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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 21st, 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

Progress is being made!

Our Postcard program is now working again and I've tested it out and all is working as it should. Like I did send myself a card for the next day and it came in just fine. For a long time that wasn't working so great to have that fixed. Took a week of hard work to get it all working again but hopefully worth while. So explore it again and see all the cards I added, music in mp3 format, quotes and poems and lots more.

Also I know a few of you will be delighted to know that I got the Arcade working again in our Community and again I tried a game and it also kept my high score.

And so I just need to get our Printer Friendly program to work and get my mailing list working and that will be us all up to date and better than we were before moving to our new hosting provider.

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Here is the video introduction to this newsletter...

<https://youtu.be/MylaRVQV8Do>

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.

Clan Buchanan appoints its first chief since 1681

One of Scotland's largest and most ancient clans has appointed its first clan chief in 337 years

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-45518505>

Taking Highland games to Kyrgyzstan

Highland Games athletes and pipes and drums from 19th Royal Artillery (Scottish Gunners) have taken part in the World Nomad Games in Kyrgyzstan.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-scotland-4551826/taking-highland-games-to-kyrgyzstan>

Violent crime in Scotland 11 times higher than official reports

The new head of an internationally recognised police unit credited with helping Glasgow shed its image as the murder capital of western Europe has warned violent crime continues to go unreported.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/violent-crime-in-scotland-11-times-higher-than-official-reports-1-4800625>

US - UK Free Trade Agreement  
The Full Report

Read this at:

<https://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/wtpapers/ideal-us-uk-free-trade-agreement-update.pdf>

Iceland can teach us important lessons about Brexit  
Iceland shows how nations can prosper outside the EU

Read this at:

<https://capx.co/iceland-can-teach-us-important-lessons-about-brexit>

30 years after Bruges, Margaret Thatcher is still right about Europe  
The Bruges Speech is the start of a tragic tale of why the EU has lost one of its most important members

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/30-years-after-bruges-margaret-thatcher-is-still-right-about-europe>

A Commons with no majority so no radical Conservative measures? You've forgotten about EVEL.  
In England, the Conservatives have 296 MPs out of 533, a majority of nearly 60 over all the other parties, who have 237 combined.

Read more at:

<https://www.conservativehome.com/thecolumnists/2018/09/alex-morton-the-opportunities-of-evel.html>

UK shoppers keep on spending as August retail sales smash forecasts  
British shoppers kept up their strong summer spending spree in August and showed no sign that the approach of Brexit is making them cautious, official data showed on Thursday

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-economy-retail/uk-shoppers-keep-on-spending-as-august-retail-sales-smash-forecasts-idUKKCN1M014X>

## Electric Canadian

Canada and its Provinces

Added Volume XIV. The Atlantic Provinces Part II. which you can read at:

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

The Engineering Journal

Added the volume for 1954.at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/index.htm>

Includes topics on: The Stabilization of Suspension Bridges, Economics of the Diesel-Electric Locomotive in Railway Service, The Engineer and Natural Resources, Technical Arrangements for the Sound and Television Broadcasts of the Coronation Ceremonies, Boiler Code, Obituaries, etc.

Mining Review

Added the volume for 1907 at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/mines/mining.htm>

Includes topics on: Editorial Comment, Suggestions from the Geological Survey for a Cobalt Coinage, The Geological Survey, The Metric System, The Canadian Arctic, A Geological Examination of Mines, The Occurrence of Platinum 8 Prospecting with Churn Drills, The Production of Platinum, A Story of Endeavor, Assaying Cobalt Camp Ores, The Canadian Rockies, Cobalt Shipments during December, The Way of the North, The Tretbewey, Metals, Is Matter Electricity?, What is Meant by Artesian, Copper Statistics, The Cobalt District, Hastings (B.C.), Exploration Syndicate Limited, German Consumption of Copper, The Mining Share Market, Cobalt

Companies, Book Reviews, Personals, Mining Notes, Coal Notes, The Mining and Industrial Share Market, Industrial Notes, Mining Incorporations, Catalogues, Calendars, etc.

