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### Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.

MONDAY EVENING, JAN 6, 1868.

## The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

Mr. Gordon's decision being made, all domestic arrangements must be broken up, and something like a picnic made to meet the dark and uncertain future. It was at this juncture that Charlie and Walter pressed their suit with Marion, and then it became necessary that her choice should be declared. In her own secret heart it had been already made. Indeed, as between the two youths she never really required to make a choice at all, and if Charlie Allan had not been blinded by his self-confidence he would have observed long before that Marion's choice had been given to Walter; for though in the innate kindness of her nature she had treated him with sisterly regard, she gave an encouragement to that warmer feeling which he professed.

He proposed and was rejected. He met the rejection with anger and bitterness of spirit. For his own sake, as well as for the sake of Marion, Mr. Gordon, when he came to know the state of matters, told Charlie that the best thing for him to do was to leave the manse, and this he did in sullen silence. He went, and never communicated with them again—had never been seen or heard of by any one till the night of the encounter on the moor.

Marion's answer to Walter's request that she should be his wife was a sweet blushing consent; but, owing to the present state of trouble and uncertainty, the marriage was delayed. They were betrothed, and he was to be united when happier times arrived. Gordon tried hard to persuade Marion to give her to him at once, but she thought it better they should wait, and the November day came, when the required to leave Greystone, and she went to her aunt near Edinburgh. Gordon returned to move into Dunrobin, and took up his abode with his father and the laird of Birkenleuch.

It was with the people of the parish of Greystone. The curate who succeeded Mr. Gordon was as opposite to him as light to darkness, and, to his rage and mortification, he preached to nearly empty pews. Four years passed, during which they had heard, on rare occasions and by stealth, some of the "outted" ministers who chanced in their wanderings to come into the district—such men as Peden, Cargill, Welsh, and Blackadder. But they longed to see and hear again their old pastor, and he yearning ardently in his exile to pay a visit to the place and people of his heart, found means to let them know that such was his intention.

Of course, such a visit must be made as secretly as possible, for the penalty of a visit made by an expelled minister to his parish was heavy. Walter Elliot, with eager alacrity, offered him an asylum at Birkenleuch, an offer which Mr. Gordon was loath to accept, for an equally heavy penalty fell on those who harboured the offenders. But Walter pleaded with such earnestness that the length prevailed, and it was settled that Mr. Gordon should come for a week or two to Birkenleuch.

He came, and reached his asylum in safety. Faithfully did his devoted people keep the secret of his presence, and on the night when our story opens he had been a week amongst them, and several meetings had been held. No hostile eye or ear seemed to have become aware of his stay at the mansion of the young laird, but the arrival of Marion, in company with her cousin, Hugh McKail, and their meeting on the moor with Charlie Allan, now a dragoon officer, changed the whole aspect of affairs, and dangers of a serious kind now surrounded the whole of them, causing them to adopt prompt and careful measures to avert them—the chief of these being the precipitate midnight marriage of Walter and Marion, and the search for a hiding place for the two persecuted ministers.

It was a sharp crisp October morning, with a touch of frost in the air, which the rising sun would soon dispel, and the vapours which had risen towards the hills, leaving the prospect clear and distinct for many miles. At length the sun rose over the distant Solway, and crowned the lofty Lowthers with his radiant beams. As his level rays struck upon the valley of the Nith, and glanced from bend to bend of the river, these same rays flashed in a peculiar way on some of the objects far down the vale, and made Andrew Elliot, and shade his eyes with his hand that he gazed might be more piercing and intent. The flashes that had caught his eye glanced and flickered as if the objects which reflected the beams were in motion, and the peculiarity of that motion at once convinced Andrew that it was a troop of horse coming along at a brisk pace, whose brass helmets and burnished weapons glowed so brightly in the morning light.

There they come, the blackguards! he muttered, and was about to descend in haste to acquaint his master, when footsteps sounded on the turret stair which led to the tower, and the head and shoulders of Walter Elliot rose through the trap door by which that high sentinel box communicated with the lower portions of the mansion.

"Anything to be described yet Andrew?" was his question, put in a clear manly voice.

"Nothing here, sir," responded Andrew.

"I have just gotten a glimpse of their sabres about five miles away, and was comin' ta tell ye.—Step through, and ye'll see the vagabonds on yersel'."

Without a word Walter sprang lightly through, and advancing to the loophole, directed keen but calm glance down the valley. It stood for several moments in utter silence, then he spoke—

"You must have been mistaken, Andrew," he remarked; "I can see nothing to indicate the presence of horsemen."

"Look on yon side o' the Cumnock wood," said Andrew, "it was there I saw them."

Walter looked at the spot named, and could easily make out the long dark strip of dark foliage, but nothing like the sunlight glancing on military accoutrements. Supposing, however, that the wood might conceal the objects through Andrew had seen, he waited a minute or two, and then he also saw on this side of the wood flashes which he knew in a moment to proceed from a company of advancing cavalry.

