

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.
CHAPTER I.
THE VOW TAKEN—"COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE."

Our story opens on a dark, lowering day toward the end of October in the year 1744.

In Western Ross the hill-tops had been since morning clouded with a thick mist which hung over them, and which at times presented the appearance of a shroud of snow, again changing to the dark hue of a funeral pall.

During the day the sun had also at times shown out with a strange hectic brilliancy, for a brief moment partially clearing away the mist, only to retire again, leaving the gloom darker and denser than before.

About mid-afternoon the rain began to descend with a gentle pattering noise on the trees and on the hill sides; then there was a moaning sound heard issuing from the gulleys and the glens, and the waters of Loch Maree became ruffled; there was a rustling amongst the tree-tops, and the first symptoms had been felt of the coming storm.

The shepherds of Glen Dochart, and those tending their flocks on the steep sides of Ben-Sleughach and Ben-Lair, looked up and around at the now dark and swiftly heaving clouds, and, with many a shudder and anxious glance, firmly grasped their staves, whistled on their faithful collies, and made for their huts in the glens and on the mountain sides. The rain, which had at the beginning fallen gently, a summer's evening shower, now poured down in torrents; and the wind, zephyr-like at first, tore along the surface of Loch Maree, howling and shrieking, joined by the feeble but not less biting blast which swept down Glen Letterewe, and up from the mountains of Torrion, dashing through Glen Dochart and over Loch Rusik with the fury of the storm fiend.

The hill streams, some of which had in the morning been almost dry tracks, while others flowed gently downwards emitting sweet murmurs, cleared the rugged rocks, making pretty cascades half hid among heath and moss, were now filled to overflowing, and came dashing, leaping, and tumbling down through the glens and over the plains, their waters here dark as ink, and there red as blood—flooding the shielings and huts imprudently placed too near their banks, and tearing on, discharging themselves in the lochs—now foaming and rising in billows—now subsiding, the music of the streamlet changed into the sullen roar of the cataract.

The huge firs on the mountain sides and in the glens also cracked and bent before the fury of the gale, and some, having their roots less firmly imbedded in the soil than others, were torn up and dashed to the ground, suggesting to us that when the trials and storms of adversity hover around and dash themselves against humanity, it is only those who have themselves firmly rooted in the foundation of truth, honesty, sincerity and goodness, who can withstand successfully the ragings of the tempest.

Obscured by the mountains on either side, the gloom away up Glen Letterewe had deepened almost to darkness before the hour of the sun's setting and not without the utmost difficulty could a traveller have made his way along the steep, rugged, and almost invisible path up the glen.

About a mile up from Loch Maree, and just as the darkness was chasing away the last glimmer of light, a feeble gleam, evidently emanating from some dwelling, might have been seen suddenly to flash out and shine steadily through the gloom.

It was an inhabited hut, and as we reach the interior a young man is just engaged putting some oil in the black crucible which hung before the fireplace, and placing some peats on the fire, causing it to burn up cheerfully and throw a brighter light around.

FALL SHOWS.

Luther, at Luther Village, on Monday, Sept. 29th.
KAMORA - At Roswood, on Tuesday, Sept. 30th.
North Waterloo - In Waterloo Village Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st.
Hamilton Central - Sept. 30th, and Oct. 1st and 2nd.
Georgetown - At Georgetown, Wednesday, Oct. 1st.
North Wellington - At Arthur, Oct. 1st and 2nd.
South Riding of Bruce - Teeswater, on the 1st and 2nd October.
Fusliach - At Fortville, on Friday, Oct. 3.
Nassagaweya - At Hunter's Hotel, Nassagaweya, Oct. 7th.
Minto, at Haverston, on Tuesday, the 7th of October.
South Brant - In Brantford, Oct. 7th and 8th.
West Garafraxa - At Douglas, Wednesday, Oct. 8th.
Erin - At Erin Village, Thursday, Oct. 9th.
South Waterloo - Oct. 14th and 15th.
East Garafraxa - At Marsville, Thursday, Oct. 16th.

