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Editorial

We are approaching a very exciting time in the life of the Clan Cameron Association Scotland. In April, we are to have a talk by Peter Pininski on his family connections with Prince Charles Edward. I have heard Peter on a previous occasion and this is a fascinating account of romance, frustration and secrecy.

In October, Clan Cameron along with the 1745 Association are to dedicate a plaque to the memory of the Gentle Lochiel. This is the 250th anniversary of the death in Northern France of one of the Prince's staunchest supporters.

In just over a year we will have the opportunity to meet fellow clanspeople at the Gathering at Achnacarry in August 2009. I hope that you are making arrangements now as accommodation is bound to be at a premium during this period. It would be good to see a large turnout of Camerons from our own Association. It is also an opportunity to spread the news about the clan and the Association among your Cameron and Cameron sept friends and acquaintances.

Like other organisations, we would dearly love to recruit more members particularly of the younger generation. We all know at least one Cameron who is not a member of the Clan Association. Make it your aim this year to encourage at least one new member to join.

Alan, March 2008

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A tribute to Donald Cameron MP XXIV Chief of Clan Cameron

This is part of an article which appeared in the Oban Times, on Dec., 25 1909 and was contributed by Bill Cameron, Inverlochty. The following is the text of the address given by the Lord Lieutenant at the unveiling of the statue. The speech gives us an insight into the huge contribution made by Lochiel to the welfare of the people of Lochaber. (Ed)

A short address was thereafter delivered by the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Lord Lieutenant of the county. He felt it a high honour, he said, both personally and as representing the county subscribers, to be present on that occasion. As an intimate friend of the late Lochiel for the past 30 years, he could fairly claim to speak not only for those in the county, but as one who knew the late Chief very well. It was not necessary, he thought, for him to dwell upon all that Lochiel had done for his native district of Lochaber and for the Highlands in general, but he would like in passing to refer to what concerned them in Fort William more than anywhere else - he alluded, of course to the network of railways, the benefits of which they, mainly owing to Lochiel's exertions were now enjoying. As one who knew intimately all that took place during the planning arrangements of these railways, the Mackintosh could assure them that had it not been for Lochiel's great tact, business capacity, and pertinacity, these lines would never have been constructed. Though on intimate terms with the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Lochiel had considerable difficulty in persuading him that it would be for the benefit of the west for the Government of the day to guarantee a certain sum for The Development of Railways in these parts. However, owing to Lochiel's untiring efforts success was at last assured and the result was the construction first of the West Highland Railway, and afterwards the extension to Mallaig. Later on as an outcome of Lochiel's friendship with Lord Burton, the further construction of the railway to Fort Augustus was undertaken. But it was not only in the matter of railways that people owed a debt of gratitude to Lochiel but also as regarded matters connected with business and the welfare of the county. As their representative in Parliament for 17 years, Convener of the County and Lord Lieutenant, it be said of him that he was the head and



friend of the premier County in the Highlands. In the Mackintosh's opinion, Lochiel served his native county during one of its most interesting periods in Parliamentary life, when he was able to study and deal with in a calm and dispassionate way, such questions as the Education Act, inquiries into the state of the deer forests, Crofters Commission and other matters which vitally concerned the Highlands. In all questions connected with agriculture or pastoral pursuits, Lochiel was an unrivalled authority and it was on account of the universal feeling that he was a fair-minded and honourable man that, irrespective of party or creed, he was so often selected as an arbiter. Socially, he held a high position as the head of a great clan, and they all knew how happy he was in his marriage. The son of a soldier himself, Lochiel lived long enough to see his eldest son serving with honour and distinction in the same regiment as that in which his (the late Lochiel's) father served.

Then it was hardly necessary for him to mention that another son served in the regiment of his clan - he referred to Captain Allan Cameron. The Mackintosh remembered Lochiel recounting to him with the greatest pride how Captain Allan, when walking with him on the quay at Oban, on seeing a child fall into the sea had without the slightest hesitation jumped in and rescued it. Of the late Lochiel they were all proud; all looked up to him, and those that knew him best loved him. It required no such memorial as had that day been unveiled to perpetuate his worth, for long after that statue had crumbled to dust the memory of Lochiel would be kept green amongst the people of the district he loved so well.

