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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for July 20th, 2018

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<http://www.electricscotland.com/whatsnew.htm>

To see what we've added to the Electric Canadian site view our What's New page at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/whatsnew.htm>

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/>

Electric Scotland News

Our Community is still down I'm sorry to say. I've been unable to contact Steve to get an update which is also a real pain.

However this situation has now got to the point where I've decided to look for a new hosting option and am currently looking at using the services of 4GoodHosting which is based in Vancouver and also has a Toronto base as well.

I've talked to the business owner, Mike, and he's looking into whether he can handle my FrontPage extensions which I use to publish to the site.

He's also willing to look at the 500 server error for us but needs admin permissions on the server to see what can be done. That's why not being able to get to Steve is a problem as he is the one that needs to create an admin account for them.

I'll keep you up to date with matters at the problem page at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/problem1.htm>

Well I have to say that it's been a fraught week on the Brexit front. I think the only reason May is still our PM is that the Tories are scared that Corbyn will win for Labour if there was another election. In fact polls shows that UKIP is climbing in the polls from 3% to 8% and Labour is now up to 40% with a lead over the Tories.

Certainly Leavers are feeling betrayed and it seems our political elite are really Remainers and certainly our Civil Service is as well.

I still fail to understand why we should be so pessimistic about a Global Britain. In fact I read an article this week that even Leavers don't see a Global Britain as being a success. To me that was the over riding reason for leaving the EU as I feel that a free trade Global Britain would be a huge success for the country. I fail to understand why we wouldn't be successful and even on WTO terms.

Clan Leslie Society International

We would like to meet you in Scotland for the celebration of 950 years of the Leslie's. We would like to entertain you all with a 4 day meeting at the Clan Leslie Gathering in Scotland in 2020. The actual dates for the Gathering, 30th & 31st of July and the 1st & 2nd of August 2020.

It is proposed to gather in Aberdeenshire at the beginning of August 2020. To help us find out how many would like to join us, we wish all to let us know. The sooner we have the numbers we can start to plan your stay. We are hoping to have all attending

registered before the end of this year 2018.

We understand it is a long time ahead to book but we must have the numbers to proceed with haste to get the amount of beds needed. Not all will be able to tell us coming or not but an interest will be OK. First timers to Scotland will be amazed by the beauty of this country and the lovely fresh air of the Highlands.

The Aboyne Highland Games will be part of the entertainment, Come and see where your kin came from. Meet the other members of the CLSI. You might just find a new friend or even a relation. Learn your history and see the sights where your ancestors fought & died.

Send your interest to bleess993@blueyonder.co.uk Hoping to see you in 2020.

Your hosts are David & Leslie Leslie, Brian & Petra Lesslie.

GRIP FAST

Here is the video introduction to this newsletter...

<https://youtu.be/LrVqbGr7tWY>

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our ScotNews feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in newspapers such as the Guardian, Scotsman, Courier, etc. 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.

Square sausage ice-cream goes on Edinburgh hotel menu
Dairy firm Glen Urr has joined forces with Apex Hotels to reinvent the breakfast dish.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-44808966>

Oldest Highland bagpipes in existence to be played at clan meeting

The oldest Highland bagpipes in existence, and which rang out at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, are to be played for just the fourth time in 200 years.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/oldest-higland-bagpipes-in-existence-to-be-played-at-clan-meeting-1-4768095>

How can world's best small country be Europe's drug-death capital?

Last week, we learned that Scotland is the drug-death capital of Europe. It's the latest cultural feather in the cap of the world's best small country, revealing that we continue to punch above our weight in some of the worst areas imaginable.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/darren-mcgarvey-how-can-world-s-best-small-country-be-europe-s-drug-death-capital-1-4766309>

MSPs shocked by poor and hungry Scottish pupils

A hard-hitting report published today by MSPs on Holyrood's Education have called for poverty proofing measures to help the poorest students.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/msps-shocked-by-poor-and-hungry-scottish-pupils-1-4767528>

The Brexit White Paper

An exercise in giving away control

Read more at:

<https://brexitcentral.com/brexit-white-paper-giving-away-control/>

Nation's botanical treasures to go on display

A potato plant collected by Charles Darwin during his voyage on the Beagle is among botanical treasures to go on display to the public for the first time.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-44797298>

Africa's WWI effort recognised in new Tate Modern exhibit

There have been many events to mark the centenary of World War One - but Africa has seldom rated a mention.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-44792194>

Smart patch micro needles to revolutionise diabetes care

Smart patches fitted with micro needles to deliver insulin could revolutionise treatment for diabetes sufferers, scientists have claimed.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-44546252>

Overwhelming 62% of voters want Theresa May to stand down as PM before next general election

Poll presents misery for the PM, with 62 per cent of all voters and 44 per cent of Tories saying she is doing a bad job

Read more at:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/6781627/overwhelming-62-of-voters-want-theresa-may-to-stand-down-as-pm-before-next-general-election-as-popularity-hits-all-time-low/>

From the Anglosphere, we watch with horror as Britain bungles its Brexit chance to go global

Growing up in Australia during the 1960s and early 1970s, Britain loomed large in not only Australian national consciousness, but in our daily life.