"You are right," he exclaimed. "They are

here within the hour. Remain and watch their movements, while I go and get our friends safe into the hiding-places."

Leaving Andrew to keep outlook from the tower, Walter descended the narrow winding stair at a rapid pace, and proceeded to the rooms in which Mr. Gordon and McKail slept for the purpose of rousing them. But early though the hour was, they were already up, and holding deep conference on the darkening prospect of affairs.

"Glad to find you dressed," cried Walter as he entered. "It will give us more time to get you comfortably into your concealment. Our friend is approaching with his men at his back."

"Well," said Mr. Gordon, with a quiet yet half sad smile, "have you discovered a way by which the prey may be kept from the mighty?"

"I have," answered Walter cheerily. "Since we parted at midnight Andrew and I have discovered a place of perfect concealment.—Follow me and I will lead you to it."

"And Marion, what of her?" said the minister anxiously.

"She cannot well make the descent to this place," returned Walter. "But there is a way that she should be concealed. I have power enough to protect her, and will endeavor to harm her. You are within his commission, but no one else, and if he should be unscrupulous enough to presume too far in his ill-gotten authority, I know how to deal with him."

"Take care my boy," said Mr. Gordon, in a somewhat anxious tone. "Don't get into trouble by any hasty action. Charlie's position gives him the advantage."

TO BE CONTINUED.

### COMMERCIAL.

#### Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH,  
January 6, 1868.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	37 75	4 00
Fall Wheat per bushel	1 65	1 70
Spring Wheat	1 45	1 50
Oats	1 05	1 10
Peas	0 65	0 68
Barley	0 90	1 00
Hay, per ton	12 00	12 50
Shingles per square	1 00	1 50
Wood per cord	1 00	1 50
Coal	0 27	0 30
Apples per dozen	0 14	0 18
For (firkin), per B.	0 16	0 18
Do, each	0 25	0 35
Do, do	0 50	0 60
Do, per pair	0 20	0 25
Ducks do	0 20	0 30
Potatoes	0 55	0 65
Apples per bushel	2 00	2 05
Lamb per lb.	0 06	0 07
Beef	4 00	4 50
Per lb.	1 05	1 10
Pork per 100 lbs.	5 00	6 30
Sheep Pelts each	0 30	0 40
Lamb skins	0 40	0 45
Hides per 100 lbs.	6 00	6 00

#### Money Market.

MONTREAL EXCHANGE OFFICE,  
Guelph, January 6, 1868.

Gold, 134.  
Greenbacks at 72 1/2 to 73; Sold at 78 to 74.  
Silver bought at 41 to 42; sold at 34 to 35.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 98 to 99.  
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 98 to 99.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury'.

MONTREAL, January 6, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 65 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 40 to \$7 50; Welland Canal, \$7 50. Bag flour, \$5 50 to \$5 65. Oats—\$2 20 to 25. Barley \$5 to 5 10. Butter—dairy 16 to 18; store packed 14 to 16. Ashes—Pots \$5 45 to \$5 50, pearls \$5 95 to \$6 00.

Market firm at Saturday's rate, but few transactions. Grain no sales reported, former rates ruled. Provisions—Fork firm but very quiet; Hogs small arrivals, rates unchanged but holders firmer; Butter sales only by retail. Ashes neglected and rates nominal.

TORONTO, January 4, 1868.

Flour—Receipts, 130 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 00. Wheat—\$1 54. Peas—74c. Oats—55c to 57c. Barley—\$1 60 to \$1 65.

HAMILTON, January 4, 1868.

Fall wheat, \$1 50 to \$1 55. Spring do—\$1 45 to \$1 50 per bushel. Barley—\$1 25 to \$1 30. Oats—55c to 55c. Peas—72c to 75c.

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The Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suitable for the dressmaker, tailor, or manufacturer or family. Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Canada, we are thereby enabled to offer special advantages to our correspondents. We have connections in all the leading Ports of Great Britain, as well as in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, and consignors have the choice of any of the above Markets when prices are favorable.

J. E. SPAFFORD,  
Ponsonby P. O.,  
Reference—Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O.,  
or Box 450, Toronto.

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Produce Commission Merchants,  
486 and 488 - PAUL STREET,  
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CONSIGNMENTS OF Flour, Grain, Pork, Butter and Ashes carefully received. Advances made by draft or cash, on receipt of Bill of Lading for three-fourths value of shipments. CHARGES as low as any responsible House in the trade. Having had many years experience in the business, both in Great Britain and Canada, we are thereby enabled to offer special advantages to our correspondents. We have connections in all the leading Ports of Great Britain, as well as in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, and consignors have the choice of any of the above Markets when prices are favorable.

