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WEDNESDAY EV'G, JAN'Y 15, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

-OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRRENCLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

'Married!' cried the baronet, more indignantly astonished than ever. 'Confoond it, sir, dae ye tell me that ye are married, and ne'er asked me tae the waddin'? Is that the kind o' treatment that I should hae frae yer father's son?'

'Could not help it, Sir Gilbert. It was a midnight ceremony, and we had no time to invite our friends.'

'Midnight! Married at midnight! and what was that for? Speak plainly, ye young rascal. I am never sae angerit as when I hae tae read riddles.'

'Excuse me, Sir Gilbert,' cried Charlie, breaking in here upon the conversation. 'We cannot be longer delayed on the road. I must move forward with my prisoners.'

'Prisoners!' echoed the baronet, in indescribable astonishment. 'Puddin's and painches, Captain! what dae ye mean by prisoners? It's never possible that Maister Elliot o' Birkencleuch is your prisoner?'

'Even so, Sir Gilbert. He has broken the law, and my duty is to convey him where he shall answer for it to the proper authorities.'

'What has he dune? Nae doot its oot o' a rule tae get married at midnicht, and cheat his friends o' the waddin' feast. But I ken nae law he has broken by daein' sae.'

'He has given shelter to an outlawed rebel who has a price on his head—that precious parson M'Kail, who called the Archbishop Judas. He helped him to escape out of my hand when I had nearly caught him on the moor last night.'

The baronet turned his wondering eyes from the speaker, and sought Walter's face.

'A story generally has got two versions, Sir Gilbert,' observed the latter quietly. 'When you know the truth, the matter will appear in no favourable light for Captain Allan. This is neither the time nor the place to tell it; but, granting it to be even as he says, it cannot authorise or justify this outrage.'

'It's monstrous, Captain! clean monstrous!' exclaimed the Baronet. 'If ye had ony complaint tae mak' against the Laird o' Birkencleuch he was at hame tae answer it. But tae gang wi' yer sodgers and drag him awa'—him and this young leddy—as if they were thieves or highway robbers, is an act eneuch tae cost ye yer Captain's commission. It's a mercy for you that I happened to come across ye here. I'll use my guid offices wi' Maister Elliot tae persuade him tae look owre yer grave offence; but had the thing gaen muckle further, ye wad tae hae ta'en the consequences.'

'Sir Gilbert Barton. I am responsible to no one but my commanding officer for what I do,' said Charlie in a sulky tone. 'You will, therefore, be good enough to stand out of the way and interfere with me no further in the execution of my duty. Forward.'

'Captain Allan, are ye in yer senses?' exclaimed the Baronet. 'Will ye really persist in this outrage—this unheard of violence? I'm no a'thegether blind, sir; I hae some notion o' yer meanin' for it. I ha'e heard yer name coupled wi' Marion Gordon's, and wadna wonder a bit but what ye ca' duty is naething mair nor less than a bit o' private revenge. But tak' care, sir; the Laird o' Birkencleuch is no tae be insulted wi' impunity. Tak' my advice, as the advice o' yer best friend, an' dinna let this foolish act o' your's gang ony farther.'

'Sorry I can't oblige Sir Gilbert Barton in this matter,' replied Charlie, with a sneer, 'I would not have expected that such a well-known friend of the Government would have countenanced rebellion.'

'Rebellion! Stuff and nonsense. Watty Elliot is nae rebel.'

'He is a rebel,' continued Allan, 'who has been this morning, at the instance of Mr. Briar, fined five hundred merks for non-attendance at the parish church.

'Has Briar really done that?'

'At Captain Allan's suggestion, I believe,' observed Elliot.

'Aha! That's the way o't is it, It's ill the pairt o' a king's officer tae ferret oot rebellion and then cry shoo tae it. For shame, Captain.'