Read more at:

<https://www.conservativehome.com/platform/2018/07/terry-barnes-from-the-anglosphere-we-watch-with-horror-as-britain-bungles-its-brexit-chance-to-go-global.html>

Trump says biggest global foe is EU

U.S. President Donald Trump says his biggest global foe is the European Union

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/video/2018/07/15/trump-says-biggest-global-foe-is-eu?videoId=445560815&videoChannel=75>

Sutherland site is UK spaceport frontrunner

A peninsula on Scotland's north coast has been identified as the frontrunner in the race to become the site of the UK's first spaceport.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-44839536>

Defence Secretary unveils £2billion plan for a British-made stealth plane

That can fly either with a pilot or as a DRONE after the UK was cut out of a French-German fighter plan project

Read more at:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5959029/Defence-Secretary-unveils-2billion-plan-British-stealth-plane.html>

Sensible, family-loving teens behind pregnancy rate drop

Teenagers are becoming less likely to have sex, preferring to spend time with their families and having romantic relationships online, a study suggests.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-44860598>

Netflix effect poses challenge to British TV

Video streaming services such as Netflix and Amazon Prime now have more subscribers than traditional pay TV services in the UK, new data from Ofcom has revealed.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-44862598>

Britain is at a historic crossroads on the path to a global trading future

Our decision to leave the EU was a call to fight protectionism and barriers to trade. This is the text of a speech delivered by International Trade Secretary Liam Fox this morning at the Royal Society in London.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/britain-is-at-a-historic-crossroads-on-the-path-to-a-global-trading-future/>

UK to consult public on possible bid to join Pacific trade pact

Trade Secretary Liam Fox said on Wednesday he will consult the public about a possible bid to join a Pacific trade group that includes Canada, Australia and Mexico, once Britain leaves the European Union.

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-eu-trade/uk-to-consult-public-on-possible-bid-to-join-pacific-trade-pact-idUKKBN1K8286>

The WTO global trading model and Mr Barnier

Time for the media to mend its language

Read more at:

<http://johnredwoodsdiary.com/2018/07/19/the-wto-global-trading-model-and-mr-barnier-time-for-the-media-to-mend-its-language>

Electric Canadian

Engineering Journal

I discovered a lot of volumes of these transaction which are very detailed and note that they are very popular downloads so assume civil engineers are enjoying the details given in these transactions.

I've added the 1947 volume and will add others each week. You can view these at

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/index.htm>

Some of the topics discussed include HOUSING PROBLEMS AND HOW HOUSING ENTERPRISES IS SOLVING THEM, NAVAL CABLES IN THE WAR, UTILIZATION OF SYDNEY SLAGS FOR ENGINEERING AND AGRICULTURE, FUEL OIL FOR INDUSTRIAL BOILERS AND HIGH HEAT COMBUSTION CHAMBERS, HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROGRESS IN CANADA DURING 1946, OBITUARIES, ETC.

Canada and its Provinces

A History of the Canadian People and their Institutions by one hundred Associates. General Editors: Adam Shorty and Arthur G. Doughty. Edinburgh Edition (1914) in 23 volumes. I will be adding a volume each week until completed.

Added Volume VII. The Dominion: Political Evolution Part II.

FROM 1782 to Confederation the defence of British North America against the United States was the subject of anxious precautions on the part of the imperial authorities and their representatives in the New World. From 1782 to the Crimean War the system which they devised guaranteed the security of the country'. The great republic during that period was a restless neighbour, grudging the British provinces their independence within the Empire ; once there was actual war, and often there were rumours and threats of it; and in every crisis the British defensive arrangements were adequate. The period from the Crimean War to the end of the American Civil War saw a danger; the danger was greater, and the military system of the provinces was undergoing a change which yielded defensive arrangements the adequacy of which, untested by real war, may seriously be doubted. After Confederation the American pressure relaxed, and when Canada was again brought to feel the need for military preparation, the impetus to reorganization arose from conditions existing across the ocean.

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/canadaprovinces.htm>

Mining Journal

The Official Organ of the Gold Miners Association of Nova Scotia and the Representative Exponent of the Canadian Mining &

Mechanical Industry.

