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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for November 4th, 2022

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

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

## Electric Scotland News

New and Improved Family Statistics on MyHeritage

Ever wondered which of your relatives lived the longest, the average age of your relatives at marriage, or which first names are the most common in your family? Did you know that there's a FREE feature on the MyHeritage website that can tell you all of this and much more? We're delighted to announce that our useful Family Statistics feature has just received a major upgrade! If you love spotting trends and analyzing data in your family tree, you won't want to miss it.

Learn more at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/10/new-and-improved-family-statistics-on-myheritage/>

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Big turnout for Halloween this year as over the past 2 years I only averaged four children turning up at my door but this year the count was more like 60. Just as well I had some extra stocks of chocolates as it was just before 9.00 pm when four girls turned up and I only had three left to give out. Mind you they seemed to have done well and were quite cheerful when one of them had to miss out.

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We've just had our local election for Mayor and the turnout was just 34%. The local paper "The Voice" did point out that we had to do much better in future. I should record here that I did vote so feel I did my bit for better or worse. Of course here in Chatham I was able to vote over the Internet.

Will be interesting to see what the turnout is like in the US elections this month.

Scottish News from this week's 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.

Rishi Sunak Shows the Growing Influence of Indian Talent in the West  
India is by far the world's most significant source of undiscovered and undervalued skills.

Read more at:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2022-10-28/rishi-sunak-shows-growing-influence-of-indian-talent-in-west>

The runaway train Canadian Human Rights Tribunal  
Tens of thousands of Indigenous people won't receive long overdue compensation because of a jurisdictional power play

Read more at:

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/john-ivison-the-runaway-train-canadian-human-rights-tribunal>

Extremely rare 500-year-old textiles stun Antiques Roadshow expert  
An Antiques Roadshow expert was left stunned when a never-before-seen Elizabethan textiles collection dating back 500 years appeared during filming.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-63454452>

Rishi Sunak: How the US shaped Britain's new leader  
The UK's new prime minister points to his time in the US studying and working as a defining part of his life. So what are Rishi Sunak's American connections?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-63402491>

The mysterious Viking runes found in a landlocked US state  
Did Vikings find their way to a remote part of Oklahoma? Some in a small community believe so, thanks to controversial runic carvings found in the area.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20221030-the-mysterious-viking-runes-found-in-a-landlocked-us-state>

Immigration has never been higher, and Canadians have never been more pleased with it  
With immigration up to 400,000 per year, new poll finds pro-immigration sentiments at historic high

Read more at:

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/immigration-has-never-been-higher-and-canadians-have-never-been-more-pleased-with-it>

US broadcaster Anderson Cooper on his Scots nanny  
It's still hard to talk about May because there is still so much pain associated with her. The sadness she had to leave us, and the hurt I felt is still very painful to even contemplate, he says.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/anderson-cooper-scottish-nanny>

One in four Scottish EV charging points faulty  
Almost a quarter of Scotland's public charging points for electric vehicles (EVs) were faulty when BBC Disclosure did spot-checks on the network.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-63371759>

Audit Scotland calls for bold decisions on poor quality data  
Scotland's health secretary Humza Yousaf and Home Secretary Suella Braverman are being put under pressure by numbers. Data is the modern economy's gold or oil, and in the political arena, it is dangerous material.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-63482421>

The early days of Scotland's first nuclear families

The Dounreay nuclear power plant opened on the craggy shores of the north Caithness coast in the late 1950s.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-63411811>

Scottish Government economic plan for independence

The best that can be said for the Scottish Government's new economic paper for Scottish independence, Building a New Scotland: A stronger economy..., is that it does not include some of the more hideous ideas contained within the Growth Commission report.

