

querors nor seekers after wealth, but, persecuted for their faith and their loyalty to their Sovereign, they abandoned their beautiful homes amidst the romantic highlands of Scotland in order to obtain that refuge which Canada gladly afforded them. About the year 1745, after the downfall of the Stuarts, for whose cause many of the highlanders nobly fought, their lands despoiled and forfeited to the victors by that infamous decree the "Highland Clearances," many Scotlanders sailed for Canada. Firstly, a large migration, consisting of about twenty thousand, settled in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Later, a colony under Selkirk's leadership formed settlements in the North-West Territory and Hudson Bay district. But perhaps the most interesting immigration was that of the famous Clan Macdonell, which about the year 1803 established homes for themselves in the Province of Ontario, around the district now called Glengarry. These Macdonells, being to a large extent of the Roman Catholic faith, migrated under the guidance of Alexander Macdonell, a Scotch priest, who afterwards became the first Catholic Bishop of Ontario. Glengarry at the present day is the centre of thousands of Scotch families, worthy descendants of these former colonizers, and loyal and faithful citizens of the Dominion. From these facts it is evident that a large element of Canada to-day, comprising the majority of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the Glengarry district as well as many scattered settlements throughout the Dominion, is of Scotch origin.

Since their coming into Canada, these Highlanders and their descendants have upheld nobly the gallant traditions of their forefathers by their industry and loyalty to church, country and king. From the ranks of these men Canada has been provided with many of her most worthy statesmen, soldiers and clergymen. The Scotch-Canadian has occupied many seats of prominence in the Federal and Provincial houses of government. He is found among Canada's most progressive professional class as well as among the names of her bravest warriors and most esteemed clergyman and divines.

Scotchmen may well feel proud of their political standing in Canada, since she has become a factor in the world's politics. The highest position in honor and rank, that of Governor-Generalship