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The family to which the subject of this sketch belongs came from the Isle of Mull, Scotland. There they lived on a little rough farm beside the sea; but the patch of stony ground gave such meagre returns that they were driven to amphibious habits. From the sea they got fish and fowl enough to make up a living, and were enjoying a healthy, though narrow, contentment, when their nest became too small for the growing family. The boys began to talk of becoming sailors or soldiers. Then the parents, to save themselves the pain of a dispersion, and to give the ambitious youths elbow room, began to cast about for larger quarters. After careful inquiry, they decided to follow some friends to the bush farms of Canada.

In 1829 Donald and Janet McLean, with their eight children, sailed westward, and after a seven weeks' voyage reached their destination in the township of Lochaber, Quebec. Here they bought a section of unbroken forest bordering the Ottawa, and planted the goodly vine that has since spread far and wide, and that now numbers its members by hundreds.

These new settlers met the hardships incident to pioneer life and endured them cheerfully. God gave them health, material plenty and great spiritual blessing. The family of eleven became strong men and women without the assistance of a doctor, and settled conveniently, so that until recent years many happy re-unions were enjoyed. It was their custom to assemble