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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for April 11th, 2025

### Electric Scotland News

The continued war on tariffs continues to wreck havoc on the global system.

I can understand the desire of Trump to make America Great Again and obviously he needs to find ways to earn more and also to not spend as much so that America can reduce her great debt,

However in the process I think he's damaging America as he's lost the trust of his allies and I don't think that can ever be regained.

From a Canadian perspective that trust has now gone and is leading the country to seek other trading partners around the world. This means that America has lost a good friend with secure energy and minerals that America needs and to be honest didn't pay much for.

Let's be honest about this. America needs Canada's oil as American refineries can't process your own oil as they were built to process the heavier oil that Canada supplies.

However this has been a wake up call for Canada and while they are in election mode all political parties now agree the need to build pipelines and dig for minerals. They also agree with needing to build up our defences and to protect the Arctic. They also agree on removing inter Provincial regulations.

Likewise Europe now sees the need to spend lots more on defence so Trump has now been able to save lots of money on NATO expenditure. However, due to the trust issue, both Canada and Portugal are looking to abort deals to purchase fighter aircraft from America. Other major airlines around the world are now looking to buy from Airbus instead of Boeing. Also due to the China trade war anyone looking to manufacture in America has to take account of the price they need to pay to purchase steel and aluminum and also the possibility of shortages of rare earth minerals.

It takes 10 years to build an Aluminum plant and it needs a lot of energy to process it which America doesn't actually have despite Trump saying he doesn't need energy from Canada.

In today's world we need friends to work with and to be frank this trade war in my opinion means that America won't have any friends left and that's why Trump wants to make Canada the 51st state and to take over Greenland. In this way America wouldn't need any friends.

However, China has made major progress in its semi-conductor business, and thus looks to be a leader on this front and all the world will thus be looking for them to provide them with the products that America can't supply and thus the world could move ahead leaving America behind.

Lots to digest here and who knows how it will all end.

I also note the fall and recovery and fall of the stock markets but the bond markets are not reacting in the same way. Might the BRICS nations take over from the Dollar?

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...

The world keeps running out of helium

There is now a race to prepare for the next shortage. Our lives are surprisingly dependent upon this extremely light and unreactive gas, yet supplies of it are remarkably fragile. Canada has some 20% of the worlds helium.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20250331-why-helium-shortages-are-worrying-the-world>

Joy for Nigel Farage and Reform UK as 102-year-old record broken

Reform is hoping to make sweeping gains across the country on May 1.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2036906/Reform-Nigel-Farage-new-record>

The new great power competition for minerals

Great powers have long coveted the resources beneath our feet. The Trump administration's quest for mineral wealth is nothing new.

Read more at:

<https://engelsbergideas.com/notebook/the-new-great-power-competition-for-minerals/>

NYC TARTAN DAY PARADE 2025 | Scottish Pride, Bagpipes & Kilts in Manhattan!

Step into a sea of kilts, bagpipes, and Scottish pride as the NYC Tartan Day Parade 2025 marches up Sixth Avenue in Manhattan! From traditional highland dancing to modern-day Scottish clans, NYC Tartan Day Parade 2025 is a vibrant celebration of Scottish-American heritage.

Watch this at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Wy9RGyc2CDc?si=5TCGHoJlmwdbjWQV>

Conrad Black: Carney is fearmongering his way into the PMO

On climate, Brexit and now Trump, the Liberal leader has always used fear to get his way

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/QZv2M>

First known letter from King James to go on display

The first known letter written by King James VI of Scotland - penned when he was no more than seven years old - is to go on display later this month. The rare document - held by National Records of Scotland (NRS) - joins other items as part of an exhibition to mark 400 years since his death.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3dk8z21rzjo>

Did CBC Rosemary Barton just destroy Mark Carney's Leadership Race

With an endless series of Truth Bombs?

