

To Business Men.

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The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXV.
TROUBLED DREAMS—AN OLD FRIEND CAUSES CONFESSION—A STRUGGLE—THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

It was scarcely five o'clock in the afternoon, and both were sitting at a window which commanded a view for some distance of the approach from Dingwall to the Castle, when Cameron, who had been looking through the window, suddenly exclaimed—
"Here is Fender coming. M'Kenzie; but what can be up? Who are those with him?"

Ian, too, had looked out, and saw to his astonishment that Fender was really approaching, but in the company of other two men, and not alone as was anticipated.
"I know not who they are," he gasped.
"I—I hope it means no danger."
Cameron made no reply, but continued to gaze through the window with a dark scowling look, although there was an unusual whiteness about his lips and a trembling of his limbs. Ian was also much excited.

The two men who accompanied Fender walked, one on each side, of him; the younger and taller on the right, while the other walked on his left. Both were muffled up to the eyes in plaids, so that their faces could not be seen. The young man was tall and stalwart in appearance while the other was an old white-headed feeble-looking man, who walked with considerable effort, and leaned heavily upon his stick.

Suddenly Cameron sprang to his feet as he exclaimed—
"I care not who they are. Fender would not have brought them had they been enemies, and I shall go and give them admittance."

As he spoke he strode out of the room. Ian watched the strangers intently until they had arrived at the entrance, at which Cameron now stood to receive them in an excited manner, his face pale and bloodless, and his legs shaking under him, as he clenched his hands and groaned out in terror-stricken accents—
"My God! it is—it is—"

But he appeared unable to articulate more, and at once sank back upon his seat, where he sat with distended eyeballs gazing at the room-door at which the new-comers were now entering, followed by Cameron. When the young stranger observed him he started violently, and an exclamation escaped his lips. Then flinging his plaid from off his shoulders, and folding his arms across his broad chest, he stood revealed to the two astonished villains as none other than our old friend, Ned Gordon!

M'Kenzie shrank back, and stretching his hands in wildest terror towards Gordon, exclaimed beseechingly to Cameron—
"Tell me, tell me is it a horrid apparition? or is he alive?"

Cameron seemed too much surprised to be able to answer, nor had he need, for, in a voice of thunder, Gordon stepping backwards, until both villains were before him, exclaimed—
"Nana, Ian M'Kenzie; it's nae ghaist, but a livin', thinkin', feedin' man, wi' a heavy score against you to wipe out."

The consternation which took possession of Cameron and Ian was beyond all description. Here was the very man they had considered as dead, and powerless to interfere with them more, alive, and standing before them, his words and gestures showing that interference, and interference of no ordinary nature, might be expected from him. And their surprise was added to in no small degree by the circumstances under which he had appeared. How was he alive, when they had been assured by those who had been sent to kill him that he was dead? How had he dared to venture within the walls of Droghdaire? and how did it happen that he was in the company of Fender? were the questions that rose to their minds. Surely Fender had not turned traitor? And who was the old man, their companion?

But Gordon, who had observed their confusion, after a pause, continued—
"I suppose, Ian M'Kenzie, after the means ye took to ensure my death ye expectit tae be me maist troubled wi' my bodily presence, whether ye waur wi' my spiritual or no. Ye base, murderin' villain, ye feared oor next meetin', an' thoct nae ill o' dacin' murder tae prevent it. Ye suld choose safer men tae dae yer bluidy deeds, an' no send drunken babbles, who let the cat out o' the bag tae the first ane who offers them a dram. But we've met again, Ian M'Kenzie, an' I promised ye that we suldna dae sae for naething. I hae proofs aneuch o' yer villainy that wad rob ye o' a dozen o' lives wa ye possess o' as mony; an' noo mind my words, justice and retribution 'ill venge ye. Mr. Blaikie, let yersel' be kent tae the false-hearted scoundrel."

As he spoke he turned to the old man, who also now undid the wrappings from his body and calmly confronted Ian.

FARM FOR SALE—100 acres, being lot 36, con. 8, Puslinch, 80 in a good state of cultivation, remainder in bush, good frame buildings, with both hard and soft water, good orchard of large fruit trees, 15 acres of fall wheat in the ground, 30 acres fall ploughing done. The farm is one lot from the Brock Road. Will be sold cheap and on reasonable terms. Apply to James Makelton on the premises, or by letter post paid, to Puslinch P.O. [21-wt]

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VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE IN PILKINGTON—The Executors of the Estate of the late Patrick O'Brien offer for sale a valuable farm of 100 acres, on Lot 14, 1st con. Pilkington. The farm is situated about half way between Elora and Guelph, 90 acres are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation. There are a frame dwelling house and barn on the premises, also a good orchard. For particulars, apply to Patrick Neagle or John Murphy, Executors, Guelph.

MILL PRIVILEGE FOR SALE—The undersigned offers for sale a first-class mill privilege, capable of driving any ordinary machinery. Situated within one mile of the thriving village of McKellar Falls. The above is a splendid opening for a grist mill, as there is none within seven miles in any direction. For particulars apply to David Patterson, Reesor P.O., Parry Sound District, Ont. Feb. 4, 1874. [23-wt]

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GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

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

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| 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.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

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GREAT ATTRACTION!



Leading House in Ontario

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The new method of Importing. Each Steamer from Britain brings us New Goods at Prices Unprecedentedly Low,

The Best Value and Largest Assortment, and why? Because we have adopted the only genuine mode of receiving Goods from France and Britain, by appointing a resident buyer of over 40 years experience in the Home Market, in the person of Mr. D. Williamson, merchant, Glasgow, who will in our interest visit France twice a year, the English Markets monthly, and the Glasgow Houses daily, if need be, so that every weekly steamer from the East will bring us the Latest Goods, large arrivals of New Shawls, Mantles, Dress Goods, Ribbons, Flowers, and Laces.

Another addition of 1,000 pieces of those Good Prints at 12²c. worth 16c.;

105 pieces Best Grenadine at 12²c. worth 25c ; 279 pieces Fig L. in the newest shades for Easter dresses 25c. worth 37²c. New Checks, Pompadour Robes including trimmings at \$2 a robe, worth \$3. New Skirts, Printed Lawn, 75c a full dress, worth \$1.50. New Laces, New Hose, all of which is stunning value. THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is rapidly filling up, and having engaged a first-class Milliner from the city, we will execute all orders entrusted to our care in the most fashionable style.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. D. WILLIAMSON.

Dominion Boot and Shoe Store

NEW SPRING GOODS

Men's American Sporting Boots,
Men's Rubber Boots,
Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear

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.

Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.

WM. TAWSE & SON.

Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874.

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GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are putting up to-day

320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb.
600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c. per lb.
95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c. per lb.
120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c. for 50c.
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10 hogsheads of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1.
50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.

A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

Co-Operative Store.

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Horrocks Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS

Hoyle's and Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12² 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.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874

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 at a very low price, as will also his household goods, as he will leave Guelph in a few days. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next.

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RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
No. 1, Foot Power,
No. 2, for heavy work.
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

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SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK

Is now fully assorted in every department.

CLOTHS,
HATS AND CAPS,
GENTS' FURNISHINGS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.

Shaw & Murton,

MERCHANT TAILORS.

GUELPH, March 21, 1874

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Manufacturer of

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,

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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.

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 NUTS,
CHEWING GUM,
ROCK CANDY,
LICORICE.

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.

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New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

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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.
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Reduction to parties taking a box.

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