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Jamie concluded that the pedestrian had been resting himself behind this, and had risen up to resume his way.

As to the question of how he might be, there was a possibility of solving that, for he was proceeding at a pace so leisurely that the cadger's sober-paced pony would overtake him, and, in point of fact, the distance between the rider and the walker grew every minute less.

Jamie had ample time to observe the stranger, and thought it was but a hark view he obtained of his appearance struck him as peculiar. He seemed to be an exceedingly powerful man. He was fully six feet high, and his height was fully matched by his limbs, which were massive and muscular. His shoulders were broad and square. He had long swinging arms. In his right hand he carried a thick knobby cudgel, which he used as a walking-stick, and his tread was firm as that of a man who walked in the height of his strength.

His dress was the hodge of a common shepherd. A plaid was slung over his shoulders, and a broad blue bonnet sat somewhat jauntily on his head.

'He's a sonny carle that,' thought Jamie to himself, as he slowly but surely overtook him. 'By his cledin' he sud be a mairland herd, but that walk isna like the jog-trot of a hill man. And then whaur's his dog?'

'Here's a braw nicht, friend,' observed the cadger, who never failed to speak to every one he met in his journeyings, but in this instance curiosity, as well as country courtesy, induced him to enter into conversation with the stranger.

'Ay, a bonny nicht,' responded the latter, turning his face towards Jamie, and saying him broadly.

Of the breadth of accent in the stranger's speech there was no room to complain, but the voice was richer than that of a common shepherd, and the purity of tone betokened a man higher in rank than his dress indicated. Jamie tried hard to scan his features, but he was on that side of the road where the light of the moon cast his face into the shadow, and though Jamie's countenance could be clearly seen by him, his own could not be discerned.

There was no desire evinced on his part, however, to shun observation, for his bonnet was placed high above his head, and he turned full round to Jamie as he spoke, and kept his full front steadily presented towards him.

'Ye're late on the road,' was Jamie's next remark.

'Nae later than yersel,' was the good-humoured rejoinder.

'Hoots, but my way o' livin' tak's me abroad at a' hours, an' it's little wonder ta find me journeyin' after nightfall. A walker like yersel' isna sae aften frae hame in the mornin'.'

'True, but these troublous times mak's mony an honest man tramp the country at untimely hours. Ye ride the night by choice, but aiblins ye naig is necessity, and aiblins ta I wad as soon be at my ain ingle side.'

'Ye'll be a stranger in their pairs,' said Jamie, making no direct response to the stranger's last remark, for he was always on his guard in speaking of the cause 'to those whom he knew nothing about.'

'That's as muckle as ta say ye dinna ken me,' was the reply.

'Weel, no, I canna say I dae.'

'Then I'm better aff, for I ken you. Ye are Jamie Tamsan, the cadger.'

'Atweel am I; but I'm no juist surprised at that, for me an' my pony are gey ken-sapeckle, an' far m' folk recognise me than I'm acquainted with.'

'Ye are Jamie Tamsan, then, I guessed as much from the description I have had of you,' said the stranger, speaking now in more cultivated language, and in an abrupt earnest manner. 'No need, he added, 'for further caution either on my side or yours; and, to banish your distrust, I will tell you who I am—M'Lellan, the laird of Barscob.'

'Guid life, is it possible?' said Jamie, with a start, and speaking in a low alarmed tone.

'I am here, as you see, disguised. I heard late last night of the conventicle at Moorside Moss, and the capture of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Elliot, and have come into Nithsdale to learn particulars. I am making my way now to Birkencleuch to see Mrs. Elliot, and am glad I have met you. Do you know anything about our friends, or where the troopers have taken them?'

'They are in Dumfries at present, but are to march for Edinburgh in the mornin'.'

'For Edinburgh?' said M'Lellan, mournfully. 'They are to go into the hands of the Council! Then will they fare ill at the hands of Sharp and his persecuting crew.'

'I dread that, sir—I surely dread that,' returned Jamie, speaking now on the dangerous topic without reserve, for the Laird of Barscob was well known about Greystone as a staunch Covenanter, he having given shelter to Mr. Gordon when ejected from his parish, and kept him at Barscob during the period of his exile.

'But how know you you are to go to Edinburgh to-morrow? This can hardly be known yet, for they would not be examined by the Commander till to-day, and it rests with him to say what is to be done with them.'