Watch this at:

<https://x.com/ContrarianTribe/status/1909992072691540106>

Former nuclear submarine designers hail breakthrough UK deal

A Scottish technology company founded by two former nuclear submarine design engineers has completed a breakthrough UK deal.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/caeF4#selection-1671.3-1671.127>

Trump Tariffs Just Failed! China and Canada Build America's Largest Dairy Factory!

Donald Trump Tariffs have changed the entire world but instead of shifting power to the US, Trump is shifting other countries closer together. China and Canada have a plan to avoid Trump Tariffs and in today's video I travel to Kingston, Ontario to tell the story of how a Chinese company saw an opportunity in Canada and together built North America's largest dairy factory! This is the story of Canada Royal Milk and how countries are working together to avoid tariffs.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/zIMqdJPPCg0?si=0sxqqTxF5vqslIF>

UK on verge of huge trade deal in major post-Brexit boost

A trade agreement would also pave the way for deeper investment ties, particularly in financial services.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2039917/uk-india-trade-deal-brexit>

## Electric Canadian

The Patriot War and the Fenian Raids

Case studies in border security on the U.S. - Canada border in the nineteenth century. A thesis presented to the Faculty of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree MASTER OF MILITARY ART AND SCIENCE Art of War Scholars by Robert M. Groceman, Major, USMC B.S., Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, 2002 (pdf)

You can read this at:

[http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/DTIC\\_AD1038696.pdf](http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/DTIC_AD1038696.pdf)

Canadian Scenery Illustrated

From drawings by W. H. Bartlett, The Literary Department by N. P. Willis, Esq. in two volumes (1842)

You can read these volumes at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/canadianscenery.htm>

Skote Outdoors

Added this video to our Newfoundland page.

I'm Matthew Clarke and welcome to Skote Outdoors. Along side my trusty dog Ronnie, and my partner we live full time off grid right here in my home

province of Newfoundland. This channel mostly covers the bigger trips and expeditions I have taken on over the passed few years and now building our own off-grid homestead.

You can watch this channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@skoteoutdoors>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning April 6, 2025 - Preparing  
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this very useful homily at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26606-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-on-april-6-2025-preparing>

Canada's Extreme Train Routes

Watch the video of Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railway Journeys

You can watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/HhiB6Uj2eBs?si=7EGPtIPTMAkVW5ow>

The Beaver Magazine

Added Volume 4 No. 12 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/HUDSONBAY/TheBeaver-September1924.pdf>

The Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy

From Exploration to Recycling: Powering the Green and Digital Economy for Canada and the World (2023) (pdf)

As minerals are a big issue I thought this might make good reading and you can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/Critical-minerals-strategyDec09.pdf>

## Electric Scotland

The Regent Moray

The Stanhope Essay 1895 By Frank Taylor, Scholar of Lincoln College (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/regentmoray00taylrich.pdf>

Remarks on the Intended Restoration of the Parthenon of Athens

As the National Monument of Scotland (1824) (pdf)

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/remarksonintende00cleg.pdf>

Historical Record of the Sixth, or Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons

By Richard Cannon (1847) (pdf)

You can read about them at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotsirish/Historical%20Record%20of%20the%20Sixth,%20or%20Inniskilling%20Regiment%20of%20Dragoons.pdf>

Scottish District Families Association

New Era - Relaunch of the Caledonian Newsletter

Learn more at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/sdfa/index.htm>

Practical Notes on the Structure of Issues in Jury Cases in the Court of Session

With Forms of Issues Parts I to VIII By Robert MacFarlane, Esq. Advocate; and Parts IX to XXVIII By Thomas Cleghorn, Esq. Advocate (1844 - 1849) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/law/practicalnoteso00cleggoog.pdf>

Network North

Scottish Kin, Commercial and Covert Associations in Northern Europe, 1603-1746 by Steve Murdoch (2006) (pdf)

You can read this article at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/Network\\_North\\_Scottish\\_Kin\\_Commercial\\_an.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/history/Network_North_Scottish_Kin_Commercial_an.pdf)

My 96 years in the Great West  
Indiana, Kansas and California by G. W. E. Griffith (1929) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/my96yearsingreat00grif.pdf>

The Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research  
The first 8 volumes of this publication starting in 1921 and a few other miscellaneous volumes.

