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2023 Centenary Year

of the Historic Hebridean Emigration of 1923/24

To Canada on The Marloch,
The Metagama, The Canada



**The Summer of 2023 will mark this
Historic Moment in Hebridean History with:**

Exhibitions, Musical, Art and Literary Events
culminating with Tattoo Metagama on

11th and 12th August 2023

fronted appropriately by

78th Fraser Highlanders from Toronto



Hosted by Western Isles Community Society (local lottery)
In partnership with the Stornoway Historical Society

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15th April 1923 Lochboisdale 21st April 1923 Stornoway

THE DAILY MIRROR, Wednesday, April 25, 1923
"A Debt of Honour"

The Daily Mirror
 NET SALE MUCH THE LARGEST OF ANY DAILY PICTURE NEWSPAPER

PRAYER BEFORE LEAVING THE HOMELAND



A big party of Scots from the Western Isles about to sail for the deck of the liner before they leave their native land. Steamer Metagama, which has carried...

The Sunday Post

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED IN GLASGOW EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
 SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1923.

UNPARALLELED SCENES AT STORNOWAY.

THE ISLESMEN'S BID FOR FORTUNE IN CANADA.

700 YOUNG MEN EMBARK ON THE METAGAMA.

Unparalleled scenes were witnessed at Stornoway yesterday when the great Canadian liner, Metagama, lay off the harbour of the capital of Lewis, and took on board 700 emigrants. These were mostly young men setting out from the lone shailings of our misty islands to seek fortune in a land of greater opportunity. The embarkation proceeded without a hitch. The scenes were not so poignant as was the case at Lochboisdale last week, where old men and women and families were included among the emigrants.

DAILY HERALD
 LONDON, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1923
 HAS BRITAIN NO HOMES FOR HER MANHOOD?
 YOUTH AND VIGOUR IN EXILE
 GROWING STREAM OF EMIGRANTS DRIVEN ABROAD BY LANDLORDISM
 BIG WEEK-END EXODUS: EMOTIONAL FAREWELL SCENES: WOE-LADEN HEARTS

TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1923.

EMIGRANTS' FAREWELL TO STORNOWAY.



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Centenary of Historic Hebridean Emigration 1923/24

PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

March 2023: display boards prepared by Primary Schools on display through out the Islands
Uist & Barra focussed on the Marloch departure from Lochboisdale on 15th April 1923
Lewis & Harris focussed on the Metagama departure from Stornoway on 21st April 1923

April 21st 2023: The Story of Hebridean Emigration opens in Town hall on the 21st April 2023
(6 weeks)

June to July 2023: The Story of Hebridean Emigration tours Islands

August 8th –Aug 12th 2023: The Story of Hebridean Emigration returns to the Townhall

August 11th 2023 : Tattoo Metagama on the Lews Castle Green 8pm to 11pm, Fireworks 11.15pm

August 12th 2023: Carnival day, 10 pipebands led by 78th parade through the town 1pm to 4 pm

August 12th 2023: Grand Concert featuring 78th, concert bands, Literary reading, Dance , Gaelic singing, Drama, 8pm to 11.30pm



