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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for April 4th, 2025

Electric Scotland News

\$15,000

The potential price increase for US consumers on an imported car thanks to President Trump's latest tariffs

Source: Goldman Sachs

1,400

The amount of points by which the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped, as Donald Trump's tariffs shocked financial markets

Source: CNBC

See the spaghetti harvest on the BBC from 68 years ago, believed to be one of the first ever televised April Fool's Day pranks at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-68707739>

Clan Logan Takes Historic Leap Towards Chief Restoration (pdf)

Read this communication at:

<https://electricscotland.com/webclans/htol/Clan%20Logan%20Family%20Convention%20Media%20Kit.pdf>

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...

Scottish business poll reveals Trump tariffs fear and view on SNP

Fewer than one-third of Scottish businesses expect to increase profitability over the next 12 months and 60% believe US President Donald Trump's tariffs would hurt the economy north of the Border, a major survey reveals.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/NEhEX#selection-1669.3-1673.78>

Islands golf upsurge among Scottish tour operators

Founded in 1992 as a one-man operation, Gordon Donaldson set up St Andrews Executive Travel with a single vehicle and handled all of the driving, organising, pricing and booking. Today the business has 42 vehicles and employs 75 members of staff.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/kukRD>

The French Right will survive the banning of Marine Le Pen

Jordan Bardella is waiting in the wings to succeed his unfortunate mentor as the leader of National Rally

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/vAH4w>

Dr. Malcolm Torry on Basic Income: History, Feasibility, and Societal Impact

Dr. Malcolm Torry, a British academic, has been a leading researcher on basic income for more than 40 years.

Read more at:

<https://basicincome.org/news/2025/03/dr-malcolm-torry-on-basic-income-history-feasibility-and-societal-impact/>

Canadian Conservative Leader

Watch his talk to Trump

Watch this at:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/nEazHqDQZ30?si=Q7eF3RmlqK6rY3Vi>

What Scotland should learn from China

RETURNING TO SCOTLAND, I look with horror at our politics. From the perspective of someone who has worked in Chinese-UK relations for nearly 20 years, in Beijing and London, it looks as if our politicians, like those at Westminster, are playing musical chairs on a sinking ship.

Read more at:

<https://thinkscotland.org/2025/04/what-scotland-should-learn-from-china/>

I study esports at school - it's not just playing games

At well over six feet tall, you might think that Alfie would be more at home in the forwards pack on the rugby pitch when it comes to sport. But the 16-year-old Selkirk High School student is standing next to a bank of computer screens in front of hundreds of screaming fellow pupils crammed into the lunch hall.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4g3eg1egnxo>

Why there are protests over a £6.8m estate sale

One of the largest estates on the Isle of Skye has been put up for sale for offers over almost £6.8m. South Sleat Estate involves 20,000 acres of land - much of the island's southern Sleat peninsula. Its ruined Armadale Castle is to be offered for sale in the summer.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8ep1995de3o>

Conrad Black: Mark Carney has poor values

Canadians cannot possibly support his plans for global climate policy

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/eKai3>

Canadian general who recommended F-35 deal now calls for purchase of other jets
Retired Lt.-Gen. Yvan Blondin says building Canada's future fighter force solely on the American-made F-35 would be 'irresponsible' given the hostility of the U.S. government

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/u0Epm>

Powerful short film highlights reality faced on the frontline by Scotland's police officers
It lasts just three-and-a-half minutes, but a gripping new short film encapsulates the full range of distressing scenarios faced by police on Scotland's frontline.

Watch this at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/relentless-scottish-police-federation-film/>

The stupidification of Scottish schools
Scottish education is being dumbed down in the name of diversity

Read more at:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/the-stupidification-of-scottish-schools/>

Danielle Smith rips apart CTV, calling their polling bullshit, saying people don't realize the danger of export tariffs on energy.

'Imagine if the US retaliated by shutting down Line 5, leaving Eastern Canada without fuel.'

Watch this at:

https://x.com/govt_corrupt/status/1907125357653709181

The Real Mark Carney

Watch this video on X at:

<https://x.com/ShawnRickard67/status/1907538115277050351>

Trump's tariffs are a longtime goal fulfilled - and his biggest gamble yet
Donald Trump's politics have shifted considerably over his decades in the public sphere. But one thing he has been consistent on, since the 1980s, is his belief that tariffs are an effective means of boosting the US economy. Now, he's staking his presidency on his being right.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4g2xpev2l3o>

John Swinney pays tribute to war hero uncle who won Victoria Cross fighting in WW2
The First Minister will attend a memorial service in Edinburgh to commemorate the life of Corporal Thomas Peck Hunter.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/john-swinney-pays-tribute-war-34984952>

The End of the Economic World as We Knew It

Focusing on Trump's tariffs risks missing the bigger picture. The consequences of upending the global economic order on this scale will not be limited to trade.