History of the Settlement of Upper Canada  
With Special Reference to the Bay of Quinte by Wm. Canniff, M.D., M.R.C.S.E. (1869) (pdf)

You can read this book at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/uppercanada.htm>

Journal of a Voyage for the Discovery of a North-West Passage  
From the Atlantic to the Pacific Performed in the years 1819-20 in His Majesty's Ships Hecla and Griper under the Orders of William Edward Parry, R.N., F.R.S. and Commander of the Expedition with an Appendix, containing the Scientific and other Observations (1821) (pdf)

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

The Great North-West and the Great Lake Region of North America  
By Paul Fountain (1904) (pdf)

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

Conrad Black

Ford invoking the notwithstanding clause was what Canada needed  
<http://www.conradblack.com/1418/ford-invoking-the-notwithstanding-clause-was-what>

## Electric Scotland

Clan Leslie Society International  
Got up their September 2018 newsletter at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/leslieint/index.htm>

The Naval and Military History of the Wars of England including the Wars of Scotland and Ireland  
In which is given an accurate and lively Description of the Sieges, Battles, Bombardments, Sea Engagements, Expeditions, and extensive Conquests of the British Arms, in all Quarters of the Globe, with a variety of Interesting and extraordinary Anecdotes of Military Skill and Intrepidity, heroic Adventures, brilliant Exploits, martial Achievements, and memorable Actions of the British Warriors calculated to inspire the Rising Generation with Magnanimity and Virtue and to Impress on their Minds the generous Ardour and Noble Emulation of their Ancestors. In 8 volumes.

You can read this at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/navalmilitary.htm>

Tait's Edinburgh Magazine  
Added an article about Tait's Edinburgh Magazine and also added links to the first 10 volumes.

You can read this at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/stories.htm>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree  
Got in the October section B issue which you can read at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Also got a late copy of the September issue Section 1 which you can read at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/bnft/archives/BNFTSeptember2018A.PDF>

An Old New Zealander  
Or, Te Rauparaha, The Napoleon of the South by T. Lindsay Buick (1911) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/nz/oldnewzealander.pdf>

## Postcards

Our ScotCards program has been fixed and updated. You might want to try it out and see what is on offer and check that cards are being sent out on future days. I have tested all aspects of the program and everything worked as expected.

You can get to ScotCards at: <https://electricScotland.com/cards/>

## Our Community

I have now worked through all aspects of our community and all is now working including the Arcade!!!

I also deleted the Gallery option as I could not get any of the images to display. However under the Community menu you will find in the drop down box "Album" and if you click on that you can now add pictures to the default Album or create your own Album.

I've also updated the Radio programs as some were not working and others were pointing to an incorrect web site. You can get to our Community by clicking on the "Forums" link in our menu and you can go directly there at: <https://electricScotland.com/application.htm>

## The Story

Came across this story and thought I'd make it the story for this week.

How is Canada different than England?

For a starter, in England nobody says "different than". That's American. In England the rule is "different from, rather than". In my years in English Grammar school if you got that wrong you got a cane across the fingers! Now I was born in 1938 in London's East End into a lower working class family. I lived thru the War years (bombings etc.) & the post-war years thru the 1950s & mid 1960s. So I'm essentially English. That's what my friends & even my four children tell me. And its true. I understand English humor. I recognize, even if I don't fully understand, the many different dialectics & accents within such a small country. I teach my friends very English words & expressions. By 1966 I was 27 years old, married to a Eurasian girl (which is another story to tell sometime) & three little girls all under 5. My wife & I, after considering a lot of things, decided it was a good time to emigrate - to Canada. It was a huge risk really, but it was a great adventure. I came ahead alone, my mission to find a job & somewhere to live for my family. I arrived in the Toronto area on May 2 1966, so here are my early impressions at that time (I know that things have changed in both countries since then, but I think that fundamentally not a lot) ~

The houses were huge & luxurious by comparison. New rental housing was readily available. We started out in a new three story townhouse that was for us amazing compared to the tiny home we bought a long way outside of London just a year or so before we left.

Canada is an auto driven society. In England I never learned to drive. Didn't need to. London transit & commuter trains always served me & later my young family well. But I had to scramble to take driving lessons. And the cars - so big compared to England. Very soon after settling in, I was able to buy the thing as a boy I had seen in American movies & dreamed about - big station wagons.

Everything in the Toronto area was new. The hospitals, office blocks, factories, warehouses, etc. - everything new.

Food - that was a huge difference. In supermarkets & in restaurants. The servings in restaurants were huge - that's where we learned about 'doggie bags', something to take home for later. Even a sandwich was actually full of food! A meal in itself. In England it was so thin & skimpy. More like a snack.

Service - that was also a huge difference. In England you were made to feel that customers were just a nuisance. In Canada wherever I/we went - banks, stores, restaurants - you were made to feel that the customer was king. In subsequent travels into the USA we found the same thing, so I think that Canada learned that from America.

A key thing that is not different. Canada - both Federally & Provincially - has maintained the English Parliamentary system. That is vastly superior to the Republic below us.

Anyway, i'm 80 years old now. The formative years all the way to age 27 in England, so I can always claim that I'm a true blue Englishman. Then 53 years further growing up as a Canadian. I prefer the Canadian years.

Robert Vinton, lives in Toronto, ON (1966-present)

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

Alastair