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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for April 27th, 2018

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<http://www.electricscotland.com/whatsnew.htm>

To see what we've added to the Electric Canadian site view our What's New page at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/whatsnew.htm>

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/>

Electric Scotland News

Well it was the turn of Canada to get its citizens mowed down by a van and so some 10 deaths and many others injured in Toronto.

The world can sure be a hateful place and many of us are becoming very intolerant of others with opposing views. Little sign of any compromise these days sad to say.

I note that Donald Trump may be coming to the UK in July this year. I also note that a group of Conservative MP's have written to him to suggest he goes to Scotland rather than London due to the great likely hood of many protests being organised against him. I have to say that in my view he should be given a great welcome as the President represents all Americans when he visits another country and thus should be treated accordingly. Instead we'll likely see many protests against him and frankly that would be a disgrace especially as he says he wants to do a great Free Trade deal with us after Brexit. I do note that only the Sunday Post newspaper supports my view on this.

It would be great to see Scottish businesses trying to do business with the US being told to take a hike due to the way the Scots treated their President. Time that Scotland grew up.

Here is the video introduction to this newsletter...

<https://youtu.be/J25jybp-8Ho>

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our ScotNews feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in newspapers such as the Guardian, Scotsman, Courier, etc. you will find many comments which can be just as interesting as the news story itself and of course you can also add your own comments if you wish.

Picturesque East Neuk service in running to be named Scotland's best bus route

Our 95 route from Leven connects the communities and quaint coastal fishing villages of Lower Largo, Elie, St Monans, Pittenweem, Anstruther and Crail before the impressive views across St Andrews before arriving into the old University town.

Read more at:

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/fife/637842/picturesque-east-neuk-service-in-running-to-be-named-scotlands-best-bus-route/>

U.S. and UK form regulatory Working Group to boost stability

Britain and the United States said on Thursday they would form a Financial Regulatory Working Group to promote financial stability

and efficient markets as the UK leaves the European Union.

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-usa-regulation/u-s-and-uk-form-regulatory-working-group-to-boost-stability-idUKKBN1HQ2R4>

Britain's tech sector dwarfs the rest of Europe

UK tech is booming. As part of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UK this week, we launched our ambitious UK-India tech partnership.

Read more at:

<https://brexitcentral.com/britains-tech-sector-dwarfs-rest-europe/>

Leaders approve Prince Charles to succeed queen as Commonwealth head

Britain's Prince Charles was approved as the successor to Queen Elizabeth as head of the Commonwealth at a meeting of the group's heads of government on Friday.

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-britain-chogm-charles/leaders-approve-prince-charles-to-succeed-queen-as-commonwealth-head-idUKKBN1HR2IL>

Our national identity and values are closer to our Commonwealth cousins than our European neighbours

There is a shared history that begins in these islands of the growth of freedom and democracy.

Read more at:

<https://brexitcentral.com/values-closer-commonwealth-cousins-european-neighbours/>

Australia tells Remainer MPs that staying in EU customs union would kill trade deal

The country's foreign minister Julie Bishop said her government sees 'enormous opportunities for more trade and investment' with Britain - while warning rebel MPs not to blow the deal by trying to keep Britain shackled to Brussels tariff and customs rules

Read more at:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/6107661/australia-eu-customs-union-kill-trade-deal/>

Donald Trump's visit to the UK is back ON!

President is to finally come to Britain in July and could even stay with the Queen at Balmoral

Read more at:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5640101/Donald-Trump-finally-come-Britain-July-stay-Queen-Balmoral.html>

Selling news: Eyeballs on the prize

One of the key problems is that advertisers struggle to figure out how many eyeballs they're reaching when they advertise with news publishers. The publishers have struggled to give them reliable figures.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-43849728>

The master blender who is Scotch whisky's First Lady

As arguably the most prominent woman in her field, Rachel can reasonably be described as the First Lady of Scotch whisky.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-43712091>

Project Fear got its sums WRONG by £100 BILLION

TREASURY predictions during the Brexit campaign were wrong to the tune of £100billion, according to a report which accuses former Chancellor George Osborne of overseeing a gross miscarriage of government

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/949459/brexit-news-eu-uk-project-fear-100-billion-economists-for-free-trade>

The myth of Scotland as a beacon of humane enlightenment

By Kenneth Roy of the Scottish Review

Read more at:

<http://www.scottishreview.net/KennethRoy140a.html>

Prostate cancer diagnosis breakthrough hailed

A new ultrasound process offering more successful diagnosis and management of prostate cancer has been identified by Dundee University researchers.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-43864875>

Backing for clans

A total of 11 community events spanning nine local authorities are receiving support of more than £48,000 in 2018 from the Scottish Clan Event Fund.