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Who Are You? An experience at Lochaber Games. by Janet Chalmers-Stevens

We offered to give assistance at the 2007 Highland Games in Fort William on the Clan Cameron stand and duly made our way there on the 28th July from our local B&B. We found the area marked out for us and Barry went off to find some tarpaulin and fixings. The wind was determined to beat us and it took several attempts before we had it in place. I went off to get more string and fastenings while Barry fitted the wooden table base and kept hold of the bits that were not fastened down.

We were joined by Bill McCarthy, wife Caroline, and son Donald who soon got into the swing of laying out our exhibit and some of the information relating to the clan. Bill had a screwdriver and fixings in his car and we soon had the Clan Cameron Association banner in place and looking very smart. We were positioned very near to a re-enactment group called *The Clann* which proved very beneficial for us. The visitors came in by 09:30 and we attracted some initial interest very early on.

At 10:00am the Lochaber Highland Games 2007 were officially opened by Sir Jimmy Saville, OBE who not only gave his services freely but excelled during the day by being actively involved. He had officially stood down last year from his Honorary position as head of the games as he felt someone else should have a chance but they could not get anyone to take his place who did not demand a large fee. Before the opening, Sir Jimmy, dressed in a two piece Tartan Track Suit and looking very elegant, had marched around the arena three times with the pipe bands and carrying his legendary large cigar showing how fit he was for a man over 80 years.



Sir Jimmy then went on during the day to meet anyone and everyone whom he came into contact with and when reaching our stand at around lunch time he came bounding over with his usual exuberance. "Ows about that then, I know who you are!" Pointing to a photograph of Lochiel he proclaimed himself a friend and said that he also knew Liz Cameron very well from his activities in Glasgow. He was very interested in all that we had to say and show and signed our Guest Book, 'Sir Jimmy McSaville'. A Photo opportunity followed with a kiss for the ladies, before moving on to 'The Clann' next to us asking, "Who are You?" He then asked them to demonstrate some of their skills with the sword and even took on a junior member whom he laughingly said had cheated as his sword came out of his grip.

During the event we had many Camerons of one kind or another and some expressed interest in joining and were given application forms. The guest book was in great demand especially from overseas visitors. Barry spent a lot of the day along with Caroline explaining some of the finer points of historical interest and there were many questions about Tartans and Kilts as well as Highland Wear in general. Donald McCarthy entered the hill run and we followed his progress keenly, he finished very credibly well up in the field despite slipping on the steepest part of the course, keeping the Camerons in the forefront. Sir Jimmy closed the games by marching once again with the combined pipe bands twice around the arena before having the High Jump bar raised to 11 feet so that he could stand with his back to it and with his eyes closed tossed his gold bracelet up and over the bar to a huge applause.

Culloden Memorial Service Saturday, 19th April 2008

The annual memorial service at the cairn on Culloden battlefield will be on Saturday 19th April, this year. The service will be at 11.00 and is conducted in both Gaelic and English. It is a most moving ceremony and I can recommend it to you. As a clan, we meet in front of the centre and proceed to the monument preceded by our piper, Astie Cameron. The Clan Association along with many other associations and groups lays a wreath at the cairn.

After the service, the Camerons are piped out to the marker stone where the clan lined up in 1746 prior to the Battle. After a short act of remembrance we are then piped back to the Cameron grave. After the service, there will be a lunch for Clan Association members at the Cawdor Tavern which is close to the Battlefield. This year, we are privileged to have a talk from Peter Pininski who claims descent from Bonnie Prince Charlie. The complex family ties which link Peter with the Polish and French Royal families and the Stuart line through an illegitimate daughter of Prince Charles Edward also contain links to the Camerons.

The fascinating story which Peter tells can be found in his book, "*The Stuarts' last Secret*" published by Tuckwell Press and obtainable as a paperback from Amazon.co.uk for £14.00. ISBN-10:1862321991



On Wednesday, 16th April the new visitor centre at Culloden will be formally opened and it may be that you would wish to attend this event also but I would emphasise that this event is not an official Clan Cameron event.

