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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 3, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

"Little fear that we should mistake your motive," responded M'Lellan, with calm sarcasm. "We will know that you relinquish them out of good will to them or us, but to save your own young life, but time passes, and we would be gone. Be good enough then to pass the order for the prisoners to move to the front."

"Not so fast," rejoined Allan, "I'm not fool enough to hand them over without stipulating for our own safety. Once you have them on the height, what is to hinder you from using your advantage, and sending us over the precipice?"

"Nothing, if we felt free to do it," answered the other. "But violence and bloodshed are farthest from our thoughts, and once our friends are with us you are as safe, for aught that we will do, as if you were in the streets of Dumfries."

"What guarantee have I of that?" demanded the Captain.
"Our solemn word and promise."
"The promise of rebels?" How could M'Lellan that?

"The promise of men," retorted M'Lellan, "who respect their obligations too much to forsake the Covenant which store them their sworn, though worldly, friends would be their if they did. The name we fear, sir, should be to you sufficient guarantee."

"It must needs suffice when no better is to be had. You scourge them, for yourself and all who are with you, that when the prisoners are in your hands you will molest us no further?"

"We promise that—provided you return by the way you came, and not up the Pass."
"Why not up the Pass?"

"Because a short distance would place you on the open heights, and some of us would pursue us, and some of us would be taken. To prevent this you must go down the Pass, which is, after all, your proper road, for you do not now require to go to Edinburgh."

"You are very slick," said the Captain, biting his lip. "This second demand I will comply with for the same reason as the former—that I cannot help myself while in this cursed place. Jackson, give the order for the prisoners to come to the front."

This order was given, and all obeyed, though not without difficulty, for the prisoners had to dismount with the utmost caution and move slowly forward along the upper side of the path, making one foot sure before the other was lifted. Each trooper as they passed him eyed them anxiously, for he knew that if one of them slipped and fell he would roll among his horses' legs, and send him down likewise. They were glad, therefore, when they got safely past, as the whole six did. Mr. Gordon going first, and Walter last, for his arms were bound. He was too proud to ask the cords to be cut, but being an expert mountaineer, he passed along the slope with a firm and steady foot, and gained the front, where the rest had already preceded him.

"You may thank your friends here for this piece of good fortune," said Charlie to Walter as he went close beside him. "You would escape for the present, but it will not be for long. We shall meet again."

"Possibly we shall, when the power will not be all on your side," rejoined Walter. "And when that time comes, he added, you may be very sure that I will remember the various obligations you have placed me under of late."

"Are you bound Mr. Elliot?" cried M'Lellan, who was looking on from above.
"His arms are bound," exclaimed Mr. Gordon, looking up.
Instantly a long-bladed knife came whirling through the air, and stuck in the soil at their feet. The minister picked it up and set Walter's arms free, when without further delay, they proceeded forward up the Pass to a point where the slope was less steep, and where they could scramble up to join their friends.

Charlie Allan also promptly gave the order for his men to turn, an operation which took both time and care, and while waiting till it was accomplished, the Captain looked up with a scowl in answer to the cheers which the Covenanters gave when their friends were free.

"This day's work will be heavily answered," cried M'Lellan, who had been the rebel in Scotland, will have to rue this rescue at the Enterken Pass."

"Beast not, young man," said M'Lellan calmly. "You and your tyrant masters will be there to go only so far as you are permitted. There is One who holds you in his hand at all times more completely than we do, and you will act against us only if he wills it."

"More rebel cant, eh Jackson?" roared Allan, with a mocking laugh.
"Egad, Captain," replied the sergeant, "we could not have had more of it if we had been at a conventicle. Poor Kennedy! I suppose we must leave him to the ravens." "Trust me, he shall be amply avenged," muttered Allan in reply.

Really, was now the word that came along the line, which had got itself turned so that the rear had become the front.
"Forward—march!" shouted the Captain, and the cavalcade began slowly to retrace its steps down the Pass, and in a short time disappeared in the mist.

By this time Mr Gordon and Walter with the other prisoners had joined their rescuers on the heights, and warmly thanked them for the bold deed which had resulted in their deliverance. But M'Lellan, knowing the importance of prompt action, dispersed his followers, and the Covenanters parted from each other, exchanging fervent wishes for the success of the good cause.

It being out of the question for either Mr. Gordon or Walter to return to Birkenleuch M'Lellan had no difficulty in persuading them to flee with him to Barseob.
Andrew Wain was therefore commissioned to carry tidings of their rescue to Marion, and the faithful fellow having bidden them farewell, shouldered his halib and departed, while the other three turned south to seek shelter in Galloway.

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COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 3, 1868.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	\$3 75	4 00
Fall Wheat per bushel	1 75	1 80
Spring Wheat	1 75	1 80
Oats	0 50	0 60
Peas	0 75	0 78
Barley	0 75	0 78
Hay, per ton	10 00	13 00
Straw	4 00	5 00
Shingles per square	1 00	1 50
Wood per cord	3 00	3 50
Maple sugar	0 25	0 30
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Butter (firkin), per lb.	0 13	0 18
Eggs, each	0 25	0 30
Turkeys do	0 25	0 30
Chickens per pair	0 20	0 28
Ducks do	0 20	0 28
Potatoes	0 20	0 25
Apples per bushel	0 00	2 00
Lamb per lb.	0 06	0 07
Beef	0 10	0 15
Sheep per lb.	0 05	0 07
Pork per 100 lbs.	0 50	0 75
Lamb skins	0 40	0 45
Hides per 100 lbs.	4 00	6 00

Money Market.

GUELPH, February 3, 1868.

Gold, 149 1/2
Greenbacks bid at 70 to 71; sold at 71 to 72.
Silver bought at 44 to 45; sold at 44 to 45.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50 to 52.
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 50 to 52.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co., report by Special Telegram to "Evening Mercury,"
MONTREAL, February 3, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 00 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 45 to \$7 60; Welland Canal, \$7 50. Best flour, \$8 00 to \$8 50. Oats—Fancy, \$1 25 to \$1 40; do, \$1 10 to \$1 25. Barley—Fancy, \$1 10 to \$1 25; do, \$1 00 to \$1 15. Potatoes—Fancy, \$5 00 to \$5 50; do, \$4 50 to \$5 00. Apples—Fancy, \$2 00 to \$2 50; do, \$1 50 to \$2 00. Butter—Fancy, \$15 00 to \$16 00; do, \$14 00 to \$15 00. Eggs—Fancy, \$1 00 to \$1 10; do, \$0 90 to \$1 00.

TORONTO, February 1, 1868.

Flour—Receipts, 100 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 00. Wheat—at \$1 75. Peas—\$2 00. Oats—\$1 00. Barley—\$1 00 to \$1 15.

HAMILTON, February 1, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 70 to \$8 17.75; spring do, \$7 45 to \$7 60. Oats—Fancy, \$1 10 to \$1 25; do, \$1 00 to \$1 15. Potatoes—Fancy, \$5 00 to \$5 50; do, \$4 50 to \$5 00. Apples—Fancy, \$2 00 to \$2 50; do, \$1 50 to \$2 00. Butter—Fancy, \$15 00 to \$16 00; do, \$14 00 to \$15 00. Eggs—Fancy, \$1 00 to \$1 10; do, \$0 90 to \$1 00.

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