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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for October 31st, 2025

## Electric Scotland News

### My Canadian Experience

Have continued to post up videos most days and have just put up some videos on the Asian meetings and also the situation regarding the Regan advert from Ontario that has caused a lot of fuss from some quarters of the USA.

You can visit the October work in progress at:

[http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada\\_add26.htm](http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add26.htm)

### 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...

Small family butcher beats 'the big boys' to be crowned Scottish Steak Pie Champion  
This year was the first time Steven Cronnie and his family entered the competition and they have been left 'proud as punch' with the win.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/small-family-butcher-beats-the-36125815>

Ian Bremmer: State of the World 2025

Ian Bremmer delivered his annual State of the World address on October 21, 2025, in Tokyo. He surveyed the year's defining geopolitical moments and offered a candid assessment of where we stand and where we're headed next.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/Ag5reHYF5-o?si=7EHFyozOLE6y2gll>

### How to save our men and boys

Too many British men are unhappy. Men die from suicide at three times the rate of women, with 14.4 men a day dying by their own hand in 2023. In the US, the pattern is similar, but politicians from across the divide are taking a non-ideological approach to tackling this problem. There is much we can learn from them.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/how-to-save-britains-men-and-boys>

Conrad Black: For the sake of the country, Carney must drop his green obsessions  
Jean Chrétien and Stephen Harper talk national unity

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/RUUIk>

Thousands of Scots marriages 'legally at risk' after decade of warnings ignored  
The reality, according to those with close knowledge, is that some couples who believe they have tied the knot are not legally married.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/marriages-at-risk/>

Why Scotland must learn from the success of England's schools  
Education must be a major issue at the next Scottish Parliament election if schools are to improve from their present, parlous state

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/dGbaS#selection-597.0-597.132>

Strathspey Railway  
Extremely generous donation made by US benefactor to Highlands heritage railway

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/extremely-generous-donation-made-by-us-benefactor-to-highlands-heritage-railway-5381967>

## Electric Canadian

Ernest Thompson Seton  
Canadian and American author & wildlife artist. A history of him presented by Wikapedia (pdf)

You can learn about him at:

[http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/Ernest\\_Thompson\\_Seton.pdf](http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/Ernest_Thompson_Seton.pdf)

Diary of Nicholas Garry  
Deputy-Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company from 1822-1885 (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/nicholas-garry-diary.pdf>

Trail of an Artist Naturalist  
By Ernest Thompson Seton (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/articles/seton.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 26th of October 2025 - Pros and Cons  
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26667-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-26th-of-october-2025-pros-and-cons>

The Seal Hunters  
Added links to two videos on their work

You can get to these at:  
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/inuit/sealhunters.htm>

The Beaver Magazine  
Added No. 3 Outfit 262 December 1931 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:  
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/TheBeaverDecember1931.pdf>

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The Adventures of Captain John Patterson  
With notices of the officers, &c. of the 50th or Queen's Own Regiment from 1807 to 1821 (1837) (pdf)

You can read this at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/adventuresofcapt00patt.pdf>

Selected Poetry on or about the MacLeans  
by John Patterson MacLean (external Link) which I've added to our Clan MacLean page.

You can get to this at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5n97r459>

Walter Henry  
A Scots-Irish Surgeon and his stories of Military life in 4 volumes

You can read these at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotsirish/walter-henry.htm>

The Stamp Collector  
A Guide to the World's Postage Stamps by Stanley C. Johnson, M.A., D.Sc., F. R. E. S. (1920) (pdf)

You can read this at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/books/pdf/stampcollectorgu00johnuoft.pdf>

Saint Columba, Apostle of Caledonia  
By the Count de Montalembert of the French Academy (1869) (pdf)

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

The Poetical and Prose Works of Robert Burns  
With Life, Notes and Correspondence by A. Cunningham, Esq., with original pieces from the collection of Sir Egerton Bridges, Bart (1855) (pdf)

You can read this at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/burns/poeticalandpros00burngoog.pdf>