News from Achnacarry

The following engagement notice appeared in the Daily Telegraph of 12 Nov 2007

The engagement was announced 12 Nov., 2007 between Henry Peter Trotter (b. 27 March 1972) 1st son of Maj. Alexander Richard Trotter of Mortonhall (b. 20 Feb 1939), 14th of Mortonhall, Midlothian, and 5th of Charterhall, Berwickshire of Duns, Berwickshire, by his wife, the former Julia Henrietta Greenwell (b. 2 Feb 1946), scion of the Greenwell Baronets, & Catherine Mary Cameron (b. 1 March 1975), bridesmaid to Lady Diana Spencer at the Royal Wedding, 29 Jul 1981, daughter of Donald Cameron of Lochiel, 27th Chief of Clan Cameron, Lord Lieutenant of Inverness, by his wife the former Lady Cecil Nennella Therese Kerr (b 22 Apr., 1948), daughter of the 12th Marquis of Lothian (1922-2004).

But is it Football?

While in a remote part of Argentina, earlier this year, I met up with a gentleman who introduced himself as Doug Taylor. His first question to me after establishing that I came from Scotland was to ask if I was interested in soccer. When I replied that I was he went on to talk about his invention which he described as Ice Soccer. The rules are similar to soccer as played on a grass pitch but the surface is instead ice. The football is different too - being a rectangular box shape which means that it has a greater sweet spot than a round ball. The game is played between two sides of 9 players. The ball or Boot'r (specially adapted ball) is kicked and the aim is to score a goal by propelling the Boot'r through your opponents' goal. The footwear is a high-traction-on-ice shoe and the players wear protective clothing. The game lasts for 30-60 minutes depending on the ice time available. The illustration shows Douglas with the Boot'r.



For more information including a video of the game go to www.icesoccer.com

The Gentle Lochiel

This year marks the 260th anniversary of the death of Donald Cameron XIXth of Lochiel known as "The Gentle Lochiel" who was one of the Prince's most trusted supporters and whose participation in the ill-fated uprising was a crucial element. It was the Gentle Lochiel who spared the good people of Glasgow from the hungry forces of the Jacobite army returning from Derby. He was badly wounded at Culloden and forced into exile in France where he died. As a mark of his contribution to the Jacobite cause, the Clan Cameron Associations along with the Lochiel family and the 1745 Association will be dedicating a new plaque which will be sited on the cemetery wall of the town of Bergues in Northern France. This will take place in October 2008. Those who are interested in travelling to France to participate from Friday, 24th October until Sunday 26th October, should contact Elizabeth in the first instance. It is possible if there is enough interest that a bus will go from Edinburgh

BBC TV Programme

In the Autumn, there will be broadcast a programme about the Clan Cameron. This is the latest of a series which has focused on different Clans and their activities throughout the centuries. Currently the researchers are putting the programme together and have visited Achnacarry and spoken to Lochiel and Denis Muir. I gather that the theme of the programme will be focusing on the role of "The Gentle Lochiel" during the Jacobite uprising.

Keep an eye on the website. I will do my best to let you know when the programme will be on air.



HOMECOMING SCOTLAND

2009 has been designated as the *Year of Homecoming* and is being extensively marketed as Homecoming Scotland. It is our opportunity to welcome clan members from throughout the world to Scotland and to show them what a wonderful country we have.

Clan Cameron Gathering 2009

Lochiel has decided that there will be an International Cameron Gathering at Achnacarry from Thursday 30th July until Sunday, 2nd August 2009. This will tie in nicely with the International Gathering of the Clans.

International Gathering of Clans July 2009

Homecoming Scotland is being heavily promoted - especially in North America. One of the themes is genealogy. If you wish to find out more about the project, there is an excellent website: www.homecomingscotland.com

Camerons in the News 2



The Chief Constable of Central Scotland Police, Andrew Cameron, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the New Year Honours list. Mr Cameron, 54, who is married with two grown up children, has 35 years' service as a police officer having begun his career as a 15 year old police cadet in Ayrshire in 1968. He is currently the longest serving current Chief Constable in Scotland having taken over the reins at Central Scotland in August 2000.

Mr Cameron's career has taken him from Ayrshire beat bobby to the pinnacle of the Scottish Police Service. He became a police constable in the Ayrshire Constabulary in 1972 after being a cadet for four years. He quickly progressed through the ranks. As an operational inspector he worked in the immediate aftermath of the Lockerbie disaster. He went to become a staff officer at HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and was deployed to south-west Africa to assist with inspection work with the police in Namibia. Mr Cameron went on to assume the role of Ayrshire area commander before moving to Strathclyde HQ and a number of roles, eventually taking on the post of Assistant Chief Constable (Ops). He took strategic command of a number of large scale events including the Tall Ships Race in Greenock and the Euro 2000 qualifier between Scotland and England.

