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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 11th, 2020

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

Electric Scotland News

I am now watching Jeff Taylor on YouTube most days as I find he's very clear and precise on the things he talks about. See

<https://youtu.be/gc9Wk11yjqI>

I'd also recommend you watch the initial weekly broadcast of the new SpectatorTV with Andrew Neil presenting. You can sign up for their broadcasts at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-week-in-60-minutes-tickets-119584144395?aff=60mins>

I have embedded both of these YouTube channels on our What's New page of the site.

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 world news stories that can affect Scotland and all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. 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.

Why is Scotland's Hate Crime Bill so controversial?

The Scottish government believes a new law to better protect hate crime victims is much needed. However, the proposed legislation is proving controversial with nearly 2,000 written views being sent to Holyrood's justice committee. So, why the contention?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-53580326>

Get real Barnier! UK threatens to starve EU of cash as Brexit fury reaches boiling point

BORIS JOHNSON has told the EU to get real over the trade negotiations amid revelations that he is considering starving the bloc of access to cheap money on the financial markets in the event of no deal.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1331850/brexit-news-michel-barnier-uk-EU-david-frost-boris-johnson>

Brutal reality of Canada deal without UK exposed by Brexiteers

THE EU's celebrated trade deal with Canada has been laid bare after a pro-Brexit organisation exposed Ottawa has faced a worsened situation since the UK historically voted to leave the bloc.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1332011/eu-news-canada-trade-deal-UK-brexit-trade-talks-brussels-politics-news-spt>

New Zealand's brain gain boost

Many New Zealanders leave home to explore opportunities abroad. But amid the pandemic, Kiwis are returning - which means big benefits.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200827-new-zealands-brain-gain-boost>

Here we go! Trade talks with major ally Canada BEGINS

Britain and Canada are hoping to strike an agreement by the end of the year. International Trade Secretary Liz Truss tweeted: -Trade talks with Canada have commenced.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1332314/brexit-news-trade-talks-uk-canada-deal-liz-truss>

California wildfires: This is how mind-bogglingly huge they are

Over two million acres of land has been burned in California, compared to 118,000 acres burned during this time in 2019.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-us-canada-54095895>

Shetland Islands eye independence from SCOTLAND as prosperity threatened

NICOLA STURGEON is facing an unexpected blow after it emerged the Shetland Islands is eyeing plans to call a referendum on independence from Scotland.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1333716/nicola-sturgeon-shetland-islands-independence-referendum-scotland-uk-snp-news>

Nicola Sturgeon's daily coronavirus briefings to be binned by BBC Scotland

The Edinburgh briefings are currently shown live on both BBC One Scotland and the BBC Scotland channel.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/nicola-sturgeons-daily-coronavirus-briefings-22662421>

Joe Biden backs Brussels in Brexit row amid stunning threat to punish UK as US President

JOE BIDEN will dismantle any chance of a US-UK trade deal if he becomes US President out of fury at Boris Johnson's latest Brexit move, according to sources inside the presidential campaign.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1333724/Brexit-EU-row-Joe-Biden-Northern-Ireland-US-UK-trade-talks-latest-news>

Johnson's Brexit bill WON'T break law

BORIS JOHNSON has sparked controversy with his plans to override the Brexit deal with claims he is breaching international law - but these accusations have now been destroyed by a legal expert.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1333903/brexit-news-brexit-bill-boris-johnson-uk-internal-market-bill-brexit-latest-news>

BBC Newsnight row as furious viewers accuse broadcaster of pro-EU bias in heated debate

BBC Newsnight has been accused of pro-EU bias as two out of three of its panelists were Remainers.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1332676/bbc-newsnight-bias-latest-brexit-news-EU-remain-leave-EU-trade-talks-update>

BBC bias: Katya Adler breached impartiality rules with tweet about delusional Gove

BBC Europe Editor Katya Adler broke impartiality rules when she fired off a tweet branding Michael Gove delusional, according to the broadcaster's standards watchdog.

Read more at;

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1333393/bbc-news-bias-katya-adler-breached-impartiality-rules-tweet-michael-gove-delusional>

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History of Presbyterianism on Prince Edward Island

By Rev. John MacLeod (1904) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/Religion/historyofpresbyt00macl.pdf>

The History of Canadian Business, Volume I, 1867-1914

By R Naylor. The story of the growth of the Canadian chartered banking system is told in detail. Included is an analysis of the many bank failures, and an explanation of the techniques used successfully by the largest chartered banks to dominate banking and finance in the new confederation. Several chapters deal with hitherto unrecorded facets of the development of the financial system of Canada, the major financial institutions and the types of operations they financed.

