelic for "old woman's island,") from an island of that name in Loch Lomond. In earlier ages there was a nunnery on this island, and subsequently the parish church, for a century after the Reformation. In 1621 a detached part of the parish of Luss, which comprehends the lands of Buchanan, was included, and the Chapel of Buchanan being used for the only place of worship, it gave its name to the whole parish. There is a legend that the founder of the family of Buchanan was one Auselan, son of O'Kyan, King of Ulster, in Ireland, who is said to have been compelled to leave his native country by the incursions of the Danes. He landed, with some attendants,

on the coast of Argyleshire, near the Lennox, about the year 1016, and having, according to the family tradition, lent his assistance to King Malcolm the Second in repelling his old enemies, the Danes, he received from the king a grant of land in the north of Scotland.

At a later period several important families sprung from this stock, and among the territorial lords of Dumbartonshire Buchanan was a name to conjure with. The Clan Arms, Crest, Motto and Badge are as shown in our illustration. Their Slogan is "*Clar Innis*," (the name of a small island in Loch Lomond.) Tartan — $\frac{1}{2}$ azure, 8 green, $\frac{1}{2}$ black, 2 yellow, $\frac{1}{2}$ black, 1 azure, $\frac{1}{2}$ black, 8 red, 1 white. The MacAuslans are a branch of the Buchanans.

The Clan Cameron will be our subject under this heading next month.

Heather from Scotland.

During the past few weeks a large number of consignments of the genuine article in Scotch heather have passed through the parcels post branch of the customs department. Heather plucked during the month of August, if handled with reasonable care, keeps in bloom for several months, hence the arrival of so many parcels. Formerly duty was charged, but in the past two summers it has entered free, unless in instances where florists and others import it for sale as flowers.

The Marquis of Lorne's opera is to be exploited by the "The National Celtic Opera Syndicate," with a capital of one thousand five hundred pounds.

Sir William Wedderburn, the Liberal member for Banffshire, is the head of one of the oldest houses in Scotland, tracing his descent in an unbroken line to the year 1296. He spent a considerable portion of his life in India, where his elder brother, wife, and child were massacred during the Indian Mutiny of 1857.

As a rule, a man's hair turns grey five years sooner than a woman's.

Artificial indiarubber from cotton-seed oil is one of the latest industrial products.