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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for August 24th, 2018

To see what we've added to the Electric Scotland site view our What's New page at:

<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:

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

### Electric Scotland News

I now have Electric Scotland and Electric Canadian up and available on our new hosting service.

Electric Canadian is now solid and can now be accessed under <https://electriccanadian.com> and as I purchased an SSL certificate for it it now shows it's a "secure" site in the Google browser.

Electric Scotland is now mostly available and have now got our Disqus comment system working on both domains. Also the site is now displaying as "secure".

I have now created a dedicated page for our ScotNews RSS feed. I have replaced the feed on our index page with a link to the new page which can now be found at: <https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

I still haven't been able to contact Steve which means no databases to send over to get our various PHP programs working which of course includes our community. I have no idea where Steve is... has he died, or in hospital I know not. I did see he'd posted up a comment on his Facebook page on the 19th of August but that's the only sign of him.

While I have access to the main hard disk where our sites are hosted I don't have access to the PHP or MySQL databases and as I don't have the main admin password for the windows server I am somewhat stuck and not sure what to do next.

I have emailed the vBulletin folk to ask if there is any way to recreate the databases so I could back them up. Also I note that in the bottom menu there is a menu item "Archive" which does let you view all the messages including the links. That could be a way of taking copies of any messages you might like to retain in the event I have to create a new community.

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Our congratulations go to Field Marshal Montgomery in winning the World Pipe Band Championship. You can listen to there winning medley on the BBC at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/edbp8g>

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George Washington Inaugural Buttons

<http://www.georgewashingtoninauguralbuttons.com/>

This site is being used to explore the relationship that the USA had with Scotland and in particular the Inaugural buttons that have been undervalued for years now. There is also new information on the Rattlesnake buttons and we hope to get a paper on this in the new few weeks. Well worth a visit and even if you only read the home page.

Here is the video introduction to this newsletter...

<https://youtu.be/KxlbKMW4dvc>

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.

The Highlander who became a champion of Aboriginal people

Highlander Duncan McNab long dreamed of becoming a missionary to the Aboriginal people of Australia and after leaving Scotland in the 1860s, he was to become their champion.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/the-highlander-who-became-a-champion-of-aboriginal-people-1-4785446>

Duncan McNab (1820-1896), Catholic missionary, was born on 11 May 1820 at Achrinich, parish of Morven, Argyllshire, Scotland, son of Patric McNab and his wife Cirsty. In 1832 he went to Blair College, a seminary near Aberdeen, and in June 1835 to the Scots College in Rome but left on 8 August 1840 before taking his oath as a missionary. He returned to Scotland and was ordained a priest on 8 March 1845. Inspired perhaps by his kinship with Mary MacKillop, he dreamed of a mission to the Australian Aborigines but was refused by a bishop perpetually short of priests, and spent twenty years in parish work. He dabbled in Gaelic literature and at Airdrie in 1862 fell foul of Irish parishioners, probably by arguing the Scottish birth of St Patrick.

Given leave to migrate McNab arrived at Melbourne in the Chariot of Fame on 29 July 1867. For eight years he was tied to parish work in Geelong, Portland and Bendigo. In March 1870 he was refused permission to join the New Norcia Benedictines in Western Australia, but in September 1875 he was permitted to start a personal mission in Queensland. At Mackay he began to see that the one hope for Aborigines was to treat them not as 'a problem'. He therefore sought for them the right to own land and to be treated as responsible adults by law and as individuals. His dour common sense did not appeal to either the government or his clerical superiors, while his fervent and mystical Catholicism made him suspect in the Protestant majority. In March 1876 he became ill and went south to recuperate. On his return he began raising money for work among tribes at Gympie, Kilcoy, Durundur and Bribie Island. He was gazetted a commissioner for Aborigines but became unpopular with other commissioners by advocating individual homesteads rather than reserves. He quarrelled with Bishop James Quinn who considered him a tool of government and refused help, while Tom Petrie believed that he was the dupe of supposed converts. In June 1878 he wrote a long appeal to Rome for help but received no reply and decided to appeal in person. In August 1879 he sailed in the Kent and next year induced Pope Leo XIII to authorize a Jesuit mission to the Aborigines, vainly importuned the Colonial Office in London, travelled through the United States and returned to Victoria. After persuading the South Australian Jesuits assigned to Aboriginal missions to select the Northern Territory rather than Queensland, he turned his attention to Western Australia.