'Maybe sae,' returned Jamie, 'but it is just as I tell ye. I got the information by chance this afternoon. As I was leavin' Sanguinary, a trooper cam' in frae Dumfries wi' a blawn horse, an' bein' acquaint wi' him a bit, as I am wi' the maist o' Turner's deli-may-care fellows, I sounded him as to the prisoners, and that was the news he teit me. Captain Allan, wi' a pair o' his troop, is ta leave Dumfries at eight. Mair than that, sir, added Jamie, in a cautious whisper, 'they are goun by Leadhills, and that brings them through the Enterkin Pass, where a dozen bold men might rescue every one of the prisoners.'

'You are right, Jamie,' exclaimed the other, eagerly. 'In that Pass the escort would be completely in the power of a party on the height.'

'There's nae doubt o't,' rejoined Jamie. 'A' that's wantin' is a leader. I could find the men atween this and the mornin'.'

'Then do it, Jamie,' cried the laird, with great energy. 'Find me a dozen brave determined men, and I will lead them.'

TO BE CONTINUED.

A Brantford paper rejoices over the fact that the fees of the local police office have risen to \$800 for the past year; while in any previous year they have never exceeded \$75. It seems to think there is not more crime but a healthier surveillance.

fell overboard, and poor Dunscomb in endeavoring to save it, himself fell into the sea. Read heard his cries for help, but was unable to render any assistance, and the unfortunate fellow perished. Read was now left alone in the boat with only a single oar, and in utter ignorance as to where he was. Being unable to make any efforts for his own safety, he gave himself up to prayer. Things went on thus till mid-day on the Sunday when, being literally reduced to death, he was espied by the crew of the ship, and picked up. The French vessel having had a pretence voyage, was short of provisions, but the crew cheerfully shared their little with poor Read, who speaks of their kindness in the most grateful terms.

A SKATING INCIDENT.—The *Standard* mentions the following:—'On the 5th January, 1781, Napoleon was enjoying the exercise of skating on the ditch, at that time deep, which borders the fortress wall outside Auxonne. Dinner hour having sounded, the future Emperor took off his skates and prepared to depart. "Another turn," said two of his fellow students. He hesitated a moment and then said "No, it is time to go." The others would not hear of leaving off, and dashed on again; but the moment after the ice gave way, and in spite of all the efforts of Napoleon Bonaparte to save them, they were both drowned.'

In New York the other day, one Chas. Herman, a cigar maker, committed suicide on being told, jokingly, that his employer's daughter was in love with him. There was too much joy in the information, and so the poor Teuton went and hanged himself.

AMERICAN SILVER.—The course pursued by the banking institutions of Halifax has operated so successfully that not a dollar of American silver remains in circulation. They simply made a rule that they would take off twenty per cent discount, and receive quarters at twenty cents each. The consequence was, that at once, throughout the city, this became the current valuation and the brokers began to buy up and export the article to the place where it would realize the highest price.

Another lady of Manchester has immortalised herself by recording her vote in a Parliamentary election. In a municipal election, Miss Jessie Goodwin, a strong-minded female in question. Her name being found upon the roll as a citizen of Manchester, her vote was received.

The debt of India is now estimated at one hundred million sterling, or less than two years' income. The interest paid is 4 per cent.

GERMAN IMMIGRATION.—A well-informed American paper notices the fact that for the last two years the German immigration has been twice as numerous as that of the Irish, and while the former is increasing, the latter is diminishing. The emigration of the Germans has been stimulated by the same cause that gave us so large an addition of Americans to our Canadian population a few years ago,—a desire to avoid the political troubles of the country, and a wish to escape the draft for military service.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, January 30, 1868.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	37 75	4 00
Roll Wheat, per bushel.	1 75	1 80
Spring Wheat.	1 55	1 60
Oats	40	0 55
Peas	40	0 70
Barley	40	0 90
Hay, per ton	10 00	12 00
Straw	4 00	5 00
Shingles per square	1 00	1 60
Wood per cord	3 00	3 40
Wood	0 27	0 28
Eggs, per dozen	0 13	0 18
Butter (three), per lb.	0 13	0 18
Geese, each	0 25	0 20
Turkeys do	0 50	0 60
Chickens per pair	0 20	0 28
Ducks do	0 20	0 25
Potatoes	0 40	0 70
Apples per bushel	0 05	2 00
Lamb per lb.	0 05	0 07
Beef	4 50	6 00
Beef, per lb.	0 75	0 80
Pork per 100 lbs.	4 50	5 50
Sheep, each	0 50	0 75
Lamb skins	0 40	0 45
Hides per 100 lbs.	6 00	6 00

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, January 30, 1868.

