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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for March 13th, 2026

Electric Scotland News

My Canadian Experience

Made a start at the March entry with the Carney visit to India and Australia. You can read this and view the videos at: http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add31.htm

Included in this weeks content is detailed information on Joint statement on Canada-Japan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, - Tokyo Power Play: The Deal That Changes Everything for Canada, - Prime Minister Carney convenes the Incident Response Group, - Government of Canada to announce new investments to strengthen defence industrial capacity, - Prime Minister Mark Carney in conversation with Monocle, - The Ontario Finance Minister's Annual Pre-Budget Address, - Colonel Douglas Macgregor: Worst of Iran War Still Ahead - 291,704 viewat time of posting. - CTV News Political Commentator Tom Mulcair on why NDP MP Lori Idlout crossing the floor is 'big news' for the Liberals - and more

Just purchased a new computer... although it won't arrive for a couple of weeks.

My old Dell computer has been going for some 10 years running on Windows 7 Professional. Of late it's been slowing down so decided I would bite the bullet and get a new Dell computer. This will be my fourth Dell and I have to say that I've never had problems with Dell... they just work.

Mind you the last time I got a new computer it took me several days to get it working and months to get it working right for me and so am not looking forward to this new system as I just know some things will not work and I'll have problems logging into sites I've used for years.

This time I've purchased Dell's technical service to help me migrate my data over to the new system. This means an onsite visit from a Dell technician and then online support as long as I need it. They have also advised me how to mitigate some of the issues I'm going to have so will be working on this for the next couple of weeks until the new computer arrives.

I might add that I've never understood why Microsoft has never developed a method of transferring programs and data when you move to a new computer.

Wish me luck!!!

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers and other media

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...

Sheep are disappearing from our hills - and our dinner plates

In 1980 the average UK household purchased 128g of sheep meat (lamb and mutton) per person, per week. In 2024 that same measure was down to 23g per person, per week.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgrzd72wp5zo>

Tennent's owner acquires Innis & Gunn out of administration

Drinks giant C&C Group has acquired the Innis & Gunn brand and associated global intellectual property out of administration in a deal

worth £4.5 million.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/job-losses-and-closures-as-prominent-scottish-craft-brewer-taken-over-by-tennants-owners-5623124>

We Are Watching a Country Fall Under Dictatorship Almost Without Resistance

The Cold War? Child's play compared to what lies ahead, according to U.S. historian Robert Kagan. Trump, he says, is leading the world into the most dangerous era since 1945.

Read more at:

<https://www.spiegel.de/international/world/u-s-historian-robert-kagan-we-are-watching-a-country-fall-under-dictatorship-almost-without-resistance-a-d262290b-cca0-4c2f-945d-2ef3b64c574f>

It's time to be honest about university

Students and parents deserve the full story about Britain's education system. For too long, governments have concealed the truth about the so-called 'graduate premium'. There is data that shows what our undergraduates can genuinely expect after graduating, and it's about time the Government released it.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/when-will-the-government-be-honest-about-university>

Conrad Black: Canada must unleash the Ring of Fire

Whoever controls the world's chromium supply will control the production and marketing of stainless steel

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/DWZdm>

90 years of Oor Wullie and The Broons

The titans who brought comic icons to life

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/oor-wullie-and-the-broons-at-90-artists-who-brought-icons-to-life/>

Who do you ink you are kidding Mr Hitler?

How Oor Wullie and the Broons boosted wartime morale

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/how-oor-wullie-and-the-broons-boosted-second-world-war-morale/>

The strange death of Christian Scotland

Scotland's religious traditions have been swept away. Now, secular intolerance rules

Read more at:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/the-strange-death-of-christian-scotland/>

With 850 churches at risk, Scotland's sacred heritage faces a real crisis

Political parties must come up with a plan to avoid the loss of a large part of our religious and architectural history

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/nAGqQ>

Morals before wealth

250 years after Adam Smith published The Wealth of Nations, an earlier work remains the key to understanding it.

Read more at:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/morals-before-wealth/>

What did we learn from China's biggest political meeting?

China's biggest political gathering - the National People's Congress or NPC - has come to an end.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvg80pedxeyo>

This Chinese Motorhome Just Humiliated the Entire RV Industry! Wanaka BYD

This Chinese motorhome shocks the RV world with luxury, tech, and price!

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/aEaJNPet6GI?si=sRF5A0YTI5OdeXED>

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Williamstown, Ontario
Report of Centenary Celebration August 25th to September 2nd, 1912 (1916) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/standrewspresbyt00unknuoft.pdf>

James Evans
Inventor of the Syllabic System of the Cree Language
By John McLean, M.A., Pn.D., (Robin Rustler) (1890) (pdf)

You can read about him at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/cree/jamesevans00macluoft.pdf>

McDougall of Alberta
A Life of Rev. John McDougall, D.D., Pathfinder of Empire and Prophet of the Plains by John MacLean, D.D. (1927) (pdf)

You can read about him at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/alberta/mcdougallofalber0000macl.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 8th day of March 2026 - Custom & Courtesy
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/7obnFpKsOVw?si=deXcDO3C6WgW51lb>

The Real Canada Most People Never See
4K Travel Documentary which I've added to the foot of the page at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/videos/canada.htm>

The Beaver Magazine
Added No. 2 Outfit 257 September 1936 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/TheBeaverSeptember1936.pdf>

Electric Scotland

Fifth Series, Vol XLII, 1930
Agricultural Research in Scotland in 1929, The Weather of Scotland in 1929

You can read this at:

[https://electricScotland.com/agriculture/
TheHighlandAndAgricultureSocietyOfScotlandVolXiii1930.pdf](https://electricScotland.com/agriculture/TheHighlandAndAgricultureSocietyOfScotlandVolXiii1930.pdf)

Maple Leaves from Canada
For the Grave of Abraham Lincoln being a discourse delivered by Rev. Robert Norton, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and
Address by Rev. Robert Burns, Pastor of the Canada Presbyterian Church at St. Catherines, Canada West April 23rd., 1865, Together
with Proceedings of Public Meetings, &c. (1865) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/frank/mapleleavesfromc00nort.pdf>

You don't have to be right-wing to read Adam Smith
By Richard Hyde, CapX - 10 March 2026. Added this article to the foot of our page on Adam Smith.

