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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 27th, 2019

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

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

Electric Scotland News

Decided that this will be the final week for the video introduction to the weekly newsletter. I will do other videos from time to time but it's clear that these weekly videos are not proving to be popular with our readers so no point in "flogging a dead horse" as the saying goes.

You can view a video introduction to this newsletter at:

<https://youtu.be/L34nzuQiX6c>

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.

St Andrews named University of the Year
St Andrews has been named the UK university of the year.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-49769133>

Looking back five years on...

Brexit has shown that a referendum cannot resolve complex questions.

Read more at:

<http://sceptical.scot/2019/09/looking-back-five-years-on/>

Oor Wullie Bucket Trail charity auctions raise £1.3m

More than 200 sculptures from the Scotland-wide Oor Wullie Bucket Trail have raised more than £1.29m at an auction for three children's charities.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-49726803>

UK-U.S. trade deal to be struck by July, Trump and PM Johnson agree

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and U.S. President Donald Trump have agreed to strike a UK-U.S. trade deal by July next year, The Sun newspaper reported.

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-eu-usa/uk-u-s-trade-deal-to-be-struck-by-july-trump-and-pm-johnson-agree-the-sun-idUKKBN1W800Y?il=0>

Emmanuel Macron: France's failed liberal saviour
Macron's France remains a tinderbox with a short fuse

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/emmanuel-macron-frances-failed-liberal-saviour/>

The Coming Crisis of China's One-Party Regime

No amount of nationalist posturing can change the fact that the fall of the CPC appears closer than at any time since the end of the Mao era.

Read more at:

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/crisis-of-chinese-communist-party-by-minxin-pei-2019-09>

Are Scots becoming more or less healthy?

The latest Scottish Health Survey attempts to measure the wellbeing of people living in Scotland. So, what does it reveal about the nation's drinking, smoking and exercise habits?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-49769242>

Violent crime in Scotland rises to highest level in seven years

Violent crime in Scotland has risen by 10% in the year to last March, official figures have revealed.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-49809729>

Canada Conservatives' Scheer pulls ahead of Trudeau in polls after blackface scandal

Canada's Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer has overtaken Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-canada-election/canada-conservatives-scheer-pulls-ahead-of-trudeau-in-polls-after-blackface-scandal-idUKKBN1W91SU>

A ruling with serious consequences - and not just for Boris

Boris Johnson must realise he has little to lose by simply fighting on

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/the-supreme-court-ruling-will-have-consequences-far-beyond-johnsons-preiership>

The fraying of US-German relations

The End of the German-American Affair

Read more at:

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/09/24/germany-united-states-trump-merkel-228168>

Brexit and the Court decision

I watched a short video of Geoffrey Cox talking about Brexit on YouTube and I believe he summed up the current position very well indeed.

View this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5040-Brexit?p=19091#post19091>

Fraser of Allander report paints mixed picture for Scottish business

Scottish business activity remains weak but long-term economic confidence is largely positive despite a backdrop of rising costs, falling investment and political uncertainty, a report today suggests

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/business/fraser-of-allander-report-paints-mixed-picture-for-scottish-business-1-5011194>

Electric Canadian

Canadian Dairying
By Henry H. Dean (1903) (pdf)

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

Canadian Boundaries
Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill Statement of Otto H. Tittmann (pdf). The work of defining the Border between Canada and Alaska.

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

Canadian Vegetables for Every Day
By Edith L. Elliot (1936) (pdf)

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

With the First Canadian Contingent
Published on behalf of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission (1915) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/canadiancontingent.htm>

Canadian Camping
Official Publication of the Canadian Camping Association February 1949 (pdf)

You can read this first edition at:
<https://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/CanadianCampingMagazineVol1.pdf>

Note if you check our Magazine page you'll find a link to more editions on the Internet Archive.

Electric Scotland

Sir Andrew Wylie of that Ilk
By John Galt (New Edition) (1868) (pdf). Sir Andrew Wylie of that Ilk is a story about the rise of a Scotsman to wealth, social prestige and political influence in London. The early chapters dealing with Wylie's childhood in Ayrshire are autobiographical.