THOS. HOBSON & CO.,  
Commission Merchants  
Montreal, 10th Jan. 1867.

### BERKSHIRE BOAR.

THIS subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve sows during the season. Terms \$1.

ALAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith,  
Guelph, 23rd Dec. 1867.

### GEORGE PALMER

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### TROTTER & GRAHAM.



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Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

(Successor in Guelph to T. Trotter.)

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The new anaesthetics used for extracting teeth without pain.

W. K. GRAHAM,  
Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-13)

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THOMAS McCREAE,  
Guelph, January 31, 1867. 698-1f

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### W. BURGESS

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### Christmas Presents,

he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly

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### PICTURES

of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art.

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W. BURGESS,  
Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dw

### FAMILY KNITTING MACHINE

Manufactured by the Lamb Knitting Machine Manufacturing Company.

### CHICOPEE FALLS, N. Y.

It is the best Family Knitting Machine extant. No other invention affords so profitable employment for women.

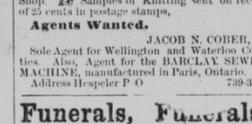
It has taken the Highest premium (a Gold Medal) at the Fair of the American Institute, New York, and the Exhibition of the Mass. Charitable Association, Boston, and the Provincial Exhibition at Toronto also, and the highest Premium at every State and County Fair wherever it has been exhibited—surpassing all other machines.

It sets up its own work, knits all sizes, widens and narrows, knits the heel into the stocking, and narrows off the toe complete; it knits a yard of plain work in five minutes, a pair of socks in thirty minutes; knits the single, double, ribbed and fancy flat webs, producing all varieties of knit goods, from an infant's stocking, mitten or glove, to a lady's shawl or hood, which no other machine in the world can do. It is simple, durable, and easily operated.

Call and see the Machine worked, Lot No. 2, 3rd Con. Post-Office, opposite Colver's Carriage Shop. For samples of Knitting sent on receipt of 25 cents in postage stamps.

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NATHAN TOWELL,  
Nelson Crescent  
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.

### COW LOST.

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WM. NAPPER,  
Lot 25, 3rd Concession, Nassagaweya,  
Guelph, 3rd January, 1868.

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CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH.

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Guelph, 20th December, 1867. wly

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### Gold & Silver Plating

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Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st.,  
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Watches, Chains, Rings, Penell Cases, and all kinds of Jewelry Plated in Gold.

Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., Plated at reasonable rates.

Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and despatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to.

Hamilton, November 23 1867. dwim

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For Sale in Eramosa.

FOUR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 28, 3rd Concession, Eramosa.

### One Hundred Acres!

with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good

### Two Storey Stone House

containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house.

The building is nearly new. There is also a large FRAME HAYEN nearly new, and a thriving orchard of the best graded fruit. This property will be sold cheap. For terms and particulars apply to

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At Wholesale Prices.

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BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

### Men's Coarse Boots!

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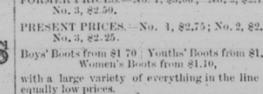
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All work warranted.

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Extra Dark Mink,  
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Ladies' Hoods,  
and a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, CAPS, MUFFERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

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Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. 881 w732

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Guelph, Oct. 7 1867. do-3m

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CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.  
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Constant Employment till next June.

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J. W. BURT,  
ARCH THOMSON,  
JAS. W. KENNEDY, Executors  
Erin, Nov. 16, 1867. 734 w3m

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(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET,  
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CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN,  
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77 Front Street, Toronto,  
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### Fresh English Groceries, Wines, Brandies, &c.,

Ex. "Planet," "Chaudiere," "City of Hamilton," "Glenborie," from London.  
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"Abeona" and "Gleniffer," from Glasgow.  
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303 Hhds and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugar.  
222 Hhds Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.  
5175 Half Chests and Caddies Souchong, Congou, Japan, Gunpowder, Young and Old Hyson Teas.  
With a full assortment of Tobaccos, Refined Sugars, Wines, and Liquors and Dry Groceries. All of which will be submitted to the trade, equal to and below Montreal prices.

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## JAMES CORMACK,

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### READY-MADE CLOTHING,

CLOTHS AND GENTLEMEN'S FINE GOODS,

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OF PRICES. As the Goods are all new, the Clothing will be made and well stayed, the public will find this one of the best and cheapest sales ever held in Guelph.

Goods looked charged the regular price.

JAMES CORMACK,  
Guelph, 31st December, 1867. dw Wyndham-st., Guelph.

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WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

to step in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever.

D. SAVAGE,  
Guelph, December 14, 1867. dw

## GREAT SALE OF

## BOOTS AND SHOES

## PREST & HEPBURN

WILL COMMENCE

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To sell off the entire Stock of Imported Goods

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## SEASONABLE DRY GOODS!

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G. & A. HADDEN,  
Guelph, 28th December, 1867.