

# CLAN SOCIETIES IN NEW ZEALAND

*"The Clan had its foundation first and foremost in the deeply rooted Celtic principle of kindness, a mixture of kinship and long tradition, stronger than any written law."*

Sir Fitzroy Maclean in "The Isles of the Sea"

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## WHY A CLAN SOCIETY?

The following is an excerpt from "The Celtic Monthly" March, 1913, No. 3. Vol. XXI;

*"... but it seems to me more and more strongly, as one grows older and considers the stress and strain of modern life, the breaking of old traditions, and the tendency to divide society into hostile bodies marshalled solely in view of their class and purely material interests, that it is well not to let go anything which brings men together on other grounds, and appeals to loftier if less lucrative sentiments. If I thought that the sentiment of clanship and local patriotism was in any way antagonistic to national patriotism, to the wider development of the race, or to the broadest Imperial spirit and sentiment, I should not be here to advocate it. But the contrary, I hold the idea of the family in its widest as well as in its more restricted sense to be the only sure and solid basis of civilized society. A proper regard for one's own district, parish, or county, never made a man worse citizen of State..."*

*"... I am always reminded of what a much-respected Scotsman of ancient name said of the study of heraldry that'...if it gave him a certain pride in what his own family had done, it also taught him humility, for it showed how much that fell short of what had been accomplished by others.' ..."*

*"... so to any true man the credit of his name, especially if it is one well known among his countrymen, should be a support and an incentive. That is the real and the practical reason why the recalling of ties of clan and kindred, to which societies as ours are auxiliary, is a continuing benefit to the nation, and as the canon of the old Roman was "Ne quid detrimenti respublica capiat," so I would say to all the younger members of the clan,*

*Shew that "the Clan Fergus has not degenerated yet."*

Mr. James Ferguson of Kinmundy, K.C., Sheriff of Forfarshire Thursday, February 20, 1913

Macleod of Duart has described the clan spirit quite distinctly. He is primarily speaking of Clan MacLean, but it applies to all Clans:

*"The strength of a unified Clan, such as ours today, is no longer found in stone and mortar. The strength of our Clan today is found in the individual - in each one of you, whether man, woman or child, no matter where you be. It is found in your blood, in the pride which you have for your ancient name and the heritage which lies behind it, it is found in your very heart. It is indeed a challenge."*

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