

Clan Centenary Marked Here

A two day celebration by 100 members of the McCrie clan marked the 100th anniversary of the arrival in Canada from Ayrshire, Scotland, of the original pioneer family of Mr & Mrs Wm McCrie and their children.

Members came from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario to the celebration at Canatara Park.

Following a sports program Saturday a banquet was served by the W. A. of LaSalle Sea Presbyterian Church.

Some 40 members of the clan attended morning services at Mandamin United Church Sunday. Lunch was served at Canatara, followed by the presentation of historical documents, a sing song and election of officers for the coming year.

Prize for the oldest member present went to Jennie McCrie of Detroit and for the youngest to Ross Bell of Mooreton.

July 26th and 27th 1952.
at Sarma, Ont.

He had left Detroit before any of us could get in touch with him but did learn from the reporter who had interviewed that his parents came from Scotland but he now in his 50's was born in New Zealand. Is a bachelor and very well to do and calls himself a Dairy Farmer.

Aunt Jane said they were born in Old Cumrock. They lived in Kelmarock and William McCrie was a teacher at Woodhead School Galston where they attended church.

All of William McCrie's children were born in Scotland. But eventually they started for this country and what a journey that must have been in the old sailing days with a family of nine children for two to twenty-one years of age. They were caught in fog off the New Foundland Coast and delayed for sometime.

On coming to this country
they proceeded to Hamilton
where they lived for some time
but at last took up land in
Sarnia Township then new
timbered country that had
to be cleared before any
farming could be done.

Grandfather I believe
stayed for a while in Wootton
and taught school. Since
that town being on the
river was quite prosperous
with god docks where the
boats got fuel etc. Also there
was a mill and salt wells
there.

The boys cleared the
land and finally built
a house and so the Clan
were gathered at Sarnia.
After a time of course the
family scattered to form their
own homes