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TATTOO METAGAMA

11th & 12th August 2023



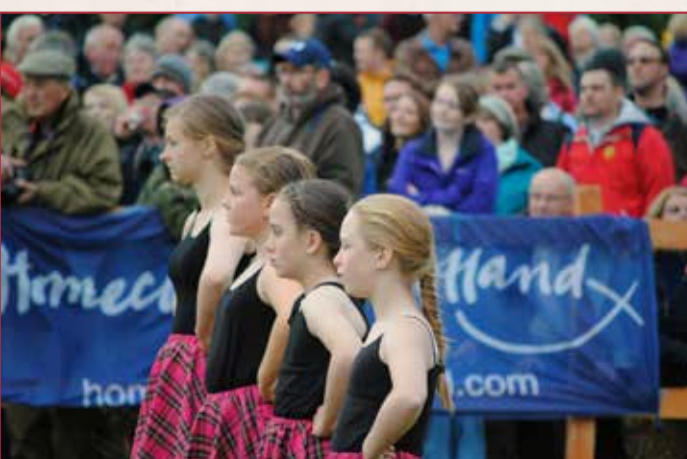
1923



2023 78th Fraser Highlanders from Toronto



78TH FRASERS HIGHLANDERS PIPE BAND
ISLAND PIPE BANDS
SAMBAYABAMBA
LION & DRAGON DANCE
DANCING
SINGING



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LEAVING HOME EXHIBITION

**This will be both a physical and digital exhibition,
telling the Story of Hebridean Emigration between 1770 and 1924.**

Suggested Preliminary Draft Board Subjects:

- 1 Title Display**
- 2 Emigration during Macneil, Macdonald, Macleod, Mackenzie Eras 1770 to 1840 approx**
- 3 Emigration during Macneil, Macdonald, Macleod, Mackenzie Eras 1770 to 1840 approx**
- 4 The Annie Jane Disaster, Isle of Vatersay**
- 5 Emigration during the Colonel Gordon, Ord, Dunmore, Matheson Eras 1840 to 1918**
- 6 Emigration during the Colonel Gordon, Dunmore, Ord, Matheson Eras 1840 TO 1918**
- 7 Emigration during the Lord Leverhulme Era 1918 to 1923**
- 8 Emigration during the Lord Leverhulme Era 1918 to 1923 continued**
- 9 Canadian Government Promotion....
Hopefully Ontario Government can provide some info?**
- 10 1923 Lochboisdale Marloch**
- 11 1923 Lochboisdale Marloch continued**
- 12 1923 Stornoway Metagama**
- 13 1923 Stornoway Metagama continued**
- 14 Arrival in St John NB, Canadian Paper Coverage..Hopefully some info from Canada on this**
- 15 Arrival in Toronto, Canadian Paper Coverage..Hopefully some info from Canada on this**
- 16 Details of where the 600 emigrants settled**
- 17 Details of where the 600 emigrants settled continued**
- 18 The Aftermath**
- 19 The Aftermath**
- 20 The Future**

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway

The only Route between the East AND West

VIA OTTAWA

The Capital OF THE Dominion

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GET YOUR HOME IN CANADA FROM THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

SPECIAL FARMS OF VIRGIN SOIL NEAR THE RAILWAY AND CLOSE TO SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND STORES. PAID EACH YEAR FOR BRITISH FARMERS IN WEEKLY CAPITAL PAYMENTS IN EASY INSTALLMENTS.

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Canadian Pacific

TO THE CANADIAN FARM

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CANADIAN PACIFIC

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Married or Single For Situations Now Open in

Positions Available for Girls and Women

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APPLY HERE

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Assiniboia
- - Alberta
Saskatchewan

THE FOUR GREAT
Fertile Provinces
of
WESTERN CANADA
DESCRIBED AND ILLUSTRATED.
1892.

FREE HOMES
IN CANADA

THE LAND
OF PLENTY

The
PRAIRIE PROVINCES
OF CANADA

**OWN
YOUR OWN
HOME IN CANADA**
and apply for a
READY-MADE FARM
to the nearest
CANADIAN PACIFIC AGENT

CANADIAN PACIFIC

BRITISH BOYS learn how to
own your farm **IN CANADA!**

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**50,000
HARVESTERS WANTED**

EXCURSIONS
TO
MANITOBA
SASKATCHEWAN
AND ALBERTA
1926

K. G. AMERY,
District Manager, Agent,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

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IN WESTERN CANADA**

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CANADIAN PACIFIC
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NEAR THE RAILWAY
INCLUDES 5 ACRES TO 100 ACRES -
NEW PROPERTIES OVER 1000 ACRES
WITHIN 100000 - 200000 CAPITAL
PAYMENTS IN EASY INSTALLMENTS

DOMINION OF CANADA!

