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The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVII. AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, WHICH INDICATES THE RESULTS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM IT—NEW DANGERS AHEAD.

Helping himself to another draught of the mountain dew, which was already deepening the red on the point of his nose, Gregor cleared his throat and commenced—

"It will be more than thirty years ago before the Chevalier made his appearance—and just about the time when the feud between the houses of M'Leod and M'Kenzie commenced. Three years before I had myself come across from Lewis, where I was born, and many another good M'Donald besides; and the M'Donalds and M'Leods being at the time friendly, I set myself down in M'Leod's clachan of Druchaneas, and made myself useful to any who sought my services.

"One day I was returning from Inverness when I met none other than the Chief of the M'Kenzie—your father—who at once fell into conversation with me. He me asked where I had been, and where I was going, and was very much delighted when I told him that I was not a M'Leod, but a M'Donald, and that I was no more connected with the M'Leods save by living amongst them. He asked me whether I knew of the feud between Malcolm M'Leod and himself; to which I replied that I had heard of it. Well, in case Donald Cameron should come, I need not make my story longer than there is need for, and will not be telling all that was said by both of us; but we left each other fast and firm friends.

"Ere many days we met again, and when we separated that time I had promised to give your father intimation when it would be needful to appear with his clansmen before Castle M'Leod; and you'll not be surprised when I tell you that the opportunity was not long in offering itself. The M'Leod went off on a raid to the low country, and the same day they left I set out for the home of the M'Leods with the information. I was sure that M'Leod would not return for a number of days, and there were not a dozen of the clan left to defend the Castle of M'Leod, or the clachan of Druchaneas against a foe. Well, since the M'Leods were not expected back early, your father agreed that he would not make an attack that day, but he would assuredly do so the next. He walked a mile or two of the road home with me, while we arranged as to the best means of pulling the Castle down and of firing the clachan. Just as we were about to separate, to the astonishment of us both, a M'Leod stepped out of the thicket at the side of the road, and turning to us called me a traitor and the M'Kenzie a villainous cateran. He then threatened me with the M'Leod's vengeance. Your father drew his claymore and dashed after him; but the clansman was faster than he, and escaped him.

"Returning, M'Kenzie told me that he would not now delay a moment, and that he was not thinking it would be safe for me to go forward. I said that I too would be counselling the M'Leods going forward directly; but I was afraid to leave my wife and family to the fury of the M'Leods, which would be sure to break upon them, when the fellow that had overheard us should go home and tell his kinsmen what he had heard us saying. Your father replied that I would have to go back with him, and that the M'Leods would not so far forget themselves as to interfere with my wife and children when they were blameless.

"I consented to go back; and to the truth, I was afraid to go forward unless in the midst of a body of armed men. Well, to shorten the story, I was in a few hours after on my way the second time to Druchaneas—this time accompanied by the Chief of the M'Kenzie and a large number of clansmen. We sped forward rapidly and stealthily, and soon came in sight of the clachan. By the sight that met my gaze almost chilled my heart with alarm and fear. A dense cloud of black smoke hung over the huts, and thick wreaths of it, intermingled with forked tongues of flame, were shooting and rising up from the midst of the dwellings. As we drew nearer, we heard loud wails of agony and pain mingled with yells of triumph, derision, and glee, and what was shortly proved to be the real state of matters was so strongly forced upon my mind that I almost lost command of myself, and dashed forward to the rescue of my wife and children, whom I believed to be perishing amidst the flames.

The Late Contest in the North Riding.

To the Editor of The Mercury:

Sir,—Permit me to make a few remarks in your valuable paper relative to the contest in North Wellington. The jackal of the Tory party from Guelph was at his old trade in these parts, doing all in his power to mislead his countrymen; but all honour to the intelligent and honest Catholic Irishmen of this Riding, they showed him and our country that they will not support nor uphold bribery and corruption. In Maryboro' to name they voted for, and supported, our country and esteemed M' P. P. C. Hignbotham. In Arcton, the Reeve, M. Robert Stevenson, M. E. J. O'Callahan and Mr. John McLoyle were untiring in their efforts to bring to a successful issue the late contest. I was glad to see the old Tory township, Maryboro', the garden of the North Riding of Wellington, that such able, wealthy and honorable men as the Reeve, Mr. James Robb, Messrs. P. Robb, Thos. Brandon, Robert Hay, Thos. Booth and John Landerkin were indefatigable in their support of the Colonel. Messrs. James Robb, Samuel Robertson, J. M. Gird and John Landerkin at our meetings in Maryboro' made clever and telling speeches in favor of Col. Hignbotham and good Government. We were pleased to see from Guelph on our side (not hired agents, but men of character and ability) Messrs. Cathrie, Massie and J. P. MacMillan who, at many of our meetings, made able and eloquent speeches, conclusively proving to the satisfaction of every honest man that the Macdonald Tory Government had heard the reins of power too long in the hands of our country's honor and prosperity.

"The Tories in this Riding die very hard; their last efforts were frantic; they threatened to hoist the 'black flag' and at the polls they were desperate. In the extra poll they availed themselves of every expedient to succeed in their thing. We gain credit honestly and honourably as a Colonel. In conclusion, our warmest thanks are due to Mr. J. P. MacMillan, of Guelph, for his able and talented exertions in every part of the Riding in behalf of Col. Hignbotham and our country's weal."