Read more at:

<https://nixons.substack.com/p/the-end-of-the-economic-world-as>

Electric Canadian

Canadian Journal of Industry, Science and Art
Added Volume 7 Nov. & Dec. 1855 - The Press by Thomas Sellar, etc.

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/anglo-american07-5.pdf>

The Anglo-American Magazine
Added Volume 7 Nov & Dec 1855

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/angloamerican.htm>

Record of the Services of Canadian Regiments in the War of 1812.
The Militia of the Eastern District, The Counties of Glengarry, Stormont and Dundas by Brig. Genl. E. A. Cruickshank, Communicated to the Institute, 10th November, 1915 (pdf)

You can read this at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/recordofservices00crui_0.pdf

Record of the Services of Canadian Regiments in the War of 1812.
The Glengarry Infantry by Captain E. Cruickshank, 44th Battalion

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/glengarrylightin00crui.pdf>

Practical Notes

Made during a tour in Canada, and a portion of the United States in 1831 by Adam Fergusson, of Woodhill, Advocate, dedicated by permission to The Highland Society of Scotland (1833) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/fergusson-tour-of-canada_land00218.pdf

Canadian Forestry Journal
Volume 2

You can read this volume at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/forestoutdoors21906vol02canauoft.pdf>

My Canadian Experience Report for March 2025

Relations between Canada and the USA permanently damaged and new trading links being established with Asia and Europe. Elections announced with the previous Conservatives lead now being overtaken by the liberals as a result of tariff wars.

You can read this March 2025 issue and watch lots of videos at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add19.htm

Father Morice

By Thomas O'Hagan, Ph.D., Litt.D. (1928) (pdf)

You can read about him at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/Father-Morice.pdf>

Sketches of Highlanders

With an account of their early arrival in North America; their advancement in Agriculture; and some of their distinguished military services in the war of 1812, &c., with letters containing useful information for emigrants from the Highlands of Scotland to the British Provinces by R. C. MacDonald, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Castle Tioran Regiment of Highlanders, Prince Edward Island; Chief of the Highland Society of Nova Scotia; and Paymaster of the 30th Regiment (1843) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/articles/Sketches-of-Highlanders.pdf>

The Beaver Magazine

Added Volume 4 No. 11 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/TheBeaver-August1924.pdf>

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Tales of Flemish Life

By Hendrik Conscience (1855) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/flemish/talesofflemishli00consiala.pdf>

Survey of Lochtayside 1769

Edited with an Introduction by Margaret M. McArthur, M.A., LL.B. (1936) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/agriculture/surveyoflochtayside.pdf>

Social Questions in Scotland

By William Sutherland (1910)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/social/socialquestions.htm>

Sketches of the Past and Present State of Moray

Edited by William Rhind, Esq., The illustrations drawn and etched by D. Alexander, Esq. (1839) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/moray/Sketches-of-Moray.pdf>

The Return of the Scots

The impact of Scottish raiding of Northern England in the 1330s and 1340s by Dr Iain A. MacInnes, University of the Highlands and Islands (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/england/The_Return_of_the_Scots_The_impact_of_Sc.pdf

The Kingship of the Scots 842-1292

By A. A. M. Duncan, a book review by Hector L. MacQueen (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/The_Kingship_of_the_Scots_842_1292_Succe.pdf

The First World War and the 20th century in the history of Gaelic Scotland
A preliminary analysis. MPhil(R) thesis. by Niall Somhairle Finlayson Bartlett.