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/banking/The-History-of-Canadian-Business.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday morning - 6th September 2020

By Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5578-Thoughts-on-a-Sunday-morning-6th-September-2020>

The History of James Bay 1610-1686

A Study in Historical Archaeology by W. A. Kenyon (1986) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/historyofjamesbay.pdf>

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Bearsden: A Roman Fort on the Antonine Wall

By David J Breeze (2016) (pdf)

Thanks to the courtesy of the Society of Antiquarians of Scotland you can get this free book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/antiquary/5-Book%20Manuscript-184-1-10-20200529.pdf>

Musings of a real Tank Commander By Stuart Crawford.

Added Part 17 which you can read at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/tank/index.htm>

The Elliot Homestead

Added a video from YouTube about the Elliot Homestead to our Clan Elliot History page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/webclans/dtog/elliott2.html>

Got an email in saying that there is some thought that they might be using a Pyramid scheme to promote their Essential Oils sales so be aware of this while watching. In the event you agree there is something dodgy going on then please let me know and I'll take it down.

A Book of Ballad Stories by Mary MacLeod

With Introduction by Edward Dowden (188?) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/bookofballadstor00bank.pdf>

A Vindication of the Government in Scotland during the Reign of King Charels II

Against Mis-Representations made in several Scandalous Pamphlets to which is added the method of Proceeding against Criminals, as also some of the Phanatical Convents as they were printed and published by themselves in that Reign by Sir George MacKenzie, Late Lord Advocate, there (1691) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/avindicationgov.pdf>

(Note: This is one of these books where the letter s is replaced with the letter f)

Emigration

By Margaret I. Adam

POPULAR tradition, and even literary tradition have come to associate all the great Scottish emigration movements with poverty and distress. This is particularly so of emigrations from the Highlands. The mere mention of them suggests at once rackrents, brutal landlords, and evictions.

Read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/emigration02.htm>

Clan Lachlan Association of Canada

Got in the Fall 2020 newsletter which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/lachlan/index.htm>

Creating Scotland

A presentation by the Society of Antiquarians of Scotland which can be viewed at:

<http://www.electricScotland.org/showthread.php/5577-Creating-Scotland>

Pumpkin Spice Coffee recipe.

Got this is from a friend of the site which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/food/visitors/pumpkinspicecoffee.htm>

Tracing Our Threads

The Kilbarchan Weaving Project on Display at Folk Art Center, NC

Got permission to post this story which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/threads.htm>

The Clan Baird Newsletter

Got in some older copies of their newsletter including their current Winter 2020 issue. You can read these at:

<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/Baird/index.htm>

Story

Nova Scotia Overseas Highland Brigade

Undoubtedly the most unique feature in the story of recruiting Canada's Overseas Forces was the organization of the NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLAND BRIGADE which had its inception in the 85th battalion. This unit was authorized September 14, 1915, with Lieut.-Col. Allison H. Borden in command. In less than a month the Battalion was over strength, and enthused by this success Col. Borden conceived the idea of raising another highland regiment in Nova Scotia, from which grew the larger ideal of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, and same was authorised on January 26th, 1916.

An energetic campaign was simultaneously started in almost every part of the province, and in less than three weeks the 185th, 193rd, and 219th Battalions were recruited over strength. This record is unsurpassed in any part of the Dominion, and the credit belongs to the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 85th, which Battalion also to a great extent officered and organized the other three units of the Brigade.

Early in June the Brigade mobilised at Aldershot Camp, and the training of the unit commenced in earnest. Inspections were held at the camp during the summer by the Governor General, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught: Premier Borden and Sir Sam Hughs, Minister of Militia, and all expressed the highest praise for the efficiency of the battalions and the manly character and bearing of the Officers and men. His Royal Highness the Governor General stated in his remarks to the Brigade that he had never before seen a finer body of men.

Shortly after encamping at Aldershot, Col. Borden obtained the co-operation of the Officers commanding the four Battalions in the work of having each officer and man of the Brigade photographed, primarily for the purpose of compiling a complete photographic record of the personnel of each unit, and ultimately to have the material for a Brigade edition. The work practically formed part of the daily routine of the battalions, and it was only at the end of the summer that the last of the men had been paraded to the studios erected for the purpose, in the grounds, and the complete set of photographs obtained, numbering approximately five thousand.

When it is realized that almost every home in Nova Scotia has a father, brother, husband or friend in the Brigade, the foresight and energy of the Officers commanding will be thoroughly appreciated by the people of the Province in making possible so complete a record of the heart and soul of Nova Scotia. The Brigade embarked for England on the OLYMPIC, which sailed out of Halifax at dusk on the 13th of October, 1916.

If you would like to read more about our Canadian Military History, please visit my website Kintail to Cape Breton - Nova Scotia Overseas Highland Brigade (Electric Scotland Note: Site is no longer available but the book is available for purchase.).

Dale (MacRae) Barry

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And that's it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend and mind and keep your distance, wash your hands and stay safe. Don't be stupid or selfish and instead be considerate of others and wear a mask if going shopping or into a crowded place and consider whether you should indeed go into a crowded space in the first place.

Alastair