Yours, &c. VOX POPULI.

Arthur, Jan. 30th, 1874.

GREAT MAMMOTH SALE GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH, Offers the Balance of his Stock of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods at an Immense Reduction! Previous to Stock-taking. Everything must be Cleared Out before the 1st of March. Remnants of Table Linens, Remnants of Prints, Remnants of Sheetings, Remnants of Towellings, Remnants of White Cottons, TO BE RUSHED OFF AT ANY PRICE! FURS This is the last chance for Cheap Furs, as the balance must be disposed of regardless of cost.—A few of those Cheap Dress Goods still on hand, but going fast. Remember this is the Great Remnant Sale of the Season. Parties looking for bargains should call at once. FURS GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

GUELPH TEA DEPOT E. O'DONNELL & Co. Are making a noise among the Grocers 100 boxes new Valencia Raisins, first of the season, 75 splendid Ingersol Cheese, 10 hhds of Good Sugar at 13lb. 10c. \$1. 15 sacks best Mocha Coffee, 15 sacks of the Finest Java Coffee, 18 sacks of the best Rio Coffee at 30c. TEAS FINE AND SWEET 600 Caddies of the Best Dollar Green Tea for 80c., in any quantity. A few Packages of very fine Black and Japan Tea for 75c. per lb. 500 Barrels of the Best Salt at \$1.20 per barrel. It will pay anybody to look in and see the large variety of fine Teas and General Groceries at E. O'DONNELL & CO. 12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1. CHOICE IMPERIAL New Crop Teas 50c. per lb. J. E. McELDERRY 2 DAY'S BLOCK, THE NOTED TEA HOUSE. C. E. PEIRCE & CO. Elephant Clothing Store. OVERCOATS In all Shades and Prices Undercoats, Pants and Vests. Our Stock of Men's and Boys' Underwear excels anything yet seen. ALL STYLES IN HATS AND CARS. Low Prices. Come and See Us. C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, December 17, 1873. FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS JAMES MASSIE, Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS, Alma Block, Guelph.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. A LARGE STOCK OF MEN'S Felt OVERSHOES -AT- \$1.25 PER PAIR. Call early, as they are going fast. W. D. Hepburn & Co. Corner Wyndham Street and St. George's Square, GUELPH. Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, would cordially thank his many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold at such bargains as will ensure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the goods will be sold 15 to 20 per cent below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No second price will be made. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$50. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next. W. D. Hepburn, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Invited the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at the factory having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the Dominion. OZENGES, all flavors; DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes; GUM and LICORICE DRUGS. CONVERSATION LICORICES, MOULD SWEETS, new patterns; SOLUBLE SWEETS and FRUIT BISCUITS, BISCUITS, RINGER NUTS, CHEWING GUM, ROCK CANDY, LICORICE. A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars. These Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Exhibition, 1873, and were the only place where they were entered for competition. All goods carefully packed and shipped with dispatch.

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the Great Northwest. \$15,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks. Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst. MRS. G. B. FRASER, 47 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

ALTERATION OF PREMISES GOODS SELLING REGARDLESS OF COST. RICHARD CLAYTON IN ORDER TO CLEAR OUT THE BALANCE OF HIS IMMENSE STOCK OF DRY GOODS "HAS RESOLVED" On and after Saturday, the 3rd of January, 1874, TO OFFER FOR ONE MONTH HIS ENTIRE STOCK REGARDLESS OF COST THE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICES, AND IT WILL WELL REPAIR ANY ONE TO SEE OUR GOODS BEFORE PURCHASING. NOTE THE FOLLOWING LINES: Good Factory Cotton for 9 cents; Good Bleached Cotton for 8 cents; Horrockses Cotton for 10 cents. See them Scarlet Flannel for 23 cents. White Flannel for 25 cents. Shirting Flannels, good patterns, at 26 cents a yard, well worth 45 cents. Winceys for 9c, rare value. Dress Goods in Endless Variety at any price. MANTLES AND SHAWLS WILL BE SOLD TO SUIT EVERY ONE. BLANKETS, LACE CURTAINS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, SHEETINGS, WINDOW HOLLANDS, CROSSOVERS, QUILTS, BLOUSES, &c. &c. Ladies, the above Goods can all be seen by calling at THE CASH STORE, Upper Wyndham Street. No goods advertised but can be seen. Give us a call. RICHARD CLAYTON, UPPER WYNDHAM STREET. Guelph, Jan. 3, 1874.

JACKSON & HALLETT, IMPORTERS, Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc. New Fruits, Teas, Coffees Etc., Crop 1873, comprising New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc. TEAS, TEAS. Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb. Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb. Choice Fresh Black Teas at 50 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Teas at 75 cents per lb. Selected Java Teas at 75 cents per lb. Reduction on quantities taking a box. Also, our own importations of genuine Brandies, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail. JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph. Guelph, 1873 dwcm

ERB'S Celebrated Fall Wheat FLOUR FOR BREAD AND PASTRY. ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town. Do not forget the stand. Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite Alma Block, Wyndham St., Guelph. ROBERTSON BROS. Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873 dt

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