

The Riva Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIV.

CAMERON AND IAN BEGIN TO FEEL UNEASY—FLORA MACGREGOR AND ANNE M'LEOD PRISONERS AT DROGHDAIRCH—NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF NED GORDON AND HIS SISTER JEANETTE—“DICTATOR MUST DIE!”

Cameron's was a restless, busy mind, and it was already occupied with a survey of the network of threatening circumstances which surrounded him when the turrets of the Castle of Droghdaich appeared in view. They quickly spurred up to the entrance, and Cameron dismounting himself this time and leaving Anne M'Leod sitting on the saddle, walked up to the door and delivered several heavy knocks upon it.

In a few minutes after a step was heard in the passage within, and the door was flung open by a half-dressed red-headed Highlander. He at once recognized the Chief and bowed low, but as M'Kenzie saw him a cry of eager surprise escaped his lips, and he too sprang from the saddle and approached the Highlander, who had now recognized him in turn.

“Dugald,” he exclaimed, “I expected not to meet you here; has it gone well with your mission? But stay, speak not at present, I'll hear your story in a minute.”

He now turned to Flora Macgregor with much nervousness of manner and offered to assist her to dismount. This however, the brave girl refused, although her heart was almost sinking within her as she found herself once more on the point of being imprisoned in Droghdaich, and at once sprang to the ground. Anne M'Leod had also dismounted, and preceded by Cameron and Gregor, was entering the castle. Ian followed, and they were conducted to what used to be Flora's sitting-room—the room from which she had escaped on the last occasion when she had been about to be married to Ian M'Kenzie.

Telling them to rest there for an hour or two, Cameron turned and, motioning M'Kenzie and Gregor to leave the room, strode out and locked the door behind him, leaving Flora Macgregor and Anne M'Leod prisoners. Ian rapidly descended the stair, and hastened to where the red-headed Highlander still stood with the horses.

“Tell me, now,” he exclaimed, “how you succeeded? Is the lowlander—?”

“Dead!” was the reply.

“Is Ned Gordon dead?”

“He is.”

“And his sister?”

“The same.”

“And the child?”

“It may be dead, and may not. We left it where it might have been found, but didn't wait to see whether it was or not.”

“And where did you find it?”

“In Edinburgh, as you said. We soon met him disguised as you proposed; nothing was easier than to separate the brother and sister, and then our dirks found their hearts, and Duddington Loch offered for their bodies a ready place of concealment.”

“And has Donald returned with you?”

“He has, and is in the Castle. We arrived in Ross-shire last night, and heard of the bad luck of the band, and at once hastened here.”

“My good fellows, you shall be duly rewarded for your services to me,” exclaimed M'Kenzie exultingly, the old glare of triumph returning to his face.

“Put up the horses and rest ye a while now.”

Then he turned and entered the Castle, meeting Cameron, who had been standing during the above colloquy in the doorway.

“Success has been with me this time,” he exclaimed, “and there is now no obstacle in the way of my marrying Flora Macgregor—if, indeed, there ever was. The lowland cur has met his deserts, and way has been suggested by which Hector M'Leod may be got rid of. He must die, Cameron.”

“He must,” was the reply of Droghdaich. “I see no safe course unless he be dead, and his death we must accomplish. Come, let us consider the matter.”

As he spoke, he led the way to a room in which Gregor was found to be already seated, and the three set about hatching a new plot to accomplish the death of Hector M'Leod.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—“We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London.”—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.

The managers of the Great Western Railway are adopting every precaution against future disaster by fire. Special improvements are now placed on the oil cars so as to admit of a bell rope securely passing over them.

THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms: 4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in town, by the week 10 cents.

Rates of advertising—First insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion 2 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, specific notices for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 1 cent for each insertion; funeral notices, 5 cents additional.

Paragraph advertising, special notices, or advertisements intended as local insertions after the reading matter, but not among 12, 20 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms:—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.—For transient advertisements 6 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, solid nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement are 40.

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SPECIAL NOTICE. All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. is renewed are subject to our revised rates.

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods ; 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors ;
2 “ Striped Dress Goods, something new ; 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

Direct Importer, Guelph.

The GOLDEN LION the

GREAT ATTRACTION!



Leading House in Ontario

GREAT ATTRACTION!

The new method of Importing. Each Steamer from Britain brings us New Goods at Prices Unprecedentedly Low,

The Best Value and Largest Assortment, and why? Because we have adopted the only genuine mode of receiving Goods from France and Britain, by appointing a resident buyer of over 40 years experience in the Home Market, in the person of Mr. D. Williamson, merchant, Glasgow, who will in our interest visit France twice a year, the English Markets monthly, and the Glasgow Houses daily, if need be, so that every weekly steamer from the East will bring us the Latest Goods, large arrivals of New Shawls, Mantles, Dress Goods, Ribbons, Flowers, and Laces.

Another addition of 1500 pieces of those Good Prints at 12c. worth 16c.;

105 pieces Best Grenadine at 12c, worth 25c ; 279 pieces Fig Lustre in the newest shades for Easter dresses 25c, worth 37c. New Checks, Pompadour Robes including trimmings at \$2 a robe, worth \$3. New Skirts, Printed Lawn, 75c a full dress, worth \$1.50. New Gloves, New Hose, all of which is stunning value. THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is rapidly filling up, and having engaged a first-class Milliner from the city, we will execute all orders entrusted to our care in the most fashionable style.

J. D. WILLIAMSON.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

IMPORTERS,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Et c., 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 Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb. Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brandy, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

JUST COME IN!

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are putting up to-day

- 320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb. 600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb. 95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb. 120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c, for 50c. A few packages of Black Tea for 35c per lb. 10 hogsheads of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1. 50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.

A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK

Is now fully assorted in every department.

CLOTHS, HATS AND CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.

Shaw & Murton,

MERCHANT TAILORS.

GUELPH, March 21, 1874

Elephant Clothing Store.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Are now showing a new and splendid stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Well Made and Fashionably Cut

Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

HATS AND CAPS!

and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,

Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Co-Operative Store.

ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

OUR NEW TWEEDS

Were selected from six different houses, therefore we have a choice lot to choose from. We employ a Tailor.

NEW COTTONS

Horrockses Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS

Hoyles & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS

JAMES MASSIE,

Manufacturer of

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,

Alma Block, Guelph,

Invite the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at our Manufactory. 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

- OZENGES, all flavors; DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes; GUM and LICORICE DROPS, CONVERSATION LOZENGES, MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns; SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS, FRUIT BISCUITS, GINGER NUTS, CHEWING GUM, ROCK CANDY, LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Oligars.

His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western his year the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the Great Northwest. \$12,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks. Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst. MR. G. B. FRASER

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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RAYMOND'S

SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread) Hand Lock Stitch (double thread) No. 1, Foot Power, No. 2, for heavy work. Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,

GUELPH, ONTARIO.