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#### The Maiden's Choice OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH.

#### A Tale of the Covenanters.

A Tale of the Oovenanters. The war between the two parties, the Resolutionists and Protesters, waxed so fierce and hot as to divide the Church asunder, and so to weaken it. It was the stricter Covenan-ters who were in the minority, but who made up for their deficiency in numbers by their scal and faithfulness to the Covenant, which the whole mation and the King himself had sworn to adhere to, but which was in danger of being departed from. To heing departed from. Subroad, for the support of Presbyterianism in Scotland in the event of his Restoration, and sent as their emissary in charge of the inter-ests of the Kirk, the minister of Crail—James Sharp—who was defined to become so no-torions. Instead of proving faithful to his runst, he betrayed it, and arranged with Charles and Chrendon that Episcopacy hould be set up in Scotland, and that he archisheng of St. Andrews. Little dreaming of what was being concorted, the Resolution-ist wrought on, against the opposition of the Protesters, for the return of the King and, in combination with the Koyalist in fuence in England, the cause of Charles tri-tume head and for the Protesters, he strict and true blue Covenanters. A terrible blun-fer had been committed. Before Charles was restored the English people exacted from in an indemnity for all hat was past, but wither hy accident or design, no indemnity was granted to the Scotlash people, who were therefore liable to be visited with the rindentic reverse of the King is a sour-pointed of prove in English, describe with the windelt to reverse of spoliation and retaliation is contand.

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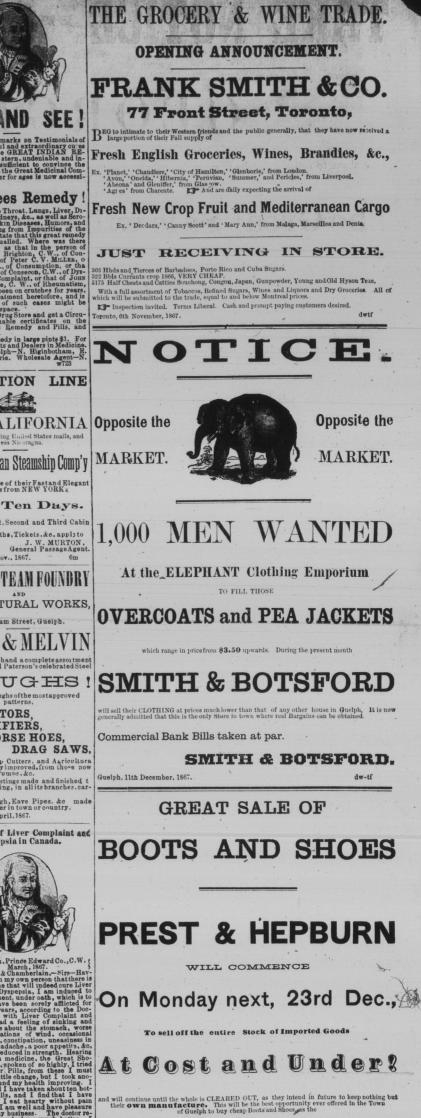
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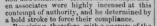
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hop of the diocese before the 20th of Septem-ber. So much for the selt-willed high-handed proceedure of the King and his obsequious tools in the Governmeut. But how did the people feel in relation to the new order of things? Were they tamely acquiescing in and patiently submitting to it? Did they receive it in silence and give no sign of op-position ? Most unquestionably not. Al-armed and indignant voices were raised everywhere in protest, remonstrance and warning. The faithful and conscientions amongst the ministers preached against it from the pulpt. They refuse It obey the order of the Privy Council to attend the meeting held by the bishops, and paid no at tention to the injunction to receive presenta The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs









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