

The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END—SIRAS ASCERTAINS THE DESTINATION OF CAMERON AND IAN—THE CATERANS OF BEN-A-CHURRI PRISONERS—CAPTAIN WINTERTON JOINS HECTOR IN THE PURSUIT.

"Where they may be at this moment I know not," replied the young man; "but they were all dead yesterday in Gregor McDonald's inn."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Hector, wringing his hands with vexation. "And with in a dozen yards of them and not to know it. Oh, my poor Flora, the fates are against us. But, pray proceed, Siras."

"They were the whole of yesterday in Gregor McDonald's, and, by the merest accident, shortly after I went out here last night I discovered that a party—and one rather suspicious in their movements—were leaving the inn to go eastward. I would have returned to warn you, but I was afraid that if I did so they should escape me. I therefore walked up, Glen Dochart and watched, and before midnight three horsemen came up. One of them was Donald Cameron, and alady sat in the saddle before him; another was Ian McKenzie, and a lady was also clasped in his arms. Both the women seemed to be bound in some way, and they never spoke. Gregor McDonald, the landlord of the inn, was the third horseman. The roads were dangerous and heavy, and they were going so slowly that I thought I might be able to keep them in view if I followed hard. This I did, and before we had reached Achnasheen the moon was almost set. This allowed me to get nearer to them without danger of being discovered, and then I overheard their conversation. From it I learned these things—that their destination was Dingwall, and that their purpose in going there was that they might obtain the services of the Rev. John Fender to conduct the marriage ceremony between Flora and Ian, and between Anne M. Leod and Cameron. They then contemplated an attack upon Castle MLeod with the Caterans and McKenzies, for they are determined to have the life of the young Chief, and Cameron is set upon as being the ruler at MLeod. This was all I could learn, for I judged it better to return and let you know their intentions as early as I could, and that you might be able to follow and balk them."

"We must balk them," exclaimed Hector, excitedly; "they must not be allowed to consummate their villainy; and yet they have got a long start, and will make, we may depend, the best use of it. But to Dingwall we must go at once; we must follow them now to the death."

"Follow them we must and shall," Hector MLeod said to the old woman, quietly but firmly. "But we must needs be rested, and while we are resting here we shall forge still more perfectly the letter with which we shall bind Donald Cameron. And now, Murdoch McDonald, I shall speak to you of what brought me to your hut to-day. Hector MLeod overheard you tell to your son last night of a brutal murder to which you were a witness, and which took place on the north shore of Loch Maree twenty years ago. Nay, start not, my friend; I come not to blame you, but to ask your assistance in bringing the murderer to justice. I think you will give me your aid when I tell you that the murdered man was Henry Douglas, my own son; that Donald Cameron of Droghdairech was the murderer; and that Flora Macgregor, Cameron's niece, was the child of my son. Sufficient proof have we to satisfy ourselves that Cameron did the deed, but the law shall need such evidence as you can give to criminate him. Murdoch McDonald, shall we have your aid?"

Canadian Granges.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir,—In your issue of 12th inst., there appeared a letter under the above title, which calls for a few passing remarks. At the outset let me say that I have no connection whatever with any "Grange," either Yankee or Canadian, but write simply in the interest of the farming community to which I belong. Your correspondent has two serious objections to the Granges. "1st. No such state of things exists here as led to this movement in the United States. Neither small crops, nor high freight tariff, nor exorbitant charges of middlemen and manufacturer's agents." Here, however, he checks himself, and qualifies his assertions with: "No doubt in some instances these things may have happened, but our farmers are not obliged to mortgage their farms to pay running expenses. We do not farm at a dead loss. We have no occasion to organize an opposition to railroads, middlemen, and implement makers, and as this is the main end and object of the 'Grange' movement, it need not be imported into Canada." Now I do not wish to write in the dogmatic style of your correspondent, but I assert, and am prepared to prove it, that a number of farms within ten miles of Guelph have, within the last few years, been mortgaged to pay the running expenses; that many have been farming at a dead loss, and also that no class in Canada receives less for their toil, and capital invested, than farmers. However, they have hitherto, for want of union, been powerless against middlemen, manufacturer's agents, and railroad companies.

Your correspondent is probably not aware that agricultural implements, generally, do not cost to manufacturers more than one-half what the farmers pay for them; the difference going into the pockets of agents, middlemen, pedlars, note shavers &c., who are non-producers, or in other words the drones of society. Now, if through adopting the "Grange" system we could get rid of these vampires, it would surely be a great advantage, both to farmers and manufacturers. Railroad companies, too, where there is an absence of competition have been in the habit of charging exorbitant rates, for local traffic especially.

Your correspondent's second objection seems to me to be rather silly, but it might be obviated by our having Canadian Granges independent of the United States control. Farmers' clubs may be good enough in their own place, but they have been of little use heretofore in the matters above referred to. My own humble opinion is that "Granges" would powerfully assist the farmer in combating existing monopolies, as well as in preventing the formation of others which seem to be looming in the distance. Trusting that some other better qualified may take up the subject and ventilate it, I am,

Yours &c., J. C. S.

March 21st, 1874.

DERHAM BULL.—Mr John Currie, Erasmuss, sold last week a two year old thorough-bred bull to Mr Matthew Sweetnam, for \$150.



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Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods ; 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors ;
2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new ; 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

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Another addition of 1500 pieces of those Good Prints at 12 1/2c. worth 16c.;

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NEW PRINTS

Hoyles & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

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GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

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Ladies American Fancy Shoes, Ladies Goat and Kid Button Boots, Ladies Prunella Button and Lace Boots A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.

Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella. Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes. We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.

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We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual.

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WM. TAWSE & SON.

Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874

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Are putting up to-day

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600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.
95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb.
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Well Made and Fashionably Cut

Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

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Guelph, Mar. 20, 1874.

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- Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb.
Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb.
Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb.
Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb.
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Also, our own importations of genuine Brandies, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

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A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.

His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western his year the only place where they were entered for competition. All goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.