

The Rival Clansmen :

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER V.

THE CATRANS OF BEN-A-SCHUI—CAMERON AND IAN FLOTT MISCHIEF—FLORA ALONE WITH HER

Then he exclaimed—"M'Kenzie, you are right. And when I go personally I can much more effectually plead my own cause. It would be success to a certainty. By heavens, M'Kenzie, in a year from this, I tell you, the feud between the house of your foes and yourself will be at an end. In that time Donald Cameron will be the chieftain of the McLeods, and then it will be for our advantage to heal up the wounds. "Nothing would give me greater delight," responded Ian, "I tell you this, that so much do I hate that constant dread of death which must of a necessity haunt a clansman in the midst of a raging rancorous feud, and so much do I dread the fury of the McLeods in the present weak state of my clan, that, with Hector's death, I would almost sue for peace to-morrow, if I thought the bones of the McKenzies would rest in their graves under it."

"Bah! don't be a boy, M'Kenzie. Let the bones of the McKenzies lie and rot. They'll not harm you. There's no danger on that score, and you do not require to care for any M'Kenzie that either is or ever has been, your father excepted; but you must care for yourself. Keep up the old spirit—at least pretend to do so; you'll find it best in the end. No, no; no suing for peace, Ian. With the prospect that is before us, I think you can afford to keep up the strife until I succeed to the reins of government at Castle McLeod."

"But what do you propose doing with Flora?" "With Flora? I'll have her conveyed to Droghdaire to-morrow night, or the night following. It will be a rare stroke of fortune for both of us, I can tell you, when I am the husband of Anne M'Leod, and you of Flora Macgregor."

"I hope you do not anticipate much difficulty about that Gowanybraes matter. That is the chief object with both of us, remember. Flora is good enough, but the power that Gowanybraes will bring is much better."

"You are right, M'Kenzie, and you need not fear on that score. That day you wed Flora, I will put you in possession of sufficient proof to show that Gowanybraes is hers. As yet, mark ye, she is totally ignorant of that. She has always been led to believe that she was a bastard born, and her deluded mother thought that I knew not of her marriage with Henry Douglass. But there's a secret beyond this which I dare not intrude upon. However, never fear; it is my interest to see you made right, and when that is the case I hope you know me better than have any further fear as to the accomplishment of what I promised."

"I will trust you, Donald Cameron; why I do hope that nothing will occur to upset our plans. I hope you have considered and provided for all contingencies?"

"No, M'Kenzie spoke in an anxious tone. "Have no fear; my steps are well considered." "When do you propose to visit Castle M'Leod?"

"At the earliest possible moment. But first we have some preliminaries to settle with our prisoners. It will be necessary that I should bear a communication from him to his father, of the genuineness of which there can be no doubt; but at the same time couched in such vague general terms as to slightly blind the old chieftain as to the real meaning of the message."

"How do you mean?" "I mean to convey a note from Hector to old McLeod, in which it shall be stated that the former is in my power, making no mention of where he is placed, and that the only means by which he can be liberated is by his father acceding to the proposal I shall make, and that he is anxious that I should be met in a fair and honorable manner. Such a note, do you not see, would cause old M'Leod to fancy that Hector is aware of the terms I am to propose, which is just exactly what I shall take care he is not. I shall endeavor to induce him to believe that money is my object. By this time I do not doubt that he has a strong suspicion as to the real character of those who frequent this place, and that will the more readily cause him to arrive at that conclusion."

"And if you should fail in obtaining that note?" "If I should fail in obtaining it, my next movement is as yet unconsidered; but I have other resources to fall back upon. These need not be considered at present, however, for I have full confidence that the plan I have mentioned to you will be successful."

"For a few minutes they continued to pace the floor without speaking. Then Ian, turning to Cameron said—"I think I will visit Flora alone. Perhaps I may be able to reconcile her to myself. When she is told that I am the suitor whom you have chosen for her, that I love her, and that there can be no possibility of her being united to Hector or M'Leod, then she may soften down a little, and treat with more favor than she has done hitherto. In any case, she must be made to respect me, if not by fair means, at least by foul. I shall go and test her."

"You may do so; and while you are about that I will see what I can do with M'Leod. Come, let us have something accomplished before any of these fellows return."