EMIGRATION
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

To acquire their home - Improved - Suburban -
Semi-rural - Farm - or - Estate - with -
FURNISHED FARMERS WITH LIMITED CAPITAL
A FREE GRANT OF LAND

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WEST**

The Future belongs to Saskatchewan

Own a
**"SELECTED"
Farm**
To Fit Your
Needs

Along the
Lines of

**Canadian
National
Railways**

READ-THINK-ACT!

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WANTS WOMEN**



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OVERSEA SETTLEMENT OFFICE.

**CANADA
WANTS WOMEN**
FOR HOUSEHOLD WORK.
SOME DOMESTIC EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.
ASSISTED PASSAGES
APPROVED APPLICANTS.
GOOD WAGES.
EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEED.

APPLY TO
ANY EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE,
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OR TO
THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AGENTS
at the following addresses:

Towns	Addresses
ABERDEEN	116, Union Street.
BANGOR	310, High Street.
BELFAST	15-17-19, Victoria Street.
BIRMINGHAM	139, Corporation Street.
BRISTOL	52, Baldwin Street.
CARLISLE	54, Castle Street.
GLASGOW	107, Hope Street.
LIVERPOOL	49, Lord Street.
PETERBOROUGH	Market Place.
SOUTHAMPTON	8, Canute Road.
YORK	Canasa Chambers, Museum Street.



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EXHIBITION



OVER 5 MILLION CANADIANS CLAIM SCOTTISH DESCENT

Leif the Lucky

1016



**James VI
Scotland**

1621



The Hector

1773



The Metagama

1923

OVER A MILLION SCOTS HAVE EMIGRATED TO CANADA

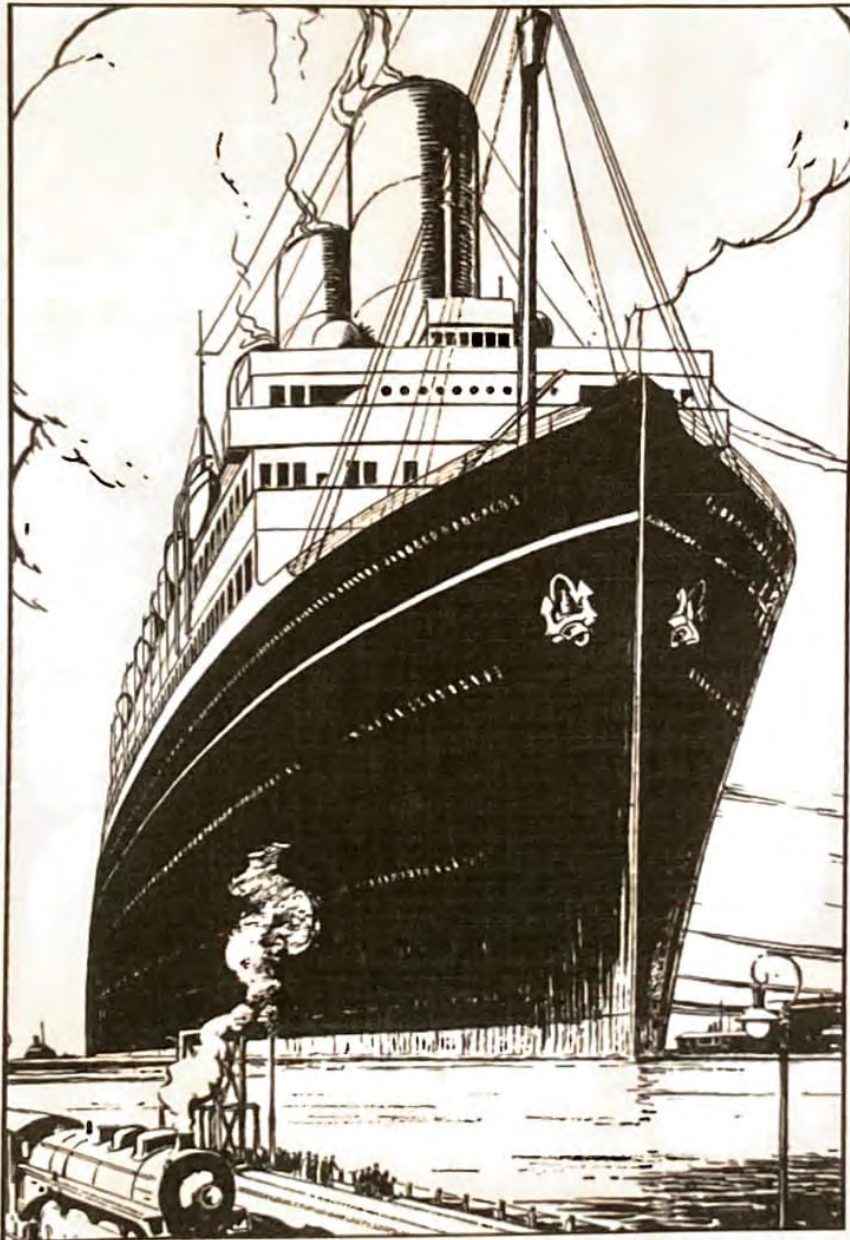
**THIS EXHIBITION TELLS THE STORY
FROM A HEBRIDEAN PERSPECTIVE!**