Gold, 140; Greenbacks, 70 to 75; Sold at 71 to 71 1/2. Silver bought at 44 to 44 1/2; sold at 44 to 44 1/2. Commercial Bank Bills bought at 95 to 96; silver full rate.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

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

MONTREAL, January 30, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 65 to \$7 75; Superfine No. 1, \$7 40 to \$7 55; Welland Canal, \$7 45. Bag flour, \$3 60 to \$3 70. Oats 45 c to 46 c. Barley 80 c to \$1. Butter—dairy 15 c to 18 c; store packed 12 c to 16 c. Ashes—Pots 25 c to 25 50, spears 25 75 to \$3 80.

Flour better demand, and prices a little higher. Grain no change to note. Provisions—Pork unchanged; Hogs neglected; butter no demand. Ashes—pots fair enquiry; spears unchanged.

TORONTO, January 29, 1868.

Flour—Receipts, 600 bbls; No. 1, at 80 c to 81 c. Wheat—\$1 63. Peas—80 c. Oats—57 c to 64 c. Barley—\$1 00 to \$1 04.

HAMILTON, January 29, 1868.

Flour—\$1 47 to \$1 70. Spring do—\$1 55 to \$1 60 per bushel. Barley—\$1 01 to \$1 05. Oats—53 c to 60 c. Peas—75 c to 80 c. Pork—\$5 50 to \$6 25.

ADVANCES.

DRAFTS authorized against Commitments to Montreal and Halifax may be made at the option of Consignors, on either City. Cash advances made on shipments to our Correspondents in Foreign Markets.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.,
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FISH, OILS, &c.
ORDERS for Fish, Oils, or West India Produce carefully and promptly executed.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.,
October 12, 1867.

Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON
AS ON HAND A varied stock of GENERAL
H. GROCERIES for

Christmas & New Year
consisting of Almonds, Brazil Fillets.

NEW FRUIT!

Figs, Dates, Raisins. Lemons at 25c per dozen.

Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel, where you can get the best and cheapest lot of Fancy Goods in Guelph.

MRS. ROBINSON,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Funerals, Funerals!

NATHAN TOVELE, has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual. His Steam Planting Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, shingles, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

NATHAN TOVELE,
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.

MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE,

West Market Square.

JUST received, a large lot of FANCY GOODS, all kinds, suitable for PRESENTS for

Christmas & New Year's

She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

Berlin & Fancy Wools

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery.

MRS. HUNTER,
Guelph, 11th Dec., 1867.

Liverpool & London & Globe

INSURANCE COMPANY

Capital Surplus & Reserved Funds

\$16,271,675.

DIRECTORS IN CANADA:

T. B. ANDERSON, Esq., Chairman, (President Bank of Montreal)

HENRY SPARNES, Esq., Deputy Chairman, (Manager Ontario Bank)

E. H. KING, Esq., (General Manager Bank of Montreal)

HENRY CHAPMAN, Esq., Merchant.

THOMAS CRAMP, Esq., Merchant.

G. F. G. SMITH, Esq., Resident Secretary.

F. A. BALL, Hamilton, Ont. Inspectors.

JAMES SPIER, Montreal.

Fire Insurance & Life Assurance

Policies issued at moderate rates.

This Company offers to Insurers the security of Health, Position, Increasing Revenue and Liberal Management.

G. F. G. SMITH, Resident Secy., Montreal.

THOS. W. SAUNDERS,
Guelph, Oct. 28, 1867.

REMOVAL.

WM. C. TAYLOR
Veterinary Surgeon,

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church.

We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers made to order, also a nice lot of common blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr. Hoover's Livery Office.

We have on hand all kinds of whips, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Sleighery time, a few doors south of the Registry Office.

Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual.

In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present staff of customers.

SMITH & METCALF,

Late occupiers of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block.

Guelph, 26th December, 1867.

Gold & Silver Plating

A. HOWIE & CO.
Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st.,

Watches, Chains, Rings, Penic Cases, and all kinds of Jewellery Plated in Gold.

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

Also, Dyer Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and despatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to.

Hamilton, November 23, 1867.

NATIONAL

Steamship Company.

QUEENSLAND Weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown.

A Steamship of this line, consisting of the Queen, England, Virginia

Erin, Louisiana, and Helvetia, Pennsylvania, and France.

