#### Guelph Evening Mercury

#### The Rival Clansmen:

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A TIMELY ARRIVAL—HECTOR AND FLORA PURBURD BY IAN AND THE M'RENEIS.

Back, scoundrel," he shouled to Angus, in such stern, commanding tone as caused the fellow to release his grasp of the young lady and start back. Then clovely parrying a furious lunge made at his breast by Ian, he sprang nimbly between Flora and Angus, placing the two men before him and Flora behind.

Angus, too, was armed with a claymore, and advancing together, Ian and he prepared to renew the attack.

But if they expected that now when the struggle was fairly commenced Hector M'Lecod would wait on their renewing the conflict, they were much mistaken. His blood was now brilling at the insults which Ian had thrown at him, and at the mean foul manner of the attack upon him, and he was determined that he would—even although they were two to one—teach them that it was no easy matter to murder—for such was the language of the attempt—an armed and desparate man. Let the result be what it might, he was determined that they should not eacape scathless.

Like a lion springing on its prey did he dash at them, so suddenly that they received and staggered beneath the fury of the blows he showered upon them.

To these sudden attacks, however, Ian seemed to be no stranger, for after the first shock had been received, and successfully withstood, he planted his feet firmly, and fairly met his opponent's on-set.

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It was a fearfal sight. The dim light shed around in the hut; the clashing, circling, whirling weepons, now high, now low, reflecting and throwing it back in many colurred rays; the two young men, with bated breath, flashing eyes, heaving breasts, and eager purpose, smitting at and seeking each other's blood; the low durty-looking companion of Ian making sly and covert attempts to slip behind young Hector and by a foul thrust disable him; the young girl standing behind the man on whom her hopes were centred, with clasped hands, now gazing fearfully at the raging conflict, and anon casting her eyes upwards as if proffering to heaven a prayer for the deliverance of her lover from the danger to which he was exposed. But, ah! the scene grows ghastlier still. Hector has again commenced to deal his blows around with such rapidity and force that he has forced Ian back upon the screen, behind which lies the rigid form of his father. He makes an effort to gain his ground; but no—his feet are entangled in the screen, and with a loud cry of—

"Angus—for Heaven's sake at him, "he reels backwards, tearing it down, and stumbling headlong over the corpse.

That moment had surely been Ian McKenzie's last, had not the sight which met Hoctor McLeod's gaze for the moment distracted his attention and paralyzed his arm.

But a sudden and desperate attack on the part of Angus from the rear caused him at once to recover his thoughts and the command of his weapon.

Angus was no mean foe; and, although Hector piled him hard, and would assuredly have, in a short time, run his sword through him, he stood his ground well, and parried and feinted with no small skill.

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some accidental turn in his favour shortly took place.
Flora, too, saw that his strength was
failing him—his blows were becoming
feebler, and his movements were slower
and less sure than at the beginning of
the struggle.
Could she assist him?—and how?
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In the midst of the mele and confusion
she slipped anobserved to that part of the
wall where hung the old firelock, and
eagerly brought it down in the hope that
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One glance was sufficient to show that it was unloaded, and with a pang of regret she flung it from her.

Oh! what was she to do? Every moment her lover was becoming more enfectled, and if it were to be assisted it must be now, and by her. How was she to act? She did not lack courage, but she was only a weak woman. A claymore yet hung on the wall. Could she use it? She would try, and God might grant her strength to wield it against these villians.

Eagerly she sprang forward to obtain the weapon, and was just putting up her hand to seize it when to her horror she saw Hector stagger and utter a sharp try of pain as if he had been struck, but at the same instant she was electrified to hear a loud knocking at the outside door of the hut, and a loud voice exclaim—

"What the deevil kind o' stramash is this, I winder? Open the door afore I see fair play."

"Help help "grid Flora wildly see

this, I winder? Open the door afore I see fair play."

"Help, help, "cried Flora, wildly, as she saw Hector stagger to the ground, drop's of blood falling from his breast; and, seizing the sword, she at once sprang between her lover's prostrate form and Ian and Angus, who with exulting looks, were rushing forward to complete their work.

"Back scoundrels," she cried, in a car, ringing voice. "You have yet a clear, ringing voice. "You determined woman to overcome

"Gif there's naebody comin' tae open the door, faith, I'll find a wye in mysel',' again cried the voice outside. A loud erash immediately followed, and in an instant a figure bounded into the room,

exclaiming—"Debastit villains, fetchin' wi' a bit lass n' a man doon! My faith, but ye'so è an opportunity o'layın anither. Stand sick, my 'kimmer afore Ned Gordon lays his stick aboot them."

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