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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for August 17th, 2018

To see what we've added to the Electric Scotland site view our What's New page at:
<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

Progress has been made at last. I now have Electric Scotland and Electric Canadian up and available on our new hosting service.

Electric Canadian is now solid and can now be accessed under <https://electriccanadian.com> and as I purchased an SSL certificate for it it now shows it's a "secure" site in the Google browser.

Electric Scotland is now mostly available but I need to work on the RSS newsfeed and also the Postcard program. I need to ensure the rss feed points to an https link to ensure I also show the "secure" tag in the browser. So nearly there.

For the above two sites I also need to get the Disqus commenting system working.

The Community site awaits the database files but the actual program is now on the new site. Steve said he'd be able to make the database files available shortly but of course we've heard that before but I'm phoning him regularly so hopefully it won't be long before this is back.

I have been able to get some new content up for which see below.

Global warming

We are seeing a tremendous drought going on in Australia and the worst fires in California and British Columbia in history. My thoughts are with the people in those areas that are going through their own personal hell at this time. I have no idea how those fire fighters can even work in that heat.

Here is the video introduction to this newsletter...

<https://youtu.be/SOAxAG3tdto>

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.

Rare collection of Jacobite propaganda goes on show

The exhibition, Genuine Jacobites? - 100 years of Scottish Propaganda - has been mounted at Innerpefferay Library in Perthshire, the oldest free public lending library in Scotland.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/rare-collection-of-jacobite-propaganda-goes-on-show-1-4781671>

Why won't more government ministers stick up for capitalism?
Unlike her tip-toeing colleagues, Liz Truss is not scared to make big arguments

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/why-wont-more-government-ministers-stick-up-for-capitalism>

Johnson's leadership potential terrifies the Party establishment
Tories have not previously expressed outrage at criticisms of the burka. So why now?

Read more at:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2018/08/10/no-wonder-tory-establishment-attacking-boris-johnson-leadership/>

Does Scotland actually care about education?
Further down the international league tables than the Scottish football team for whom it is not an option to stop publishing results which is the Scottish Government's preferred tactic on literacy and numeracy.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/brian-wilson-does-scotland-actually-care-about-education-1-4782050>

Government ready with Plan B for Named Person
The accusation was made after documents retrieved via Freedom of Information showed that having a Plan B if MSPs reject the proposals was discussed at a meeting of unnamed government officials and advisers.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/government-ready-with-plan-b-for-named-person-1-4782583>

Call Swinney to account for catalogue of failures
Spending in schools is now £400m less per year than it was in 2010

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/iain-gray-call-swinney-to-account-for-catalogue-of-failures-1-4782638>

The bizarre spat with Canada shows Mohammed bin Salman's true colours
The Saudi crown prince has been feted as a moderniser. But his petulant foreign policy should set alarm bells ringing

Read more at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/aug/12/saudi-arabia-spat-canada-mohammed-bin-salman-true-colours>

If the British lion is ever going to roar again then the first step is to chuck Chequers
We are a free and independent country and will prosper if given a proper chance

Read more at:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/6982542/chuck-out-chequers-priti-patel/>

Artificial intelligence did not miss a single urgent case
Artificial intelligence can diagnose eye disease as accurately as some leading experts, research suggests.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-44924948>

Free school meals year-round for low-income families
Margaret Kennedy, a dinner lady at St Andrew's High during term time, is getting ready to serve the 20 or so primary-age children who've come for their lunch. She tells me: "I love doing this. It's a pleasure".

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-45117543>

Mixed format should be repeated but with more stars

It certainly wasn't the highlight of a packed programme of top-class summer golf in Scotland but, at the same time, the inaugural European Team Championships was a lot better than many people, this correspondent included, expected.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/sport/golf/martin-dempster-mixed-format-should-be-repeated-but-with-more-stars-1-4783433>

Scots scientists' battery breakthrough
Could revolutionise electric cars

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/future-scotland/tech/scots-scientists-battery-breakthrough-could-revolutionise-electric-cars-1-4783460>

After Union, the Deluge

In a searing new book, Ian Kearns reckons with the European Union's many failures and offers a disturbing prediction of its collapse

Read more at:

<https://www.the-american-interest.com/2018/08/13/after-union-the-deluge/>

Most Scots never pray and only attend church on special occasions

Scots are becoming increasingly indifferent to religion, with the majority of young people describing themselves as not having any faith, according to new research.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/poll-most-scots-never-pray-and-only-attend-church-on-special-occasions-1-4783663>

The sleepy village once home to a bustling Pictish community

Not much happens in the sleepy village of St Vigeans but more than 1,000 years ago it was a bustling centre of Pictish life which thronged with monks, pilgrims and possibly even royalty.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/the-sleepy-village-once-home-to-a-bustling-pictish-community-1-4783937>

John Swinney warned to scrap primary one tests or face boycott

John Swinney has been presented with an ultimatum of scrapping the SNP's controversial primary one tests or facing a mass boycott.

Read more at:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2018/08/15/john-swinney-warned-scrap-primary-one-tests-face-boycott/>

What is No Deal?

By Dr. Lee Rotherham

Read more at

http://www.theredcell.co.uk/uploads/9/6/4/0/96409902/no_deal.pdf

Electric Canadian

Canada and its Provinces

Added volume IX for The Dominion: Industrial Expansion Part 1 which you can read at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/canadaprovinces.htm>

The Engineering Journal

Added the volume for 1949.at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/index.htm>

Includes topics on: Aeronautics, Aeroplanes, Airport Runways, Aggregates, 41berta—Natural Resources, Aluminum Bridges, Apprentices, Atomic Power, Boilers, Building, Business and Industrial Briefs, Chemistry in Canada, Coal, Consulting Engineers, Engineers, Erosion, Highways, Lumbering, Mines and Mining, Mineral Resources, Obituaries, Photography, Sanitary Engineering, Water Supply, etc.

Mining Review

Added the volume for 1901 at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/mines/mining.htm>

A Brief Review of the Settlement of Upper Canada

By the U. E. Loyalists of Upper Canada by the U. E. Loyalists and Scotch Highlanders in 1783 and of the grievances which compelled the Canadas to have recourse to arms in defence of their rights and liberties in the years 1837 and 1838 BY D. M'Leod, Major General, Patriot Army, Upper Canada. (1841) (pdf)

You can get to this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/pioneering/Brief-Review-of-the-Settlement-of-Upper-Canada-1841.pdf>

Dot it Down,

A story of life in the North-West by Alexander Begg (1871) (pdf) which you can read at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/pioneering/dotitdown.pdf>

Electric Scotland

Ardenmohr Among The Hills

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

You can read this book at: <https://www.electricscotland.com/books/pdf/ardenmohr.pdf>

The Shipbuilders of Aberdeen

A series by Stanley Bruce

Stan has sent in two publications this week...

Aberdeen Concrete Shipbuilding Co. and Walter Hood & Co. in 2 parts.

You can read these at: <https://www.electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

The Story

The Battle of Worcester September 3, 1651

by Wm Cone

The story of the Battle of Worcester is recounted in exhibits at "The Commandery", a complex of timber-framed buildings that were used by Charles as his headquarters for the battle.

The battle of Worcester in 1651 was the attempt by the eldest son of Charles I to reclaim the throne and to re-establish the rule of the Crown in England.

Keith and the Scots, Scottish allies under Sir David Leslie initially held their position at Powick bridge against the Parliamentary advance into the city from the west. They were eventually overwhelmed by reinforcements sent by Cromwell using the bridges of boats at the confluence of the Teme and the Severn. Fighting hand to hand, as they pushed back into the city ahead of the Parliamentary advance, the Scots sustained heavy casualties.

The action at Powick bridge was only one part of the battle of Worcester. Despite attempts by Charles to counter-attack, the Scots were eventually defeated by the superior generalmanship and greater numbers of Cromwell's army. Estimates suggest that only 700 of Cromwell's men were killed compared with between 2000 and 4000 Royalist deaths.

Charles managed to evade capture and escaped to France. The Duke of Hamilton died of wounds received in the fighting and is buried in Worcester Cathedral. It is thought that as many as 10,000 Scots were taken prisoner many of whom were transported to the English colonies in the New World, Staunton Virginia and Boston Massachusetts. amongst other destinations,

The Battle of Worcester was the final conflict in the interminable English Civil War. The king in exile, Charles II, aided by Scottish allies under Sir David Leslie, attempted to regain the throne lost at his father's death. While Leslie argued that they should make a stand in Scotland, where support for the royalist cause was strongest, Charles insisted on carrying the fight into his homeland. He marched his men south into England, and they came up against Parliamentary forces under Oliver Cromwell at Worcester.

