

Roderick Cannon's
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If anyone has any information that can assist in adding to this update please contact the writer at geoff.hore@xtra.co.nz.

335 The Cowal Collection of Modern Highland Bagpipe Music by John MacLellan.

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p [i], title; p [ii], index; pp 1-46, tunes 1-71.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.*

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[The Author's Collection.](#)

The publisher, Joseph Quigley, is listed as a boot-maker, at 74 Argyll Street, Dunoon, in the 1911 edition of Slater's *Royal National Directory of Scotland*; but not in the 1907 or 1915 editions. (The *Directory* appeared at 4-year intervals.) In the 1903 edition, a John Quigley is shown, resident at Laurel Bank, West Bay, Dunoon

Composers' names are not given in the book, but a note states that the tunes are mainly by residents of Cowal, compiled and arranged by John MacLellan, D.C.M., piper late H.L.I., and the publisher.

John MacLellan joined the H.L.I. in 1892. He fought in the South African War, 1899-1902, and was awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in the field. He left the army shortly after this, but rejoined in 1914. His portrait and a brief biographical notice appear in the *Piping Times*, March, 1973.

According to J. Quigley, in a letter to the editor of *Piping and Dancing*, January 1941, MacLellan was 'more noted ... for his poetical contributions to the local paper than for his piping', but he composed several first-rate tunes, including 'The Road to the Isles'.

From the above information, this book was evidently published between 1902 and 1905 inclusive. In fact it probably appeared not long before the date of its acceptance by the Bodleian Library, which at that time was receiving bagpipe music books systematically, in accordance with its copyright privilege.

It was out of print by 1932 (Askew).

Nothing can be added to the above comments.

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