Tremendous resource and some really good stories which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/armyhistoricalresearch.htm>

I note the Hati Trust has additional volumes but as I am unable to download them if you can I'd appreciate you sending me some copies to include on the site.

The Journal of the Royal Highland Fusiliers  
(Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) Vol. I, No. 3. June, 1960 (pdf)

You can read this journal at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/journal-of-the-royal-highland-fusiliers-1960-06.pdf>

Mary Barton  
A Tale of Manchester Life by Mrs. Gaskell (1891) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/england/biographicalintr605bett.pdf>

Scottish Society of Louisville  
Added their April 2025 newsletter

You can read their newsletter at:

<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/Louisville/index.htm>

McLan's Costumes of the Clans of Scotland  
Seventy four coloured illustrations with descriptive letterpress by James Logan Volume 1 & 2 (pdf)

You can read these 2 volumes in one pdf file at:

[https://electricScotland.com/webclans/McLan\\_s\\_Costumes\\_of\\_the\\_Clans\\_of\\_Scotlan.pdf](https://electricScotland.com/webclans/McLan_s_Costumes_of_the_Clans_of_Scotlan.pdf)

The Old Scottish Army  
An article taken from the book In Byways of Scottish History by Louis A. Barbé B.A. (1912) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/oldscottisharmy.htm>

In Byways of Scottish History  
By Louis A. Barbé B.A. (1912) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/inbywaysofscotti00barbrich.pdf>

A Collection containing  
1. An Useful case of conscience, concerning Association with Idolaters, Infidels, Heretics, Malignants, &c., by Mr. Hugh Binning. 2. A Solemn Testimony against Toleration, and the prevailing Errors, Heresies, &c., by the Commissioners of the General Assembly, and by sundry Ministers in the Provinces of Perth and Fife. 3. The History of the Indulgence By Mr. John Brown, sometime Minister of the Gospel at Wamphray To which is prefixed, a Preface concerning Association; Toleration, and What is now called Liberty of conscious (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/faithwitnessb00howi.pdf>

Frederick Douglass and Scotland, 1846  
Living an Antislavery Life by Alasdair Pettinger (2019) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/frederick-douglass-and-scotland-1846-living-an-antislavery-life.pdf>

An Unofficial Alliance  
Scotland and Sweden 1569-1654 by Alexia Grosjean (2003) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/sweden/an-unofficial-alliance-scotland-and-sweden-1569-1654.pdf>

Story

Highland Military Dress  
A Short Historical Review by Captain I. H. MacKay Scobie, The Seaforth Highlanders, FSAScot

The above title embraces a subject which affords almost limitless scope for research work to the military antiquarian and artist may be included the collecting of old military prints and relics, in themselves a source of great fascination as well as invaluable assistance to the study of the subject. The evolution of our Highland military dress is, one, however, which has, hitherto, not been nearly sufficiently appreciated or generally understood in its many and varied aspects, hence the surprising ignorance so often displayed on the matter!

The lack of a national military museum, State-aided if possible, such as France, in the shape of "Les Invalides," and other countries possess, is a very real drawback to our national life, and serves to accentuate what I have just stated above. The real aim of the Edinburgh Castle War Memorial Scheme, about which there has been so much discussion recently, is, I believe, to provide for such a museum in Scotland, where relics of the old Scots army and of Scottish regiments, from the earliest time to the present day, may be collected and there find a permanent abode. If this be so, such a scheme is surely deserving of our utmost encouragement and assistance.

With this preamble I will now proceed to the subject in hand.

An interesting account with some black and white pictures which I've posted as a pdf file which you can read at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/highlandmilitarydress.pdf>

END.

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

Alastair