

1824. William Johnstone, Attorney General, was then President, Ewen Cameron and John Stewart of Mount Stewart, Vice Presidents; and Dr. MacKieson, Secretary. The annual dinner was held at Mrs. Bagnall's, then the leading hostelry. Colonel Ready, Lieutenant Governor, S. G. W. Archibald, Chief Justice, Robert Hodgson (afterwards Sir Robert) then just elected member for the city, and Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, parish priest, were guests of the society. The toast list included The King, The memory of the pious St. Andrew, The Army and Navy, The Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Justice, The President and Vice Presidents, The Rev. Father Fitzgerald and the newly elected member for Charlottetown.

Speeches, songs and recitations enlivened the evening and a majority of the company kept the merriment going until cock-crow, while,

"In bands of old friendship and kindred so set,
That the bands grew the tighter the more they were wet,"

they sang "Auld lang Syne" until the beams of the morning sun lighted their homeward way.

At the dinner given in 1825, it was noted that many distinguished Scotchmen then held high positions in the provinces, the Earl of Dalhousie being Commander-in-Chief; Sir James Kempt, Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia; Sir Howard Douglas, Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick; Sir T. J. Cochrane, Governor of Newfoundland. An original song or poetical composition was an invariable feature of these occasions, but none of the earlier ones have come to hand. A Highland piper in national costume, probably Donald McFadyen, always attended and played at the dinners which were kept up pretty regularly in the succeeding years.

In 1837, owing to correspondence with the Highland Society of London, G. B., it was decided to affiliate with that body, and a commission was received from the Earl of Aboyne, Marquis of Huntley, constituting the Society here a branch of the Highland Society of London with the title of the Highland Society of Prince Edward Island which was adopted with some other amendments to the original constitution. In 1838, Sir