

Guelph Evening Mercury

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The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

Beside the clerk stood the Governor of the Castle, quiet and apparently grieved by the work he had before him. Behind him stood a man dressed in black, whom Spens easily guessed to be a surgeon.

"The last hour has come," he thought; "sweet Mother of Heaven to you I commend my poor wife and bairn."

"You heard, Sir Walter Spens," he said slowly, "what my Lord Angus desired you to do. Are you still bent upon refusing to comply with his terms?"

"I told the Lord of Angus I would not comply with them," he answered firmly. "I wish to warn you, sir, that I have received directions to put you to the severest test the law allows if you persist in your silence."

"You will do your duty, sir; I will try to do mine."

"You have nothing further then to declare?"

"Nothing."

"I am very sorry that I must proceed to the test."

The clerk had written down the questions and responses.

The Governor raised his hand, and at the signal two men, masked, and with bare brawny arms, started out from a dark corner of the chamber in which they had been standing unobserved and seized their victim.

He offered no resistance, and they speedily removed his light coat of mail. They laid his neck and his left foot bare. Then an iron chair was wheeled into the middle of the chamber and Spens was placed in it. Stout cords were drawn across his breast and secured to the back of the chair; then his arms and legs were bound to the sides, so that he could not move a limb. The chair was finally screwed to the floor.

The surgeon approached the patient and felt his pulse; it beat with firmness and regularity.

"Are you still resolved to keep silence?" said the Governor, apparently unwilling to proceed to extremity.

"You would not have me desert when in sight of the enemy," answered Spens with a pale smile.

"Then the order must be executed."

One of the torturers brought two large pails full of water to the side of the victim, with a measure which might hold about a gallon, and a steel tube about a foot long with a wide mouth.

"It is the water test?" said Spens.

"Yes," answered the surgeon under his breath; "it kills generally by suffocation; but if the patient have strength enough to re over he escapes without mutilation."

With a hasty glance Spens thanked the Governor for this consideration.

The measure filled with water was held to his lips and he drank. A second time the measure was filled, but he could not empty it. One of the men pressed his head back against the bar of the chair while the other forced the water down his throat to the last drop.

The whole frame of the victim quivered spasmodically. Every vein seemed to be cracking and bursting. His brain seemed to swell and press against his skull till he became dazed and his lungs seemed to be waterlogged.

"We are ready to accept your confession," said the Governor with anxious voice in his ear.

"No—no—no," gasped the Knight feebly, but with inflexible resolve.

"A third measure was raised to his lips. He took a few mouthfuls, and then his teeth closed with a convulsive jerk, and he seemed incapable of opening them."

"Do you persist still in your silence?" interrupted the Governor.

"Still, and always," was the answer in a suffocated voice.

One of the executioners with a sharp instrument like a chisel, forced his teeth open, thrust the steel tube between them and forced it down his throat.

The third measure full of water, and a fourth, were emptied into the mouth of the tube.

The colour of the patient changed from a deathly pallor to a bluish tint, his fingers clutched the bars of the chair with a vice-like grip, and his body shook and heaved in convulsive agony.

The Governor repeated the question.—Spens heard the voice as if it reached him from afar off; he comprehended the question, but he was unable to speak, and he made a slight motion of the head to signify "No."

Another measure full was forced down the tube. The patient writhed, gave vent to a dull smothered cry of anguish, and burst the rope which bound his right arm. He seized the steel tube and with more than human strength he bent it and broke it in his hand.

Then he sunk backward insensible.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A large number of children and about twenty adults were poisoned in Boston a few days ago by eating freely of castor beans, which they mistook for peanuts. The beans had been thrown into refuse barrels by a firm engaged in the manufacture of castor oil, and greedily seized upon by the children, many of whom also feasted their parents. No deaths have yet occurred, but it is likely some of the cases will prove fatal.

More discoveries of gold have been made in Nova Scotia; a company has been formed at Windsor to work a large vein situated at Sillwater near Windsor. Specimens have been found indicating the existence of rich deposits.

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Also, Town Lots and Houses

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AMARANTH.

Lot 22, in the 10th Concession, 200 acres.

Lot 20, in the 7th Con., 200 acres.

Lot 17, 18 and 19, 3rd Con., 600 acres.

West-half of Lot 7, 10th Con., 200 acres.

West-half of Lot 8, 10th Con., 100 acres.

ARTHUR.

South-half of Lot 15, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 60 of which are in a high state of cultivation, and well fenced, watered by a creek crossing the centre of the farm; a two story house and good barn on the lot.

Lot 20, in the 1st Con., 200 acres.

South-half Lot 21, 2nd Con., 100 acres.

ERAMOSA.

Part of West-half of 2, in the 3rd Con., four acres, with a good stone house and log stable.

