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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for February 15th, 2019

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

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day!

Got some really excellent content for you this week and I've read more of it than usual this week. There is an excellent account of a Tour of Scotland done in 1807 as just one example which was excellent.

You can view a video introduction to this newsletter at:

<https://youtu.be/QN92AAXpCxU>

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.

Here's why it would be madness to stay in a customs union with the EU

A customs union with the EU means that the UK would not have its own trade policy. Therefore we would not be able to strike preferential agreements affecting trade in goods or services with other countries; we would not be able to set our own tariffs to suit the UK economy; and we would not be a full member of the World Trade Organisation.

Read more at:

<https://brexitcentral.com/heres-madness-stay-customs-union-eu/>

Clan MacEwen aims to end 500-year chief wait

An actor and writer from the Borders is hoping to be recognised as a clan's first chief in more than 500 years. Sir John McEwen, who lives near Duns, said he had "no particular qualifications" to take up the role other than his love of the clan.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-47170417>

French firms start to panic about no deal Brexit

As many as 30,000 French companies export to the UK, and 3,300 have British-based operations, according to government figures.

Read more at:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2019/02/08/nightmare-scenario-french-firms-start-panic-no-deal-brexit/>

Dutch business fears Netherlands has much to lose from Brexit
The Netherlands, seen as one of Theresa May's closest European allies, has a lot to lose, particularly with a disorderly departure.

Read more at:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2019/02/09/chaos-disaster-cost-dutch-business-fears-netherlands-has-much/>

Why seeking an extension to Article 50 would be a terrible idea
But let us look at the legalities both of how an Article 50 extension can be granted, and the legal effects of such an extension.

Read more at:

<https://brexitcentral.com/seeking-extension-article-50-terrible-idea/>

U.K. Signs Post-Brexit Trade Continuity Deal With Switzerland

The U.K. reached an agreement with Switzerland that will allow it to continue trade without any additional tariffs after it leaves the European Union.

Read more at:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-11/u-k-signs-post-brexit-trade-continuity-deal-with-switzerland>

A Scottish laird has called for public funding to help conserve an A-listed building
St Peter's Seminary, near Cardross in Argyll and Bute, closed more than 40 years ago and is now a partial ruin.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-47238700>

Scotland to hold student space event for first time
The National Student Space Conference is to be held in Scotland for the first time

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-47238584>

Electric Canadian

Canadian Archive Reports
Added the 1895 report.

You can read this at: https://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/brymner_douglas.htm

The Canadian Annual Review of Public Affairs

The Canadian Annual Review of Public Affairs for 1918 and you can read this at:
<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/annual/index.htm>

Canadian Fisherman

You can read volume 10 (1923) at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/fisherman/index.htm>

The Canadian Horticulturist

Volume 13 (1890) can be read at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/canadianhorticulture10.pdf>

Canadian Life and Resources

A Monthly Review of the Developed and Undeveloped Wealth of the Dominion of Canada and of Newfoundland Volume 5 (1907) and you can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/canadianlife05.pdf>

The Canadian Law Times

Added Volume 9 1882 which you can read at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/canadianlawtimes1889.pdf>

Temporary Work on the Canadian Pacific Railway

By Mr. J. Grant MacGregor (1900) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/cpr.pdf>

Early Scottish Influence in North America

Lecture delivered before the Caledonian Society of Montreal in St. Andrew's House, on 7th January, 1898 by Farquhar Stuart MacLennan, B.C.I. (pdf)

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

Canadian Nationality

The Cry of Labor and other essays by W. Frank Hatheway (1906) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/canadiannationality.pdf>

Conrad Black

How blessed I have been to know these two men

<http://www.conradblack.com/1445/how-blessed-i-have-been-to-know-these-two-men>

Electric Scotland

The Scottish Review

Added volumes 18, 19 & 20 for you to read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/review/index.htm>

Clan Leslie Society of New Zealand & Australia

Got in 4 of their newsletters to plug gaps in our archive for them for 2018 and 2019.

You can read these at: <https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/leslie/index.htm>

Caledonian Sketches

A Tour through Scotland in 1807 (pdf) and I read all 130 odd pages of this really interesting article.

