

## The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the  
Sixteenth Century.

'I faith, you treat your guests cooly, Sir Knight,' he said at length with a dry laugh. Spens did not appear to hear him.

'Zounds, man, have you lost your tongue?' exclaimed Barras impatiently. 'I come to you as a friend, and with a friend's intent, and you turn your back upon me as if I were an enemy whom you feared.'

'Feared?' cried Spens starting. 'Aha, I thought you would speak,' said Barras sneering, and, folding his arms, he stood in the light of the lamp like a fiend gloating in his triumph over the weak and helpless.

'Yes, I will speak,' said Spens sternly, rising to his feet with an effort. 'Heron Barras, you are here for some ill purpose; perform it at once, then, and rid me of your presence; for by my troth your bastard kinship with my wife shall no longer shield you from my wrath.'

'Why, look ye now, what a fool distemper may make a man. Well, well, I am your lady's brother, and for her sake I will forego the slight you put upon me. Spens clasped his hands fiercely; he was stifling with rage.

'You dare not speak of kindred with her—you who sold her to a villain only one whit less black than yourself—you who would have poisoned me against her and turned my hand against my friend. By the mass, weak as I am, I have a mind to strangle you where you stand.'

'I selfther—I poison your mind—fie, my master, that is an unkindly charge.' The callous self-possession of the villain, and his mocking affectation of innocence, exasperated Spens beyond bounds, and obtaining strength from his passion he sprang upon Barras and gripped him by the throat.

Barras thrust his hand into the breast of his doublet and grasped a petronel. But Spens suddenly changed his mind and flung his beardless chin.

'Live, wof, live; I will not cheat the hangman of his due.'

He sunk down upon the couch exhausted. Barras coolly dusted his doublet with his hand, arranged his collar, which had been ruffled by his assailant, and finally rubbed his beardless chin.

'I looked for a kindlier reception,' he said coldly, 'seeing that I came to offer you liberty.'

'I will not take it at your hands.'

'Will you buy it then?'

'Nor buy it.'

'Ah, well, without doubt, you have your own ideas upon the subject, and I have mine. I faith, I should think twice before I declined liberty, no matter who offered it, if I lay waiting for execution, and knowing that I was to leave a lady for whom I cared a little to the mercy of folks I hated.'

Spens winced; but he said quietly—

'I listen to your kindly intent, sirrah.'

'No, it is no kindly intent sith you will not have it so. I am here to sell, and you may buy if it please you; if not, why good den to you.'

'I am no merchant and know nothing of the ways of barter. Wherefore, at once say what you would sell and at what price.'

'Now you are reasonable. Then I have for sale your liberty with free passage from Scotland with any whom you may care to take with you.'

'I understand; proceed,' said Spens with evident detestation of the salesman. 'The next thing is the price for which I am willing to dispose of these articles. I offer them to you cheaply—I offer them to you for a scrap of paper, or the knowledge of where that scrap of paper can be found.'

'Go on.'

'You can guess what paper it is I mean.'

'I am dull of wit.'

'Then I must help you dull wit. I mean a worthless piece of paper professing to certify that a marriage had been solemnized between my good uncle, Gilbert Ker of Birnam and one Mistress Elliot, with whose house ours has been long at feud.'

'Since that paper is worthless why are you so eager to possess it?'

'A fancy, that is all. Will you give it?'

'What if I have not got it?'

'You know where it may be found.'

'And if I refuse to tell?'

'Then we can make no bargain.'

'So stands it then we can make no bargain. I hold the parchment in trust for Gilbert Elliot, the son of Ker, and heir to Birnam. I would have proved his title to the land and name before now had not your treachery and Tushielaw's made me a fugitive and compelled me to burrow in the dark till I found means to prove you what you are.'

Barras shrugged his shoulders with an air of indifference.

TO BE CONTINUED.

**DISEASED FRUITS.**—A considerable amount of sickness prevails in this locality of the peculiar order, and from the same cause—diseased fruit. The various fruits constitute a large and important part of the summer diet, and if care is taken to select ripe and wholesome fruit, nothing can be better. But there is a vast quantity of trash sold under the name of fruit. The greatest care should be taken in the selection of fruit. Much of it is gathered green, and sold when it is about half ripe and half rotten. To be in perfection, fruit should be freshly gathered, and it should be gathered only when it is fully ripe. The softer varieties, such as plums and peaches, go to decay rapidly, especially when exposed to the sun and air. Children are peculiarly sensitive to the evil effects of unwholesome fruit, but it should be avoided by all who value their health. —ST. CATHARINES JOURNAL.

There are 600 Gaelic speaking Highlanders in the 78th Regiment, and only 37 others.

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Lot 22, in the 10th Concession, 200 acres.

Lot 20, in the 7th Con., 200 acres.

Lots 17, 18 and 19, 8th Con., 600 acres.

West-half of Lot 7, 10th Con., 200 acres.

West-half of Lot 5, 10th Con., 100 acres.

**ARTHUR.**

South-half of Lot 15, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 60 of which are in a high state of cultivation, and well fenced, watered by a creek crossing the centre of the farm; a two story house and good barn on the lot.

