Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for November 13, 2026

Electric Scotland News

My Canadian Experience - November 2026
Continued to add articles and videos to the page which this week included topics such as, The Mackenzie Valley Highway, Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Strong Fund, Forestry sector welcomes $6.5 billion plan, Joint declaration on Paris call for AI safety and security, Statement by Prime Minister Carney on Remembrance Day and also Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand speaks at Oxford University and more.

Also included a link to a pdf file on **The Plan for a stronger Canada**, National Security for Canadians, which was issued in October 2026.

Also mind that anything affecting myself is always at the top of the page.

You can get to this at:
https://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add39.htm

MyHeritage Consolidates All 17 U.S. Federal Censuses into a Single, Enriched Collection
We're excited to announce the publication of United States Consolidated Federal Censuses, 1790–1950, a new, unique collection on MyHeritage containing 588 million historical records, combined and deduplicated from all 17 U.S. federal censuses. For the first time, users can search the entire span of the U.S. federal census in a single collection, rather than searching each census separately. The new collection is a one-stop shop for all U.S. census research, where each record is richer than any of the individual census records that make it up.

Read more at:
https://blog.myheritage.com/2026/11/myheritage-consolidates-all-17-u-s-federal-censuses-into-a-single-enriched-collection/

I note that it looks like the counting of the votes in the USA mid terms is coming to a close and that it looks like the Democrats may have won in Mississippi and Alaska.

Would just note that I am having publishing issues with my FrontPage web publishing program due to Microsoft no longer supporting the product. This means with each update to Windows it is causing more issues with site busy errors and navigation issues which now means I have to verify each link as when pointing to a link in the program it now closes the program which means I need to login again and thus work is lost and I have to re-publish. I am finding work a rounds for these but it is now taking more of my time to publish each page.

I have asked my web hosting company if they could suggest a new way of publishing but they say the site is so large that they see no way to move to a different program. I would note that working with the smaller

ElectricCanadian site some of these issues don't appear so it looks like a memory issue or something like it.

Got this in and thought I'd share it with you...

Hello Alastair,

Would you consider mentioning Human Lineage (https://humanlineage.org) among the family history resources on Electric Scotland, for readers exploring connections between family lines?

It is a free public site with over 50 million people and no login needed. Its goal is to bring together all the genealogical data available on the internet into one big graph of the whole of humanity, so that family lines that look separate today can meet. It is just getting started, and more data sources are on the way. You can already browse ancestor trees, a fan chart and other views, in 19 languages.

Best regards,
Human Lineage
https://humanlineage.org

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers and other media

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...

After the blue tsunami, is the age of populism over?
THE REPUBLICANS took an absolute thumping in the US elections earlier this week. This wasn't a slight tilt to the Democrats; it was an anti-Trump, blue wave. A tsunami even.

Read more at:
https://thinkscotland.org/2026/11/after-the-blue-tsunami-is-the-age-of-populism-over/

Old-age driving exam for Scots considered after nearly half of motorists over 70 tested in trial ruled 'unsafe'
Older drivers in Scotland could soon face an "old-age driving test" to ensure they are still safe to remain behind the wheel.

Read more at:
https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/drivers-in-scotland-could-soon-face-old-age-driving-test/

A Scotland so broken
Transport in Scotland is falling apart and politicians are fleeing responsibility

Read more at:
https://thecritic.co.uk/a-scotland-so-broken/

Democrat Scott Colom defeats GOP incumbent in Mississippi US Senate race
Scott Colom becomes the state's first Black senator since the post-Civil War Reconstruction era. Alaska's U.S.

Senate race remains too early to call.

You can watch this at:
https://youtu.be/MZtOTWkIsb0?si=pZxliOcxiyilWOgQ

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The Plan for a stronger Canada
National Security for Canadians, a pdf file issued in October 2026

You can read this at:
https://www.electriccanadian.com/The_Plan_for_a_Stronger_Canada_2026.pdf

Léo Major, DCM and BAR
By T. R. Fowler

You can learn about him at:
https://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/leomajor.htm

The Real Reason Canada Never Became Part of the United States
The US took roughly half of Mexico and had over a million men under arms in 1865. So why did Canada, next door, never join?

