

The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, WHICH INDICATES THE RESULTS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM IT—NEW DANGERS AHEAD.

Ian's mind now gloated over the prospect which his fancy painted before him. Here he had unexpectedly come upon an ally whom an hour before he had not dreamt of, and one who, feeling strongly, would act firmly and decisively. He felt as if he almost held Flora Macgregor in his grasp again, and with Flora Macgregor the broad acres Gowany Braes. How his covetous, selfish heart gloated over these thoughts, and fevered and excited as he was by the drink he had imbibed, and by the more hellish intoxication of incontinent desire and revengeful ambition, he would have at the moment rushed forth in quest of his rival had not the more prudent and cautious Gregor detained him.

"By my claymore, Hector M'Leod!" he exclaimed, dashing his hand upon the table, "yours shall be but a short-lived pleasure—the pleasure of him who raises the goblet to his lips only to have it dashed to the ground and his contents spilt, while death seizes on his frame before he can again stretch forth his hand: There are now three desperate men against you, and the clan of M'Kenzie and the Caterans of Ben-a-Churi are panting to sheath their weapons in the bodies of your kinsmen. Rest quietly, my father. Your son shall keep his vow; he shall rest not until he sees Hector M'Leod stretched lifeless before him and even then he shall rest not, but only pause to nerve himself and wait his weapon for the fray."

Gregor was on the point of saying something more, when a knock on the outside door caused both to start to their feet. "That is the alarm that caused them to rise they were quickly reassured by hearing the familiar tones of Donald Cameron's voice as he inquired of the servant girl who had run to the door whether she had seen anything of Ian M'Kenzie."

"Ha!" exclaimed Ian, springing to his feet and rushing to open the door, "it is Cameron. I am here, and ready to see you."

"It is well," cried Cameron, as he recognized Ian's voice; "it is well that I did not require to return to Droghdaire without meeting you."

"And you are the very man, of all others, I wanted to see and speak with," replied Ian.

"Ay, something indeed requires to be said," said Cameron, gravely.

But he had now entered the room, where he was met by Gregor, who had also risen to meet him. He turned quickly to Ian, and exclaimed—

"I must see you alone, M'Kenzie."

A glance passed between the landlord and Ian, and the latter, shutting the door, said quietly—

"If Donald wishes to speak of the recovery of his niece or of breaking his vengeance upon young M'Leod, he speaks in the presence of those who will assist him. Gregor M'Donald is our friend, and was my father's friend, and is besides the sworn and the secret enemy of the M'Leods."

"Ha! by my claymore, does he speak truly?" said Cameron, with eager haste, to Gregor, as he heard the words.

"He does speak truly," was the landlord's reply.

"Then sit ye down, men," continued Cameron, "for it is indeed of the M'Leods I have to speak. And our speaking must be followed by acting. By the sky above me, Donald Cameron has borne too much, but—," and he clutched the hilt of his claymore with an eager, nervous grasp.

"We are agreed," exclaimed Ian, while a general approval escaped the landlord.

"Then let us consider," continued Cameron, "how we are to act. It must be sudden and decisive. I swear that in forty-eight hours from this Flora Macgregor must be either at, or on her way to Droghdaire, and I swear more—that Hector M'Leod's corpse shall ere then be ready for the crows to feed upon."

Senator Campbell lately had an almost miraculous escape, a sleeping car in which he was traveling being set on fire and completely smoked. A false report of his death first caused a considerable excitement in New York.

Breakfast—Eggs & Cocoa.—Gelatine and Cornstarch.—"It is through an acquaintance of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion, and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Biss has prepared our breakfast table with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save to many heavy drinkers of coffee the evil effects of that stimulant, and which may be substituted for water or milk. Each packet is labelled—'James Biss & Co., Homeopathic Chemists, London.'"

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE. The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the following property, viz:—

First—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Beauséjour, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about the one acre is cleared and under fence, with a good stack of hay, and on it, on the premises, a good sized Frame Dwelling House, with good cellar, cistern, and well, with range of excellent water. Also, a Frame Barn, with eighteen lock posts, and a very good stable, and a never failing spring in the barn-yard for the supply of water to the stock. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.

Also—Lot 11, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, one mile from Beauséjour Station, in the Township of Argenteuil. There are about 10 acres cleared, and fenced on this lot, with a good new Log House.

The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indispensible water—the last two being direct runs from the river.