Leaves NEW YORK from Pier 47, North River, every Saturday, and Liverpool on Wednesday of each week, calling at Queenstown each way.

The size of the Steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the Saloon. The accommodation and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

The accommodation for steam passengers are large, and plenty of deck room allowed, whilst the fare is of the best quality, well cooked and ample.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge. Tickets are issued in this country to parties wishing to prepay the passage of their friends from Liverpool or Queenstown (Ireland), for \$35.

For tickets, special berths, and all information, apply to

J. W. MURTON,
General Passage Agent, No. 9, James Street in town of

Hamilton, 28th Nov. 1867.

NEW Oyster Rooms

Valentine Wald

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on McDONNELL STREET.

The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.

The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. H. McDONNELL, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.

TOM and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.

Guelph, 27th December, 1867.

FURS, FURS.

We have opened our stock of FURS, for our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES.

Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, and a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS. GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

F. GARLAND,
Market Square, GUELPH.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867.

Wool, Hide and Leather

DEPOT,
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street,
Guelph, July 31, 1867.

AMERICAN WATCH

THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeit Watches, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the net Gold value of American Currency.

The Company by thus paying all duty, people and charges on their Watches into Canada, will supply to the people of the Dominion the

Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, and quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch.

Our grades of Extra Heavy Cases, Watches for Railway Engineers and Lumbermen deserve particular attention in Canada, as nothing can equal them for the purpose. Our leading Watches in 18 Carat Gold Cases for Ladies, and Private Gentlemen, at medium prices, will also be found very desirable.

We are frequently asked why we don't advertise prices. We reply that as we only supply the trade and as our Watches are now kept by most respectable houses, the public can rely on being served at a fair advance on the Manufacturer's List. Our trade marks are AMERICAN WATCH CO., APPLETON TRACT & CO., WALTHAM WATCH CO., P. S. BARTLETT, WM. ELLERY, HOME WATCH CO. Guaranteed in all cases by special certificate (except the Home Co., which is warranted by the miller. The purchaser should always require the guarantee, as there are Swiss counterfeits for sale in some places.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, New York. General Agents.

ROBERT WILKES, Toronto and Montreal.

D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

December 10th, 1867.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

The Great Clearing Sale of

DRY GOODS!

IS STILL GOING ON AT

WM. STEWART'S,

Guelph, 11th December, 1867.

R. B. MORISON & CO.

Have now determined to dispose of the balance of their Fall and

Winter Stock of Dry Goods

And Ready-made Clothing,

AT COST AND UNDER and are offering GREAT INDUCEMENTS to their customers and the public generally.

Hardware in great variety, Groceries, Fresh Fruits, &c.

a new supply of that excellent 50 cent TEA that has astonished the neighborhood. Just to hand, a supply of Crochery and Glassware.

Morrison, 3rd December, 1867.

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES.

G. & A. HADDEN.

Would invite the special attention of the public to their very large stock of

SEASONABLE DRY GOODS!

Comprising a full assortment of every description of Goods suitable for the Fall and Winter Trade. No old, moth eaten bankrupt stock, but all Fresh New Goods, which they are determined to sell off at such a reduction in price as cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to the purchasers.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

They would call particular notice to a large and choice assortment of Fresh New Season TEAS, consisting of Pingwey, Moyines, Imperial Gunpowder, Japans, Souchong and Congou, which for strength, fragrance and price are not excelled by any house in Guelph. Bright Muscovado and Refined Sugar, Loaf Sugar, Green and Roasted Coffee, Fine Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, New Layer, Valencia and Seedless Raisins, Prime New Figs, Currants, Dates, Almonds, Fillets, &c.

A large stock of choice Wines, Brandies and Liquors, warranted genuine. Crochery, China and Glassware in great variety. Also, a full assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES of the best quality and at the lowest price.

G. & A. HADDEN,
Guelph, 30th December, 1867.

NOTICE.

AS THE Subscribers are going out of the Custom business, all accounts due them must be paid on or before the 15th February, to save costs.

J. & T. DAVIDSON, Woollen Mills.

Guelph, 28th January, 1868.

STRAYED STEER.

CAME on the premises of the subscribers about the 1st October last, a steer rising two years. The owner on proving property and paying expenses may take him away.

JOHN BECHNER,
Lot 20, 6th Concession, Eramosa.

Guelph, 21st January, 1868.