Found several copies of this publication and you can read the volume for 1894 which starts with a full table of contents at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/mines/mining.htm>

From Montreal to Vimy Ridge and Beyond

The Correspondence of Lieut. Clifford Almon Wells, B.A., of the 8th Battalion Canadian, B.E.F., November 1915 - April 1917 edited by O. C. S. Wallace, D.D., LL.D. (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/frommontrealtovimy.pdf>

The Canadian Portrait Gallery

By John Charles Dent (1880) in four volumes.

Each portrait comes with a short biography of the person so all in all this makes an interesting read and you can read this at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/portraits.htm>

Canada's Hundred Days

With the Canadian Corps from Amiens to Mons, Aug. 8 - Nov. 11, 1918. By J. F. B. Livesay with Portrait and Maps (1919) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/canada100days.pdf>

Wacousta

or The Prophecy In three volumes.

As we are about to introduce our readers to scenes with which the European is little familiarised, some few cursory remarks, illustrative of the general features of the country into which we have shifted our labours, may not be deemed misplaced at the opening of this volume.

Without entering into minute geographical detail, it may be necessary merely to point out the outline of such portions of the vast continent of America as still acknowledge allegiance to the English crown, in order that the reader, understanding the localities, may enter with deeper interest into the incidents of a tale connected with a ground hitherto untouched by the wand of the modern novelist.

You can read these at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/wacousta.htm>

Conrad Black

The West is a mess ... but Europe is where the real troubles are

<http://www.conradblack.com/1411/the-west-is-a-mess-but-europe-is-where-the-real>

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Commonwealth of Australia

Historical Records of Australia published in 1914 in 19 volumes. Intending to put up 1 volume a week until complete.

Added Volume 17 - 1833—June, 1835

You can get to this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/commonwealth.htm>

The ancestry & family of Sir Harry Lauder (1870-1950)

By Gregory Lauder-Frost, FSA Scot.

Added a link to this account at the foot of his page at:

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

I might add that this is a really good page with links to videos and audio files and also books by Harry Lauder himself.

Handbook of the British Army

With supplements on the Royal Air Force and Civilian Defense Organizations (1943) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/HandbookoftheBritishArmy.pdf>

Aeronautical Engineering Series Ground Engineers

Electrical and Wireless Equipment of aircraft including the repair, overhaul and testing of Magnetos ("X" Licence) by S. G. Wybrow (Fourth Edition) (1941) (pdf)

I found this as I got a comment in asking whether there was any information on how RAF ground crews did their work to maintain the aircraft and so hope this provides some information for you.

You can read this at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybgzjbgo>

Saudi Arabia

By Sherifa Zuhur (2011) (pdf)

Another of our Middle East countries I am featuring where I hope to bring you some information on Scots in these countries.

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/SaudiArabia.pdf>

Life of James Ferguson, F.R.S., 1710-1776

In a brief autobiographical account and further extended Memoir by Ebenezer Henderson (1867). Added this account to his page in our Significant Scots section.

An ingenious experimental philosopher, mechanist, and astronomer. Of this miracle of self-instruction and native genius, we cannot do better than give his own account, as drawn up by himself a very few years before his death, and prefixed to his "Select Mechanical Exercises." It is one of the most interesting specimens of autobiography in the language.

"I was born in the year 1710, a few miles from Keith, a little village in Banffshire, in the north of Scotland; and can with pleasure say, that my parents, though poor, were religious and honest; lived in good repute with all who knew them; and died with good characters.

You can read this at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/ferguson_james.htm

Builders of our Law During the Reign of Queen Victoria

By Edward Manson (second edition) (1904) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/law/buildersourlaw.pdf>

The Story

This story tells you why I believe in a Global Britain and you really need to read this and become as enthusiastic as I am for our future outside the EU!!

Good old Boris says in his first column in the Telegraph since leaving the cabinet...

It was almost exactly two years ago that I went into the Durbar Court in the Foreign Office. It was my first day as foreign secretary, and I stood within that vast marble atrium adorned with the busts of explorers, and I announced a vision.

It wasn't a policy. It wasn't much more than a slogan. It was the way we needed to think of ourselves in the wake of the referendum. It was time, I told the crowd – some of them hanging over the galleries like a scene from *The Shawshank Redemption* – for Global Britain. And by Global Britain, I meant a country that was more open, more outward-looking, more engaged with the world than ever before.

It meant taking the referendum and using it as an opportunity to rediscover some of the dynamism of these bearded Victorians; not to build a new empire, heaven forbid, but to use every ounce of Britain's power, hard and soft, to go back out into the world in a way that we had perhaps forgotten over the past 45 years: to find friends, to open markets, to promote our culture and our values.

