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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for January 26th, 2024

Electric Scotland News

Looks like we may be set for a Donald Trump presidency in the USA and also a Conservative win in Canada in their next elections. The UK looks like going the other way with a potential Labour win in the next UK election.

According to the Guardian polls show Trump maintaining a significant lead in South Carolina, so it is unclear how that primary might reshape the dynamics of the race. After Trump's wins in Iowa and New Hampshire, more and more Republican lawmakers are lining up to endorse him. Despite Haley's claims to the contrary, Democrats also clearly believe the Republican presidential primary is effectively over, and they are already turning their attention to the general election.

News Bias

I noted Jordon Peterson in Canada talking about how hard it is to get unbiased news these days. The main stream press is biased but also when Facebook and Twitter banned Trump from their platforms that also made me consider their bias as well so social media is also an issue when seeking unbiased news.

All snow now gone in Chatham with rain washing it away.

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland and world news stories that can affect Scotland and as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on search engines it becomes a good resource. I might also add that in a number of newspapers 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 which I do myself from time to time.

Here is what caught my eye this week...

Trump wins 2024 New Hampshire primary as Haley vows to continue fight
Trump's win in the Granite State dealt a blow to Haley's efforts to unite an anti-Trump coalition of moderate Republicans and independents capable of slowing his march to the nomination.

Read more at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/23/trump-wins-new-hampshire-primary>

McMafia: inside the SNP's secret state

The UK Covid Inquiry has now moved to Edinburgh and the level of gangsterism and duplicity it has exposed at

the heart of the SNP is shocking. But this will have come as no surprise to Scots who have become used to their government covering up bad leadership in the pursuit of independence at all costs.

Read more at:

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/mcmafia-inside-the-snps-secret-state/>

Scotland's tastiest Scotch pie crowned as baker crowned best of the best
The winners of the annual World Championship Scotch Pie Awards have been announced, with a beloved Perth and Kinross butcher taking home the top prize at the ceremony.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/scotlands-tastiest-scotch-pie-crowned-31918348>

Why we need a New Deal for Parents
From Neil's Substack

Read more at:

<https://www.neilobrien.co.uk/p/why-we-need-a-new-deal-for-parents>

Jordan Peterson: I Can't Hold This Inside Anymore

Join Jordan Peterson as he dissects the leadership of Justin Trudeau, addressing Trudeau's rise to power on the coattails of his father's legacy. Peterson criticizes Trudeau's governance, questioning his merits and highlighting the consequences for Canada. Get ready for a no-holds-barred analysis of Trudeau's leadership style and the impact on Canadian institutions.

Watch this at:

https://youtu.be/OirxHcQCYnc?si=C_JdF-jf_CTrwmmB

Sunak vows that Ukraine will never be alone as he pledges £2.5bn package
It is the UK's largest annual commitment since Russia's full invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-67954152>

Scots pubs closing at twice the rate of boozers in England
Landlords have called for the Scottish Government to help as dozens of community pubs across the country call last orders.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/pubs-scotland-closing-faster-rate-31922213>

The Future of The Scottish Health System
Prevention, Precision & Personalisation

Read more at:

<https://ourscottishfuture.org/the-future-of-the-scottish-health-system-prevention-precision-personalisation/>

Britain's deadly new laser weapon that can cut through targets at the speed of light
Defence Secretary hails new addition to military arsenal in interview with Express.co.uk.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1857957/grant-shapps-dragonfire-weapon-laser>

Conrad Black: Liberals taxing Canadians into oblivion
We are obviously facing an economic growth crisis

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/0u0NH#selection-1905.0-1905.49>

The Revolution of German Farmers

Dr. Jordan B. Peterson speaks with German farmer Anthony Lee and journalist Eva Vlaardingerbroek. They discuss the ongoing farmers' protest, the war on efficient agriculture, what is now being panned as the failed German state, the ludicrous net-zero goals creating excess electric vehicles while cutting off the generation of power, and how a grassroots movement can make genuine change at the local and national levels.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/LR2Yx7jV-H8?si=kHNWETZPEOkSCaoU>

Dr. Jordan Peterson; freedom in Canada is gone

Dr. Peterson talks about the lack of freedom in Canada, his future, and whether he will go ahead with remedial social media training.

Watch this at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5QgPiTXHG8>

Electric Canadian

History of the Grange in Canada

By Members of the Dominion Grange (1876) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/grange.pdf>

The Gateway

Official Publication of the Students Union of the University of Alberta, October 4, 1940 (pdf) Includes an article on "Canada's Debt to Scotch Pioneers".

You can read this issue at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/GAT_1940100401.pdf

Correspondence respecting the North-West Territory and British Columbia

To an Address of the House of Commons, dated 17th March, 1868; for Copy of all Correspondence had with the Government respecting the North-West Territory, including British Columbia, since the 5th December, 1867. By Command. Hector L. Langevin, Secretary of State. (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/bc/Correspondence.pdf>

Canadian Veterans of the War of 1812

Edited, with an Introduction, by Eric Jonasson (1981) (pdf) (Note: Difficult to read)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/canadianveterans00unse.pdf>

The Canadian Corps in the Great War

A Learning Organization in Action, A Monograph, by Maj David G. Fearon, Canadian Army (2016) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/CanadianCorps2.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 21st of January 2024 - Values
By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26451-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-21st-of-january-2024-values>

Canada's Fertile Northland

A Glimpse of the enormous resources of part of the unexplored regions of the Dominion - Evidence heard before a select committee of the Senate of Canada during the Parliamentary Session of 1906-7, and the report based thereon, edited by Captain Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod (1907) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/canadasfertilen0000unse.pdf>