Read more at:

<https://sceptical.scot/2022/11/a-monetary-straitjacket-scottish-government-economic-plan-for-independence/>

Scotland's Renewable Energy Statistics

Full Fact have concluded that senior SNP politicians have been guilty of making false statements to suggest that Scotland is close to self-sufficient in renewables

Read more at:

<https://chokkablog.blogspot.com/2022/11/scotlands-renewable-energy-statistics.html>

## Electric Canadian

Little Foxes

Stories for Boys and Girls by E. A. Henry, D.D., Pastor, Deer Park Presbyterian Church, Toronto and Introduction by Charles W. Gordon, D. D., LL. D. (Ralph Connor) (1922) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/children/littlefoxesstor0000henr.pdf>

Alternative Education in the Back-to-the-Land Movement of the West Kootenays, 1959 to 1980

By Nancy Janovicek, University of Calgary (pdf)

This article examines two alternative schools developed by back-to-the-land communities in the West Kootenays, British Columbia. The Argenta Friends School offered an alternative education in a rural community to senior high school students. Quaker observation informed the school's consensus governance and self-directed learning. The Vallican Whole School was a product of the Slocan Valley counterculture, and taught children from age six to sixteen. Children were encouraged to pursue their own interests rather than to follow a strict curriculum. Although they had different approaches to education, both schools emphasized the importance of learning rural skills as the foundation of an education that encouraged students to thrive in the place where they lived.

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/janovicek2012a.pdf>

Human Beings Need Places Unchanged by Themselves

Defining and Debating Wilderness in the West Kootenays, 1969-74 by Jenny Clayton (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/clayton2011a.pdf>

Bengough's Chalk-Talks

A series of Platform Addresses on various topics, with reproductions of the impromptu Drawings with which they were illustrated by J. W. Bengough (1922) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/bengoughschalkta0000unse.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - Sunday the 30th of October - Halloween

By Rev. Nola Crewe

You can view this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26263-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-sunday-the-30th-of-october-halloween>

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The Highland Village Gaelic Folklife Magazine Vol 14 No. 1 (pdf)

You can read this at:

[http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/magazine/Sgeul\\_ri\\_Aithris\\_The\\_Story\\_Telling\\_Tradi.pdf](http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/magazine/Sgeul_ri_Aithris_The_Story_Telling_Tradi.pdf)

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Memoirs of Alexander Bethune

Embracing selections from his correspondence and literary remains compiled and edited by William M'Combie (1845) (pdf)

I added this to our Bethune page in the Scottish Nation and it can be read directly at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/nation/memoirsalexande00bethgoog.pdf>

Beth's Video Talks

November 2nd 2022 - Research using school and education records

You can view this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Henderson's Hand-Book of the Grasses of Great Britain and America

By John Henderson (1875)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/agriculture/grases.htm>

Guide Book to Tomintoul

Added this wee book to my picture tour page where I visited Tomintoul so added a link to this book from under those pictures.

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/travel/pitlochry/day16.htm>

Gaelic Oral Poetry in Scotland

Its Nature, Collection and Dissemination by John Shaw, Senior Lecturer in Scottish Ethnology, School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh (pdf)

You can read this at:

[https://electricscotland.com/gaelic/Gaelic\\_Oral\\_Poetry\\_in\\_Scotland\\_Its\\_Natur.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/gaelic/Gaelic_Oral_Poetry_in_Scotland_Its_Natur.pdf)

The Tommiebeg Shootings

Or A moor in Scotland, a novel by Thomas Jeans with illustrations by Perceval Skelton (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/TommiebegShootings.pdf>

Old Church Life in Scotland

Lectures in Kirk-Session and Presbytery Records Second Series by Andrew Edgar D.D., Minister at Mauchline (1886) (pdf). This is the second volume and have added it to the foot of the page of the first volume.

You can get to this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/churchlifendx.htm>

The Scottish Historical Review

Volume LXXXV, 1: No. 219: April 2006, Ethnicity and the writing of medieval Scottish history, The laberinth of thir difficulties: the Influence of Debt on the Highland Elite, c. 1550-1700, The Survival of Witchcraft Prosecutions and Witch Belief in South West Scotland, The Impact of the Military Profession on Highland Gentry Families, c. 1730-1830, The Debate on Scottish Parliamentary Reform, 1830-2 (pdf)

You can read this at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/review/The\\_debate\\_on\\_Scottish\\_parliamentary\\_re.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/history/review/The_debate_on_Scottish_parliamentary_re.pdf)

The Christian's Penny Magazine

And Friend of the people (1873) (pdf)

You can read this at:

[https://electricscotland.com/bible/The\\_Christian\\_s\\_penny\\_magazine\\_and\\_friend.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/bible/The_Christian_s_penny_magazine_and_friend.pdf)

The Family Save-All

A System of Cookery containing nearly one thousand three hundred invaluable hints for economy in the use of every article of household consumption by Robert Kemp Philp (1885) (pdf)

Yo can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/food/familysave-all.pdf>

## Story

### Ter-Centenary of the Birth of New Scotland

AT Annapolis Royal on 31 August, in presence of a distinguished assemblage, three bronze tablets were unveiled commemorative of the granting of the charter of Nova Scotia three hundred years ago, of the establishment of English Common Law in Canada two hundred years ago, and of the arrival in Annapolis one hundred years ago of Thomas Chandler Haliburton ("Sam Slick"), the celebrated jurist and author. These symbolised the three-fold dowry of Race, Law, and Literature, which Nova Scotia gave to Canada. Greetings were read from the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain and the Chief Justice of the United States, William Howard Taft.

A paper on the "Charter of New Scotland, 1621," by a graduate of Glasgow, Colonel Alexander Fraser, M.A., LL.D., D.Litt., is contained in the Official Report of the proceedings, copies of which may be obtained on application to L. M. Fortier, Esq., President, Historical Association, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. Dr. J. Murray Clark of Toronto delivered an address upon the relations between the Dominion of Virginia and the Dominion of Canada in which he reviewed the coming of the common law of England to "The English Nation of Virginia," so called by Sir Walter Raleigh in dedicating the colony to his beloved Queen Elizabeth. We take the following report of Dr. Clark's address from the Toronto "Globe" of 1 September.

From Virginia, he explained, the Dominion received its heritage of justice, in the form of the common law which

now ruled in all of Canada, except Quebec, and in all the United States of America, except Louisiana. He here pointed out that, in spite of the fact that the statute books of the United States had been loaded at the rate of 62,000 enactments within five years, more than 90 per cent, of the important disputes in that country had been decided by the principles of common law.

In 1721, he said, Governor Richard Philipps, in announcing the form of government to be observed in the Province, said that he had been directed to make the laws of Virginia the rule and pattern for the Government until such time as the Government should be settled according to the laws of Great Britain. Those laws had been brought to Virginia by settlers, among whom were many who had aided in defeating the Spanish Armada, who, with the "sure heritage" of British precedent to go upon, had developed during the century that followed the sound, safe and sane laws upon which almost all Canadian jurisprudence was later to be founded.

Dr. Clark emphasised the fact that common law developed by reason of natural evolution, based upon the needs of the people, and was akin to the inexorable laws of nature, whereas statute law more than often defeated the very ends for which it was enacted, citing in one instance the laws designed to lower rates of interest, which, he said, in every case had worked out directly opposite. At the same time Dr. Clark did not underestimate the value of statute law, when enacted by those who possessed a thorough knowledge of all the circumstances surrounding the subject to which the legislation was directed.

"The common law," he reminded his hearers, "is founded upon liberty, justice and truth, which are mighty and will prevail."

In leading up to an attack upon radical Socialism and Communism, Dr. Clark quoted Lord Bryce's words: "The two safeguards upon which democracy must rely are law and opinion". He then went on to show that whenever and wherever Communism had been tried it had resulted in starvation. He quoted from the words of one of the Communists who wrote of the Socialistic trials in the early days of Virginia and said: "The most honest men among them would hardly take so much true paines in a weeke as now for themselves they will doe in a day; neither cared they for the increase, presuming that howsoever the harvest prospered the generall store must maintain them so that wee reaped not so much come from the labours of thirtie as three or foure doe provide for themselves."

Thus, because profit was an absolutely essential attribute of property, the elimination of profit meant the destruction of property. It was, therefore, plain that if the elimination of profit destroyed property it also destroyed liberty and all true freedom, because no man was really free who was denied the right to acquire, hold and enjoy, private property.

To illustrate his point Dr. Clark referred to the ancient classics and touched upon experiments in Communism through the centuries up to the establishment of the Soviet system in Russia.

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Weekend is almost here and hope it's a good one for you.

Alastair