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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for January 8th, 2021

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

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

Electric Scotland News

While it is great that we now have vaccines for the virus what is concerning is the very slow pace of getting it into arms. This is a message I am getting from all over the world like here in Canada, the UK and Europe and also the USA. Having said that I also note that today the UK has announced it is deploying the Army to greatly ramp up vaccine delivery. See that news item below.

The Oxford vaccine is an interesting version of the vaccine and in the news stories I bring you this week is a very good article from the BBC which is well worth a read.

I note that new President Biden is likely to have some problems with his foreign policies given that the EU and Germany in particular have signed a new Trade agreement with China and it looks like Germany will complete the pipeline to bring Russian gas into Germany.

See the news article from CapX in the news section below.

It now looks like there is a possibility that England may force Scotland into Independence as the English as Professor Tom Devine suggests, Tory party branches crammed with English nationalists, are fed up to the back teeth with 'parasitic' and ungrateful Scots. See the article in the Scotsman in our news section below.

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

New Year Message for 2021 from Martin Howe QC, Chairman of Lawyers for Britain
The end of European Union law in Great Britain

Read more at:

<https://lawyersforbritain.org/new-year-message-from-martin-howe-qc-chairman-of-lawyers-for-britain>

Edinburgh's Hogmanay film

Seen by three million people in more than 50 countries around the world.

See this at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/whats-on/arts-and-entertainment/edinburghs-hogmanay-film-seen-three-million-people-more-50-countries-around-world-3083114>

Covid in Scotland: Council tax pandemic debt explosion feared

Citizens Advice Scotland said payment breaks allowed by councils during the pandemic had led to council tax arrears building up.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-55514828>

Global Britain is open for business with 60 trade deals already in operation

GLOBAL Britain is ready to take flight, with more than 60 trade deals coming into force today, the International Trade Secretary has told the Daily Express. Liz Truss said British businesses could take advantage of a world of opportunity now the country is fully free from EU rules and regulations.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1378554/brexit-global-britain-trade-deals>

Change in English attitudes is a game changer for Scottish independence - Lesley Riddoch

Professor Tom Devine suggests, Tory party branches crammed with English nationalists, are fed up to the back teeth with 'parasitic' and ungrateful Scots.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/change-english-attitudes-gamechanger-scottish-independence-lesley-riddoch-3084027>

Once again, teaching unions are putting their members above the needs of children

By insisting on keeping schools closed, the unions are showing how little they care about education

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/once-again-teaching-unions-are-putting-their-members-above-the-needs-of-children>

Covid: What is the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine?

The first dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine has been given in the UK.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-55302595>

Canada's indigenous food renaissance

In recent years, First Nation chefs like Marie-Cecile Nottaway have been reclaiming their families' generations-old recipes to feed new audiences.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20210104-the-chef-preserving-canadas-indigenous-identity>

Tea cake titan Sir Boyd Tunnock at last reveals his secret recipes

He is Scotland's most famous baker and, at the age of 87, Sir Boyd Tunnock has finally opened his recipe book.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/tea-cake-titan-sir-boyd-tunnock-at-last-reveals-his-secret-recipes-in-book-for-lifeboat-charity/>

Coronavirus in Scotland

Queen Elizabeth University Hospital turned away emergency calls after becoming overwhelmed with covid cases

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-scotland-queen-elizabeth-university-hospital-turned-away-emergency-calls-after-becoming-overwhelmed-covid-cases-3087400>

World leaders react to horrifying scenes in Washington

World leaders have condemned the violent scenes in Washington, where rioters supporting US President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol building.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55568613>

That's why we left! EU punishes Ireland supply chains in bid to exert full Brexit pressure

IRELAND is facing serious problems with its food supply chains after Brussels pledged to make sure the UK suffers the consequences of Brexit.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1380623/Brexit-news-latest-Ireland-food-uk-supply-chain-rule-of-origin-eu-news>

So much for Armageddon!

BBC told to APOLOGISE to Britons for Dover Brexit fearmongering

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1380374/Brexit-news-bbc-project-fear-ports-dover-calais-trade-deal-boris-johnson>

The EU should abandon its deal with China's brutal regime

Chris Patten is right, the EU-China trade deal is a huge strategic blunder

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/the-eu-should-abandon-its-deal-with-chinas-brutal-regime/>

Boris Johnson sends in Army in Covid masterplan. 100,000s of vaccines a day by next week

BORIS JOHNSON has announced the British Army is being brought in to speed up the distribution of coronavirus vaccines across the UK.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1381032/boris-johnson-press-conference-vaccine-coronavirus-british-army-uk-covid19-vaccine-latest>

Electric Canadian

Canadian Indians

The following letters, article, and editorials were written in the hope that good might come from the writing. (1911) (pdf)

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

Annual Reports of the Department of Indian Affairs

By the Dominion of Canada

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

The great Canadian North-west, finest farming lands in the world

By Canadian Pacific Limited (1892) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/greatcanadiannorthwest.pdf>

The Apostle of the North

Rev. James Evans by Egerton R. Young, Author of "On the Indian Trail", "By Canoe and Dog-Train", Etc (1899) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/apostleofthenorth.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday morning - 3rd January 2021

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5622-Thoughts-on-a-Sunday-morning-3rd-January-2021>

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EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement 24.12.2020

A pdf file of the 1200 page agreement which you can study at:

https://electricscotland.com/independence/sip/EU-UK_Trade_and_Cooperation_Agreement_24.12.2020.pdf

Kirkcaldy of Grange

By Louis A Barbé (1897) (pdf) from the Famous Scots series which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/nation/kirkcaldyofgrange.pdf>

Johnston of Warriston

By William Morison (1901) (pdf) from the Famous Scots series which you can read at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/johnstone_archibald.htm

Aberdeen Shipbuilding

Got in 3 books from Stan Bruce in his Aberdeen Shipbuilding series at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

Hall Russell Male Voice Choir

Aberdeen, 1918 to 1963.