Read more at:

<http://www.eventscotland.org/news/2018/3/backing-for-clans/>

Slaughterbots, Robot Sophia and Google's Deepmind Exposed

Fascinating progress in AI

Read more at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5320-Slaughterbots-Robot-Sophia-and-Google-s-Deepmind-Exposed>

New funding of £2.5m for next phase of Gaelic dictionary

Funding of £2.5m has been put in place for the next phase of the development of the first comprehensive Gaelic dictionary.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-43874505>

Toronto van: Ten dead and 15 injured as pedestrians are hit

Ten people have been killed and 15 injured after a man drove a van into pedestrians in Toronto, police said.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-43873804>

Tackling the myths about Brexit and the customs union

A number of dangerous myths about the customs union are badly confusing the Brexit debate

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/tackling-the-myths-about-brexit-and-the-customs-union/>

Rare earth elements, scarcity and human ingenuity

The world quickly adapted to China's monopoly on rare earth elements

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/rare-earth-elements-scarcity-and-human-ingenuity/>

A free trade future for Africa

A pan-African free trade area has the potential to be bigger than the EU's single market

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/a-free-trade-future-for-africa/>

15 foods that only people from Scotland will know what they are

Scotland's cuisine is far more varied, rich and exciting than many people give it credit for.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/in-pictures-15-foods-that-only-people-from-scotland-will-know-what-they-are-1-4729430>

A UK supermarket is selling fresh food past its best before date for 10p

A supermarket chain has started selling fresh fruit, vegetables, bread and cakes past their best before date for a nominal cost of 10p.

Read more at:

<https://inews.co.uk/news/consumer/east-england-coop-best-before-date-reduced-10p-food-waste/>

GCSE students cannot tell the time using a traditional clock face

GCSE and sixth form students are turning up to school unable to tell the time using an analogue clock, according to teachers.

Read more at:

<https://inews.co.uk/news/education/gcse-students-cannot-tell-time-using-clock-face/>

Lost settlements of Glencoe studied for first time

Archaeologists are in Glencoe surveying the settlements inhabited during the 1692 massacre for the first time.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/lost-settlements-of-glencoe-studied-for-first-time-1-4730433>

Secrets of Orkney's Egypt of the North to be unlocked

Rousay is home to at least 160 archaeological sites with 5,500 years of history charted in less than a mile of its west coast.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/secrets-of-orkney-s-egypt-of-the-north-to-be-unlocked-1-4728887>

Conservative groups urge Donald Trump to visit Scotland and skip London

A trans-Atlantic coalition of conservative groups have called on US President Donald Trump to skip London when he visits the UK later this year, and travel directly to Scotland instead.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/main-players/conservative-groups-urge-donald-trump-to-visit-scotland-and-skip-london-1-4730745>

What is chlorine-washed chicken?

Chlorinated chicken or chlorine-washed chicken – simply means that chicken was rinsed with chlorinated water; chlorine is not present in the meat. Just as chlorine helps make drinking water safe, it can help remove potentially harmful bacteria from raw chicken.

Read more at:

<https://www.canadianpoultrymag.com/production/processing/what-is-chlorine-washed-chicken-30376>

2018 Canadian Agricultural Outlook forecasts strength and growth

Canada is a leading producer of high-quality, safe agricultural and food products. Agriculture is a major contributor to Canada's economy, and the sector is expected to prosper throughout 2018.

Read more at:

<https://www.canadianpoultrymag.com/business-policy/farm-business/2018-canadian-agricultural-outlook-forecasts-strength-and-growth-30600>

Electric Canadian

Transactions of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers

I discovered a lot of volumes of these transaction which are very detailed and note that they are very popular downloads so assume civil engineers are enjoying the details given in these transactions.

I've added the 1935 volume and will add others each week. You can view these at

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/index.htm>

Some of the topics discussed include Aeroplanes, Arc Welding, Bridges, Broadcasting, Chemical Engineering, Concrete, Design, Electric Heating, Energy, Ford Motor Company of Canada, Fuels, Gears, Design and Application, Heavy Forgings, Hydro-Electric Power, Kelvin Medal, Laws of a Mass of Clay Under Pressure, Metallurgy, Nickel Industry, Obituaries, Sewage Treatment, Steam, Structural Engineering, Surveying, Talking with Swiss Engineers, Timber, Transportation, Water Conservation, Weather Forecasting, Welding Methods, etc.

