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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for November 15th, 2024

### Electric Scotland News

Donald Trump's re-election as President poses a challenge and an opportunity to Labour. Trump is much more friendly towards the UK than his predecessor and much more enthusiastic about Britain's role in the world outside of the EU. But the Labour Party is far from friendly towards Trump, and has made some serious errors of judgement in the last few months. If they can, as they should, get over their ideological differences, there is a chance to gain real benefits out of the 'special relationship'.

When Trump lost in 2020, the US and the UK were in the process of negotiating a free trade agreement. President Biden quickly suspended negotiations when he entered office. The UK then changed tack, signing memoranda of understanding with various individual (mostly red) states. Trump now plans to raise tariffs on imports across the board, but reports suggest he might be willing to make an exception for Britain and conclude the negotiations he began in his first term.

Signing an agreement with the US would almost certainly mean diverging from the EU, which has so far received Starmer's attempts at a 'reset' with muted enthusiasm. The UK will then face a choice between aligning itself with a growing centre of innovation and industry at the forefront of new technologies governed by an administration determined to 'make America wealthy again' or an over-regulated bloc of stagnant economies governed by largely unaccountable bureaucrats.

Making the right choice will mean taking a 'tough decision' to swallow their pride and welcome the President that the Foreign Secretary has previously accused of being a 'nazi'. This will not come naturally to a Party that was, as recently as last week, encouraging its own activists to go to the States and campaign against Trump. Questions are also likely to be raised about the role of the Prime Minister's new Chief of Staff in the pro-censorship "centre for countering digital hate", which lists "destroy Musk's Twitter" as one of its strategic goals.

When Labour won the election, pundits said that 'the grown ups' were now in charge. If that is true, then Starmer should jump at the opportunity to make the most of Britain's 'special relationship' with Trump and reap the benefits of Brexit that his predecessors failed to realise.

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1.2 million

The number of people aged 18-24 in Britain who are not working - the highest level for 10 years

Source: Office for National Statistics

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

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 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.

Here is what caught my eye this week...

The world Donald Trump built

To the bemusement of much of the political commentariat, Donald Trump will return to the White House as US President. This has profound international implications, and it proves that the American Right's shift to national conservatism has been entrenched. Lovers of free markets are now more isolated than ever.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/its-donald-trumps-world-and-were-just-living-in-it>

Amsterdam has failed its Jews

Last night in Amsterdam, hundreds of Jews were hunted and beaten by mobs following a football match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Ajax. Whether a spontaneous flare-up or organised assault, terrified fans were forced to jump into the city's canals to escape violence. How long until this happens in the UK?

Read more at:

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/amsterdam-has-failed-its-jews>

Hidden message in a bottle found in lighthouse wall after 132 years

Engineers have found a bottle with a 132-year-old message deep inside the walls of a lighthouse in the south of Scotland. The bottle was found inside the Corsewall Lighthouse at the most northerly point of the Rhins of Galloway

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cje0x5j7wgjo>

Assisted dying - a warning from Canada

It was meant to be a last resort, but since it was legalised in 2016, more than 60,000 assisted deaths have been recorded in Canada. In a number of cases, people with severe disabilities have chosen to die because the state failed to provide them with essential services. The UK must learn from Canada's mistakes.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/canada-offers-a-cautionary-tale-on-assisted-dying>

James David Vance - Who is he really?

Most of the public knows very little about the Vice-President-elect beyond the fact he was once poor and is now rich.

Read more at:

<https://thinkscotland.org/2024/11/jd-vance-who-is-he-really/>

Errol Musk On Elon Musk Being Appointed Head Of 'DOGE' By Donald Trump

Father of Billionaire entrepreneur and owner of X, Tesla and SpaceX Elon Musk, Errol Musk, joins Tom Burges Watson on this edition of GNT for an exclusive interview reacting to the appointment of Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy to Donald Trump's administration, as head's of the 'Department of Government Efficiency' (DOGE), which coincidentally holds the same abbreviation as a cryptocurrency Elon Musk had publicly promoted and supported.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/-Oa8Xe-htBA?si=aHV1UyjIDMdkso1z>

