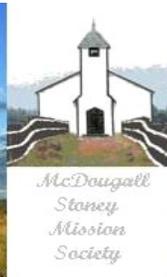


McDougall Stoney Mission Society Newsletter



SPRING

Summer Season- Hours

May 19th to September 16th

Fridays, Saturdays,
Sundays and Holidays

10:00am to 4:00pm

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Laying down the Foundations

The Mission school was not regarded not as an appendage or a sideline to the evangelistic effort but as a strict necessity. "A mission without a school is an anomaly." Steinhauer recognized this when he opened the mission at White Fish Lake where he build church, school and homes. A small school was established at the Victoria mission soon after the McDougalls arrived. Mr. Conner was brought from Fort Garry to teach. When George McDougall and his family moved to Edmonton in 1871, the day school was resumed by Mrs. McDougall. In 1875, John McDougall received a grant of \$500 for a school at Morleyville Mission. Rev. Steinhauer summed up the missionary motivation in their educational work as being an equalling power in elevating in the scale of being those who in the estimation of many a white man, were irrecoverably barbarous-too degraded to require knowledge, either moral or religious.

The deadly smallpox epidemic of 1870, thousand of Indians died ,and the McDougall family lost three of their members. When the epidemic was almost over the arrival of a medical health officer from Fort Garry assisted the missionaries in their effects to prevent further infection and wipe out the plague. A building for a hospital was erected, this building was moved present-day Smoky Lake and named The George McDougall Hospital in 1921.

Tribes of the plains were continually warring among themselves and distrusted all white men on their bitter experiences with the American whiskey traders. The buffalo became scare and the people suffered during the winter of 1867-1868. Maskepeton, the Christian Cree chief was treacherously shot while he had gone to a Blackfeet camp for the purpose of arranging a peace among the tribes. There was an increase in Indian unrest and tribal warfare. With the newly formed Dominion of Canada and the transfer of Rupert's Land from the Hudson's Bay Company to the Dominion in 1868 , the government was looking forward to the West joining Confederation. John McDougall was commissioned to explain the Government 's proclamation of good-will and to promise that all their dealing with the Indians would be fair and honourable. The missionaries played a statesmanlike role in championing the rights of the Indians and in urging upon the government of Canada the necessary for recognizing these rights. Requests for civil law, protection and the suppression of the liquor traffic, resulted in the organization of the Northwest Mounted Police in 1874. John McDougall was interpreter and signatory of Indian Treaty Number Seven.

Of John ,prophet, pioneer, and courageous missionary friend of the Indian, Dr. George W. Kerby said:

He found the Indian in paganism and savagery-he left him enjoying the privileges of civilization . He found the west as "No man's land," he left it "Every man's land," the land for the crowd. He found the west the home of the wild buffalo - he left it the home of a new federation of races. He found the west without schools, churches or government-he left it with education, government and religion as well organized as anywhere on the continent.



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President’s and Treasurer’s Report – By Laura Jauch

The Mission Site will be open for the summer season from May 19th to September 16th (weather permitting Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays). 10:00am to 4:00pm The theme for this year will be “Arrival of the McDougalls– 150 Years Ago”. To celebrate, we will have displays at McDougall Memorial Church throughout the summer season. The 137th Commemorative Spring and Fall Services will be June 10th and September 9th 3:00pm

McDougall Stoney Mission Society, thankfully was a recipient of the Alberta Culture and Community Spirit Donation Grant of \$4429.18 for donations received during 2011. The fund will provide organizations with a proportional grant based on the amount of eligible cash donations received. The Society has also received a grant of \$1500.00 from the Alberta Museum Association. The grants will be used to cover cost of insurance, the cost of promoting our programs and the cost of routine maintenance and repairs to buildings and fences. McDougall Stoney Mission Society wishes to thank all that have donated in the past and look forward to your generosity in the future.

Commemorative Service of Worship

Sponsored by the McDougall Stoney Mission Society

June 10, 2012-3:00pm



McDougall Memorial Church

“Arrival of the McDougalls– 150 Years Ago”

Robert McDonald

The 137th Commemorative Spring Service

Chinook Country Historical Calgary Week

Sunday, August 5, 2012

1:30 - 3:30 MCDOUGALL CHURCH

Come and celebrate 100 years of the Calgary Stampede with us. Did you know that John McDougall was the first Stampede Parade Marshall? Learn how John was instrumental in involving the First Nations people to the Stampede. After the presentation, take the interpretive trail that leads to the remains of the mission house

More information on the whole week can be found on Chinook Country Historical Society website; <http://www.chinookcountry.org/>

Every year I come to the church to enjoy one of the best pieces of Native Prairie in Alberta. Would you believe our 44 acres has over 100 species of plants! I would like to show you these natural treasures and see if you would help me with three major maintenance tasks:

Pulling weeds like Thistles

Gathering up the litter

Checking on the Bluebird houses to see how well they are being used.