Mr Cameron became Chief Constable of Central Scotland Police in 2000. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 2002 and was President of ACPOS in 2002/2003. He has played a pivotal role in taking

forward the leadership and people strategies for the Scottish Police Service, working in conjunction with the Scottish Government. He has overseen significant modernisation of Central Scotland Police as an organisation. The force is now one of the top-performing in the UK.

CLAN ACTIVITIES 2008

Culloden Memorial Service & Lunch April 19th
Inverness Highland Games Sat 19th July
Arisaig Highland Games Wed 30th July
Lochaber Highland Games Sat 26th July
Glenfinnan Highland Games Sat 16th Aug.
Braemar Gathering Sat 6th September
Clan Picnic - July/August TBA
Clan Council & AGM October TBA
Bergues: Gentle Lochiel Memorial Oct 24th-26th

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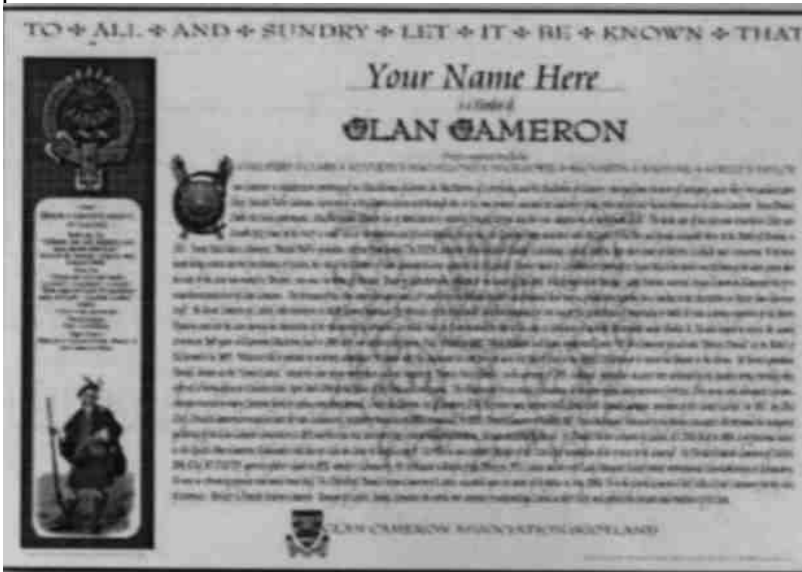
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We have a number of items based on the Association Coat of Arms. These include the Clan Cameron Certificate which you can have printed with your own name on and which makes an excellent gift or even a self indulgence. Please contact David directly as he has special offers from time to time.

In addition, David has for sale full colour copies of the letter patent prepared by the Lord Lyon for the presentation of our Arms. This is again an excellent gift and memento and at

£4.00 will not break the bank. We also have wall plaques with the new shield and motto and these are for sale. Currently the stock is down to 1 copy only. If you are interested and there is sufficient demand, we could commission another run. Please contact David if you are interested 0131 539 2745

Camerons in the News 1

Rev Dugald Cameron



Since August 2007 Dugald Cameron has been minister in Kilmore and Oban which he regards as an exciting and demanding charge. Born in October 1961, he can trace a continuous line of Dugald Camerons stretching back to 1786, and perhaps to before Culloden.

Dugald was born and grew up in the Scotstoun area of Glasgow where he had his early schooling. His initial career was in accountancy with Scottish Power but in 1984, he enrolled in the Faculty of Divinity at Edinburgh University, spending time at Tubingen University, Germany, and at United Theological College, Bangalore India, before graduating with Honours in Divinity in 1988 and

then with a Diploma in Ministry in 1989. After a Probationary period in South Leith, Dugald became an Associate Minister in Inverurie. In 1992 he was inducted to St. Martin's Edinburgh. Whilst there, he gained a Masters in Theology.

For almost nine years he served as minister in St. John's-Renfield in the West End of Glasgow. During that time he was encouraged through leading a number of services broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Radio 2, 3, 4.

For over twenty years he played rugby, and is a passionate fan of Heart of Midlothian. He lists classical music, Bruce Springsteen, hill walking, eating out, reading, history, cinema, life in general as his hobbies and in particular being a husband and dad.