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/travel/caledoniansketches01.pdf>

Transactions of Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Scotland

Found 22 volumes from 1866 to 1908 which I've added to the foot of our page on the Shipbuilders of Aberdeen. Also added a couple of videos from Stan to that page as well as three of his poems which also have a link to an audio file so you can listen to him reading them.

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

Brigadier MacKintosh of Borlum

From the Celtic Magazine (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/borlum.pdf>

The Chronicle of Lanercost 1272-1346

Translated with notes by the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, Baronet (1913). There are many references to this publication throughout the site so thought it was time to make a copy of it available to you and you can read this at:

<https://www.electricScotland.com/books/pdf/lanercost.htm>

Interview with Stan Bruce

It's about concrete ships and you can listen to this 6.30 interview with him and learn more about concrete ships. The sound file is under the picture of him with Mark Stephen at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

BBC's Out of Doors radio program in February 2019

Euan brings us all the news from this year's National Farmers Union of Scotland Annual conference. It's a 1 hr 30 min recording in .wav format and includes a sketch of the Beaver in Scotland and you can listen to this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/agriculture/outofdoors.htm>

Caledonian Medical Journal

Including an article on Old Gaelic medical manuscripts By Dr. MacKay (1904) (pdf) and you can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/medical/caledonianmedicaljournal.pdf>

The Caledonian

Found two copies of this magazine which contain some excellent information on clan societies in America and lots of other interesting information. You can read these at:

<https://www.electricscotland.com/books/pdf/caledonian.htm>

Vagabond Songs and Ballads of Scotland

Vagabond Songs is, in fact, a meticulously edited and more genuinely traditional collection than any of the other various derivative and repetitive volumes of the same type. Get a link to read this book on our Robert Ford Poetry page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/poetry/ford/index.htm>

Edinburgh Military Tattoo - A salute to Australia 2005

Thought I should bring you this famous tattoo when it went down under to Australia. I added this to our Community at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5395-Edinburgh-Military-Tattoo-A-salute-to-Australia-2005>

Scottish Education

An extract from the book "Tour through Scotland" in Caledonian Sketches which was taken in 1807 and you can read this at:

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

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Got in the March 2019 section B which you can read at: <https://electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

The Story

I thought this week I'd bring a collection of wee articles taken from the Caledonian Family Magazine of 1912

Statistics by immigration officials at Ottawa, March 12, 1912, place the number of immigrants from the United States to Canada last year at 150,000. This is an increase of about 20,000 over the previous year's figures. The character of this class of immigrants was recently severely reflected upon in an address made by the Principal of Knox College (Presbyterian), Toronto. He had visited locations where the American immigrant farmers were settled in the Northwest and classed them generally, as a Sabbath breaking, irreligious lot, and morally, not a very desirable addition to the Canadian population.

The Rev. Murdo Mackenzie, minister of the Free North Church Inverness, after fortyseven years of devoted ministry asks for a colleague and successor, owing to ill health. Mr. MacKenzie has been for years one of the leading spirits of the Free Church. Two years ago he was a delegate to the Pan Presbyterian Alliance, which met in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. New York.

Old Greyfriars' Parish Church, Edinburgh, was founded in 1612. The old church is a famous one in the annals of Scotland, and it was within its walls that on the last day of February, 1638, the National Covenant was signed. In honor of the tercentenary of this event, the congregation desired to celebrate the occasion by erecting within the church a suitable memorial. For this purpose a Bazaar was held on Thursday, February 29th, which was a great success.

In Brooklyn only 22.98 per cent, of the population is of native parentage, according to figures given out on March 22nd, 1912, by the Federation of Churches, based on a special study of the censuses of 1900 and 1910.

Brooklyn has had since 1900 more than 48 per cent, of the Russian immigration of Greater New York and 34.6 per cent, of the Italian influx at this port. The Russian element in Brooklyn's foreign population is now the largest. It totals about one-sixth of the whole number of inhabitants.