Why Canada could become the next nuclear energy 'superpower'  
Uranium is making a comeback thanks to a renewed focus on nuclear energy as a climate crisis solution.  
Canada, rich with high-grade deposits, could become a nuclear "superpower". But can its potential be realised?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5yjnkqz0djo>

Conrad Black: Donald Trump and America's fundamental greatness  
He has staged the greatest political comeback in the history of any advanced modern democracy

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/tJfck>

US trade is back on the table - let's make a deal  
In 2020, during talks over a possible US-UK free trade agreement, President Trump gave Liz Truss a copy of 'The Art of the Deal' inscribed, 'Let's get a great deal'. As Trump returns to the White House, we have a new chance to boost UK exports and bring down food prices. Complaints about chlorinated chicken shouldn't stop us.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/us-trade-is-back-on-the-table-lets-make-a-deal/>

## Electric Canadian

Sons of the Emerald Isle

Or, Lives of one thousand remarkable Irishmen; including memoirs of noted characters of Irish parentage or descent by William L. MacKenzie (1844) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/sonsofemeraldsl00mack.pdf>

Some Historical Names and Places of the Canadian North-West  
By Mr. Charles N. Bell, F.R.G.S, (1885) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/manitoba/somehistoricalna00bell.pdf>

Scotland Ireland and Canada

By T. W. Berry, Director of Education, Rhondda (1912) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/canada/scotlandir10zwest00berr.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 10th day of November 2024 - Remembering  
By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26558-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-10th-day-of-november-2024-remembering>

The Honourable Murray Sinclair  
Mazina Giizhik, The Honourable Senator Emeritus Murray Sinclair

You can learn about him at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/murray-sinclair.htm>

The Beaver Magazine  
Added Volume 3 No. 2 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/The%20Beaver%20December%201922.pdf>

## Electric Scotland

On Liberty

By John Stuart Mill (1864) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/goodwords/onliberty00inmill.pdf>

Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England AD 1624 - 1645

By John Spalding in two volumes (1850)

You can read these volumes at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/Memorialls-of-the-Trubles-in-Scotland.htm>

Massacre of Glencoe and the Campbells of Glenlyon

By The Rev. George Gilfillan, Duncan Campbell and Professor Blackie (1912) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/glencoe/massacreofglenco00gilfrich.pdf>

The Manuscripts of the Earl of Lonsdale

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty (1893) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/manuscriptsofea00grea.pdf>

Oliphant - TheBrokenBranch

By Anthony Oliphant, a Freelance Writer, Musician, and Entrepreneur

You can read about this book and purchase a copy at:

<https://electricScotland.com/webclans/ntor/oliphant-brokenbranch.htm>

Scottish American History Forum featuring Matthew Dziennik

Scotland and the First World War: Speaker: Matthew Dziennik, PhD, Associate Professor, British and British Imperial History, History Department, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Added this video to the foot of our Scottish Regiments page.

You can watch this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/index.htm>

## Scottish Restaurants

Some videos of great food places in Scotland.

Two very different eating establishments which you can watch at:

<https://electricscotland.com/food/scottishrestaurants.htm>

## The Northern Journal of Medicine

Monthly Survey of the progress of Medicine at home and abroad edited by William Seller, M.D., and T. Lindley, M.D., with the assistance of a body of gentlemen engaged in the practice and teaching of medicine.

Added 4 volumes of this journal which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/medical/northernjournalofmedicine.htm>

## Memoir of the Rev. Wm. C. Burns, M. A.

Missionary to China from the English Presbyterian Church by the Late Rev. Islay Burns, D.D., Professor of Theology, Free Church College, Glasgow (New Edition) (1873) (pdf)

You can read this memoir at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/china/burns/index.htm>

## Scotland and Presbyterianism Vindicated

Being a Critical Review of the third volume of Mr Andrew Lang's History of Scotland by T. D. Wanliss (Of Ballarat, Australia) (1905) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/scotlandpresbyte01wanl.pdf>

## The Scots in Bengal

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/india/scotsinbengal.pdf>

## A Scots Earl in Covenanting Times

Being Life and Times of Archibald 9th Earl of Argyll (1629-1685) by John Willcock, B.D., F.R. Hist. Soc. (1907) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/nation/scotsearlincoven00will\\_0.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/history/nation/scotsearlincoven00will_0.pdf)

## History of Ohio

Found a couple of publications which I've added towards the foot of our page on the Scots-Irish of Ohio.