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The Life Story of Aunt Janet

Authoress of "Aunt Janet's Legacy" by George Lewis (1902) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/borders/lifestoryofauntj00lewiuoft.pdf>

Riverside Rambles of an Edinburgh Angler

By Duncan Fraser, First President of the Edinburgh Saturday Angling Club (1895) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/sport/angling/Riverside_rambles_of_an_Edinburgh_angler.pdf

Glimpses of Peebles

Or Forgotten Chapters in its History by the Rev. Alex. Williamson, FSAScot (1895) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/peebles/glimpsesofpebble00willuoft.pdf>

Deloitte Attitude To Trade Survey 2024

Our Attitudes to Trade Survey 2024 finds that business sentiment towards UK trade policy is generally positive and in many areas has improved notably from our last survey in early 2023 (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<https://electricscotland.com/independence/deloitte-uk-attitudes-to-trade-survey-2024.pdf>

Scotland Closely Monitors Brexit Developments

Brexit seems a lifetime ago. The 2016 EU referendum vote to leave Europe (but not by Scotland voters) still has economists remaining in a 50-50 split as to the advantages or otherwise. This is to be expected, given the old chestnut - if you place two economists in a room you come out with three opinions.

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/magee/article003.htm>

An Interview with Sir Tom Devine

Sir Thomas Martin Devine and, Kevin J. James with contributions from, Gavin Hughes, Andrew P. Northey, Dylan Parry-Lai and Wilda Thumm (2023) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/other/devine-et-al-2023-an-interview-with-sir-tom-devine.pdf>

The Church in the House

Or Primitive Christianity as Exhibited in the Acts of the Apostles by William Arnot, Minister of the Free Church in Edinburgh (1875) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/churchinhouse00arno.pdf>

The Country and Church of the Cheeryble Brothers

By the Rev. W. Hume Elliot (1893) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/countrychurchofc00elliiala.pdf>

Jury Out On Independent Scots Currency

Fresh talk of a Scots pound brings to mind Scotland's traditional monetary values that, some might say, are perhaps rather old fashioned and ill-suited to a digital era. Not so. They're needed more than ever. As for an independent currency, not so sure. By Bill Magee

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/magee/article002.htm>

Story

DONALD MACGILLIVRAY



We are pleased to be able to present our readers this month with a portrait of Mr. Donald MacGillivray, who has just been elected as Honorary Secretary of the Gaelic Society of London.

Few Highlanders are better known among his countrymen south of the border than the subject of this sketch. A son of the late Mr. John Macgillivray, schoolmaster, Muir of Ord, he was born at Highfield, Ross-shire, in 1871. Leaving home in 1887, he went to Inverness, where he served for three years as a pupil with Mr. Duncan Cameron, architect and surveyor. From Inverness Mr. Macgillivray proceeded to Lancashire in 1890. During his two years in Blackburn he succeeded in rallying his

fellow Scots and was mainly instrumental in founding the Blackburn Caledonian Society, which still exists and flourishes. But Blackburn to the young Highlander was merely a stepping stone on the road to London, and in November of 1892 he came to the metropolis, and at once threw himself into the Highland movement. It speaks volumes for Mr. Macgillivray's charm of manner and the contagion of his enthusiasm, that in practically six months after his arrival in London, he founded the London Highland Athletic Club, of which he was honorary secretary and treasurer, and of the associated annual Highland Gathering, until February, 1898, when, to the

great regret of the Club and of his friends generally, he had to resign on account of his health. Mr. Macgillivray, however, as chairman of committee, still guides in a great measure the destinies of the Club. The subject of this sketch is himself no mean athlete, being able to throw the 16 lb. hammer well over 100 feet. He is equally at home on the dancing platform, where he has taken first honours on more than one occasion.

Mr. Macgillivray has also served as captain and honorary captain of the London Camanachd Club, is a member of committee of the London Inverness-shire Association, and was one of the committee of the Highland Societies which presented Colonel Macdonald, of Omdurman fame, with a sword of honour.

For eight years Mr. Macgillivray wore the Queen's uniform as a volunteer, having served in the 1st V.B. Cameron Highlanders, as well as in London's crack corps, the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers.

But though a keen and enthusiastic Highlander, athlete, and volunteer, Mr. Macgillivray has been by no means neglectful of his professional interests. High as his name stands among his countrymen for his work connected with the societies, his name is more distinguished still as an architect. On many occasions his designs and schemes have secured large premiums and taken first places in open competitions. Among other public buildings, he designed the Hammersmith Town Hall and the Leyton Town Hall and Technical Institute. He also Secured a premium for his design for the Bury Art Gallery and Technical Institute. Mr. Macgillivray is now entrusted with the designs, etc., for the public buildings of at least two of the London Vestries.

Such then is a brief sketch of Mr. Donald Macgillivray, but it is at best but a fragmentary outline of the career of one of the cleverest young Highlanders in the metropolis, a man whom his friends expect to do greater things yet. All who know him admit his charm of manner, his courtesy, and his modesty, both as regards his work for the societies and his professional work, and it is these traits which endear him to the hearts of his many friends.

The London Gaelic Society is to be heartily congratulated on the election of Mr. Macgillivray as honorary secretary of their ancient society. A Gaelic scholar, a gentleman, a man of brains, of infinite tact, he will make an ideal secretary, and we are sure that under his regime the annual Gaelic concert will increase in popularity and the society flourish even more than of yore.

Wm. C. Galbraith.

Would also recommend you read The Celtic Monthly of 1900 where we took this story from as there are many grand stories for you to read. You can read it at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/celtic/celticmonthly08a.pdf>

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Weekend is almost here and hope it's a good one for you.

Alastair