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**BETWEEN 1923 & 1924 1,500 LEAVE
ISLANDS FOR CANADA ON 3 SHIPS**
CANADIAN PACIFIC
WHITE STAR



14TH APRIL 1923	21ST APRIL 1923	29TH MARCH 1924	24TH APRIL 1924	17TH MAY 1924
LOCHBOISDALE	STORNOWAY	LOCHBOISDALE	STORNOWAY	STORNOWAY
MARLOCH	METAGAMA	MARLOCH	MARLOCH	CANADA

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ADVERT SLOGANS 1923 - 1924



MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Now is the time to find employment on a Canadian farm, where millions of fertile acres stand ready to provide food for millions of hungry Europeans.

J. H. Cradock, Director of Canadian Experimental Farms, says: "Canadian wheat, coarse grains, roots, dairy products and hay are certain to be greatly in demand by Great Britain and her allies during the period of the war and for many months thereafter."

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1000 Queen Street, London, England.
Ottawa, Canada.



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15th April 1923 | LOCHBOISDALE



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MARLOCH

15th April 1923 | LOCHBOISDALE

The Bulletin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1923.

SLAN LEIBH; NA H-UILE LA GU MATH DUIBH!



Which may be rendered in English—Farewell; may all your days be good! A parting cheer for the emigrants from Lochboisdale as they leave to join the continent from the Clyde aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Marloch.

'Exodus' From the Hebrides to Canada.



Types of a party of 100 emigrants who have just embarked in the Hebrides for Canada. Grannie Macintyre is seen with her little grandson, from whom she was parting.

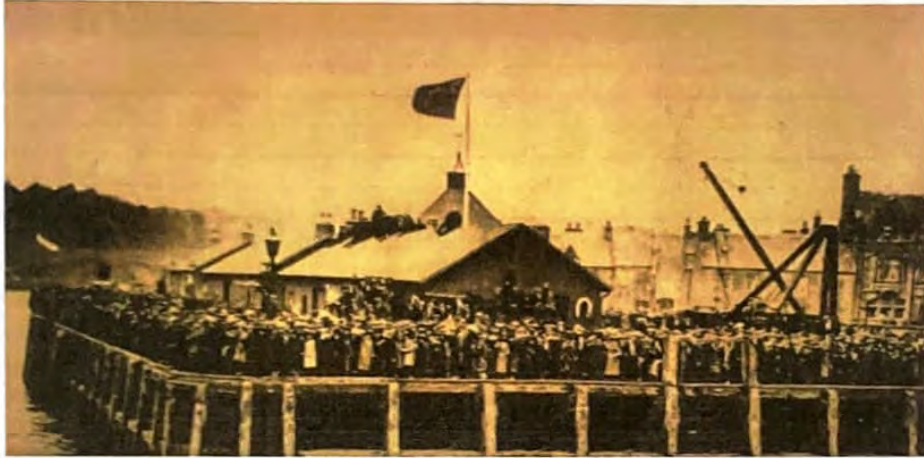
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METAGAMA