Official History of the Canadian Medical Services 1939 – 1945

Interesting account of them during WW2

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/medcalservices.htm>

A History of Canadian Journalism

In the Several Portions of the Dominion with a Sketch of the Canadian Press Association 1859-1908 Edited by a Committee of the Association (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/historyofcanadianjournalism.pdf>

Life with the Esquimaux

The Narrative of Captain Charles Francis Hall, of the Whaling Barque "George Henry" from the 29th May 1860 to the 13th September 1862 with the results of a long intercourse with the Innuits, and full description of their mode of life, the discovery of actual relics of the expedition of Martin Probisher of three centuries ago and deductions in favour of yet discovering some of the survivors of Sir John Franklin's expedition in two volumes (1864)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/esquimaux2.htm>

Canoeing in Ontario

Posted up two videos on this topic to our Lifestyle page at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/index.htm>

Conrad Black

America is being mocked by the shallow bias of its free press

<http://www.conradblack.com/1384/america-is-being-mocked-by-the-shallow-bias>

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Commonwealth of Australia

Historical Records of Australia published in 1914 in 19 volumes. Intending to put up 1 volume a week until complete.

Added volume 5 July, 1804—August, 1806 to this collection at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/commonwealth.htm>

Some Dinsmore Genealogy

By Capt. Abel Dinsmore (1896)

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/dtog/dinsmore.html>

The Story of Christchurch, New Zealand

By Henry F. Wigram (1916)

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/nz/storyofchristchurch.pdf>

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

I added some videos and a report on the happenings at this meeting which you can get to at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/independence/sip/commonwealth.htm>

Dollar Academy

Got in a copy of their December 2017 half yearly publication. I spent 6 years as a Border at this school.

You can read this at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/ochils/Fortunas_40_December_2017.pdf

A Thousand Miles in the Rob Roy Canoe

On Rivers and Lakes of Europe by J. MacGregor, M.A. (1866)

I wondered if the author had been to Canada and there learnt of the canoe as a means of transport. You can read this book at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/sport/thousandmiles.htm>

Commonwealth of Australia

By B. R. Wise (1909). Added this very good book to the foot of our Commonwealth of Australia page at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/commonwealth.htm>

The Colony of Victoria

Its History, Commerce, and Gold Mining: Its Social and Political Institutions; down to the end of 1863 with remarks, incidental and comparative upon other Australian colonies by William Westgarth (1864) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/The-Colony-Of-Victoria.pdf>

Clan MacDuffee

Got in a copy of their Spring 2018 newsletter which you can read at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/macduffee/index.htm>

Court of Session Garland and Supplement

Added a link to these books at the end of our Law page at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/law/>

A Primer of Burns

By William A. Craigie, B.A. (1896) (pdf)

You can read this book at: http://www.electricscotland.com/burns/A-Primer_Burns.pdf

The American Commonwealth

By James Bryce (1906)

The American Commonwealth 1888, was the first serious study of the American government from the standpoint of the historian and constitutional lawyer.

You can read this book at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/americancommonwealth.htm>

The Story

You probably won't read much about the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in the press so thought I'd bring you this feature article so you can better understand what the Commonwealth stands for and its prospects for the future. As a lot of our readers are in fact in the Commonwealth this should be of interest.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting Leaders' Statement 2018

The fifty-three member countries of the Commonwealth met at Windsor Castle today, at the generous invitation of Her Majesty The Queen.

As Her Majesty enters her seventh decade as Head of the Commonwealth, we put on record our continuing gratitude for the duty and commitment Her Majesty has shown to all members of the Commonwealth over those decades.

We recognise the role of The Queen in championing the Commonwealth and its peoples. The next Head of the Commonwealth shall be His Royal Highness Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales.

The Commonwealth brings a unique perspective to this century's challenges. We speak for a diverse range of countries from some of the smallest to some of the largest nations on earth; for the most vulnerable, as well as countries at various levels of development. We can speak for six continents. Our consensus-based approach flows from our belief in the equality of all nations. Our Communiqué, adopted today, sets out the specific commitments we have made collectively to deal with those challenges. These include, strengthening democratic institutions and building peace; promoting gender equality and inclusion; action on climate change and oceans; sustainable use of resources; commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention; preventing and countering violent extremism and human trafficking.

We recognise the threat of climate change on the world but in particular the existential threat to Small Island Developing States (SIDS). We also recognise the need for a paradigm shift to urgently facilitate pre and post resilience building.

The Commonwealth is a global network and it is more than any of its constituent parts. It is the combination of its member countries, the Commonwealth Secretariat, its associated organisations, and its many people to people networks, with Her Majesty The Queen as its Head.

We have over the last two days heard from businesses, civil society and women from across the Commonwealth. We have also listened most attentively to the young people of the Commonwealth. We were impressed and persuaded by the confidence and wisdom of our future leaders and we recognise that for the Commonwealth to remain relevant we as Leaders need to ensure that our decisions take into account the needs and aspirations of young people.

