

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Yodetta.

CHAPTER XI.

CASTLE M'LEOD AND THE CHIEF OF THE CLAN  
—DONALD CAMERON VISITS THE CASTLE—  
—HE IS RECOGNIZED—A CRITICAL  
MOMENT—THE SCOTCH YODETTA—  
As yet his eyes had not lighted upon  
the old woman. But, starting violently  
as he heard Flora make the exclamation,  
she walked forward, and, placing herself  
between Cameron and Flora, she ex-  
claimed in a loud and excited voice—  
"Ha, ha! What is this I learn—ah,  
Donald Cameron? This your niece?  
This is the daughter of Helen Cameron,  
and of —oh, Great Power! my speech  
fails me!"

As Cameron saw the old woman step  
before him, and as he recognized her, he  
reeled and staggered as if he would fall.  
But, recovering himself, with a fearful  
imprecation, he sprang forward, and,  
thrusting her aside, cried out—  
"It matters not to you who she is;  
she goes with me. Back, you old bel-  
dame!"

"No, no; Ned, save me!" exclaimed  
Flora, recoiling from him.  
And almost as soon as she had spoken,  
Ned Gordon's form interposed between  
them, and, gazing sternly at Cameron, he  
said—

"Just dinna ye repeat that trick, my  
man. Ye'll no get leave tae shove aboot  
the auld wife that wye as lang as am as-  
side her; an' as for the young miss, she  
may be wye as she likes; but she'll gang  
the deevil a step wi' ye afore ye ken  
better what wye tae use her when ye hae  
her."

"Back, fellow; who are you? This  
girl goes with me; I am her lawful  
guardian." And Cameron made another  
stride towards her.

"I'm just plain Ned Gordon," was  
the undaunted reply; "but if ye come a  
step nearer me, wi' the purpose ye've  
named in view I'll lay ye flat wi' my  
stick; so just mind what a'm sayin' tae  
ye."

The manner of Gordon was so decided,  
and Cameron was in circumstances so  
peculiar, that he knew not how to set;  
and while he stood and hesitated, the old  
woman again advanced towards him, and,  
raising her staff, exclaimed, in her clear,  
shrill voice—

"Ah, Donald Cameron, and ye have  
pushed me aside—ye have, ye have, man;  
—the mother of the man whose name  
is in your ear would make ye tremble  
like the leaf of the aspen-tree. But gra-  
ve, coward, villain that you are, I will  
not titter it. I'll reserve the story for  
ears that will not, when they hear it,  
tremble with guilt, for they will be in-  
terested listeners. I have found them  
now, Donald Cameron; do you know  
who they are? Ah, you redden, your  
lips quiver, and you tremble all over.  
Has your guilt found you out? Are the  
shrieks of conscience tugging at your  
heart? Listen, man—listen to the words  
of the Sibyl, listen to her who sees the  
future, and who knows the paths  
which they that are good and virtuous  
and innocent, and they who are vile and  
wicked, will have to tread. Listen, and I  
will tell you that your career of success  
is nearly run. I will tell you that your  
guilt, your crimes, will, ere many days  
be gone by, find you out. Listen

"Shut your mouth, you cursed hag,"  
shrieked Cameron, suddenly drawing his  
sword, and rushing at the Witch of Ben-  
Lair with the evident intention of striking  
her down.

"Wad ye now, ye blasit vagabone,"  
shouted Ned as he struck up the weapon,  
and, seizing him by the neck, caused  
Cameron to measure his length in the  
court.

"For that you shall suffer, you low-  
land dog," was the hissing threat, as  
Cameron, leaning with passion, rose up  
and prepared to dash at Ned. But the  
arrival of the old Chief of the M'-  
Leods upon the scene at this moment,  
accompanied by his sister—both of whom  
had been attracted by the unusual com-  
motion—changed the aspect of the  
scene.

"What means all this?" cried the  
old man, as he drew his claymore and  
stepped into the midst of the now excited  
company.

"It means neither more nor less than  
this," was the reply of Gordon, "that  
this vagabond wis gain to rin his swirld  
through the auld wife here, an' if he  
threaten' in tae tak' awa' this bit lassie  
against her will, an' I wadna stand by an'  
see him daein' ony o' them."

"What!" exclaimed M'Leod, recog-  
nizing the old woman—"The Witch of  
Ben-Lair. You are welcome here." He  
spoke with a reverential tone, as if he  
held the old Sibyl in awe. "But," he  
continued, "the others are strangers.  
I must have an explanation."  
The Witch of Ben-Lair answered—  
"Did ever M'Leod of M'Leod hear me  
speak falsely?"