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARRISTON - Friday before the Guelph Fair.
BOSWORTH - Saturday before Guelph.
DIAYTON - The Saturday before Guelph.
ELOSA - The day before Guelph.
DOUGLAS - Monday before Elora fair.
GUELPH - First Wednesday in each month.
CLIFFORD - Thursday before the Guelph fair.
TEVIOTDALE - Friday before the Guelph fair.
NEW HAMBURG - First Tuesday in each month.
BERLIN - First Thursday in each month.
ELMIRA - Second Monday in each month.
WATERLOO - Second Tuesday in each month.
MOUNT FORSTER - Third Wednesday in each month.
HANOVER - Monday before Durham.
DURHAM - Tuesday before Mount Forest.
FARGUS - Thursday following Mount Forest.
ORANVILLE - Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
MONO MILLS - Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October.
MARGVILLE - First Tuesday in February, May, August and November.
BRAMPTON - First Thursday in each month.
LITTON - First Friday in each month.
HILLSBURG - Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept. and November.
MOOREFIELD - Monday before Guelph.
HAMILTON - Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

FOR HOUSE CLEANING.

USE THE FRENCH Patent Paint Powder

For cleaning and preserving in their first freshness your painted walls, doors, furniture, etc. etc.

Use the French Patent Paint Powder For cleansing your Marbles, Looking Glasses, Windows, etc.

Use the French Patent Paint Powder For cleaning your varnished Boom Pumps, Oil Paintings, Maps, &c.

Use the French Patent Paint Powder For taking off inkstains, grease, or dross from anything which is painted or varnished.

Ask for directions.

JOHN HORSMAN, Hardware Merchant, August 20, 1873

Grand Display of New Dry Goods

AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

The Proprietor has pleasure in announcing the arrival of his immense stock of



FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS

Which will be found very attractive, embracing all the latest novelties in English, French and American Goods, as well as a choice selection of Canadian Manufacture.

Parties Visiting the Exhibition should Call and Examine this Stock

Before leaving Town, as it is the Largest and Best Selected ever brought into Guelph.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

The Cheapest House in the Dominion for Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.



A MONSTER STOCK FROM EUROPE!

227 CASES AND BALES OF

NEW FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS!

Ex-Steamships Corinthian, Manitoban, Prussian, and St. Patrick.

The Largest Display of Dry Goods ever shown in Guelph!

An assortment unequalled by any Retail Establishment in Ontario. A monster stock bought for cash.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS

Be glad to announce that their stock of goods for the Fall and Winter Trade is now complete in every Department. Our importations which are unusually heavy this season, have been carefully selected by Mr. Thomas Heffernan, who has just returned from Europe, where he has purchased extensively from the leading manufacturers of Great Britain and Ireland, France and Germany. DRRESS GOODS - We direct particular attention to our display of Dress Goods, which for quantity, quality, and price surpasses anything ever before seen in Guelph. Over one thousand SHAWLS - We are prepared to show over one thousand Shawls of every variety, pattern and color. English Cloths, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, Gents Furnishings. We show more goods in this department than any three houses in Guelph, and we sell a better Tweed at 75c. per yard than can be had at any other establishment at one dollar. In Ready-Made Clothing, Carpets, Blankets and General House Furnishings, our stock is simply immense, completely overshadowing the pretensions of other houses. MILLINERY & MANTLES - Our Show Rooms will be open during the week of the Exhibition. Everything that is novel and fashionable can be seen. Pattern Bonnets, Hats and Jackets direct from Paris, London and New York.

Noted for Cheap Dry Goods.

(Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873.)

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.

GO TO THE

RED MILL

Flour and Feed Store,

Opposite Alma Block,

WYNDHAM STREET,

-FOR-

FLOUR AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.

ROBERTSON BROS.,

Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873

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JAMES CORMACK,

Tailor and Clothier,

Begs to announce to his customers and the public the arrival of his

SPRING IMPORTATIONS

His stock is now complete in

BROADCLOTHS.

Fancy COATINGS,

Fancy VESTINGS,

Fancy TROUSERINGS,

English and Scotch Tweeds

Also, a large and varied stock of

CANADIAN TWEEDS.

Ready-made Clothing, Boy's Suits;

Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.

No. 1, Wyndham Street.

BELTS, BELTS.