We are committed to a stronger Commonwealth Secretariat, including through sustainable financing.

At Windsor we discussed our vision for the Commonwealth in this century. We have pledged to work together to foster a fairer, more secure, more sustainable and more prosperous future to the benefit of all Commonwealth citizens. And we will work together and support each other towards a common future.

United Kingdom, 20 April 2018

Commonwealth more relevant than ever, say leaders

This week, the Commonwealth came to London. An estimated 5,000 delegates from every continent arrived for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), bringing their cultures, languages, perspectives and range of colourful flags that represent the vast diversity of our 53 countries.

On Thursday, the Queen officially opened the meeting of leaders. They came from Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, the Americas, the Pacific and Asia, and walked along the red carpet for the formal ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Today, they go back to their countries with a bold consensus on commitments and strategies to protect our ocean, boost trade, tackle cybercrime, empower women and youth, and halt the devastating effects of climate change.

Heads of government had the rare opportunity to have in-depth discussions about shared concerns during roundtable meetings and at their retreat at Windsor Castle. The result was consensus on major global issues and big announcements. The heads decided that Prince Charles should be the next Head of the Commonwealth and that Rwanda should host the next CHOGM in 2020. Earlier in the week, the Queen appointed Prince Harry as Commonwealth Youth Ambassador.

All the heads of government praised Queen Elizabeth, who has been serving as head of the Commonwealth for 66 years. The British Prime Minister, Theresa May, paid tribute to her "vision, duty, steadfast service and nurturing growth of the Commonwealth".

At the final press conference, Prime Minister May stressed the importance of the Commonwealth. "This week we have demonstrated that the Commonwealth is united, not only by a common history, but by a common future," she said. "A future in which we work together for the benefit of all our citizens and the wider world.

"For when many of the greater challenges we face are global in nature, the breadth of the Commonwealth, spanning six continents and a third of the world's population, offers a unique perspective in helping to forge the global solutions we need."

At the final press conference, other leaders also reinforced its relevance. We are very satisfied, Ghana's president, Nana Akufo-Addo, declared, that the Commonwealth continues to be a relevant organisation. Grenada's prime minister has been attending CHOGMS since 1997. Keith Mitchell described this year's meeting as the most productive he's ever attended. Samoa's Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi welcomed the Commonwealth's focus on its most vulnerable members.

Secretary-General Patricia Scotland spoke about the renewed commitment of member countries to the organisation, including ensuring its financial stability.

She announced the adoption of the Commonwealth Blue Charter by all 53 governments, laying the foundation for strong collaboration on action to protect our ocean from the effects of climate change, pollution and over-fishing. A range of member countries have pledged to lead on specific issues such as coral reef regeneration, mangrove restoration and ridding the ocean of plastic.

"This landmark decision to adopt a Commonwealth Blue Charter," the Secretary-General said, "will affect one third of the world's national coastal waters, helping to sustain livelihoods and ecosystems globally".

The Secretary-General also announced a multi-year agreement between the Commonwealth Secretariat and Bloomberg Philanthropies to explore mutually supportive initiatives to boost international trade, innovation and sustainability.

Heads committed to increasing intra-Commonwealth trade to \$2 Trillion by 2030, and expanding intra-Commonwealth investment.

Their commitment will be achieved through the Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda for Trade and Investment declaration, adopted at the meeting.

Leaders also agreed on revised guidelines for Commonwealth election observations to ensure the on-going integrity, value and impact of Commonwealth observer groups.

In addition, they adopted the Commonwealth Cyber Declaration, agreeing to work together to evaluate and strengthen their cybersecurity frameworks and response mechanisms. The UK government pledged up to £15 million to help Commonwealth countries strengthen their cybersecurity capabilities and 'tackle criminal groups and hostile state actors who pose a global threat to security, including in the UK'.

Many of the CHOGM's outcomes are a product of three days of deliberation at forums for women, young people, businesses and civil society.

Protecting the environment dominated the agenda at the youth forum, while the women's forum called on governments to abolish laws that allow discrimination and replace them with legislation that protect women's rights. The business forum focused on free trade describing it as 'the engine for global prosperity'. On Thursday they submitted recommendations and issues to foreign ministers to consider during their sessions.

"The heads asked for action, concrete action on the ground, which will have the impact which is needed to change the lives of our 2.4 billion people in our Commonwealth," said Secretary-General Scotland. She added, "It was the most extraordinary CHOGM!"

I also added The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting Communiqué "[Towards a Common Future](#)" which provides huge information on what was agreed at this meeting along with some videos of the event.

And that's it for this week and hope you have a great weekend.

Alastair