

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARRISTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair.
 BOWEN—Saturday before Guelph.
 DRAYTON—The Saturday before Guelph.
 ELORA—The day before Guelph.
 DUNDAS—Monday before Elora fair.
 GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month.
 CLIFTON—Thursday before the Guelph fair.
 TAYBURN—Friday before the Guelph fair.
 NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday in each month.
 BELLEVILLE—First Thursday in each month.
 ELMIRA—Second Monday in each month.
 WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in each month.
 MOUNT PLEASANT—Third Wednesday in each month.
 HANOVER—Monday before Durham.
 PENNINGTON—Tuesday before Mount Forest.
 FERRIS—Thursday following Mount Forest.
 ORANORVILLE—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.
 MONSIEUR—Third Wednesday in January, April, July, and October.
 ERIN—First Monday in January, April, July, and October.
 MASSEVILLE—First Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.
 BAYBURN—First Thursday in each month.
 LINTWORTH—First Friday in each month.
 HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.
 MOOREFIELD—Monday before Guelph.
 HAMILTON—Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

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MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 20, 1873.

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER IV.
 HECTOR AND FLORA PRISONERS—THE WITCH OF BEN LAIR—A DARK PROSPECT.

The new comer was a tall, swarthy-looking man, with a dark and scarred face, and a wicked, baleful light shot from his eyes. He was a man considerably beyond the middle age, of great proportions and strength, and was dressed in a rich tartan suit, mounted in such a way as to indicate that he was a man of some position and wealth. He was fully armed with claymore, skhein-diu, and dirk.

Still glaring fiercely at Hector, he advanced into the room. Then halting, he glanced around, and his gaze fell upon Flora.

"So," he exclaimed, "I have succeeded in tracing you."

"What right, sir, have you to intrude yourself here in this manner?" demanded Hector, calmly, but with a show of indignation.

"Do you require to ask?" said the other, struggling with his passion. "Does not my presence send terror into your guilty heart? Does not my niece sit there, and have you not, by your smooth, false, lying tongue, induced her to flee with you? Perhaps you have done more—perhaps you have already wrought her ruin. Your face reddens, and I openly charge you with what I have suggested."

"Donald Cameron, you have called me a liar; you have accused me of working the ruin of Flora-Macgregor. What ever you might say about me I might bear with sufficient composure to be enabled to restrain my hand; but by the words you have now uttered you attempt to stain the spotless character of one who is more dear to me than I hold myself, and such language repeated I may not bear. Donald Cameron, beware! If you are desirous of injuring me to strike you—doughty chieftain though you be—to the earth, you have well nigh succeeded. My face reddens not with guilt, but with honest indignation."

"You, you base son of a thieving M'Leod—you would dare speak of striking me down. Think not that I shall not give you a chance to strike me. I left home with the intention of chastising you for what your presumption had led you to do, and when I have found you my resolution is the same. Get ready, Miss, to accompany me immediately to your own home. You make no sign of obedience; I think you, too, require some disciplining, and, by heaven, you shall have it."

"Cease now," cried Hector, warmly. "I told you before that I should perhaps be able to hear whatever you might say to me; but allow me to say that I have constituted myself—with her own consent—this young lady's guardian, and while she is under my protection she shall be inured by no one, not even by Donald Cameron; so hear me and desist."

"You have appointed yourself her guardian! you foolish braggart boy. With you it is useless to waste words; but you are aware that I am her guardian; not appointed by herself, but by her mother; her guardian by—"

"And the duties of a guardian you have never performed," interrupted Hector, undauntedly. "You have treated her as a menial, and have abused her in every way you could. Your conduct towards her has been cruelty itself, and to repeat it you shall never have an opportunity if I can prevent it."

Donald Cameron winced under the stinging words that Hector addressed to him, but a gleam of savage ferocity lighted up his face as he glanced through the window. Hector's gaze followed his, and he saw that four men—one of them Ian M'Kenzie—were within three hundred yards of the inn.

Turning towards the young man, Cameron sneered.

"Now, you have incited Donald Cameron, and words between us had better end. There, can your temper brook this?" And, as he spoke, he clenched his hand, and made a violent blow at Hector's face.

Stepping quickly forward, the young man seized the other's wrist before the blow fell, and held it firm. Then, exerting his strength, he gave the arm a violent twist, and flung Cameron backwards from him, as he exclaimed—

"No; that I will not brook. 'Tis useless to parley further. I know your intention as well as though you spoke it. But come on, one and all of you; for I am aware that those who approach are ready to assist you. Hector M'Leod may fall, but he shall die hard."