-Just opened to-day-

At J. HUNTER'S

20 dozen BELTS of the most fashionable kind from 20 cents up.

Chignons, Braids,

Coronets, Switches,

Combs and Fancy Hair Pins.

ALL KINDS OF

BERLIN and OTHER WOOLS

Slippers, Cushions, and

General Fancy Goods.

SMALL WARES AND TOYS

AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store,
Wyndham Street Guelph.

FRESH STOCK OF

WATCHES,

CLOCKS,

-AND-

JEWELLERY.

R. CRAWFORD,

Has just returned from New York with a large and well selected stock of American Watches, &c. which he guarantees to be of the best quality.

Will defy competition as regards lowness in price and quality.

Examine the goods before purchasing else where.

Jobbing done as usual.

Store next the Post Office.

R. CRAWFORD, Guelph, June 24th, 1873.

\$5 to \$20 PER DAY. Agents wanted. All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money work for us in their spare moments, or all the time, than at any other place. Particulars free. Address G. S. G. & Co., Portland, Maine. rdvdy

GENT'S NEW FURNISHING STORE

IN GUELPH

WM. ANDERSON

Begs to intimate that he will open on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the premises

Adjoining Pringle's Jewellery Store,



a large, varied and choice assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods, including a full range of Perfect Fitting Shirts in all sizes and prices, warranted to give complete satisfaction.

Fancy and Plain Flannels cheap. Shirts in cotton, winey, and plain and fancy. Bows and Ties, a large choice. Scarfs in all the latest styles. Collars in all the new shapes, in linen and paper. Cuffs, new shapes, in linen and paper. Underclothing, a large assortment. Socks, in Lamb's wool, merino and cotton, plain and fancy.

Also, a choice stock of Ladies' Hosiery and Kid Gloves - the two button Kid from 75 per pair. Hosiery in all the new colors - Claret, Brown, Greys, Scarlet, White, Black.

WM. ANDERSON, dm

Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873.

New Clothing Store.

THE ELEPHANT ARRIVED

On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Have great pleasure in stating that they have secured those splendid premises at present occupied by Hepburn & Co., and will open them about the 3rd of September with an entirely new stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

These Goods will be offered at such prices as will make them be sold.

Mechanics and Farmers, wait for the New Store--You will save Money.

Further particulars in a few days.

GUELPH, Aug. 1873 C. E. PEIRCE & Co. dw

Co-Operative Store.

The Stock of Fall and Winter Clothing

(formerly owned by Mr. Galloway)

WILL BE SOLD AT THE FIRST COST.

Men's Wool Pants	\$2.50,	former price	\$4.00
"	Vests 1.50,	"	2.25
"	Coats 5.00,	"	7.25
"	Suits 10.00,	"	15.00
Boys' Wool Suits	6.00,	"	8.50

The Stock of Hats and Caps

From Scotland will be sold for one half the usual retail prices.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Sept. 5, 1873. dw

HART & SPEIRS,

Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents,

4 Day's Block, Guelph

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.

All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.

Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c.

neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England.

HART & SPEIRS, 4 Day's Block Guelph, Ont.

SPRING AND SUMMER, 1873.

POWELL'S

BOOT & SHOE STORE

Call and examine my new stock of

LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS

Boots and Shoes,

Which for moderate price, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.

Particular attention paid to

Custom Work and Repairing.

West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, April 8th, 1873 dw

FANCY GOODS

AND

Variety Store,

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET,

Next to the Wellington Hotel.

All kinds of Fancy Goods

BERLIN WOOLS,

Constantly on hand.

All orders promptly attended to.

MRS. WRIGHT,

Guelph July 4, 1873. dw

J. MARRIOTT,

Veterinary Surgeon,

M. S. C. V. S., L. R. C. V. S., M. F. V. S., &c. Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Maneray Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Stewart's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.

Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, &c., cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. rdvdy

E. A. A. GRANGE,

Veterinary Surgeon

Graduate Ontario Veterinary College.

OFFICE--No. 6, Day's Block, URSTAIRS.

All calls at night will be attended to by calling at the office.

N.B.—Horses bought and sold on commission. May 17, 73—rdvdy.