You can read these at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotsirish/congress2-15.htm>

## A Short History of The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 1725-1907

To which is added an Account of the Second Battalion in the South African War, 1899-1902 by Arthur Grenfell Wauchope (1908) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/bwatch/shorthistoryofbl00waucuoft.pdf>

## A History of the Black Watch

Royal Highlanders, in the Great War, 1914-1918 by Major-General A. Wauchope, C.B., Author of "The Black Watch, 1725-1907" in three volumes (1925)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/bwatch/blackwatchin3.htm>

You can also read more about this regiment on our Black Watch page at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/bwatch/>

## How the Haggis Freed Scotland

By Robert Watson

An interesting article which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/haggis/freed.htm>

## Story

WILLIAM HENRY GREGG, SEN., St. Louis, U.S.A.

Someone has said that it is only when a Scotsman leaves his native land, and settles in some far-distant clime, that he first appreciates at its true value his Scottish nationality, and develops a passion for its language, dress, music and literature. The hundreds of Caledonian Societies, under a variety of names, which flourish in the United States, afford abundant evidence that the statement is not lacking in truth. That the Scot in America is proud of his name and descent is well illustrated in the case of the subject of our sketch this month, Mr. Wm. H. Gregg, of St. Louis, Mo. His ancestor, Captain James Gregg, went from Ayr, to near Londonderry, Ireland, in 1690, and along with other fifteen families, emigrated in 1718 to New Hampshire, America, where they founded the town of New Londonderry, which was at first called Nutfield. Captain Gregg commanded a body of Militia, who fought several engagements with the Indians.

Major Samuel Gregg, great-grandfather of Mr. W. H. Gregg, served in the British Colonial Army during part of the French War, took part in the Cape Breton Expedition, and was present at the siege and surrender of Lewiston, and was major of the New Hampshire Militia during the Revolutionary War. His brother, William Gregg, was colonel of a U.S. regiment in the American Revolution, and held an important command under General Stark at the battle of Bennington.

Five generations of Mr. Gregg's ancestors married ladies of Scottish descent, his father, Mr. John Gregg, who settled in Palmyra, Wayne County, N.Y., about 1822, being the first to marry outside the Scots circle, his wife being Miss Anne Wilcox of Palmyra. He was engaged in the iron business, and in 1846 came to St. Louis, where he died shortly afterwards.

His son (in whose career we are at present more specially interested) at 15 years of age entered the employment of his uncle, Mr. M. N. Burchard, and after filling several situations, became, in 1854, partner in the firm of Warne & Merritt. Two years later he was admitted a member of the firm of Cuddy, Merritt & Co., who did a very large rolling-mill and iron-furnace construction business. In 1867 Mr. Gregg assisted in organising the Southern White Lead Coy., of which he was president, and which proved a most successful enterprise, its business connections extending to every State in the Union, as well as Canada and Mexico. In 1889 the stockholders sold their interest to the National Lead Coy. In November, 1889, he retired from the organisation, and although he still owns considerable stock in various concerns, he takes no active part in business.

Mr. Gregg usually spends his summers at St. Louis or Renetanguishene, Canada, and the winters in Florida, where, on board his yacht "Orion," he devotes much of his time to his favourite sport, angling, and has written a very interesting and handsome volume on the fishes peculiar to this famous angling resort.

Mr. Gregg was married on November 21, 1855, to Miss Orion Thompson, and has two sons and three daughters. The sons, Mr. Norris B. Gregg, and Mr. Wm. H. Gregg, Jun., are respectively president and vice-president of the Mound City Paint and Colour Coy. His daughter, Miss Clara J., is married to Mr. Charles M. Hays, the well-known president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Coy.

For the past ten years Mr. Gregg has been engaged upon a most exhaustive and authoritative work on the "History of the Family of Gregg," which disturbs considerably many accepted theories in early Scottish history. This great work is expected to be published in a few months. To avoid any chance of misquotation in the many references which he makes, the author has had engraved about 250 facsimiles<sup>^</sup> taken from old and rare works. In this and many other respects it will be a unique contribution to Scottish history, and all the more remarkable when it is remembered that the author's family have been exiles from Scotland for over two centuries,

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

Alastair