"No, never."  
"Then let Donald Cameron mark my  
words! Unless he is without this castle  
gate before two minutes have passed, I  
will speak a secret, which may prevent  
him ever leaving. This is the niece—the  
betrothed of your Hector, who claims  
protection from you. This is a fair  
child, and she is the daughter of an  
enemy of your house—Jan M'Kenzie, one  
of the Caterans of Ben-a-Chruil; and this  
is her brother, whom you will welcome  
heartily when you see him, something  
else of him, he's another. And there,"  
continued the old woman, pointing her  
finger after Cameron, who was now shak-  
ing all almost out of countenance—"There is  
Donald Cameron, the leader of the Cata-  
rens of Ben-a-Chruil!"

To the Municipal Electors of the Town  
of Guelph.

Gentlemen,—I am induced, strictly by  
the solicitations of many friends among  
yourselves, to offer myself to serve you  
in the Town and County Councils during  
the coming year as one of your Deputy  
Reeves. In so doing I will only say  
should you express your confidence by  
electing me I will honestly and faithfully  
endeavour to discharge the duties devolv-  
ing on me, and use the position for no  
other purpose than that of forwarding  
according to my most careful judgment  
the prosperity of the Town.

During the last twelve years I have  
noted with attention the various current  
matters affecting our welfare as a com-  
munity, and I feel therefore somewhat  
prepared to take a share in directing our  
public affairs. It is impossible for me  
to make a personal canvass. If there  
were no other reasons, my business  
engagements forbid it, and you will  
therefore, I trust, not impute its absence  
to neglect or discourtesy.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Respectfully yours,  
CHAR. RATHBON.  
Guelph, Dec. 10, 1879.

MANUFACTURER OF... We will  
now give an account of the...  
by Messrs. The...  
factory of dist...  
in the East...  
sible in Guelph.

GREAT CLEARING SALE  
—AT—  
GEORGE JEFFREY'S, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

The Great Clearing Sale still goes on with unabated success. Upwards of 400 yards of Dress Goods sold every day at 20c and 25c per yard. A good assortment still on hand.

FURS.—The balance of this Stock to be cleared out at cost. Ladies wanting Cheap Furs at unprecedented prices should call at once.  
FANCY GOODS.—Now is the time to secure New Goods suitable for Christmas Presents.  
CLOUDS.—The Largest and Cheapest Lot of Clouds in Guelph, at half price.

JUST ARRIVED:

50 doz. Collars and Ties of the latest styles, to be sold at 25c., usual price 75c.  
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THE GOLDEN LION  
GIVING UP BUSINESS.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.  
Mr. Chance Retiring on account of ill health.

The whole of the Valuable Stock of THE GOLDEN LION  
TO BE SOLD

This Great Sale of Over Ninety Thousand Dollars worth of Dry Goods  
Begins on Saturday first, the 13th of December,

And will continue from day to day until the whole is sold. To economise time during  
the great rush for Bargains, and to facilitate sales as well as show the buyer  
the great reduction made in prices.

ALL GOODS HAVE BEEN MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES,  
From which there is to be no abatement.  
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph, Dec. 10, 1879

THE ROYAL CANADIAN  
INSURANCE COMPANY  
FIRE AND MARINE!

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, - - \$5,000,000

Incorporated by Act of Parliament, having obtained License and made the Government  
Deposits, are prepared to insure all Descriptions of Property against Loss or Damage  
by Fire

AT MODERATE RATES.  
HEAD OFFICE, 160 St. James Street, Montreal.  
DIRECTORS:

Hon. John Young, President; J. P. Sincennes, Vice President; Andrew Robertson,  
John Ostell, J. B. Thibault, W. F. Kay, L. A. Bover, M. P., M. G. Millarby,  
Andrew Wilson, Secretary Treasurer Arthur Gagnon, Manager  
Alfred Perry, Solicitor, J. A. Perkins.

W. J. PATERSON,  
Agent, Guelph.

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John A. McMillan, Insolvent.

The whole of the Estate belonging to the Insolvent is now being sold at a Tremendous  
Discount.

BOOTS AND SHOES  
20 per cent. less than cost.

Intending purchasers will consult their own interests by giving us a call.  
NOTE THE PRICES:  
Men's Cowhide Boots - \$2 00 Women's Pebble Ball - 0 75  
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Country dealers treated liberally.  
WM. McLaren, Assignee.  
Guelph, Sept. 29, 1878.

GEORGETOWN  
ACADEMY

Will reopen after the holidays on the 6th of  
January, 1879.

Who attend it?  
Teachers preparing for a certificate.  
Candidates for Matriculation in Arts,  
Law, and Medicine, and  
Commercial Students,  
Who desire to obtain a knowledge  
Writing, Book-Keeping, Commercial  
Arithmetic, etc.