'Sir Gilbert, this interference is intolerable,' cried Charlie, in a rage. I am not to hold discussion with you or any one about the execution of my military duty. This is an example for the men sufficient to set them into mutiny. Hy heaven, I swear to carry the prisoners before Sir James Turner though ten baronets remonstrated against it.'

'Then, sir, I'll see that Sir James Turner kens the richt way o' the maitter,' bawled the indignant baronet after Allan, as he rode rapidly away, after giving an impatient and imperative order for the troop to advance. 'I'll see ye richtit, Watty lad. Oddsake, puddin's and painches, I'll see ye richtit.'

Walter bowed his acknowledgment of the baronet's friendly promise, and the next moment a turn of the road swept the cavalcade out of sight.

No sooner had it disappeared, than Sir Gilbert put the spur into the glossy side of his black horse, which at the sharp prick, vaulted with him over the hedge, and carried him across the field at its utmost speed.—Several other fields were traversed at the same rapid rate, then the rider emerged on the moor, which extended northward towards the brown and purple hills.

He rode without slacking rein for about two miles over the trackless expanse, when topping an eminence, he came in view of a group of huntsmen collected in a hollow, and as he cantered towards them he saw, by their blowing horses, that they had finished the run.

They raised a cheer at his appearance, and as he approached were loud in their exclamations, each demanding why he was so late, and informing him of the splendid run they had just had.

'It is a rare thing to find Sir Gilbert Barton too late for the hunt,' exclaimed an elderly red-faced man, whose dress denoted him to be a military officer of high rank. 'Here have I, an older man by some years, ridden from Dumfries this morning, and was among the first at the meet, while Sir Gilbert Barton, reported to be the keenest sportsman in Nithsdale, has not been able to make out a few miles across the country. Really, Sir Gilbert, your laurels will fade if the gentlemen of the hunt catch you napping thus.

'I cry yer mercy, Sir James,' responded the baronet, after indulging in his unfailing phrase 'Oddsake puddin's and painches.'—'This is the first time in a' my life that I hae been ower late at the meet, and the reason was a confounded accident that set me swearin' at the time, but for which I am devilish glad noo. since it brocht the acquaint wi' a piece o' fine work dune by a Captain o' yours Sir James, that does nae credit either tae him nor you, and wunna help tae lessen the disaffection o' the district that ye hae been sent tae pit doon.'

To whom or what do you refer, Sir Gilbert?' asked Sir James Turner—for it was he—while the rest of the group gathered round, full of interest and curiosity, at seeing the baronet, who was a favourite with them all in such a heat.

'I refer to Captain Allan, that's quartered at Sanquhar,' returned Sir Gilbert.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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NASSAGAWEYA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above Society was held at Mr Lyons' hotel, Haltonville, on Saturday, the 11th instant. Messrs S. R. Lister, and P. D. Scott were appointed Auditors. Their report was afterwards received and adopted. The following gentlemen were appointed as office-bearers for the current year: President, Thos. Elliott, Esq.; Vice-President, Nicholas Norrish, Esq.; Secretary, John Kean, Esq. A vote of thanks was tendered to Allan Ramsay, Esq., the retiring President, and to the Secretary for the able manner in which they had conducted the business of the society. The sum of $5 was voted to the latter as travelling expenses. Directors were appointed as follows: Messrs P. D. Scott, J. Cargill, T. E. Donovan, M. Lyons, C. Moffatt, Josiah Kean, Wm Reed, W. Burrows, — Hopkinson; also the President and Vice-President. It was moved that all sheep to be exhibited at the township show, be not shorn earlier than the first of April. Moved in amendment, that all sheep to be exhibited be shorn not earlier than the 1st of May. The amendment carried.—The next meeting will be held at Spiers' hotel, on the second Saturday of April, at 2 p. m. The financial statement for the past year shows that the total amount received was $365.41½, and the expenditure $308.36, leaving a balance on hand of $57 05½.

OIL REFINERY BURNED.—The oil refinery of Parsons Bro., Toronto, was burned yesterday morning. The building together with 150 barrels of refined oil were consumed.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
January 15, 1868.

