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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 12th, 2025

Electric Scotland News

My Canadian Experience

Continued to add videos and other content to my September edition. I am finding this is taking up a lot of my time as I do need to view the videos I highlight and of course many don't fit my idea of fair reporting so I don't select them but it all takes time.

I also note that as Canada is a dual language country there is a fair bit of reporting in the French language which I don't understand. I do fast forward through that but again it still takes time.

Got an email in from my web hosting company which said I was down to only 5 Gbytes of storage left so have agreed to add another 50 Gbytes for an additional \$25.00 a month.

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...

Farage: a leader for the whole UK?

Nigel Farage has an instinctive feel for the mood of English voters and his language resonates with them. When he speaks about Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, however, he sounds less assured. Can the Clacton MP get serious about bringing his message across the whole UK?

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/an-asset-or-a-hindrance-to-the-devolved-regions>

How Scotland became a wealthy nation

A common explanation for Scotland's past glories is that, thanks to the establishment of a system of tax-funded schools, Scots were unusually literate. But this did not instantly translate into results. Rather, in the 18th and 19th centuries, Scotland developed a financial system that unleashed ambitious individuals.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/how-scotland-became-wealthy>

Visiting St Kilda is well worth the effort

I returned with two companions for a second attempt this August (2025). As ever, the drive up north from Edinburgh via the M9/A9 to the Dalwhinnie turnoff to head over to Spean Bridge was unremarkable but through glorious scenery.

Read more at:

<https://thinkscotland.org/2025/09/visiting-st-kilda-is-well-worth-the-effort/>

The five cutting-edge Scottish sci-fi writers you need to read next

Here are five out-of-this-world Scottish science fiction authors you need to read next, as chosen by Barry Didcock

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/3dKKj>

GERS 2025: Full Fiscal Autonomy

Kevin Hague uses the latest GERS figures to compare Scotland's fiscal position with independent EU countries and argues that a fiscally autonomous Scotland would need to dramatically reduce investment in public services.

Read more at:

https://www.these-islands.co.uk/publications/i405/gers_2025_full_fiscal_autonomy.aspx

Marine Le Pen is calling the shots now

After the collapse of François Bayrou's government yesterday evening, Emmanuel Macron faces a divided parliament and no obvious way forward. Without a clear majority, each option Macron explores risks failure. Increasingly, it is Marine Le Pen, and the choices she makes, that will decide what happens next.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/FnX16>

Hyundai Georgia Plant in CRISIS

Trump's latest immigration raid has thrown Hyundai's \$7B Georgia EV battery project into turmoil.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/b13HxPlwQQY?si=PcpNFndglFeorxak>

France's Manufactured Debt and Government Drama

French Prime Minister François Bayrou's government collapsed following a parliamentary confidence vote, and it has only itself to blame.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/L5hFm#selection-521.0-521.136>

Global trade is winning against Trump

Since returning to the White House, Donald Trump has repeatedly introduced, reversed, and hiked tariffs, often to unprecedented levels, raising fears about the future of the global trading system. But the average effective tariff rate that the US has applied remains much lower than Trump's pronouncements would suggest.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/18ggZ>

This Winter Will Be Truly Insane

A fading El Niño transitioning toward a La Niña-like pattern, combined with a blocking pattern near Greenland and the Arctic, could set the stage for frequent storms, sharp temperature swings, and high-impact winter weather. The Central U.S. is expected to become a Winter Battle Zone, with heavy snow, ice, and even severe weather outbreaks possible as warm Gulf air clashes with Arctic cold. Meanwhile, the West and Deep South may

trend milder and drier, but cold air intrusions could still reach unusually far south at times. This winter looks to bring something for everyone... Get all the latest insights in today's in-depth forecast.

Watch this at:

https://youtu.be/QxymIc0HYPw?si=xexH_Wd32KaVgro5

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Report of the Affairs of British North America
From the Earl of Durham (1839) (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/reportonaffair00durh.pdf>

The Life and Career of The Right Honourable Sir John A. MacDonald
By G. Mercer Adam (1891) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/johna.pdf>

Report of the Hudson's Bay Expedition
Under the Command of Lieut. A. R. Gordon, R.N., 1884 (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/reportofhudsonsb00gord.pdf>

National Museum of Canada
Annual Report for 1932, Bulletin No. 71, By W. H. Collins, Acting Director (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/NM91-1932-eng.pdf>

Report on Explorations in the Labrador Peninsula
Along the East Main, Koksoak, Hamilton, Manicugan and positions of other rivers in 1892-93-94-95 by A. P. Low, B. Ap. Sc. (1896) (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2zwe8y64>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 7th day of September 2025 New Starts
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26653-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-7th-day-of-september-2025-new-starts>

The Beaver Magazine
Added No. 4 Outfit 260 March 1930 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/TheBeaverMarch1930.pdf>

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An Illustrated History of the State of Indiana

Being a full and authentic Civil and Political History of the State from its First Exploration down to 1875 by DeWitt C. Goodrich and Prof. Charles R. Tuttle (second edition) (1875) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/america/illustratedhisto00good1.pdf>

The Works of John Home, Esq

Now first collected to which is prefixed an account of his life and writings by Henry MacKenzie, Esq. F. R. S. E. in three volumes (1822) Added these volumes to the foot of our page about him and the content is about the Battle of Culloden.

You can read these volumes at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/home_john.htm

The Man of Feeling

By Henry MacKenzie, new edition (1820) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/books/pdf/manoffeeling00mackuoft.pdf>

The Lounger

A periodical paper published at Edinburgh in the years 1785 and 1786 in three volumes (fourth edition) Added these volumes to the foot of the page about Henry MacKenzie.

You can read these volumes at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/mackenzie_henry.htm

Scottish Society of Louisville

Got in their September 2025 newsletter which you can read at:

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

Hylton Newsletter

Got in the September 2025 edition where Peter and his wife tour Scotland and Europe.

You can read this at:

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

The Mirror

A Periodical Paper, Published at Edinburgh in the years 1779 and 1780, The Ninth Edition in two volumes. Added these volumes to the foot of the page about Henry MacKenzie

You can read these volumes at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/mackenzie_henry.htm

The Man of the World

A new edition by Henry MacKenzie, Esq. (1802) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/books/pdf/manworld00mackgoog.pdf>

Story

I extracted this story from a book by Neil Munro and so have added it as a link to a pdf file.

THE SECRET OF THE HEATHER-ALE

By Neil Munro

You can download this at:

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

END.

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

Alastair