Here are the official figures for Brooklyn's foreign population in 1910:

Irish Born Abroad. 70,543 Foreign Parents. 179,055

English 28,856 44,283

Scotch 7,913 12,946
Canadian 9,320 11,891
German 87,908 206,976
Scandinavian 35,243 53,369
French 2,646 4,269
Swiss 2,163 3,082
Russian 163,046 257,624
Italian 100,370 163,723
Austro-Hungarian .. 44,790 73,638
Romanian 7,809 7,809
Greek 1,017 1,153
Turkish 2,179 2,179
All others 7,248 —

William Milne Donald, for a quarter of a century a member of the Stock Exchange, died Friday, March 8, at the age of 71, at his home at 8 Fourth street. New Brighton, S. I. He had been known in the financial quarter for thirty years, being at one time one of the governors of the Stock Exchange He belonged to the brokerage firm of Donald, Gordon & Company, of 27 William street. He was assistant treasurer of the Stock Exchange Building Company's trustees and was a trustee of the Henderson Estate Company. With his parents Mr. Donald came to St. John's N. B., from Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1849. For several years he remained there, where his father was rector of St. Andrew's Church. Mr. Donald got his early banking training in the Bank of Montreal. He leaves two sons and two daughters.

Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, has presented to the 48th Highlanders of Toronto a silver cup to be competed for at the annual shooting competition of the regiment. The cup is an exact reproduction of one he presented to the 42d Regiment (Black Watch).

APPALLING MARINE DISASTER.

It is impossible to recall in the whole range of human history a more pathetically tragic and appalling marine disaster, than that which sent the Titanic of the White Star Line to the bottom of the Atlantic, on the 15th of April. On the preceding evening while many of the passengers had not yet retired, the magnificent vessel struck an iceberg, and within three hours she and 1463 out of the 2,209 passengers and crew went to the bottom of the sea.

Who can imagine the horrors of such a scene, the separation for all time of those bound together by the most intimate ties of human relationship? Parting, with the prospect of a long separation of friends, is always sad. A parting made by the bedside of the dying is the acme of pathos and sorrow, but all these phases of grief pale before the heart racking sublimation of tragic, hopeless sorrow, which marked the separation of loved ones a short time before the Titanic, with her freight of heroic men went as one vast coffin to a tomb two miles below the surface of the Atlantic.

Language is utterly inadequate to picture the tragic horror of such a scene, and our emotions, in trying to reproduce it in mental perspective, are too profound and intense to assume the consistency of words. Frozen into the dumbness of an inarticulate, dazed despair, as doubtless some were, the majority of them facing impending, certain death, with heroic courage and forgetfulness of self, sank silently' into their ocean grave, waving a parting farewell to the loved ones who had found a place in the lifeboats.

The Carpathia, of the Cunard Line, warned by a wireless message, of the sinking condition of the Titanic, went at once to the rescue, and upon her arrival at the scene picked up the survivors from the lifeboats to which they had been consigned. The Carpathia arrived at her pier in New York harbor on the night of April 18. The survivors of the awful catastrophe, mainly women, were received with all the warmth of sympathy that human love and pity could extend. Large contributions have been made by generous people on both sides of the Atlantic, for the relief of many of the survivors who were left destitute and friendless by the awful calamity.

The Committee of Investigation appointed by the U. S. Senate, as we go to press is making every effort to discover the facts of the disaster, through the testimony of many witnesses.

Subscriptions to the funds for the Titanic sufferers amounted a few weeks ago to close upon \$2,000,000, and the Lord Mayor of London does not know what to do with the surplus, as more has been received than is required to relieve all distress. It speaks in eloquent though mute language of the sympathy and benevolence of the British people, that they responded so nobly and liberally to

the appeal for the distressed and the suffering.

Arrangements were recently made by the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, Limited, for the storage of wheat brought down the lakes from the Canadian Northwest each season until favorable ocean rates prevail for its transportation to Europe. The society now owns six large receiving elevators in western Canada. Its total sales last year were approximately \$37,690,000.

It was reported recently in the Glasgow office of the Cunard Steamship Company that henceforth all vessels of the line shall take a course in going to and coming from America 180 miles south of previous tracks.

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

Alastair