It did not mean that we would have to turn our backs on our friends and partners across the Channel; of course not. With the right free trade deal, we would be able to do more business with the EU than ever. Global Britain meant doing something extra. It meant rekindling old friendships in the Commonwealth, 52 of the fastest-growing economies in the world.

Global Britain was about intensifying links with the United States of America, already our biggest single export market. If we were to be truly global, we should do more with the Gulf countries, with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with China. At a time

when free trade was under threat, we should be champions and catalysts for open markets, and militate ceaselessly for free trade deals.

This was a great moment for the Foreign Office, I told them, a chance for the Union Flag to go up again around the world. And two years later, as I step down, I will resist – for now – the temptation to bang on about Brexit; but I am immensely proud of the Global Britain project, and what this corps of diplomats has achieved.

I still read the odd squib from someone who says that he or she doesn't "get" Global Britain. Some seem to think that the concept is vainglorious; that we are not capable of acting in a global way. You hear people use phrases like "second-rate power". Some say it is pretentious to think global, and that we should axe our aid spending. There are some – Jeremy Corbyn, for instance – who have argued for the end of British Armed Forces and the abolition of our nuclear deterrent and therefore the end of our membership of the UN Security Council. They are all wrong, and I have seen how championing Global Britain is in the financial interests of every family in this country.

British embassies are the vital beach-heads for the promotion of British trade, culture, and interests. If you go to them you will see the pulling power of the UK – crowds buzzing with local cabinet ministers and all the bigwigs. And dotted throughout the party are the representatives of the wider family of Global Britain. There are the British multinational businesses, wolfing the canapés that they help to fund with their taxes; here is someone from the British Council, here a tech start-up genius, here a banker, a consultant, a poet, an oceanographer.

It is with the help of these Foreign Office missions that the UK is the world's biggest exporter of services, and the biggest overseas investor in Europe. Connected with the embassy in greater or lesser degree is the wider British expat community – about six million people around the world, perhaps the biggest per capita diaspora of any OECD country.

And don't tell me that the UK is losing diplomatic influence. The reverse is true. Just in the past few weeks we saw the UK help to concert the biggest ever expulsion of Russian spies, as 28 countries showed their repulsion at the use of Novichok in Salisbury. All told, 153 Russian spooks were sent packing. In diplomatic terms, the FCO hit it out of the park.

Two weeks ago the UN Human Rights council gave the biggest ever vote of support for the UK's campaign for 12 years of quality education for every girl, with more than 150 votes. The FCO comprehensively out-generalled its opponents at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague, extending the mandate of the organisation so as to enable them to identify those who have used a chemical weapon. We have hosted a highly successful Commonwealth summit; Zimbabwe is on the way back into a revived institution. Angola has said it wants to join. We are opening new embassies in the Caribbean and the Pacific, nine all told, with 15 more to follow in Africa. Across the world, the flag is going up, not down.

I have seen how championing Global Britain is in the financial interests of every family in this country. But if you want to find the people who really believe in Global Britain, don't just talk to the FCO. Talk to our friends around the world. In the Middle East, in Africa, in the Far East, I meet governments who want nothing so much as to cooperate with our intelligence services – acknowledged to be the best in the world. I have seen with my own eyes how we are giving military assistance from Ukraine to Nigeria. The world wants more UK investment and more UK goods. Exports have recently been running at about 30 per cent of GDP, and Liam Fox and his team really are helping to sell boomerangs to Australia.

Above all, the elites of the world pay this country the highest compliment of all in that they want to come here, to shop here, to send their kids to this country's universities. I find that they are amazed at the media nonsense and the lack of self-confidence, in the current debate on the EU, about whether we can do things for ourselves. They see a first rate military power, one of the few capable of projecting force 8,000 miles. They see by far the most innovative economy in Europe; the tech capital of the hemisphere; the greatest financial centre; a place where one Oxbridge college boasts more Nobel prizes than France; that exports six times more television shows than any other European country and produces most of the world's top-selling musical artists. They see a country whose royal weddings transfix the globe; a country with 0.7 per cent of the world population whose sportsmen and women in the past five years have come second in the Olympics, won Wimbledon, and whose unfancied side has just come fourth in the football World Cup under the leadership of a man whose very waistcoat incarnates – in the eyes of our friends – the charm and eccentricity of the UK. This is the soft power superpower.

That is why it is time for all of us – at this critical moment in our constitutional development – to believe in ourselves, to believe in the British people and what they can do, and in our democracy. People around the world believe passionately in Britain. It's time we shared their confidence.

And that's it for this week and hope you have a great weekend.

Alastair