Classes in Telegraphy, Shorthand, French  
and German.  
Sent for circular.  
JOHN TAIT,  
Georgetown, Dec. 11, 1878.

THE  
Guelph Bakery,

Two doors above the Wellington Hotel.  
W. J. LITTLE

While thanking the public generally for the  
liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon  
him, would respectfully inform them that  
he is still prepared to supply them with all  
kinds of

Biscuits, Pastry, Bride's  
Cakes, Confectionery,  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.  
Bread, plain and fancy, always on  
hand and delivered.  
W. J. LITTLE,  
Guelph, Oct. 17, 1878.

FALL AND WINTER,  
1878-4.  
POWELL'S  
BOOT SHOE STORE

Call and examine my new stock of  
LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS'  
Boots and Shoes,

Which for moderate prices, style and work-  
manship, cannot be surpassed  
in the town.

Particular attention paid to  
Custom Work and Repairing.

West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Nov. 4th, 1878

Being about to leave Guelph to make a house in the Far West, would cordially thank his many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but  
a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold off at such Bargains as will secure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it expedient to call on him, as many of the  
goods will be sold at 20 per cent. below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and the proprietor pledges himself to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next, 1879.  
A special shipment will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having no other stock on hand at Guelph.

MR. G. B. FRASER

W. J. PATERSON,  
Agent, Guelph.

G. B. FRASER

PLUGGERS.  
Just received, a quantity of the celebrated  
Gray Ploughs,

From Scotland, manufactured by Gray &  
Uddingston, near Glasgow.

THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTORIA  
Steel Board Ploughs; also some cheap Car  
Board Ploughs on hand. Price from \$15  
to \$30.

A good assortment of Stoves and Tin  
ware for sale cheap.  
W. REATHER,  
Corner Woolwich-st. and Brant-st. Guelph,  
Guelph, 2nd April, 1878.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT  
E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are making a noise among the Grocers

100 boxes new Valencia Raisins, first of the season;  
75 splendid Ingersol Cheese,  
10 hhdgs of Good Sugar at 13lb. for \$1.  
10 sacks best Mocha Coffee,  
15 sacks of the Finest Java Coffee,  
18 sacks of the best Rio Coffee at 30c.

TEAS FINE AND SWEET

600 Caddies of the Best Dollar Green Tea  
for 80c., in any quantity.  
A few Packages of very fine Black and Japan Tea for  
75cents per lb.

It will pay anybody to look in and see the large variety of Fine Teas and General  
Groceries at  
E. O'DONNELL & CO.

JACKSON & HALLETT,  
Retail Grocers, etc.

Lower Wyndham Street, - - Guelph.

CHOICE NEW SEASON TEAS

Consisting of 100 half chests of Choice Young Hyson, 20 half chests of Fine Gunpowder, 20  
half chests and chests Choice Blacks, 20 half chests Fine Japan Tea.

FRUITS, &c.  
New Raisins, New Currants, Fresh Fancy Biscuits, Choice Smoking Tobacco, Sugar  
broken loaf and ground, Rice, Oatmeal, &c.

ALSO, OUR OWN IMPORTATIONS  
O.G. Hennessy and Martell Brandy, O.G. & F. Cognac, J. & F. Cognac, Hunt's celebrated  
Port, Vergara's Celebrated Sherry, Holland and Tom Glass, Scotch and Irish  
Whiskies, Domestic Whiskey.

Our stock will be found well assorted.  
Teas are sold by us in caddies of 10 or 20 lbs. at ten to fifteen cents less than the  
usual price.  
Our stock is the largest in the Town of Guelph and everything we sell we guarantee  
to give satisfaction or no sale.

JACKSON & HALLETT,  
Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

Fine Brown and Blue Beaver and Melton  
OVERCOATINGS

MADE TO ORDER.  
Also on hand, Readymade

HUDSON'S BAY OVERCOATS  
IN SEVERAL STYLES.

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MERCHANT TAILORS  
Wyndham St., Guelph.

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BLANKETS,  
BLANKETS!

They are made of Fine White Wool, warranted with 20 cotton, and  
ONLY \$5 PER PAIR.

Ladies Wool Mittens in all the plain colors, much warmer and less in price than gloves  
Boys' Grey Wool Hose, Elastic Tops, in all the sizes.  
BASKETS, BASKETS, BASKETS.  
These were bought in Germany by a Dominion Emigration Agent, and will be  
offered by us retail at wholesale prices.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.  
GUELPH, Nov. 21, 1878

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the Great Northwest.  
\$45,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks. Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst.