

## Peter Henderson's March to Strochanlachan

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***Peter Henderson's March to Strochanlachan***: is named for the famous pipe-maker, Peter Henderson, who was also pipe-major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lanark Rifle Volunteers, and commemorates the habit of route marching to summer camp which was a prominent feature of Volunteer life. A contemporary report states: "...the Company...headed by Pipe-Major Henderson and Piper Robertson marched off jauntily to the strains of the bagpipe and 'the beat of the drum' and between the pipers and bugler, the music, was sustained till the company reached Auchentiber [near Irvine]. The Pipers here played up a Reel [then] the pipers, vying with each other, played the whole way through the town..." Peter Henderson retired in 1901 and died on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1902. He was succeeded by Archibald Patterson, C. S. Thomason's friend and assistant in *Ceol Mor*.



*The editor's pipes which were made by the firm of Peter Henderson in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century*