Lot 20, in the 1st Con., 200 acres.

South-half Lot 21, 2nd Con., 100 acres.

**ERAMOSA.**

Part of West-half of 2, in the 3rd Con., four acres, with a good stone house and log stable.

West-half of Lot 30, in the 5th Con., 100 acres, 25 acres cleared.

**ERIN.**

West-half of Lot 8th, in the 1st Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared, good frame barn and shed and part log and frame dwelling house; well watered and fenced.

West-half Lot 5, in the 1st Con., 90 acres; 90 acres improved; good frame dwelling house, one-and-a-half stories high, and bank barn; well fenced, 4 miles from Guelph.

East-half of Lot 32, 5th Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared; new frame house and barn; spring creek.

West-half of Lot 32, 5th Con., 100 acres; 75 are cleared; 25 ex-celled bush.

West 70 acres of 24, 3rd Con., 15 acres cleared, hewed log house. Small amount required down, and long time for the balance.

**ELORA.**

Valuable Tavern Stand for sale in the Village of Elora, at present leased to Robert Cook being lots 5 and 6, corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, with stabling for 40 horses.

Private residence with grounds, and a two and a-half story stone dwelling house, and frame buildings, on Chalmers' Street, known as the Crown Hotel.

**GARAFRAXA.**

Lot 11, in 13th Con., 100 acres; 60 acres cleared, all dry land; farm buildings.

Lots 29 and 30, 3rd Con., 200 acres; 70 acres cleared; farm buildings watered by a creek.

Lot 16, 1st Con., 100 acres, 90 cleared; a corner lot, good house and barn.

South-quarter of 5, in the 15-50 acres.

East-half of Lot 9, 8th Con., 100 acres; 65 cleared.

**GUELPH TOWNSHIP.**

Lots 3 and 4, in 3rd Con., Div. D, 140 acres; 90 acres improved; frame dwelling house, and frame bank barn and sheds, well fenced.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in 1st Con., Div. D, containing 207 acres of land; to be sold together or in parts. (Particulars on application.) On this property there is a large two story stone house, ample barn, new, a two story frame house and a saw mill, a valuable property.

Lot No. 39, on Town line, in East's Survey, containing 52 acres with a frame plastered house, cheap.

**TOWN OF GUELPH.**

Large two story stone house, with 16 or 17 acres attached, situated on the York Road, and bounded on the south by the Eramosa river. The buildings and fences are in good repair; good garden and orchard. Terms liberal and price extremely low.

Large two story stone house with verandah, stabling and garden, and 2 of an acre of land, on Dublin Street, at present occupied by Joseph Holson, Esq.

**Water Privilege and Mill Site,** containing 17 acres, composed of the north parts of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Lots 5 and 6, in Oliver's Survey, on the Waterloo road.

Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 40, 41, 49, 50, 51, in Webster's Survey, lying between Orange Street and the river Speed.

Lot 4, on the north side of Pearl Street, with a double frame house.

Lot 155, corner of Gordon and Wellington Sts. Lots 1043 and 1044, Cambridge Street, on which is erected a frame plastered dwelling house.

**Four Quarry Lots,** being Nos. 21, 22, 42 and 43 on the Waterloo Road.

70 feet of double frame on Market Square and Macdonell Street—just the spot for grain ware houses or stores.

East-half of Lot No. 523, on which a frame house is erected.

Two story brick house on Queen Street, with stable and sheds, at present occupied by Mr. J. F. Martin.

**Park Lots** in St. Andrew's Church district, containing from 1 to 3 acres each.

Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 37, 38 and 39, fronting on the Woolwich Road, and 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 43 in rear, acre lots each, in one block.

Also, lot 16, 1st Con., a beautiful lot, well fenced, and in a high state of cultivation.

These lots are admirably adapted for Market Gardens, and the terms of credit are extremely liberal.

**LUTHER.**

Lots 4 and 5 in the 10th Con., 402 acres, 100 of which are improved; house, barn, stabling and shedding; 9 miles from Arthur, 12 miles from Mount Forest.

North-half Lot 18, in the 4th Con. 200 acres.

South-half Lot 18, 4th " 100 "

Lot 1, 7th " 200 "

Lot 2, 7th " 200 "

Lot 18, 5th " 200 "

Lot 25, 5th " 200 "

Lot 15, 11th " 200 "

Lot 18, 12th " 200 "

Lot 19, 12th " 200 "

Lot 11, 13th " 200 "

Lot 12, 13th " 200 "

Lot 19, 13th " 200 "

Lot 4, 8th " 200 "

Lot 6, 9th " 200 "

Lot 19, 1st " 200 "

Lot 29, 2nd " 200 "

Lot 10, 3rd " 200 "

W. Lot 11, 4th " 200 "

Lot 5, 7th " 200 "

Lot 27, 9th " 200 "

Lot 5, 12th " 200 "

Lot 26, 14th " 200 "

Prompt attention will be given to all prepaid letters addressed to

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Guelph 8th August, 1883 dw