This thesis considers the place which the First World War and the trends in 20th century Gaelic history associated with its aftermath have in the study of the modern Highlands. (2014) (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/The_First_World_War_and_the_20th_century.pdf

The Great War and Scottish Nurses' Diaries

"A World of Distant Rumbling" By Costel Coroban (2019) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/The_Great_War_and_Scottish_Nurses_Diarie.pdf

The Legend of Iona

With other poems by Walter Paterson (1814) (pdf)

Got told about this book by a friend of the site and you can read it at:

https://electricscotland.com/poetry/The_Legend_of_Iona_with_Other_Poems.pdf

MacDoonalds of Glengarry

By Alexander MacKenzie, FSAScot. (1881) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/webclans/m/macdonaldsofglen00mack.pdf>

Situating Scotland in Eighteenth-Century Studies

An article by Juliet Shields, University of Washington (2012) (pdf)

You can read this article at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/Situating_Scotland_in_Eighteenth_Century.pdf

The Indians of Los Angeles County

By Hugo Reid at Rancho Santa Anita (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/america/-service-gdc-calbk-007.pdf>

Sketches of the Character, Institutions, and Customs of the Highlanders of Scotland
By Major-General David Stewart of Garth (1885)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/sketches.htm>

Sketches in Poland

Written and Painted by Frances Delanoy Little (1914)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/poland/sketches.htm>

Glenavon

A short story by T N Kerr from the book "Short Stories from Scotland".

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/books/Glenavon.pdf>

The Scottish Journal of Agriculture

Volume XI Contains a range of articles such as The Imperial Agriculture Research Conference by Major Walter Elliot, M.C., D.Sc., M.P., Undersecretary of State for Scotland. The Crofting Problem, 1790 - 1883 By Margaret M. Leigh, M.A., The Scottish Banks and Farmers by Allan M'Neil, S.S.C., Lecturer on Banking, University of Edinburgh, The Biological Control of Insect Pests by R. Stewart MacDougall, M.A., D.Sc., Agricultural Survey of Four Parishes in the South of Scotland, The Cultivation of Lucerne by Andrew Cunningham, B.Sc., Advisory Officer in Bacteriology College of Agriculture, Edinburgh, The Biologist on the Farm by Prof. J. Arthur Thomson, M.A., LL.D., (Edin. et MacGill)., The Scottish Seed Potato Trade by W. J. Campbell, Edinburgh, Lanarkshire Strawberry Diseases, Further Observations on its Biology by C. W. Wabdlaw, Ph.D., Botany Department University of Glasgow, Breeding of Swedes and Turnips by V. M'Master Davey, B.Sc., Assistant, Scottish Society for Research in Plant Breeding, etc. (pdf)

You can read this volume at:

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Story

The Scottish Journal of Agriculture Volume XI 1928

THE CROFTING PROBLEM, 1790-1883.

By Margaret M. Leigh, M.A.

This story in several parts can be read from the The Scottish Journal of Agriculture, Volume XI 1928 at pages 4, 187, 261 & 426

Here is how it starts...

I.—THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS AT THE END OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

The western Highlands and Islands, where the social and political system of the middle ages lingered among a people cut off as much by language and traditions as by seas and mountains from the march of civilisation in the south, formed the last stronghold of the unimproved agricultural practices once general in Scotland as a whole. The victory of Culloden not only destroyed the feudal power of the Highland chieftains, but opened up large tracts of country to the trader, the capitalist sheep-farmer, and the curious traveller, whose accounts of the barbarous and horrid customs of the natives directed public attention to the agricultural problems of a remote and unknown part of the kingdom. At the end of the eighteenth century the condition of the Highland

crofters aroused as much interest and controversy as it did a hundred years later. Between 1790 and 1820 a stream of books, reports and pamphlets appeared, many of them official, describing the existing state of affairs and proposing improvements. The pacification of the Highlands was not to be effected merely by the building of roads and forts, but by the encouragement of local industries and the introduction of the improved husbandry of the lowland districts. By these means it was hoped that the increased value of the land would enable landlords and principal tacksmen to live in the style of their southern counterparts, and small tenants and sub-tenants to form a class of industrious and contented agricultural labourers. But natural difficulties, and the unprecedented increase of population in the first half of the nineteenth century, doomed these hopes to disappointment. The independence of the clans was broken, and became no more than a romantic tradition; but the Report of the Commission of 1883 reveals a world in which St. Columba would not have felt himself a stranger. It will be worth while to describe in some detail the primitive condition of agriculture which prevailed at the end of the eighteenth century, since in many ways it depended on factors which have not ceased to operate, and must be taken into account in making any schemes for future improvement.

The break-up of the clan system left the Highland proprietor in no very different position from the English landlord, except that his revenues were more precarious and the temptations to non-residence greater. The management of estates was too often left to factors, but apart from this, the landowning class as a whole requires no special comment. As in other places, the character and policy of the individual was all-important.

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

Alastair