The Prose Works of Robert Burns

With the notes of Currie and Cromer and many by the present editor, Robert Chambers (1839) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/burns/proseworksofrob00burn.pdf>

The Principles of Gaelic Grammer

Designed to facilitate the study of that language to youth by Archibald Currie (1828) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/gaelic/principlesofgael00curr.pdf>

Ancient Society

Includes some good information on the Iroquois by Lewis H. Morgan (1877) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/Ancient-Society.pdf>

## Story

### STIRLING TOWN COUNCIL AND THE BATTLE OF CULLODEN.

#### An Old Loyal Address.

At a meeting of the Stirling Town Council, the Clerk (Mr T. L. Galbraith) stated that there had been sent to him a copy of the London Gazette for September, 1746, containing an Address presented to the King on behalf of the Corporation of Stirling after the battle of Culloden, and as it was found that the text of the Address was not engrossed in the minutes of the Council, he was instructed to purchase the paper and insert it in the minute-book. The Gazette, No. 8557, which is dated from Saturday, July 26, to Tuesday, July 29, 1746, consists of four folio pages, and bears an impressed halfpenny stamp. The Council minute relative to the Address is dated 7th July, 1746, and bears that "judging it expedient that they should address the King upon the victory obtained over the rebels at Culloden, and the form of an Address".

The following Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Sterling has been presented to his Majesty by the Hon. James Erskine, Esq., their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl Cowper, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Sterling.

YOUR Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council, as representing the Community of your Royal Burgh or Sterling, beg Leave, with the greatest Joy and Satisfaction, to express their most sincere and hearty Congratulations to your sacred Majesty, on the happy Success that has attended your Arms, under the Command of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, your Majesty's Son, in overthrowing, at the Battie of Culloden, the presumptuous attempts of such of your rebellious and fatally deluded Subjects, as insolently and ungratefully presumed to rise in Arms against year Majesty's indulgent and mild Government, in Aid of the foreign Enemies of their native Country, under the dishonourable Conduct of the Son of a popish Pretender to an indefeasible Right from Heaven, of reducing your Majesty's freeborn subjects of Great Britain to the Condition of Slaves, subject to an unlimited power over their Lives and Fortunes, and incapable of enjoying private property safe from his arbitrary demands, and at the same time professing, by the Principles off his Religion, to subvert the Crown of Great Britain to the Authority of a Foreign Power, in the most sacred religious Concerns of the Nation, and joining with the French King, the natural and irreconcilable Enemy to the Liberty of these

Kingdoms, in Measures and Councils directly tending to enslave this Island, and all Europe, to his insatiable Ambition.

We beg Leave likewise to express our most thankful Acknowledgments to your sacred Majesty, for the conspicuous Mark of Royal Favour shown to our Country, in sending his Royal Highness to be our deliverer from the Calamities under which we were oppressed by the Rebels, until his Royal Highness, by his vigorous and prudent Conduct, overcame the Difficulties arising from the Rigours of the Winter Season, and a pillaged and wasted Country, and drove his rebellious Enemies, assisted by a foreign Force, to the remote Northern Parts of the Island, and then gave them a total Defeat in a pitched Battle, with a most inconsiderable loss of your Majesty's Troops under his auspicious Command. We cannot however but regrave, that when we are again, by his Royal Highness's indefatigable Labours, restored to the Enjoyment of peace, Quiet and Safety at home, the incurable Obstinacy of our rebellious Countrymen should still oblige his Royal Highness to submit, on our Account, to the Fatigues and. Toils of residing in the midst of a mountainous, barren, and wasted Country. No Wonder that Language should fail in furnishing us with Words apt for expressing our gratitude for Favours so uncommon and so rarely the Subject of Thought or Discourse.

We cannot pretend so much as to be able to make, on our Part, Returns to your Majesty suitable to so distinguished Favours; but we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we ever shall, with the greatest Cheerfulness, to the utmost of our Abilities, contribute to defend, with our Lives and Fortunes, your Majesty's sacred Person and Government against all your Enemies, foreign and domestick.

Signed in Presence and by Appointment of Council.  
William Danskin, D. G.

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

Alastair