You can read this at: https://electricScotland.com/history/other/wylie_andrew.pdf

Carruthers
Added a page for this clan which you can read at:
<https://electricScotland.com/webclans/atoc/carruthersi.html>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree
Got in the October section 1 issue for 2019.

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

The Home Preacher
Got up Service 8 by Dr. Brock which can be read at:
<https://electricScotland.com/bible/homepreacher/week08.htm>

Royal Truths
By Henry Ward Beecher (1862) (pdf)

My Friends,—I profess to be among the number of those who are breaking away from old forms; but not from one old truth, blessed be God!—not one. In all the great truths which relate to man's nature and destiny, and which holy men have endeavoured to present in every age, I most fervently believe—from the bottom of my soul I believe in them; but not in their particular mode of expressing them, not in any concatenation of words in which they saw fit to clothe them. I hold myself at liberty to speak the truths of God in exactly that language which best suits the audience, the time, and the habits and wants of the age.

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/goodwords/goodwords201.htm>

The story this week comes from an article about him in Good Words.

Lt-General Colin MacKenzie

The last of the East India Company's Puritan Soldiers by George Smith, LL.D, an article and a 2 volume book about him.

You can read about him at: https://electricScotland.com/history/india/mackenzie_colin.htm

The Parables

By Thomas Guthrie (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electricScotland.com/bible/parables.pdf>

The Salmon Rivers and Lochs of Scotland

By W. L. Calderwood, F.R.S.E., Author of "The Life of the Salmon", etc., (Second Edition, revised and Illustrated) (1921) (pdf)

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

Seymour Vandeleur

Lieutenant-Colonel, Scots Guards & Irish Guards. A plain narrative of the part played by British Officers in the acquisition of Colonies and Dependences in Africa representing a dominion of greater extent than India added to the British Empire in less than twenty years. By Colonel F. I. Maxse, C.B., Coldstream Guards (1906) (pdf)

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

The Story

Taken from an article in Good Words

A Living Chattel

I must tell you of an occurrence that I was witness of yesterday in Mr. Henry Ward Beecher's church. After a beautiful sermon on Col. iii. 14, he called the attention of his congregation to a subject which had been brought before him early in winter. A young man from Washington called on him and asked him to bring the case of a coloured child before his people on the first Sunday of January. That plan was frustrated; but on Friday evening the gentleman re-appeared with the child. He had succeeded in obtaining permission from her owner to bring her north. Four men were left in bond for her; and even then the slaveholder would not consent to her going until he received Mr. Beecher's word, that either the child should be returned within a given time, or the sum at which she was valued.

The child was then placed beside Mr. Beecher, who, taking off her cloak, said, "I wish I could as easily remove the garment of slavery as I do this cloak;" and then passing his arms round her neck, he pleaded simply but earnestly her case. She is nine years old, and with but one part out of sixteen of African blood, and it is believed she will be so beautiful as to be worth in four years hence (had she remained a slave), £800. The value set on her now is £180. Her grandmother, a free woman, had saved £40, which she gladly offered to contribute towards her release.

I never could do half justice to the manner in which Mr. Beecher pleaded her case—nobly and ably. He said he could not even mention what he wished to save her from, and that the little girl had twice seen her mother put up at the block. . . . There was no need for enreaties; he merely said, "You will please pass the plates;" and announced that the collection would be taken up again in the evening. By this time the congregation were all deeply moved, and the scene that followed baffles description. The excitement was unparalleled, and I thought it never would terminate. However, as everything must, it did, and then a gentleman whispered something to Mr. Beecher, who said, "I have just received a message from a Christian lady to say that she will be responsible for any deficiency there may be in the collection. The child is free!" It is far beyond my power to convey the faintest idea of the joy this announcement caused. The demonstrations were unequivocal. The people were literally beside themselves....The morning collection amounted to upwards of £200, so it was not continued in the evening. Mr. Beecher mentioned that on one of the plates was found a lady's ring with an opal set in it, and that he had taken the liberty of withdrawing it, and had it placed on the child's finger, that when she was old enough she might wear it as a badge of her freedom.—Extract of a letter from New York.

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

Alastair