The Gloomy Forest Contributed by the Editor

In 1773 a group of hardy highlanders set off from Loch Broom in Wester Ross to sail to Nova Scotia. Their ship was an old vessel almost at the end of its useful service. However, the emigrants – spurred by a mixture of despair at their poverty stricken lives and hope of a bright new future boarded “*The Hector*” to sail across the Atlantic. The journey was awful. The living conditions were worse than unsatisfactory and during the course of the voyage many of the passengers died – especially the children. The voyage had been delayed and as a consequence the ship experienced adverse conditions which sent it backwards and delayed the arrival by a fortnight.



Replica of the Hector

When eventually they made landfall in Nova Scotia near Pictou, it was then late Autumn and too late to do other than batten down and wait for the better weather. They survived through help from the native Micmac Indians and some settlers from New England who had already established themselves in Nova Scotia. To their disappointment, they found not land that was ready for cultivation but an area covered with vast forests. John MacLean, a Gaelic Poet who had emigrated from Tìre described what he saw as “*A' Choille Ghruamach*” – the Gloomy Forest.

Amongst those who travelled on the Hector was Alexander Cameron. As a young man from Loch Broom, Alexander had witnessed the awful destruction of Culloden. Cameron was 44 when he set sail with his wife Janet and son Daniel. At last the Hector struck land at Brown's Point near Pictou.

Alexander Cameron like the other Highlanders set about clearing land and building a homestead. He chose a spit of land which resembled his own native Ross-shire and called it Loch Broom – a name that it retains to this day. There, he and his wife Janet brought up 8 children. There the man who as a 17 year old had witnessed the Battle of Culloden in 1746 lived to be 103. He left a widow, eight grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren – seeds that are today scattered throughout Canada and the United States.



Alexander Cameron's House, Loch Broom



The picture on the left was taken in July 2007 when Alan & Elizabeth visited Nova Scotia. We met many people while we were there and the lady in the picture is Mrs Genevieve Oliver who is a direct descendant of Alexander Cameron. Genevieve showed us many things which the intrepid immigrants had taken with them from Scotland. While there, we also visited the log church built by the immigrants (pictured above).



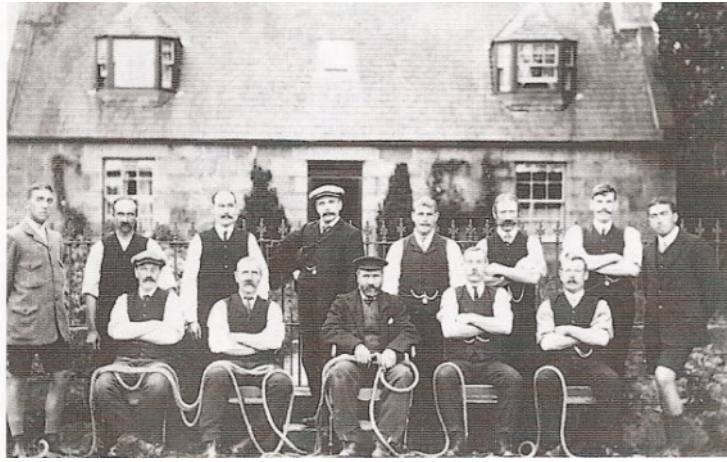
The Midmar Tug o' War

Contributed by Duncan Cameron, Vice President NE & Highland

This article is based on a longer article which first appeared in the Leopard Magazine and was written by John Duff and is published with their permission. It relates to an earlier article which we published, contributed by Douglas Cameron, Kintore and his family's abilities at heavy weight competitions. The main character from our point of view is Alexander Cameron, the anchorman who was Douglas's grandfather and Duncan's Great-Grandfather. The story is about a famous tug o' war match in 1910. Tug o' war is still very much a feature of the games in the North-East circuit. (Editor)

It all originated in the sports or games which were held in so many districts prior to the Great War. At that time there were games at Tillycairn, Burnhervie, Monymusk, Kemnay, Dunecht, Echt, (where the Show still flourishes), as well as Midmar, where the games in 1910 may have been a one-off rather than an annual event. Country areas were much more homogenous in character then than they are now, and the large numbers of young, strong and active men working on the various estates and farms

ensured that inter-parochial rivalries were both intense and sustained. The competition in the various events, and especially the tug-o-war, a parish as opposed to an individual contest, was without real malice, but otherwise ruthless, with no quarter being given or expected. To win was the aim, and let the devil take the hindmost!