With a savage and malicious eagerness, and with a hoarse laugh, Cameron also drew his claymore, and, advancing to Hector, said—

"We might choose better fighting ground; come outside with it."

"Since I am to fight, I will choose my own ground," replied Hector, calmly and with hauteur. "And here will I abide the issue of the conflict."

"As you will, then; and now will you suffer for your temerity."

The blades clashed, and the conflict commenced—Flora, who had during the foregoing colloquy been in a state of painful excitement, now sitting in the far corner of the room, pale as death, gazing at both, while her fingers played nervously with the tiny weapon which M'Leod had given her.

Grand Opening of Show Rooms AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

Our Millinery and Mantle Show Rooms will be Opened on Saturday, the 4th inst., and Ladies are Invited to Call and See on that day.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH
 The Cheapest House in the Dominion for Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.

Co-Operative Store.
TABLE OIL BAIZE
 In all the new Patterns;
 Fingering and Knitting Yarns in two qualities;
 Ladies', Men's and Boys'
WOOL UNDERCLOTHING.
NOTICE.
 Dividends are now being paid to parties who purchased from us during the past three months.
J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
 GUELPH, Oct. 11, 1873.

THE GOLDEN LION
NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS!
 Immense Importations! Immense Importations!
 The Largest! Most Attractive! Most Fashionable! and the Cheapest Goods ever Imported by any one House in Canada!
 The Golden Lion this season will have the most extraordinary Stock of Fancy and Staple Goods ever exhibited.
 Over 560 Cases and Bales to Arrive; 340 Cases and Bales already received.
 Containing Silks, Poplins, Fancy Dresses, French Merinos, Shawls, Mantles, Millinery, Furs, Prints, Flannels, Blankets, and an
Immense Stock of Household Furnishings
 ALL TO BE ON EXHIBITION THIS WEEK.
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.
 Guelph Sept. 9, 1873.

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.
 Guelph, Sept. 27, 1873.

HOTEL CARD.
 The Right Man in the Right Place.
 THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.
 THOMAS WARD
 (Late of Crown Hotel),
 Proprietor.
 Guelph Dec. 26th, 1873.

REMOVAL.
W. D. Hepburn & Co.,
 Have removed their Boot and Shoe Store to the very extensive premises on the Corner of Wyndham Street and St. George's Square.
 Their old store being too small on account of the continual increase in the Wholesale Manufacturing, as well as in the Retail Departments they have now fitted up the new and much larger place in first-class style, and would intimate to their very numerous customers and the public generally that having increased the facilities for manufacturing they are now able to offer to the public first-rate goods in all branches, at lower prices than ever before.
Custom Work
 in all its branches made to order.
Repairing Done Neatly and Cheaply as Heretofore.
 The public are cordially invited to visit the new store, and examine our Goods.
W. D. HEPBURN & CO.
 Guelph, Oct. 1, 1873.

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the Great Northwest!
\$15,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks.
MR. G. B. FRASER
 Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the far West, 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, he stocks his store with much bargains as well as a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the Goods will be offered at much less than the retail price. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No account given will be made. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of the store on the 1st of May next.
G. B. FRASER,
 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES
 Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
 " Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
 " No. 1 Foot Power,
 " No. 3 for heavy work;
 Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.
CHARLES RAYMOND,
 GUELPH, ONT.
 July 12, 1873.

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.
W. M. McLaren, Assignee.
 Guelph, Sept. 29, 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 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.

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, 80 half chests of Fine Gunpowder, 30 half chests and chests Choice Blacks, 30 half chests Fine Japan Teas.
FRUITS, &c.
 New Raisins, New Currants, Fresh Fancy Biscuits, Choice Smoking Tobaccos, Sugars broken loaf and ground, Rice, Oatmeal, &c.
ALSO, OUR OWN IMPORTATIONS
 Of Honey and Mustard Brandies, Ostrard's & Finett's Brandies, Hunt's celebrated Potis, Vergara's Celebrated Sherries, Holland and Tom Gins, Scotch and Irish Whiskies, Domestic Whiskey.
 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.

JAMES CORMACK, TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
 No. 1, Wyndham Street,
 Has now on hand a superior stock of
FRENCH SCOTCH ENGLISH AND CANADIAN WOOLENS
 Suitable for the Fall and Winter.
FRENCH COATINGS A SPECIALTY THIS SEASON.
 A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS;
 Also, a large and well-assorted stock of
Ready-made Clothing at very low prices.
JAMES CORMACK,
 No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.