McNab arrived at Perth early in 1883 and became a chaplain to Aboriginal prisoners on Rottnest Island. His recommendations on vocational training to the 1883 commission on Aborigines were implemented half-heartedly. He then made a reconnaissance to the north and in April 1884 settled alone at Goodenough Bay, near Derby. For two years he laboured patiently with little success but in April 1886 he was joined by Fr William Treacy. In August he visited Derby and was diverted to the pastoral care of miners at Hall's Creek. In his absence Treacy had been struck down by fever and went south, and the mission buildings were destroyed by fire. This was the last straw. According to Aboriginal tradition, McNab, tired and old, rode from Derby to Albany accompanied by one faithful Aborigine. He took ship for Melbourne where he lived in a Jesuit house at Richmond and worked quietly as a parish priest until he died on 11 September 1896.

McNab's curious mixture of Celtic mysticism and Scottish common sense antagonized many but his proposals for native welfare would, if adopted, have saved much agony. His name is still revered in the tribal traditions of the north-west..

Holyrood review support of Canada's Scottish founding father over indigenous controversy

Funding for a celebration of the Glasgow-born father of the Canadian nation could be withdrawn by the Scottish Government amid ongoing controversies over his treatment of indigenous people.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/holyrood-review-support-of-canada-s-scottish-founding-father-over-indigenous-controversy-1-4785757>

You can also read about him at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/macdonald.htm>

Leaving the EU on WTO terms: pulling down the barriers to world trade  
Why prices will fall after Brexit, not rise

Read more at:

<https://lawyersforbritain.org/leaving-the-eu-on-wto-terms-pulling-down-the-barriers-to-world-trade>

Third of farmed fruit and veg deemed too ugly to sell

More than a third of farmed fruit and vegetables never reaches supermarket shelves because it is misshapen or the wrong size, according to new research.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-45238732>

Scottish chippy goes viral after offering monster crunchy box for a tenner

A Scottish chippy has created a massive debate online after it posted offering a mammoth 'family crunchy box' for a tenner on Facebook

Read more at:

<https://foodanddrink.scotsman.com/food/scottish-chippy-goes-viral-after-offering-monster-crunchy-box-for-a-tenner/>

Orkney tidal turbine generating phenomenal result

A flagship tidal energy turbine has generated more electricity in its first year than Scotland's entire wave and tidal sector produced before it.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-45246445>

Yes, this really is the best fish supper money can buy

The Bay in Stonehaven the town that gave us the deep-fried Mars bar was last week voted Britain's top food destination

Read more at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2018/aug/19/stonehaven-bay-best-fish-and-chips-food-award>

World Pipe Band Championship

World Champions 2018: Field Marshal Montgomery. Lots of full clips available from the BBC.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/edbp8g>

Scottish Government to open new office in Canada

The Scottish Government is to open a new office in Canada to strengthen economic ties between the two countries.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-government-to-open-new-office-in-canada-1-4786635>

Donald Trump invests £63m into Lossiemouth to combat Russian submarine threat

America has reported a huge rise in Russian sub activity in the seas around Scotland, amid growing tension between the West and Vladimir Putin's regime as experts warn of a new Cold War.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/donald-trump-invests-63m-into-lossiemouth-to-combat-russian-submarine-threat-1-4786435>

GERS and the Scottish Budget

The GERS (Government Expenditure and Revenue) report shows a net fiscal balance (including a geographical share of North Sea oil) in Scotland of -£13.4bn or -7.9% of Scottish GDP for 2017-18. This compares with a UK balance of -£39.4bn or -1.9% of UK GDP.

Read more at:

<http://sceptical.scot/2018/08/gers-scottish-budget/>

Jacob Rees-Mogg pens explosive chuck Chequers letter to turn Tory grassroots against May's plan

Influential Tory backbencher Jacob Rees-Mogg has ramped up his opposition to the Prime Minister's Brexit plan by writing an explosive letter to local Conservative Association chairmen and his parliamentary colleagues urging them to chuck Chequers.

Read more at:

<https://brexitcentral.com/jacob-rees-mogg-pens-explosive-chuck-chequers-letter-turn-tory-grassroots-mays-plan/>

No deal Brexit papers

Full list of published documents setting out no deal scenarios for UK

Read more at:

<https://inews.co.uk/news/brexit/brexit-impact-papers-full-list/>

## Electric Canadian

Canada and its Provinces

Added volume IX for The Dominion: Industrial Expansion Part II which you can read at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/canadaprovinces.htm>

The Engineering Journal

Added the volume for 1950.at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/index.htm>

Includes topics on: Planning the National Capital, Powder Metallurgy, The Invitation of the West, Design Development of the Avro Jetliner, Obituaries, Snare River Power Project, Report on Television, The Legal Position of the Engineer, Electrical Installations in the C. N. E. Grandstand, Propulsion and Auxiliary Machinery in "Wind" class Ice-Breakers, Technical Writing, Economic Considerations in the Construction of Railways in Remote areas. etc.