This can be read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/Hall-Russell-Male-Voice-Choir.pdf>

Leckie, Wood, & Munro

Engineers & Iron Shipbuilders, Torry, Aberdeen, 1864 to 1870.

This can be read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/Leckie-Wood-and-Munro.pdf>

and

William Duthie jnr. & Co.

Shipbuilders, Upper Dock, Aberdeen, 1856 TO 1870.

This can be read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/william-duthie-jnr.pdf>

The Balladists

By John Geddie (1900) (pdf) from the Famous Scots series which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/balladists.pdf>

Scottish Society of Indianapolis

Got in their January 2021 newsletter which can be read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/indianapolis/index.htm>

Story

Scotch Heather

In the town of Hartland, in the north western part of Hartford County, Connecticut, at an elevation of 1200 feet, there is a good stand of *Calluna vulgaris*, which extends over an area of about an acre. Since it is rather unusual to find this shrub in such a location, which has very little protection from the winter cold, the writer attempted to trace the history of the introduction of the plant to this part of Connecticut.

Mr. L. E. Pearson, a forester in Connecticut, first noticed it when looking over the woodland of the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Sturman. Most of the following information was obtained by the Sturmans in conversation with local inhabitants of the area. The present Sturman farm was owned by one John Schwaller and his wife, who came to America from Alsace-Lorraine in the 1870s and settled on the property in Hartland. It is reported that the original seeds of the present stand of heather were sent in a letter from Mrs. Schwaller's mother who told her daughter that the shrub would be valuable for winter forage for the cows. The exact year the seeds were sent is not known but presumably at least 40 years ago, and possibly 50 or more years ago. It would probably be safe to assume that the stand has been in existence for 50 years.

The present site is an old field which has commenced to grow up with gray birch, white pine and some juniper, as well as mountain laurel. It would appear that the pines offer some protection from the winter storms. However, the site being on the top of a rather exposed hill, does not appear to be a location in which the heather would thrive. The remarkable thing is that it has apparently continued to spread slowly for about half a century. Some of the plants show evidence of winter killing in the tops but the branches underneath seem to remain protected so they leaf out again each spring and come into full flower each summer. At this writing, the sixth of August, the plants are in full bloom and present a beautiful sight. In conversation with Dr. and Mrs. Sturman a few days ago they said some Scottish friends of theirs, now living in this country, actually had tears in their eyes when they viewed the

shrubs in full bloom. — S. E. Parker, pleasant valley, Connecticut.

You can learn lots more about Heather at: <https://electricScotland.com/gardening/heather.htm> and here is a story from the page...

When God first made the world, He looked at the bare and barren hillsides and thought how nice it would be to cover them with some kind of beautiful tree or flower. So he turned to the Giant Oak, the biggest and strongest of all of the trees he had made, and asked him if he would be willing to go up to the bare hills to help make them look more attractive. But the oak explained that he needed a good depth of soil in order to grow and that the hillsides would be far too rocky for him to take root.

So God left the oak tree and turned to the honeysuckle with its lovely yellow flower and beautiful sweet fragrance. He asked the honeysuckle if she would care to grow on the hillsides and spread her beauty and fragrance amongst the barren slopes. But the honeysuckle explained that she needed a wall or a fence or even another plant to grow against, and for that reason, it would be quite impossible for her to grow in the hills.

So God then turned to one of the sweetest and most beautiful of all the flowers - the rose. God asked the rose if she would care to grace the rugged highlands with her splendour. But the rose explained that the wind and the rain and the cold on the hills would destroy her, and so she would not be able to grow on the hills.

Disappointed with the oak, the honeysuckle and the rose, God turned away. At length, he came across a small, low lying, green shrub with a flower of tiny petals - some purple and some white. It was a heather.

God asked the heather the same question that he'd asked the others. "Will you go and grow upon the hillsides to make them more beautiful?"

The heather thought about the poor soil, the wind and the rain - and wasn't very sure that she could do a good job. But turning to God she replied that if he wanted her to do it, she would certainly give it a try.

God was very pleased.

He was so pleased in fact that he decided to give the heather some gifts as a reward for her willingness to do as he had asked.

Firstly he gave her the strength of the oak tree - the bark of the heather is the strongest of any tree or shrub in the whole world.

Next he gave her the fragrance of the honeysuckle - a fragrance which is frequently used to gently perfume soaps and potpouris.

Finally he gave her the sweetness of the rose - so much so that heather is one of the bees favourite flowers. And to this day, heather is renowned especially for these three God given gifts.

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

Alastair