The market is lively. Fall wheat is offered in much larger quantities than it has been at any previous period during the Fall or Winter. The deliveries of Spring wheat have also increased very largely. Prices have gone up considerably since last week, but there seems to be an inclination on the part of buyers to get them down again. It is easy at $1.60, and may soon be lower. The receipts of barley are much lighter than they were last week, with little or no alteration of prices. Oats are delivered in very small quantities, and are somewhat higher. Good samples command a ready sale at 51c. Peas are also sparingly brought in; they have slightly advanced since last week. The quantity of pork brought to market is really surprising. There is no difference in the price since last week, a rare load only going beyond $6.50. The demand is yet good, but there seems to be no desire on the part of buyers to push the price much higher.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	$3 75	"	4 00
Fall Wheat per bushel,	1 75	"	1 80
Spring Wheat	1 55	"	1 60
Oats do	0 48	"	0 51
Peas do	0 66	"	0 70
Barley do	0 90	"	1 00
Hay, per ton	9 00	"	11 00
Straw	4 00	"	5 00
Shingles per square	1 00	"	1 50
Wood per cord	3 00	"	3 50
Wool	0 27	"	0 30
Eggs, per dozen	0 14	"	0 15
Butter (firkin), per lb	0 16	"	0 10
Geese, each	0 25	"	0 39
Turkeys do	0 50	"	0 68
Chickens per pair	0 20	"	0 25
Ducks do	0 20	"	0 30
Potatoes	0 50	"	0 60
Apples per brls.	0 00	"	2 00
Lamb per lb	0 06	"	0 07
Beef	4 50	"	6 00
Beef, per lb	0 05	"	0 00
Pork per 100 lbs	5 00	"	5 50
Sheep Pelts each	0 30	"	0 60
Lamb skins	0 40	"	0 45
Hides per 100 lbs	5 00	"	6 00

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,
Guelph, January 15, 1868.

Gold, 138¾.
Greenbacks bought at 70 to 71; Sold at to 70.
Silver bought at 4½ to 5c dis.; sold at 6½c to 4.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c. to 55c.
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 90c to 95c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.')

MONTREAL, January 15, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, $7 60 to $7 75; Superfine No. 1, $7 50 to $7 65; Welland Canal, $7-55. Bag flour, $3 60 to $3 70. Oats 45 c to 46c. Barley 90c to 95c. Butter—dairy 16c to 19c; store packed 14c to 16c. Ashes—Pots $5 40 to $5 42. pearls $5 90 $5 90.

Flour receipts 1,500 brls., very trifling demand, rates nominally unchanged. Grain no sales, rates unchanged. Provisons—pork steady; Hogs fair market demand at former rates; Butter no wholesale demand. Ashes dull at former rates.

Owen Sound Market.

Fall wheat—$1 56. Spring wheat—$1 42. Oats—47c to 48c. Peas—60c. Barley—60c to 70c. Pork per cwt.—$4 00 to $5 40. Potatoes—30c to 40c. Hay per ton $14.

TORONTO, January 14, 1868

Flour— Receipts, 000 brls; No. 1, at $7 15.—Wheat—at $1 60. Peas—72c. Oats—50c to 54c. Barley—$1 00 to $1 04.

HAMILTON, January 14, 1868.

Fall wheat,—$1 55 @ $1 65. spring do—$1 50 @ $1 55 per bushel. Barley—95 @ $1 00. Oats —53c to 55c Peas- 75c @ 80c.

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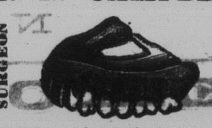

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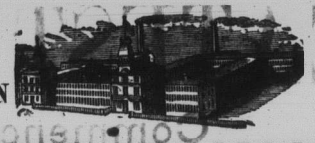

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BOYS' KNICKERBOCKER HOSE,
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