



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

NBSCA President's Tartan Day Message.

April 6th, 2011, is the first time that Tartan Day will be celebrated as a national holiday in Canada.

First proclaimed in New Brunswick in the early 1990s, Tartan Day has been observed annually on April 6th ever since, the inspiration for the project having come from Nova Scotia. Over the years, other Canadian provinces followed suit, and the day is also observed in the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

However, for Canadians of Scottish descent it was always only a provincial celebration - until now. After many years of lobbying the federal government, the NBSCA was thrilled in fall of 2010 when Hon. James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced that henceforth Tartan Day will be added to the pantheon of significant dates on the Canadian calendar. The New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association is proud of the part it played in this movement.

Tartan Day is a significant celebration for New Brunswickers of Scottish descent. Of the three Scottish "holidays" on the calendar (the other two being the Feast of St. Andrew and Robbie Burns Day), it is Tartan Day which celebrates the Scottish-New Brunswick identity - it is a New World event celebration an Old World connection.

Tartan Day acknowledges all that was endured by the Scots who settled and tamed this province, all that they accomplished, and all that they and their descendants contributed (and continue to contribute) to the development and prosperity of New Brunswick.

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Tartan Day 2011 is special for another reason as well. Through the efforts of the NBSCA, the United Council of Scots of Atlantic Canada, and several other Scottish organizations, parliament adopted the Maple Leaf Tartan, a commonly accepted symbol since the 1960s, as an official symbol of Canada just weeks ago.

It's a great year to be a Canadian of Scottish descent! It is my wish that all New Brunswickers of Scottish descent observe and enjoy Tartan Day, wherever they are.

Be proud of your heritage.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Llewellyn Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

**Llewellyn Smith,
President
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