You can watch this at:
https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/uscanada.htm

How One Company Built and Destroyed an Entire Canadian City: Chatham, Ontario
In the early 1920's, a carriage town in southwestern Ontario did the unthinkable: it built a Canadian car that outsold Chevrolet.

You can watch this at:
https://youtu.be/feUfeZUJf48?si=choQkp4F7pmDDFTc

Vernon Directories
Peterborough Facts & Figures 2001/2002 (pdf)

You can read this at:
https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/vernonspeterboro2001vern.pdf

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 8th day of November 2026 - Remembrance Day
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:
https://youtu.be/MShHySOzat4?si=uZa_5vieyg-inrdx

The Beaver Magazine
Added No. 2 Outfit 275 September 1944 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:
https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/thebeaverseptember1944.pdf

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Voyage in the Paper Canoe
A Geographical Journey of 2500 miles, from Quebec to the Gulf of Mexico, during the years 1874-5 by Nathaniel H. Bishop (1878) (pdf)

You can read this book at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/america/voyageofpapercan00bish.pdf

Travels in North-America, in the years 1780, 1781, and 1782
By the Marquis de Chastellux, Translated from the French by an English gentleman (1787) (pdf)

You can read this at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/america/travels-in-north-america_chastellux-franois.pdf

Memoirs of James Hutton
Comprising the annals of his life and connection with the United Brethren by Daniel Benham (1856) (pdf)

You can read this book at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/other/memoirsjameshut.pdf

What Does the DNA Actually Say?
An article from the Clan MacKenzie

You can read this article at:
https://clanmackenzie.org/the-dna-evidence/

Electric Scotland's Old Article Service
Some 69 articles from the old article service which is no longer working but have been preserved here.

You can read these articles at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/articleservice/index.htm

The Trump Doctrine Deconstructed
By Conrad Black. Added Part 4.

You can read this down the page at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/america/trump.htm

Green's Encyclopaedia of the Law of Scotland
By John Chisholm (1896 - 1904) in 14 volumes. Added volumes 7 - 10

You can read these volumes at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/law/lawofscotland.htm

Clan McKay in the West
By W. Bleasdell Cameron (pdf) Taken from the September 1944 issue of The Beaver magazine.

You can read RHIS AT:
https://electricscotland.com/webclans/m/ClanMacKayintheWest.pdf

Story

The 92nd Gordon Highlanders

The Gordon Highlanders was one of the great names of Scotland's history, and one of the British Army's most celebrated regiments. It was the local regiment of the North East of Scotland, recruiting mainly from Aberdeenshire, Banffshire and Kincardineshire, an area which took great pride in the Regiment's record.

In the First World War some 50,000 Gordons served in the regular, territorial and service battalions. Of these, approximately 27,000 were killed or wounded. Among other great and terrible battles, all the fighting Gordon battalions saw action on the Somme.

In the Second World War, Gordon battalions served with the British Expeditionary Force in France in 1940, and in the Far East in 1942, where many became prisoners of war. Great success was achieved in the North Africa campaign, in Sicily and Italy, in the invasion of North West Europe followed by the long advance into Germany, and in the liberation of Burma.

In the years after 1945, the Regiment took part in peace-keeping and anti-terrorist operations in Malaya, Borneo, Cyprus, Germany and Northern Ireland, with detachments serving in the Gulf War and Bosnia. In 1994, the Regiment was amalgamated to become part of the Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) - the new regiment of the north of Scotland.

The Gordon Highlanders was renowned as a courageous fighting regiment, but also enjoyed a reputation for good conduct and all round ability. This was based in a particular approach to soldiering, a professional attitude individually and collectively where steadiness and teamwork were as important as extraordinary courage, sustained by a healthy pride in the Regiment and its achievements.

You can read more about them at:
https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/gordons/index.htm

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

Alastair