The successful Cluny tug o' war team with Alexander Cameron in the centre of the front row with the black cap

The captain and coach of the Midmar tug team was John Mchardy the Corsindae gamekeeper. It is not known whether he himself pulled, but his surname indicates possible descent from a Braemar family of heavy athletes with a

record second to none, so he may well have done. At any rate, he was clearly something of a showman, and a prominent Midmar 'character'. His team was at daggers drawn, and in competition for the regional top-dog position, with the neighbouring Cluny team, captained by Robbie Moir, the Cluny blacksmith, and, coached by wee Jockie Raitt, the local threshing contractor. Both were obviously first class teams.

It seems that at some stage prior to the great 1910 tug, the Midmar team had beaten Cluny, but 'young' Rob Moir states darkly that this was only after the Cluny team had been given drink by someone unknown! At any rate, both teams had something to prove, and a confident John McHardy, in advertising the Midmar Games, had billed the tug contest as a World Championship, thus raising the stakes considerably. Finally, four teams were left to decide the championship among themselves - Cluny, Echt, Midmar and Torphins. McHardy had his team photographed, with himself sporting six medals that the team presumably had won, although again Rob, unconvinced, growls that medals can easily be bought.

The Midmar team comprised David Robertson, J. Hay and John Hendry, with big Jim

Burnett as the anchor, Dod Chalmers who farmed at Bankhead, and George McDonald, at 20, who was the 'loon' of the team. He worked at Cluny estate sawmill, but later became sawmiller at Kinsteary estate, and was coach to the famous Auldearn tug team of the 1950s. He lived to be 91. George McAllan worked at the Upper Tillenhilt sawmill. John Anderson came from Kintoche, Craigievar, and was engineman to Davie Angus, the Midmar contractor, and later foreman at Bethlin. Andrew Strachan left Midmar to become sawmiller at Kinsteary for Lady Gordon Cathcart, but died of a heart attack, and finally William Christie, who farmed at North Bandonier.

At last, the great day came and the pulls started. As expected, Echt and Torphins were eliminated in the preliminary rounds, and the field was left to Cluny and Midmar. It was soon all over, with John McHardy's dreams of 'World Championship' in ruins, and Cluny victorious. Now it was Robbie Moir's turn to crow, and he had his victorious team photographed outside his house at Vulcan Croft, along with G. Milne Mitchell, the Cluny poet, whose acid wit was apparently equally respected and feared by his neighbours, and who had produced verses commemorating the great victory. Cluny's triumph was rendered all the sweeter by two American Directors of Sport on a study trip to Scotland, who, hearing of the contest, visited Cluny to learn from the masters. They were included in the photo, complete with Norfolk jackets and long shorts.

The Cluny team members included Willie Moir, from the School Croft, who looked after the gas plant at Cluny Castle, but died young, his lungs damaged by the gas. Alex Cameron, a big Highlander, was the local joiner, and his reason for settling in Cluny is a mystery¹. He was the Cluny anchorman, but was dismissive of his importance. "*Och, they didn't need me at all,*" he would say after a victory. Jockie Raitt, the coach, was as stated, a threshing contractor, and had some sort of a device on his traction engine which seemed to chant, "Jockie Raitt, Jockie Raitt", as it was driven along the road. Geordie Leiper remembers how the engine had a shrill whistle, and how the farm lads used to speak of someone "pulling the rat's tail" when they heard it. Jockie's winning formula as coach was to try to gain a yard or so, then get his team to 'hold', while he edged over to watch the opposition, hands behind his back. As soon as he saw some sign of inattention by his opponents, he would give a hidden hand signal to his team to give a sudden heave which very often resulted in a runaway victory.

Also connected with the team, but apparently not at that stage pulling members, were Robert Chivas, the farmer from Nether Inver, Monymusk, and Robert Durward the Dunecht souter. Apart from specialising in making indestructible tackety boots, Bob Durward bred prize-winning Brown Leghorn poultry, and was determined to keep his success to himself: if someone badgered him for a setting of eggs, and he felt he could not refuse, he took the precaution of boiling them before handing them over!

There was a sequel to the Cluny team's successes. During the Great War, Canadian lumberjacks came to Kemnay to fell timber for the war effort, and thought that they would challenge Robbie's team. Having seen them, however, the Canadians changed their minds.

¹ Alex Cameron came from Kilmonivaig to build the schoolhouse.