

Calgary's statue of Robert the Bruce re-dedicated on the 700th anniversary of Battle of Bannockburn

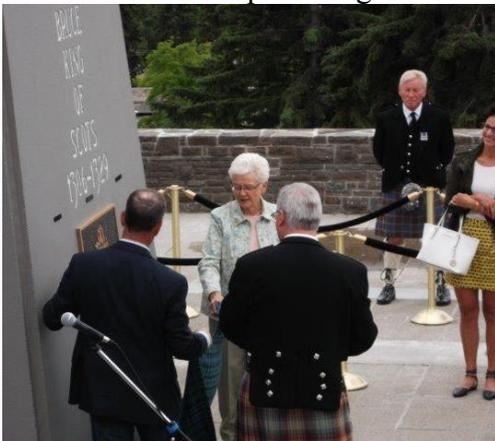
On the afternoon of Sunday, 29 June 2014, members of the Calgary Burns Club and the public gathered at the base of the Robert the Bruce statue, situated on a hill overlooking 14 St. N.W. in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, near the Alberta College of Art and Design, to celebrate the unveiling of the addition to the monument with song and verse.



“The Battle of Bannockburn was one of the final installments in Scotland’s struggle to reassert its independence from England,” explained Ian Denness, President of the Calgary Burns Club. “(Robert the Bruce) was heavily outnumbered, by three to one, by Edward the Second’s army but was able, through carefully chosen ground and the use of bold and innovative tactics, to defeat the English.”

Many are not aware that Calgary’s Eric L. Harvie, a lawyer, philanthropist and the founder of the world famous Glenbow Museum in that city, was instrumental in the funding of the Robert the Bruce statue located at the site of the Battle of Bannockburn near Stirling, Scotland, was erected in 1964, the 650th anniversary of the battle and it was at Harvie’s insistence that an identical statue was erected in Calgary in 1966.

“We have this unique linkage between Calgary and Scotland, the name Calgary is derived from a wee town on the Isle of Mull and obviously Eric Harvie thought it was appropriate to provide that linkage in, I was going to say in a cast iron way but the statue is actually made of bronze, so in a bronze way.”



The Harvie family, including Eric Harvie’s grandchildren, participated in Sunday’s ceremony. King Robert Bruce ruled Scotland from 1306 to 1329 and Queen Elizabeth is his descendant.

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