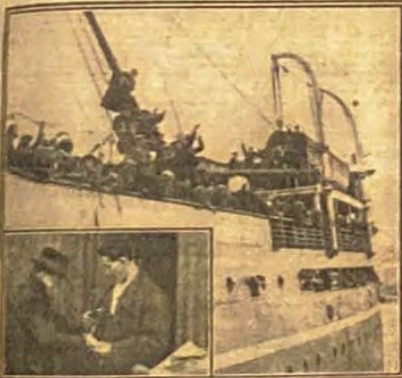
21st April 1923 | STORNOWAY



The Bulletin

No. 2847 [Price 10c] Tuesday, April 24, 1923. One Penny.

STORNOWAY SCENES: MORE EMIGRANTS FROM THE WESTERN ISLES



The Canadian Pacific Steamship, leaving Stornoway on Saturday with another large contingent of emigrants from Scotland, including about 200 young men from Lewis. The white population of the island gathered on the pier to bid these good-bye. The picture here on the left shows the Blue 100 Phoenix greeting the emigrants with a Gaelic Bible from the Ladies' Highland Association before going on board.



The Stornoway pier has galleries than that of Lochmaddy last week-end, the emigrants all being young men in their prime. They danced with us both in the streets of the town, but passed to take part in a little religious service conducted by two ministers who stood aloof to one side of it. The pictures show the comparative youth of the party. Other pictures will be found on page 11.—"Bulletin" Photographs.

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METAGAMA

21st April 1923 | STORNOWAY

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EMIGRANTS' FAREWELL TO STORNOWAY.



"FROM THE LONE SHIELING" - EMIGRANTS' FAREWELL



Shipping Pier Band plays a farewell to the emigrants from the tender.



Emigrants under safety cover of their own at Stornoway Pier as tender takes their departure for Canada. Each one of the many hands that will shake of the emigrants, which surrounded the Metagama for some time after her passengers were aboard. - "Bulletin" - "Pictorial".



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MARLOCH

29th March 1924 | LOCHBOISDALE

THE DAILY GRAPHIC, APRIL 1, 1924

Farewell Scenes in the Hebrides 400 Islanders Sailed for Canada.



The islanders of South Uist waving farewell to kinsfolk as the tender left Lochboisdale. The emigrants are voyaging in the Canadian Pac, which made a special call at the Hebrides for them. They will join a party in year to settle near Red Deer, Alberta.



The emigrants included one family of 15—Donald with their one son and nine daughters. On the right is Father A. Millan organizer of the movement.



The youngest of the emigrants, Billy Aitchison, aged 7 months. What will this later's name be in speltaria Canada?



Part of the outfit of the Hebrides who went for 'the States' which is prepared for being in Canada, Michigan.



John Stewart, a farmer from Barra, one of the Hebrides, stands here with his horse which he brought to work in Canada.



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29th March 1924 | LOCHBOISDALE



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MARLOCH

24th April 1924 | STORNOWAY



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MARLOCH

24th April 1924 | STORNOWAY



MORE EMIGRANTS LEAVE GLASGOW FOR AMERICA



Following last on the departure of Highlanders and Lowlanders on the Canadian Pacific liner Marloch at the weekend, there sailed yesterday from Glasgow another large party of emigrants for "the golden West." Some of them are seen here waving good-bye to friends they were leaving behind.