Possession given the 1st February. For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor.

JOHN KAY, Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. J.W.S.W.

TENDERS WANTED.—For building a school teacher's residence in School Section No. 14, Front-st. The building to be frame, with stone foundation and cellar. Plans and specifications to be seen on and after the 15th of February, at the house of Mr. James McLaren, 111 St. John, and after that date at the house of Mr. Duncan MacFarlane. Tenders will be received at the school house till two o'clock on the 21st inst. Tenders will also be taken at the same time for forming the ground round the teacher's residence, and for building a stable. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

DUNCAN MACFARLANE, JAMES MCLAREN, DUNCAN GILCHRIST, Feb. 4, 1874. Trustees.

GREAT MAMMOTH SALE GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH, Offers the Balance of his Stock of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods at an Immense Reduction! Previous to Stock-taking. Everything must be Cleared Out before the 1st of March. Remnants of Table Linens, Remnants of Prints, Remnants of Sheetings, Remnants of Towellings, Remnants of White Cottons, TO BE RUSHED OFF AT ANY PRICE. FURS This is the last chance for Cheap Furs, as the balance must be disposed of regardless of cost. A few of these Cheap Dress Goods still on hand, but going fast. Remember this is the Great Remnant Sale of the Season. Parties looking for bargains should call at once. FURS GUELPH, JAN. 17th, 1874. GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

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 hhds of Good Sugar at 13lb. for \$1, 15 sacks best Mocha Coffee, 15 sacks of the Finest Java Coffee, 18 sacks of the best Rio Coffee at 30c.

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12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1. CHOICE IMPERIAL New Crop Teas 50c. J. E. McELDERRY 2 DAY'S BLOCK, THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO. Elephant Clothing Store. OVERCOATS In all Shades and Prices Undercoats, Pants and Vests. Our Stock of Men's and Boys' Underwear excels anything yet seen. ALL STYLES IN HATS AND CAPS. Low Prices. Come and See Us. C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, December 17, 1873.

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS JAMES MASSIE, Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS, Alma Block, Guelph. Invites the attention 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.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars. His Cigars took the first prize over all others at the London Western, and are the only place where they were entered for competition. All goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. A LARGE STOCK OF MEN'S Felt OVERSHOES -AT- \$1.25 PER PAIR. Call early, as they are going fast. W. D. Hepburn & Co. Corner Wyndham Street and St. George's Square, GUELPH.

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. MR. G. B. FRASER, Wyndham Street, Guelph. G. B. FRASER, G. B. FRASER.

ERB'S Celebrated Fall Wheat FLOUR FOR BREAD and PASTRY. ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS. Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town. Do not forget the stand. Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite Alma Block, Wyndham St., Guelph. ROBERTSON BROS., Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873.

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DRY GOODS "HAS RESOLVED" On and after Saturday, the 3rd of January, 1874, TO OFFER FOR ONE MONTH HIS ENTIRE STOCK REGARDLESS OF COST

THE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT AT THE LOWEST CAS. PRICES, AND IT WILL WELL REPAY ANY ONE TO SEE OUR GOODS BEFORE PURCHASING. NOTE THE FOLLOWING LINES: Good Factory Cotton for 9 cents; Good Bleached Cotton for 8 cents; Horrockses Cotton for 10 cents. See them Scarlet Flannel for 23 cents. White Flannel for 25 cents. Shirting Flannels, good patterns, for 26 cents a yard, well worth 45 cents. Winceys for 9c, rare value.

Dress Goods in Endless Variety at any price. MANTLES AND SHAWLS WILL BE SOLD TO SUIT EVERY ONE. BLANKETS, LACE CURTAINS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, SHEETINGS, WINDOW HOLLANDS, CLOUBS, CROSSOVERS, &c. &c. &c. Ladies, the above Goods can all be seen by calling at THE CASH STORE, Upper Wyndham Street. No goods advertised but can be seen. Give us a call. RICHARD CLAYTON, Guelph, Jan. 3, 1874. UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

JACKSON & HALLETT, IMPORTERS, Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc. New Fruits, Teas, Coffees Etc., Crop 1873, comprising New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc. TEAS, TEAS. 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. Choice Fresh Black Tea at 50 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Tea at 75 cents per lb. Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb. Reduction to parties taking a box. Also, our own importations of genuine Brandy, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail. JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph. Guelph, 1873. dwtm