West-half of Lot 30, in the 5th Con., 100 acres, 25 acres cleared.

ERIN.

West-half of Lot 5th, in the 1st Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared, good frame barn and shed, and parting and frame dwelling house; well watered & fenced.

West-half Lot 5, in the 1st Con., 90 acres; 90 acres improved; good frame dwelling house, one-and-a-half stories high, and bank barn; well fenced, 4 miles from Guelph.

East-half of Lot 32, 5th Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared; new frame house and barn; 75 acres cleared; 25 excellent bush land, 15 acres cleared, hewed log house. Small amount required down, and long time for the balance.

ELORA.

Valuable Tavern Stand for sale in the Village of Elora, at present in use to Robert Cook being lots 5 and 6, corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, with stabling for 40 horses.

Private residence with grounds, and a two and a half story stone dwelling house, and frame buildings, on Chalmers' Street, known as the Crown Hotel.

GARAFRAX.

Lot 11, in 12th Con., 100 acres; 60 acres cleared, all dry land; farm buildings.

Lots 29 and 30, 3rd Con., 200 acres; 70 acres cleared; farm buildings watered by a creek.

Lot 16, 1st Con., 160 acres; 80 cleared; a corner lot, good house and barn.

South-quarter of 5, in the 15-50 acres.

East-half of Lot 9, 8th Con., 100 acres cleared.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP.

Lots 3 and 4, in 3rd Con., Div. D., 140 acres; 90 acres improved; frame dwelling house, and frame bank barn and sheds, well fenced.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 6 in the 1st Con., D. D., containing 207 acres of land; to be sold together or in parts. (Particulars on application.) On this property there is a large two story frame house and a single barn, new; a two story frame house and a saw mill, a valuable property.

Lot No 39, on Town Line, in Galt's Survey, containing 40 acres with a frame plastered house, cheap.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

Large two story stone house, with 10 or 12 acres attached, situate on the York Road, and bounded on the north by the Eramosa river. The buildings and fences are in good repair; good garden and orchard. Terms liberal and price extremely low.

Large two story stone house with verandah, stabling and garden, and 4 of an acre of land, on Dublin Street, at present occupied by Joseph Hobson, Esq.

River Lots on Queen Street, well adapted for Private residences, valuable quarries being on the lots.

Water Privilege and Mill Site, containing 13 acres, composed of the north parts of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Lots 5 and 6, in Oliver's Survey, on the Waterbury River, 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, in Webster's Survey, lying between Grange Street and the river Speed.

Lot 4, on the north side of Front Street, with a double frame house.

Lot 155, corner of Gordon and Wellington-Sts. Lots 194 and 194, Cambridge Street, on which is erected a frame plastered dwelling house.

Four Quarry Lots, being Nos. 21, 22, 43 and 43 on the Waterloo Road.

70 feet of double frontage on Market Square and Macdonnell Street—just the spot for grain warehouses or stores.

East-half of Lot No. 855, on which a frame house is erected.

Two story brick house on Queen Street, with stable and sheds, at present occupied by Mr. J. P. Martin.

Park Lot in St. Andrew's Church Glebe, containing 3 to 5 acres each.

Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 in rear, acre lots each, in one block.

Also, lot 15, five acres, a beautiful lot, well fenced, and in a high state of cultivation.

These lots are admirably adapted for Market Gardens, and the terms of credit are extremely liberal.

LUTHER.

Lots 4 and 5 in the 10th Con., 402 acres, 100 of which are improved; house, barn, stabling and shedding; 9 miles from Arthur, 12 miles from Mount Forest.

North-half Lot 18, in the 4th Con., 100 acres. 2

South-half Lot 19, 4th " 100 "

Lot 1, 7th " 200 "

Lot 2, 7th " 200 "

Lot 18, 6th " 200 "

Lot 25, 5th " 200 "

Lot 14, 11th " 200 "

Lot 15, 11th " 200 "

Lot 18, 12th " 200 "

Lot 19, 12th " 200 "

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Lot 12, 13th " 200 "

Lot 19, 18th " 200 "

Lot 4, 8th " 200 "

Lot 5, 9th " 200 "

Lot 16, 1st " 200 "

Lot 19, 1st " 200 "

Lot 29, 2nd " 200 "

Lot 10, 3rd " 200 "

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Lot 5, 7th " 200 "

Lot 27, 9th " 200 "

Lot 5, 12th " 200 "

Lot 26, 14th " 200 "

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NOTE: The Sale of the above Goods will commence on FRIDAY MORNING 28th inst., and will continue for Ten Days only, as the balances will be returned at the expiration of that time, if not sold.

NOTE: THIS FACT—An opportunity like the present for buying Cheap Goods rarely occurs in Guelph.

Guelph, August 28th, 1868.

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