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THE Mactavish Is A Canadian

From A STAFF CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON

Mr. Dougald Mactavish, a Canadian, could be chief of the Scottish clan Mactavish if he were prepared to outlay £12—but he isn't.

THE clan Mactavish (in Australia clansmen spell it McTavish, MacTavish or Mactavish) has been without a chieftain for 150 years.

Dougald Mactavish, an official of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Montreal, was found to be THE Mactavish by a Scottish historian, Mrs. Margaret Macleod, of Winnipeg.

But he decided to make no claim to the title when he found he would have to pay a fee of £12 sterling to have it entered in the Lyon Register of Clans in Edinburgh.

The clan offered to pay for this to be done. But he still said "no."

He explained, "My ancestors belonged to Aberdeenshire. But there is no castle—not even a manor house—no land and no money attached to the title."

Having no real chieftain is a bitter thing for the Mactavish pride and they are still hoping that Dougald will do something about it.

Sir Thomas Innes, of Learney, Lord Lyon King of Arms and a Judge of the Scottish Court of Chivalry, said last week, "Dougald's claim to the title on the knowledge already before us, is fairly clear

and could possibly succeed; but we are waiting for a formal claim to be made by him.

"I know the Mactavishes are disappointed at having no chief.

"Those interested do not know which branch is next in line—they had a great deal of trouble tracing the present one.

"For all these years no Mactavish has applied to get his arms or genealogy in the Lyon register. Probably a number didn't think about it, and others hadn't the money."

The Mactavish clan's origin goes back beyond the fourteenth century.

It has several thousand members in Scotland and abroad.