Charles entered the city on August 23, and there he paused to allow his men to rest and gather supplies. Cromwell divided his men into two groups, and it is likely that all told Cromwell's men outnumbered the royalists by two to one. Cromwell began a bombardment

of the city and attempted to cross the Severn from the south, but his men were beaten back. Charles sallied out to attack, but he, too, was unsuccessful and returned without taking any of Cromwell's guns.

Cromwell constructed a boat bridge across the river, and led his men across. They pushed back the royal troops, allowing the main Parliamentary army to cross. The Scottish troops broke and fled, turning the royal retreat into a rout.

Charles quickly launched a counterattack, pushing his opponents back in the east. Cromwell was forced to recross the river to support his men, and after 3 hours of hard fighting they pushed the royalists back into Worcester.

The city was surrounded, and troops attempting to flee were quickly captured by Cromwell's men. Charles left his bodyguard to hold off pursuit, and fled the field. In a story that has been told and retold over the years since, he hid from his pursuers in the leafy branches of an oak tree, before eventually making his way to the coast and eventual safety in France.

The Aftermath of Worcester UK

News of the Parliament victory spread rapidly across the country. Only two days after the battle, an Essex parishioner told Ralph Josselin that "the Scots were routed". Later that evening he "confirmed that they [the Royalists] fell out of towne that they were beate in againe, 4,000 slain, 300 prisoners.

A dedication ceremony was held at 11.00am on Sunday 2nd September 2001 at the old Powick Bridge Battle Site at Worcester to remember and honor 800 MacLeods who were killed at Worcester supporting the Stuart Cause, and in memory of them and of the rest of the 3000 Scots who died.

We also remembered the 2000 Scottish prisoners who were sent as forced labour to North America in 1652. The infusion of Scottish blood into the New England and Virginian population was to provide the United States with a very rich genetic base for their further development. Although the transportation of prisoners was a catastrophe for them at the time, undoubtedly, it has been to the benefit of the USA and to the world

The Aftermath of Dunbar Scottish Prisoners after Battle on September 3, 1650

During the fall and winter of 1650 over 3000 Scottish prisoners of war made a perilous 120 mile march from their defeat at the Dunbar battlefield in Scotland to Durham Cathedral in the north of England. From there most were sent to staff labor starved English colonial ventures in the West Indies, Virginia, Massachusetts, Maine, and Ireland.

Sixty-two were sent aboard the Unity across the wintry seas of the Atlantic. They arrived at Saugus (Lynn) Ironworks 350 years ago, in early April 1651. Today their descendants number in the thousands. According to Colonel Banks' 1927 paper presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society, in the aftermath of the Battle of Dunbar, 900 Scots were to be sent to Virginia. Another 150 prisoners were sent to New England aboard the Unity through Joshua Foote and John Bex, owners of the Saugus (Lynn) and Braintree (Quincy) Iron Works.

There is no known passenger list for the Unity. On April 2, 1651 an account appears in the Iron Works Papers for "a weeckes Dyett to ye 7th of 61 Menn" By June 9, 1651 the Iron Works has 38 Menn remaining on these rolls. The rolls continue to dwindle as these indentured workers are sold to others. The only surviving list of Scots by name is in the 1653 Iron Works inventory. It lists 35 names.

In addition to the the Scots listed, there were many more Scots in New England that arrived on the Unity. Some of them went through the Iron Works and may have even worked with or for Iron Works employees. The names account for less than half of the 150 Scots sent to New England. Perhaps many died on the voyage. One by one, others were imperceptibly assimilated into the labor force of Puritan New England.

To complicate matters further, another 270 Scots were sent to America one year later on the John and Sarah following the Battle of Worcester. That list is fairly complete although some names are not readable. Many times it is difficult to sort out Scots from the John and Sarah from the Unity. Were there other boats? Who were the Scots sent to Virginia? We will never know all of them.

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

Alastair