As he spoke, Cameron took down two lamps that were hanging from the ceiling of the place, and handing one to Ian, and carrying one himself, the two walked forward in the direction of the door. Opening it, they passed through, carefully shutting it behind them. Where they now stood the light from the two lanterns shone through the gloom with sufficient clearness to show they were in a wide vaulted passage, with doors on either side. From a peg over the first door depended a bunch of keys, and these Cameron secured; then they walked forward.

**TO BLACKSMITHS.**—The subscriber will either sell or rent that well-known blacksmith shop and house at Kitchissippi, formerly occupied by himself. A splendid business has been done, and a pushing industrious man would do a first-class country trade. The lot contains 2 1/2 acres of land, and is well stocked with choice fruit trees. Immediate possession can be given. Well watered. A wagon shop adjoins the blacksmith shop, which will also be rented or sold. Also for sale, 2 new lumber wagons, 1 second hand Concord buggy, 1 iron plough, which can be seen on the premises. Terms easy, and may be known by applying to Wm. Stephenson, blacksmith, Guelph, O. 1st

**FAIRM FOR SALE.**—The North part of Lots 13 and 14, in the 4th Concession of Puslinch, comprising 150 acres, 130 in good state of cultivation, balance hardwood and timber. Formerly owned by the late Patrick Doyle. Suitable buildings. The land cannot be surpassed in the Dominion. For further particulars apply to John Harris, Esq., Guelph, or to Michael P. Doyle on the premises. If by letter, address to Guelph, P. O. Box 201. Guelph, October 15, 1873.

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The subscriber has just to hand the Largest stock of Furs ever brought into Guelph, comprising everything new and fashionable in the Trade, and will be **SOLD 20 PER CENT. UNDER FORMER PRICES.**

Ladies wanting Cheap and Good Furs should call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. Also in stock a job lot of Canadian Hosiery 25c and 30c per pair; usual price 45 and 50 cents. As these goods will only last a few days, ladies should call at once and secure some of the above Goods. **GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH** The Cheapest House in the Dominion for Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.

**2 DAY'S BLOCK.**  
Fresh Buckwheat Flour  
NOW IN STOCK:  
Choice Amber and Golden Syrup  
a large lot.  
**J. E. McELDERRY**  
2 DAY'S BLOCK.  
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

**GUELPH CLOTH HALL**  
Our Stock is now fully assorted for the Fall and Winter Trade, comprising all the Newest and Most Stylish Goods in the Country.  
**SHAW & MURTON,**  
MERCHANT TAILORS,  
Wyndham St., Guelph.

**FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS**  
**JAMES MASSIE,**  
Manufacturer of  
**CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,**  
Alma Block, Guelph.  
Invited to participate of the Trade to the Superior Quality of goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the Province.  
OZENGES, all flavors;  
DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;  
GUM and LICORICE DROPS,  
CONVERSATION LOZENGES,  
MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;  
SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,  
FRUIT BISCUITS,  
GINGER NUSS,  
CHEWING GUM,  
ROCK CANDY,  
LICORICE.

**JACKSON & HALLETT,**  
Retail Grocers, etc.,  
Lower Wyndham Street, - - Guelph.  
We have in store Three Hundred and Fifty half chests and chests of

**CHOICE NEW SEASON TEAS**  
Consisting of 100 half chests of Choice Young Hyson, 50 half chests of Fine Gunpowder, 50 half chests and chests Choice Black, 50 half chests Fine Japan Tea.  
**FRUITS, &c.**  
New Raisins, New Currants, Fresh Fancy Biscuits, Choice Smoking Tobaccoes, Sugars broken loaf and ground, Rice, Oatmeal, &c.  
**ALSO, OUR OWN IMPORTATIONS**  
Of Hennessy and Martell Brandy, Ouzard's and Pinet's Brandy, Hunt's celebrated Ports, Verzasas Celebrated Sherries, Holland and Tom Gins, Scotch and Irish Whiskies, Domestic Whisky.  
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, Oct. 11, 1873

**SMOKERS!**  
EACH PLUG OF THE  
**MYRTLE NAVY**  
Weights 1/4 of a pound,  
WHILE THE IMITATIONS  
Only weigh 1/8 of a pound,  
Thus giving you a poorer article and less of it for your money.  
Each genuine plug stamped  
**T & B**  
Hamilton Sept. 16, 1873

Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, I 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 ensure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the Goods will be sold at 15 to 20 per cent. below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No second price will be made. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$50. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next.  
**MR. G. B. FRASER**  
Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the Great Northwest  
\$15,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks. Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
**G. B. FRASER,**

**FRESH STOCK OF**  
**WATCHES,**  
CLOCKS,  
AND  
**JEWELLERY.**  
**R. CRAWFORD,**  
Has just returned from New York with a large and well selected stock of American Watches, &c. which he guarantees.  
Will defy competition as regards lowness in price and quality.  
Examine the goods before purchasing elsewhere.  
**Jobbing done as usual.**  
Store next the Post Office.  
**R. CRAWFORD,**  
Guelph, June 24th, 1873.

**GREAT BARGAINS**  
IN  
**WOOL SHAWLS**  
AT THE CASH STORE.  
**RICH'D CLAYTON**  
Having bought out a wholesale stock of Wool Shawls in Plain and Fancy Stripes and Checks, will offer the whole of his immense stock at  
**25 per cent less than Wholesale Prices.**  
55 Wool Squares in plain and fancy Rob Roy Shepherd Checks for \$2.50, well worth \$3.25;  
Fancy Plaid Shawls for \$3, a decided bargain.  
90 Wool Squares and Longs for \$3.50, which would be cheap at \$4.25.  
Over 750 Wool Shawls to choose from.  
**A LOT OF REVERSIBLE**  
Paisley Squares from \$6.  
LADIES—These Goods can all be seen at  
**THE CASH STORE,**  
Upper Wyndham Street.  
**RICHARD CLAYTON.**  
Guelph, Oct. 27, 1873.

**GUELPH TEA DEPOT**  
For the Best Tea at the Lowest Price.  
**E. O'DONNELL & Co.**  
Has in Stock  
A good Sweet Japan Tea for 25c per lb.  
A splendid Young Hyson Tea for 50c per lb.  
The best Dollar Tea by the caddy 80c per lb.  
A very pleasant flavored Black Tea for 50c per lb.  
The best Black Tea imported for 75c per lb.  
Gunpowder Tea, well worth 75c, for 50c by the caddy.  
People from the Country can have their goods sent to the Station or Hotels and all people of the Town we will send the goods to your houses. Give us a call. We will send you away satisfied.  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
Guelph, Oct. 10, 1873. Wyndham Street Guelph.

**INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.**  
**John A. McMillan, Insolvent.**  
The whole of the Estate belonging to the Insolvent is now being sold at a Tremendous Sacrifice.  
**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  
Boys' Cowhide Boots - 1 50 | Women's Prunella Ball - 0 75  
Country dealers treated liberally.  
**WM. McLaren, Assignee.**  
Guelph, Sept. 29, 1873.

**NEW GOODS TO-DAY.**  
**Fancy Hosiery,**  
**Black Silk Velvets,** low priced  
**Shepherd Wineys,**  
**Hop Sackings,**  
**Burlaps,**  
**Rear Duck.**  
**JOHN MACDONALD & CO.,**  
**TORONTO.**

**POCKET BOOK LOST.**  
Lost on Saturday last, the 12th inst., near the Grand Trunk Railway Station, in Rockwood, a large, black leather pocket book, containing three notes of hand, one drawn by Charles Stovel, Walkerton, for \$200, in favor of John Hewer, Guelph, and endorsed by him, the 21st day of December, 1873; one drawn by Joseph Hunter, Pickering, for \$45—\$15 endorsed thereon in favor of John Hewer, Guelph, and endorsed by him, the 19th January, 1874; and one drawn by T. M. Davy, of Stratford, for \$100—\$50 endorsed thereon in favor of Robert Cameron, past due. A number of other papers, of no use to any person but the owner, were also in the book. The payment of all these notes of hand has been stopped, and the public are hereby cautioned against purchasing them.  
Any person returning the pocket book and contents to John Hewer, Guelph, (opposite Western Hotel), or to the owner, at Rockwood, will be handsomely rewarded.  
Nov. 15th, 1873. ROBERT CAMERON. wit-daw