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Electric Scotland News

Well I have to say that there is more than enough in this newsletter to keep you reading and viewing for several months!

I found a 12 part series "Tales of the Green Valley" where 5 experts work on a farm based on the way it would have been run around 1620. I actually watched all 12 episodes and really enjoyed it.

I then found a documentary about a stone age settlement in Orkney "Stone Age Orkney" which predates Stonehenge. The experts believe that turns the development of settlement within Britain on its head so development came later in the south. This is also very well worth viewing.

The more I dig into YouTube the more gems I find. It's my belief that when you can put videos of history with the texts you get a fantastic resource.

Scottish Studies Annual Fall Colloquium, Saturday, October 5, 2013, University of Guelph.

You can download a pdf of their agenda at:

https://www.uoguelph.ca/scottish/sites/uoguelph.ca.scottish/files/2013%20Annual%20Fall%20Colloquium_0.pdf

11th Annual Scottish North American Leadership Conference
October 25-27, 2013 in North Riverside, Illinois.

See http://www.americanscottishfoundation.com/business/SNALC_13.html

Keith Highlanders Pipe Band Live! With special guests::

Champion Solo Piper: Jori Chisholm
and
Northwest Scottish Fiddlers
and
The Dancers of the Bentzen School of Highland Dance

Join the Keith Highlanders Pipe Band and its special guests for the Annual Concert Series at the Kirkland Performance Center on November 1 & 2, 2013.

Road to Scotland: November 1 & 2 7:30pm \$25 adults, \$20 students and seniors.
Kirkland Performance Center, 425-893-9900, www.kpcenter.org

I've been doing more work on creating a questionnaire to try and find out what members think of their Clan Society membership and what if anything we can do to improve their experience and get new members. Once the questions have been finalised we'll be working with COSCA to get this out to as many people as possible.

Electric Canadian

Memoir of the Right Reverend John Strachan
First Bishop of Toronto by A. N. Bethune, his successor in the See (1870)

Now got the first 10 chapters up for you to read at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/Religion/strachan/index.htm>

Should have had more chapters up by now so sorry about that.

Alone in the Wild with Ed Wardle
As the intro says...

I wanted to share this, since I thought that this series took away the Hollywood character of the Bear Grylls and friends survival series and actually shows more of the real deal for people that are not as highly trained. It also shows how making bad decisions can cost you a lot. It's definitely slower than the other series, but it also seems more real. I say it seem more real because you never ever

know 100% if it was staged or not. I do think that if this was staged though, it was a freaking amazing performance. :-)

You can watch this video at <http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/alone.htm>

The Last Trapper

For over 20 years, Nicolas Vanier, an untiring voyager in the coldest of climes, a veritable Jack London of modern times, has criss-crossed the wildest regions of the far northern lands. His travels include major expeditions in Siberia, Lapland, Alaska and of course Canada, where he recently undertook an incredible White Odyssey: 8600 kilometres covered with a team of sledge dogs, from Alaska all the way to Quebec. It was during that crossing, on the floor of a sumptuous and inaccessible valley in the Rocky Mountains, that Nicolas met the man who inspired him to make this film, a film that has lived within the man...

You can watch this video at: http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/last_trapper.htm

Kootenay Valley Railway (Canadian Pacific)
Cabride - Trail to Nelson, BC.

KVR's Hotshot is shown making its way from Tadanac yard in Trail to the crew change point of Nelson. This trip of 47 miles goes through some of the most beautiful scenery in Canada.

You can watch this video at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/kootenay.htm>

Last Train Across Canada - Murray Sayle - 1990
Full Documentary, Originally produced for PBS "Travels" Series.

You can watch this video at http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/last_train.htm

Doug Jones Travelog: The Great Canadian Train Ride

Join Doug Jones, one of America's foremost travelog producers, on the most spectacular long haul rail journey of the world! In 1955 the Canadian Pacific inaugurated the "Canadian", a new train designed to offer the ultimate in rail luxury.

You can view this video at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/train Ride.htm>

The Strathcona Horse

Found a wee video about this regiment which you can view at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/strathcona/chapter20.htm>

The Flag in the Wind

This weeks issue was compiled by Clare Adamson in which she provides a report on the March for Independence, There is a wee video on it at <http://youtu.be/Cmdry4UJp4Y>

You can read this issue at <http://www.scotsindependent.org>

Electric Scotland

The Scottish Historical Review

We are on Volume 11 and have now added the July 1914 issue. You can get to this at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/review/volume11.htm>

In Part 1 we get an interesting article about a Narrative of a Journey from Edinburgh to Dresden in 1814.

You can read the previous issues at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/review/>

Songs Of Scotland, Prior To Burns

This book is by Robert Chambers who is famous for collecting old Scottish Songs.

Added another three songs...

One Day I Heard Mary Say

Down The Burn, Davie

To Mrs A. H. On Seeing Her At A Concert

You can get to this book at the foot of the page at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/chambers_robert.htm

The Scottish Naturalist

I added Volume 9 - 1887/1888

You can get to these volumes at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/nature/naturalist.htm>

Thomas Dykes

(1850, Dundonald, Ayrshire - 1916, London, England) Journalist and Author

Added a couple more articles to his "All Round Sport" book.

Well Won, but the Wrong Way

With the Long-Line Fishers on the East Coast

You can read these at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/dykes_thomas.htm

Enigma Machine

This is where we are publishing this set of puzzles created by Doug Ross which can now be found in Doctor's Surgeries, Old Folks Homes, etc.

Added Enigma Machine 33 puzzle which you can get to at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/enigma/enigma033.htm>

The other puzzles we've already published can be found at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/enigma/index.htm>

Songs from John Henderson

John has sent us in another two songs, "Two Spoons Spoon" and "Saucy Hooray" which you can read at the foot of his page at

<http://www.electricscotland.com/poetry/doggerels.htm>

Beauties of Dr. John Moore

Selected from the moral, philosophical, and miscellaneous works of that esteemed author, to which are added, a new biographical and critical account of the doctor and his writings, and notes, historical, classical, and explanatory.

Added Pages Pages 451 to 482 and the Index which now completes this book.

The book is available at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/moore_john.htm

Leaves from the Journal

From our life in the Highlands from 1848 to 1861 (1868)

We've added more chapters to this book...

Love for Balmoral 13 Oct. 1856

Opening of the New Bridge over the Linn of Dee. 8 Sept. 1857

Visits to the Old Women 26 Sept. 1857

Visit to the Prince's Encampment at Feithort 6 Oct. 1857

A Fall of Snow 18 Sept. 1858

Ascent of Morven 14 Sept. 1859

Fete to the Members of the British Association 22 Sept. 1859

The chapter on "Love for Balmoral" says...

October 13, 1856.

Every year my heart becomes more fixed in this dear Paradise, and so much more so now, that *all* has become my dear Albert's *own* creation, own work, own building, own laying out, as at *Osborne*; and his great taste, and the impress of his dear hand, have been stamped everywhere. He was very busy to-day, settling and arranging many things for next year.

You can read these at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/leaves/>

Ardenmohr

Among the Hills, A Record of Scenery and Sports in the Highlands of Scotland by Samuel Abbott (1876)

Have now completed this book by adding the concluding chapters.

You can read the final chapters at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/ardenmohr/index.htm>

Merchant's Guide to Stirling & District

A new book we're starting which we're adding to the foot of our History of Stirlingshire page.

This week I added the chapter on Castle Gateway and Palace.

You can get to this book which we'll be adding to over the next few weeks at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/stirlingshire> at the foot of the page.

Lord Charles Neaves

Added two more of his poems...

Gaster (Adapted to Music)

Beef and Potatoes

You can view these at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/men/neaves_charles.htm

Highlander and His Books

Edited by Frank Shaw

ramblingmuser - literature, archaeology, philosophy, exploration

While this site was started over a decade ago as book review space for Scottish books, I must confess "the times, they are a changin'" and I find myself working with a blog by good Burnsian friend Stephen Hammock. This web site has evolved from book reviews into "Chats with Authors", a couple of Scottish prayers, tributes to old friends, and trips to Scotland and Paris and, sadly, an obituary or two among the articles. But this is my first attempt in dealing with a blog. I was so impressed by Stephen's work that I post here it in the hope that some of you will be inclined to sign up and view the paths he will be following in the years ahead in the States and in the United Kingdom.

Stephen Hammock is studying at Oxford University for a doctorate and has now completed his first year. He spent the summer months back in Georgia and recently returned to Oxford for the next step in search of his degree. He is a bright young man and we came to know each other when he joined the Burns Club of Atlanta. In our last email exchange he said, "I need to add an article on Burns sometime!" That is something all of us would like to read, Stephen, so I will hold you to it! Best wishes for a great year at Oxford and thanks for sharing ramblingmuser with our readers.

(FRS: 9.26.13)

Read this article at <http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/frank/ramblingmuser.htm>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Got in Section 2 of Beth's Newfangled Family Tree for October 2013.

You can view this at <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft>

Christina McKelvie's Column

Got in her column for 26th September 2013. You can view this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/mckelvie/130926.htm>

You can read her other entries at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/mckelvie>

Autumnal Rambles Among The Scottish Mountains

or Pedestrian Tourist's Friend by The Rev. Thomas Grierson, Minister of Kirkbean (1900)

A new book we're starting and here is a bit from the very long Preface...

This little volume principally consists of accounts carefully extended from notes which I took while exploring the scenery described. I was indebted to Mr Aird, Editor of the "Dumfries and Galloway Herald," well known as a poet and an ardent admirer of Nature, for their first introduction to public notice. They were perused with much interest by my friends and others, many of whom requested me to publish them in a collective form, for the instruction and encouragement of pedestrians, as well as the amusement of the public at large. With this view, I corrected them as accurately as I could; and, in certain cases, when not quite sure of my ground, I wrote to friends at a distance, that my doubts might be removed; so that it will considerably surprise me if any important inaccuracies be detected.

You can read this book at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/rambles/index.htm>

Scottish Fishing Industry

I have added a link to a page of videos about the Scottish Fishing Industry to the foot of the page. You can see this at <http://www.electricscotland.com/thomson/fishing.htm>

Videos of Prominent Scots

Was hunting to see if I could find any videos of Prominent Scots and found a great collection...

David Livingston <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/dlivingston.htm>

William Speirs Bruce http://www.electricscotland.com/history/bruce_william.htm

Thomas Blake Glover http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/thomas_glover.htm

Lachlan Macquarie http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/lachlan_macquarie.htm

Robert Stevenson http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/stevenson_robert.htm

Sir Alexander Fleming http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/fleming_alexander.htm

John Logie Baird http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/john_logie_baird.htm

Alex Salmond

I thought it was time to do a profile on Alex Salmond, First Minister of Scotland. You can see this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/salmond_alex.htm

David Hume

Found an 8 part video about this famous Scot. You can see this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/hume_david1.htm

Adam Smith

Why Is The Wealth of Nations So Important? I found this video discussion about his book. You can see this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/smith_adam.htm

John Napier

found a wee video about this Famous Scot. You can view this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/john_napier.htm

Scotland and the Commonwealth

Letters and Papers relating to the Military Government of Scotland, from August 1651 to December 1653. You can read this book at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/books/pdf/commonwealth.htm>

Scotland and the Protectorate

Letters and Papers relating to the Military Government of Scotland from January 1654 to June 1659. Edited, with Introduction and Notes, by C. H. Firth, M.A. (1899). You can read this book at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/books/pdf/protectorate.htm>

History of Arbroath to the Present Time

We've added the Preface, Contents and Chapter 1 of this book to the site and a link to download the entire book in pdf format.

You can read this book at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/arbroath>

Scot who saved American buffalo

HE IS little known in his home country, but the Scot credited with saving America's buffalo from being hunted to extinction is now the subject of an award-winning film.

You can read about him at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/articles/buffalo.htm>

Grand Designs. Isle Of Skye

On the Isle of Skye, one of the most beautiful landscapes in Britain, Rebecca and Indi are building a turf-roofed contemporary home to withstand gale force winds and some sceptical locals. You can view this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/lifestyle/grand_design.htm

Wild Food

Ray Mears embarks on a voyage of discovery into the lost foods of Britain's Stone Age. He tries out the processes they might have used, finds connections with cultures around the world and tastes the foods of our forefathers.

You can watch this series at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/food/wildfood.htm>

Stone Age Orkney

Added a video on the stone age settlement in Orkney that predates Stonehenge and any other settlement in Europe. You really need to view this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/orkney/>

Tales from the Green Valley

This is a 12 part video series. A farm run by 5 experts as it would have been around 1620 and only using tools and foods available at that time.

I confess to watching all 12 episodes and really enjoyed them. You can get to these at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/agriculture/green_valley.htm

A Tudor Feast at Christmas

How a Christmas feast was cooked up some 400 years ago. I really enjoyed this video and you can see this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/food/tudor_feast.htm

Andrew Carnegie

Added a couple of articles about him to our page about him at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/andrew_carnegie.htm

Jean Callander Milligan LL.D.

Added this Founder of the The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society to our Significant Scots page and made a book by her available for download. You can get to this at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/milligan_jean.htm

And finally...

Anniversaries

That matrimonial strain can ensue when one partner is over-zealous in their devotion to sport - is contested by Jimmy Smith. Jimmy had a pal whose wife bitterly claimed that, throughout their marriage, he had always put football first.

"That's rubbish," Jimmy's chum replied, "it's our 34th season together."

Arrrggghhh!

Why are bananas never lonely?

They go around in bunches!

What's yellow and stays hot in the fridge?

Mustard!

Why do cows lie down when it's raining?

To keep each udder dry!

And that's it for now and hope you all have a great weekend.

Alastair