You can get to this at:

https://electricScotland.com/history/other/smith_adam.htm

The Scottish Ritual of the Three Degrees of St. John's Masonary
With the Lectures, Consecration and nstallations Ceremonials, laying a foundation stone, funeral service, etc., complete by A. Lewis
(1895) (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/The_Scottish_Ritual_of_the_Three_Degrees.pdf

Stewartiana

Containing the case of Robert II. and Elizabeth Mure, and question of legitimacy of their issue with incidental reply to Cosmo Innes, Esq.; new evidence conclusive upon the origin of the Stewarts, and other Stewart notices, & to which are added critical remarks upon Mr. Innes's prefaces to his recently chartularies, interspersed with diverse antiquarian matters, &c. by John Riddell, Esquire, Advocate (1843) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/webclans/stoz/stewartianaconta00ridduoft.pdf>

The Steam Boat Companion and Stranger's Guide

To the Western Islands and Highlands of Scotland comprehending the Land Tour to Inveraray and Oban; a description of the scenery of Loch Lomand; Staffa; Iona and other places usually visited by strangers; and of the river and Frith of Clyde, with the Voyage to Liverpool and Belfast, and land tour of the Giant's Causeway (1820) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/perth/Steam-boat-companion-westernisles.pdf>

A Narrative History of Clann Mhic Eòs

Published in West Highland Notes & Queries, ser. 5, no. 16 (March 2026), pp. 6-17. Our thanks to Angus McCoss for sending this into us.

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/webclans/m/mccoss3.html>

MacFie / MacDhubhsith

Did an update to reflect the new name of clan MacFie to clan MacDhubhsith and also took the time to update their history along with making the 5 volumes of their history available for download and also added a link to their Canadian society.

You can get to this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/webclans/m/macfie.html>

RBS "Turbocharges" its startup accelerator programme to 5000 early-stage entrepreneurs

The entrepreneurial announcement by Royal Bank of Scotland represents a tenfold increase over 2025 and more than all the businesses supported in the previous ten years.

An article by Bill Magee which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/magee/article0047.htm>

The Boston Collection of Kinndergarten Stories

Written and collected by Boston Kindergarten Teachers (1893)

You can read these at:

<https://electricScotland.com/kids/boston.htm>

Story

This is the story that was written by a participant who when offering it to me said that he couldn't be named as it would result in his arrest. It was offered only on the condition his name would never be revealed and I have held that promise since that date. I was then living in Scotland. I've provided the Synopsis for you to read here but have also provided a link to the full story if you wish to learn more...

The Tartan Army

In 1972, two Scots, Donald Curie and Gerard McGuigan, decided to force the Conservative party to honour its "promise" made in the "Declaration of Perth", and introduce into the British Parliament the promised Green Paper, which would only discuss Home Rule for Scotland. Succeeding far beyond their plans and expectations, their bombs forced the Government to produce a firm proposal, [a White

Paper], to restore Scotland's Parliament; the oldest in Europe. A referendum was held and a new Parliament House was built in that magnificent European capital city of Edinburgh. The "army" scared the Government, ["I find this man very disturbing ", said Margaret Thatcher in the House of Commons, after watching McGuigan on T. V.], into thinking it had another Northern Ireland on its hands and this time on its doorstep. The S. A. S was told to catch them; they failed and "the biggest manhunt since the second world war" had begun. Scotland's chief civil servant was jailed for seven years; the U. S. A. afraid that the Soviet Union was going to back an uprising by four prominent Scots soldiers, laid plans to buy up all the land on both sides of the Caledonian Canal and turn it into a Tartan Panama canal as a safe passage for oil from the North Sea to the Atlantic. A C. I. A. agent sympathetic to their cause kept them informed. Another C. I. A. agent, a prominent member of the Scottish National Party, broke into the party's headquarters and photographed the membership files. Meanwhile the British Prime Minister was under investigation by the British secret service, suspected of being a Soviet agent. He resigned without warning or reason. A prominent lawyer, a former member of the British secret service, who set up a shadow Tartan Army, was murdered. The book tells the true story of Feachd nam Breacan, [The Tartan Army], first established in 1715 and how the Scottish football supporters got their name. A tale which starts with the theft of the 600 year old Wallace Sword, and ends in betrayal by a member of the S. N. P.; a Gilbert and Sullivan trial at the High Court complete with wigs, laughs, lies and planted evidence. With out the Tartan Army there would have been no fair allocation of broadcasting time no White Paper, no referendum for Scotland or Wales and no new Parliament building. The giant fiddler of the A. P. G. , the Special Branch of the Irish Republic, the Knights Templar, Robertson of Stone of Destiny infamy and others, [who blasted Edinburgh Castle in 1971], have their place in this exciting and sometimes hilarious story of bravery cowardice and treachery. When the election "promise" of Ted Heath and his Scotch manques turned out to be only an election promise, two Scots turned to the bomb and within three days of their first bomb, achieved what millions of words, meetings and argument had failed to achieve. If you have read Douglas Hurd's "Scotch On The Rocks", or "Britain's Secret War" you will want to read this, because this is for real. Fear was the key. The lies failed. The bomb triumphed.

You can read their story at:

https://electricScotland.com/history/tartan_army.htm

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

Alastair