There is always a rewarding view from the various corners of our property.

By Andrew Stiles

Andrew is a board member of McDougall Stoney Mission Society and has worked weeds and litter. We can all give Andrew a hand in both meaning of word. He will be there after the June 10th 2012 Service.

We are looking for volunteers to help cleanup the site for the upcoming service. If you are interested please meet at the church on: May 19 at 10:00am



Golden Bean

Bighorn-Site of First Ranch in Alberta

Did You Know?

By Dwight Tannas

As you may know our municipality has been doing a Heritage Inventory. This brought to my attention that many residents are not aware of our historical heritage. As a result from time to time I will try to write an article about some of that heritage.

Did you know that the first ranch in Alberta was in the M.D. of Bighorn? The first farming in Alberta was done by Peter Pond at Lake Athabasca with his establishment of a market garden in 1779. At the time the vast land mass of western Canada was known as Rupert's Land. In 1868 the Rupert's Land Act was enacted and The Dominion of Canada acquired the lands at a cost of about 27 million dollars (in today's funds) and about 20% of the Arable land from the Hudson's Bay Company.

The Reverend George McDougall came west and established a mission at Fort Edmonton. With him and others a few head of cattle and horses came to Edmonton via the settlers in Manitoba. George visited the Morley area in 1865 and in 1873 George and his son John opened a mission at Morley and his other son David opened a trading post. They had brought with them a small band of mixed cattle and horses in 1871 and they acquired another 30 head in 1873 from Ft. Benton, Montana. The following year they acquired another 100 head from Montana.

The buffalo herds were disappearing swiftly after 1874 as they were being hunted by natives and white men for their hides. In fact in 1874 The IG Baker Company at Ft. Benton shipped out over 250,000 hides. In 1875 George McDougall was out on a buffalo hunting trip and died in a blizzard in the vicinity of Stoney Trail and Nose Creek in Calgary. Sir John A MacDonal'd's Government set up a system of leasing of up to 100,000 acres for up to 20 years at 1 cent an acre. Thus began the ranching era of Western Canada. David McDougall's O brand was the 13th registered brand in the North West Territories (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba were at the time were part of the NWT). Historians state that the McDougall ranch of 1875 was the first ranch in Alberta. This date is 10 years earlier than most other large ranches of the southern prairies.

(one of the interpretive plaque at the McDougall Stoney Mission site)

The McDougall Men

Rev. George McDougall showed deep concern for the well-being of Canada's native people. This concern was shared by his sons who helped him establish the mission in 1874. Tragically he died in January 1876, while on a hunting trip with his son John.

John McDougall grew up on the frontier among native people and spoke several native languages fluently. He was ordained in 1872. John accepted a request by the government to go among the various plains tribes and explain the treaty process to them. He was an interpreter at the signing of both Treaty 6 and Treaty 7.

David McDougall was a "free trader" who originally worked for the Hudson's Bay Company. He led the *Oxart Brigade* used to transport goods between Fort Garry (Winnipeg) and Fort Edmonton. David and his family accompanied his parents bringing provisions, horses and cattle to help establish the new mission at Morleyville.

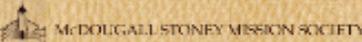


David McDougall's ranch and trading post in 1885 at Morleyville (note the church on right, in background)



David McDougall

Our friend, Mr. David McDougall was our captain, pilot and engineer and sometimes fireman, too, and he fired us up pretty lively at times.
(Howard Stoba)

A Country Wedding at the Historic McDougall Church

The McDougall Memorial Church is a significant place to celebrate a memorable wedding ceremony.

The beautiful surroundings and historical significance of the site make it a unique location for a wedding.

For more information or to book your wedding

Call Ann: 403 282 3044

Email: mcdougallmemorialchurch@gmail.com

How Can You Help?

We are constantly in need of volunteers for various duties at the Church. Listed below are the volunteer opportunities available at the church and the contact information for the person responsible. Please give some thought as to how you could help maintain this piece of history. We know that people are busy, but any time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

- **Church Maintenance:** (Weed control, painting, repairs, upkeep, etc.)
Len McDougall: 403-226-1353
- **Docents** (opening church during summer and providing historical context)
Laura Jauch: 403-802-3898
- **Newsletters** (article ideas or to write an article): Sarah Harvey: 403-946-4650
- **Weddings:** Ann McDougall 403-282-3044

We are looking for a **Event Planner:** If you like to plan special events then we need you. We are looking for someone to plan and organize our bi-annual services and some new special events we have in mind. If this is you contact **Laura Jauch at 403-802-3898**

Not a member? No problem!

If you have time to volunteer or merely want to be kept up to date with the McDougall Memorial Church news, please consider a membership!

McDougall Stoney Mission Society

C/O Laura Jauch

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