

Guelph Evening Mercury
The Rival Clansmen:
 A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER II.
A TIMELY ARRIVAL.—THEY AND BEING PURSUED BY IAN AND THE M'KENZIES.
 "It is nothing serious," he said, putting his hands to the sides of the wound and pressing all round. "A mere scratch, the blood from which only requires to be washed to make it all right."
 "My handkerchief will do," said Flora, tearing her handkerchief in two, and applying it to the place.
 "It's a gay bit scart," muttered the Lowlander. Then looking at Ian, who still lay apparently insensible, and at Angus, who sat in a corner dubiously rubbing his head and shoulders, he continued, addressing Hector and Flora—
 "But hoo in a' tha airth did ye come tae fa' oot? What was tha bit shindie a' about?"
 "I will tell you how it appears to have happened," replied Flora. "You must first understand that we were out for a ramble amongst the hills this afternoon, when suddenly the mist came down upon us, and we lost our way. We wandered about for hours after the storm had broken forth, and were utterly exhausted, when we espied the light shining from this hut. We struggled on until we reached the door, at which we knocked and were admitted, after some delay. I rejoiced to discover in the young man lying there one whom I considered a friend, and introduced him to my companion. He soon after retired, as he said, to rest, in the other compartment of the hut, but returned in a short time almost mad with passion, and provoked Hector M'Leod to combat. He denied he was Benald Murray—the name by which I had always known him—but affirmed he was Ian M'Kenzie, the son of the hereditary enemy of the M'Leods, and the personal enemy of Hector, and told us he had sworn to his father but an hour before to shed his blood. His fury was also increased by seeing his enemy in company with us—whom, he says, he has sworn to make his wife. This ruffian assisted him, and Hector, enabled as he was by his exertions during the afternoon, was unable to stand their combined attack, although he struggled with them nobly for a time. Oh, I do feel grateful for your assistance; and would be doubly indebted if you could tell us where we are, and where we could get another shelter, for I dread longer to stay in the company of this man; and, besides, there is something dreadful over there—"
 And as she spoke she pointed over to the back part of the hut, where the dead body of the M'Kenzie lay almost covered by the folds of the fallen scene.
 "Ah, yes," said Hector, who had now succeeded in bandaging up his wound, rising and crossing the floor. "There is something ghastly and horrible here. I got only one glance at it but it almost nerved me. It is a skeleton or a corpse."
 As he spoke, he stooped down and pulling away the screen, and the rough covering which lay upon it, revealed to his companions who had followed him the dead body of the aged chief.
 "What?" exclaimed Hector, starting back. "Can this indeed be the chief of the M'Kenzies? In every feature this resembles him, and yet I cannot bring myself to believe that it is he! Still it must be so. This explains what Ian said about his dead father's presence and about the vow. And this, then, is what the haughty and powerful Chief of the M'Kenzies has been brought to through the terrible feud existing between his family and the M'Leods. Heavens, I do not wonder though the young man was eager to wreak his vengeance upon me; and now when I see this wreck before me, this proud Chief lying dead, his body almost naked, upon a handful of straw and mountain grass—I feel prompted to forgive him. But then he would gain nothing by my forgiveness, nor would I, as he is M'Kenzie and now the Chief; I am a M'Leod and the Chief's son, and as such we must maintain the feud. Highland honor is Highland honor, and however much personal feelings may be opposed to it, yet the duties which the connection with a clan involves must be rigidly and honorably carried out, and must take precedence of every other."
 "It's a sorrowfu' sight," said Gordon, bowing reverently, and again covering the body. "But am 'to oot o' the wye o' thinking that these feuds you Highland folk speak about are a devilish nasty practice. 'Gad I canna ye tak' a dunt at ane anither an, be dunt wi' it. My name's Gordon, an' am o' Highland descent; but I've been unco lang i' the Lowlands, an' I've tae'n tae like their wye; an' if there is ae thing better than anither about the laich kinra folk it is that every man stand upon his ain mettle. At wrastlin' or duntin' the thickest skin stands lang; cut oot; an' its bye afore ye'll maybe meet again at Falkirk or Kelso, at Tryst or market; an' if ye've hae a drap in, an' i' the mood, ye may fa' tae again; or if ye've plenty o' ither business tae look aifter, just lat it alone. There's nae o' yer everlastin' wars o' steel an' bluid an' fire wi' us."
 "You are quite right, my friend," replied Hector. "I have been a considerable time in the south and have always admired the free, open, and generous manner in which all classes commingled and had intercourse with each other. Nothing would give me more pleasure than see that spirit introduced amongst the clans; but I fear it will be no easy matter to bring about such a result. Such a state of things would involve some clan or clans bearing much and forgiving much. To bear or forgive any shortcomings or misdeeds of a neighbouring clan seems to be a principle to which the whole Highland nature is antagonistic; and I have little hope of seeing the clanish spirit entirely broken down unless as the result of intercourse with the lowlands."
 "But," continued Hector, "we must leave this. Doubtless it is known to the M'Kenzies that their Chief is dead, and they will gather from every direction to pay the last tribute to his memory. Were a force of them to arrive and discover who I am, then all of us would fare badly, for their fury would be ten times intensified at a time like this, and they would be still more incensed were they to learn that Ian and I had already drawn swords against each other. He remains long insensible; I hope your blow has not been serious. Much as he seems to desire my life, I do not wish that either your hand or mine should bear the stain of his blood."
 He spoke, Hector knelt down and raised Ian's head. He moaned once or twice, but did not open his eyes or speak. There was a large purple mark on his brow above his left eye, extending back over his head, which was much swollen, and which indicated the spot where Gordon's stick had struck him.

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Our Millinery and Mantle Show Rooms will be Opened on Saturday, the 4th inst., and Ladies are Invited to Call and See on that day.

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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.

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Begin 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 France and Germany. DRESS 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 Home 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. Patterns Bonnets, Hats and Jackets direct from Paris, London and New York.

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(Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873.)

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- 200 caddies of Beautiful 60c. Tea for 50c. per lb.

The above Teas are all put up in 5lb. Tin Caddies, prices varying from \$2.50 to \$4 PER CADDY.

These prices are made especially for Visitors to the Exhibition. Everybody should take a Caddy home with them.

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JUDD'S Celebrated Pressed ROSE SOAP!

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK.

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New Clothing Store.

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C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
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READY-MADE CLOTHING
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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.

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R. CRAWFORD,
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 The Right Man in the Right Place.
 THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars &c. constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.
THOMAS WARD,
 (Late of Crown Hotel),
 Proprietor.
 Guelph Dec. 5th, 1873. dawly

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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

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WM. ANDERSON

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- MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
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- GINGER NUSS,
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