Mining Review

Added the volume for 1902 at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/mines/mining.htm>

Oh, Canada!

A Medley of Stories, Verse, Pictures, and Music contributed by Members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (1916) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ohcanada.pdf>

The Story of the Canadian People

By David M. Duncan, B.A. (Tor.) Authorised for use in the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and British Columbia (1907) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/storyofcanadianpeople.pdf>

Sir Frederick Haldimand

By Jean N. McIlwraith which I've added to our Makers of Canada section.

You can read about him at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/sirfrederickhaldman.pdf>

Hesperus, and other Poems and Lyrics

By George Sangster (1860) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/savage/hesperuspoems.pdf>

The Little Manitoban

A Child's Story-Book (Christmas 1900) (pdf)

I read several of these and enjoyed them. You can read these at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/littlemanitoban.pdf>

## Electric Scotland

The Castles and Keeps of Scotland

Being a description of sundry fortresses, towers, peels, and other houses of strength built by the princes and barons of old time in the highlands, islands, inlands, and borders of the ancient and godfearing kingdom of Scotland By Frank Roy Fraprie (1907) (pdf)

You can read this book at: <https://www.electricscotland.com/history/castles/castleskeepsofscotland.pdf>

Memoir of the Late Rev. Alexander Stewart, D. D.

One of the Ministers of Canongate, Edinburgh to which are subjoined a few of his sermons (second edition) (1822) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electricscotland.com/bible/AlexanderStewart.pdf>

Albert Road Academy, Glasgow

I was contacted to see if I'd be prepared to take a copy of this site onto Electric Scotland as it seems there is a concern that the site may go down. And so I agreed and have spent the last couple of days publishing this onto the site.

You can view this site at: <https://electricscotland.com/albertroad/index.htm>

Ancient Towers and Doorways

Being Pictorial Representations and Restorations of Masoncraft relating to Celtic and Norman Ecclesiology in Scotland From Pen Drawings by the late Alexander Galletly with Appreciation and Descriptive Letterpress by Andrew Taylor (1896) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/castles/ancienttowersscotland.pdf>

Ancient Towers in the North of Scotland

A one page article from an old magazine which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/castles/ancienttowers.pdf>

Tributes to Abraham Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources providing testimonials lauding the 16 President of the United States Great Britain and Canada from the files of the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/america/tributestolincoln.pdf>

Dr John MacLachlan

Gaelic Poet and Doctor.

The information about him is in English but the poems are in the Gaelic language.

You can read about him and some of his poems at:

<https://electricscotland.com/gaelic/MacLachlan.htm>

Discourse

Containing a summary of the Proceedings of the Directors of the Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of Great Britain since the 25th March, 1788 and some thoughts on the present Emigrations from the Highlands By George Dempster.

This book prints the letter s as an f so a touch challenging to read but well worth the effort and can be read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/Discourse.pdf>

Genealogy of the McKinstry Family

By William Willis (second edition) (1866) (pdf)

This book starts with giving you some background on the creation of the Scots-Irish and then goes on to provide information on the family. This a=can be read at:

<https://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/m/mckinstry.html>

## The Story

Here is a wee story from The Little Manitoban book I put up on the Electric Canadian section above...

OH! mother, may I have Mary over to play with me after school to-morrow?

"Yes, my pet, but you will have plenty of time to sweep the dead leaves out of the arbor and dust the parlor before she comes."

When Eunice came home from school she found her mother had gone out. She took the broom, and as she was going to the arbor she noticed a stately lily withering away. "Oh!" said she, to herself. "it is too bad to allow it to droop like that; I will go and get some

water."

Near it she noticed a lovely pansy, which also needed water.

"Now," thought the little girl, "I will water the plants in the window," and this work was just done when the gate opened, and in came her little playmate, Mary.

They played together quite a while, and Eunice said: "I am so sorry, Mary, I haven't the new game mother promised me."

"She may be getting it this afternoon, and we can have it the next time I come."

"Perhaps so. I'll go now and get something for us to eat." But the cook wouldn't give her anything.

"How horrid," she pouted; "there is no cake nor anything else!"

After this Mary went home, and Eunice took up her broom again and went to sweep the arbor. She saw something on the rustic seat with a napkin thrown over it. It was a lovely lunch, which had been prepared and placed there for her by her mother.

Then Eunice dusted the parlor and behind a chair there was the new game her mother had bought for her!

Now, Eunice wished she had done her work as she had been told before Mary came, and she made up her mind to be more careful in future and do what her mother told her.

CARRIE WILSON.

Winnipeg, Man.

There are around 40 short stories in this collection and the one above is one of the shorter ones. Hope you enjoy them.

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

Alastair