

those who returned to their old homes after peace was declared between France and Britain. I have seen the same thing in my native land in the Highlands. The village where my grandfather was born was treated when I was a boy in the same manner. What made matters worse than even the Expulsion of the Acadians was that my ancestors were never accused of engaging in rebellion against the new regime that succeeded the unfortunate Stuarts but still because it was thought a wise politic move to scatter the Highlanders all over the world they were treated just like the rest. We need more union among the peoples of Celtic blood to defend our rights in our own Empire.

THE GAELIC RENAISSANCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Hon. G. H. Murray, K.C., LL.D.,

Premier and Provincial Secretary:

Your petitioners, undersigned, submit the following for the consideration of the Council of Public Instruction and of the Government of Nova Scotia:

1. The Federal Census of 1911 gave 35.7% of the population of Nova Scotia as claiming English descent, 29.8% Scottish, 11% Irish and 10.5 per cent. French.

2. The great majority of Nova Scotians belonging to the Scottish race still preserve the Gaelic language and are deeply attached to the traditions embodied in its literature.

3. These traditions embody the highest ideals of honour, virtue and patriotism, ideals that have been preserved and fostered through the medium of the Gaelic language in song and story. Hence the loss of their language would, to a great extent, mean the disappearance of these lofty sentiments that means so much to the life of a race; and this would be a calamity not merely for the Scots themselves; but also for the Empire of which they form so important a part.

4. Every educationist admits how important, nay, how necessary it is for the proper development of the mental faculties, that more than one language should be studied. The value of Gaelic for mental development is enhanced by the fact that in its idioms, its grammar, and its syntax, it differs widely from any other language taught in our schools. Hundreds of our boys and girls study French and German in High School classes and forget