

The Riva Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIV.

CAMERON AND IAN BEGAN TO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE. FLORA MACGREGOR AND ANNE M'LEOD PRISONERS AT DROGHDAIRCH. NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF NED GORDON AND HIS SISTER JEANIE— "HECTOR MUST DIE!"

When they had got up to the top of Glen Dochart, and had turned to ride along by the side of Loch Kish, Cameron and M'Kenzie seemed to throw off their fear to some extent, and talked freely to one another. But neither of them saw a swift-footed though stealthily-moving figure which followed close behind. Had they done so, their cheeks might well have blanched with terror. It was not so, however, with Flora Macgregor. She had detected the figure, and had watched it intently, and felt confident that it promised help to herself and companion. Nor was she mistaken—her hopes were rising on a sure foundation, for the figure she had seen was Anna M'Donald. The result of his following we saw in our last chapter. And when he had turned to go back to Hector with the intelligence he now possessed, the girl felt buoyed up by the thought that he had gone to bring assistance. She knew not who it might have been—she was sure it was not Hector himself, but she felt that she must have some of the M'Leods. Oh, how she longed for an opportunity of imparting the information to Anna M'Leod, that she too might share her hopes.

Cameron and Ian had made up their minds to go to Mr. Fender's and have the ceremonies performed at once, so when they drew to the end of their journey and had reached Strathpeffer they gave Droghdaire a "wide berth," and rode direct to Dingwall. It was evident that the snowstorm had not raged in the eastern part of the country, for as they rode through Dingwall shortly after day-break the morning hills around were dark and bare, while the hard streets resounded beneath the horses' hoofs. When they had reached the manse Cameron ordered Gregor to dismount and knock at the door. The landlord at once did so, but it was a considerable time before any answer was made—Cameron and Ian meanwhile chafing under the delay. At length, however, the door was opened by a shivering half-naked girl, who timidly asked their business.

"Tell Mr. Fender that Droghdaire wishes to see him at once," exclaimed Cameron.

"Ye can't see him," was the answer.

"We must—do you hear? The business is important. But there's no use saying any more; do as I tell you, girl; inform your master that Droghdaire desires to see him immediately."

"But he's not at home, sir."

"Not at home!"

"No; he went away last night."

"Curse that mischance," ejaculated Cameron, savagely, a troubled expression crossing his face. "Say, girl, where has he gone, and when do you expect him here?"

"He went to Inverness, sir, and I expect him home again this afternoon."

Cameron turned to Ian as he muttered—

"We'll have to brave it out, M'Kenzie."

Then, aloud to the girl—"Tell him to come to Droghdaire as fast as his feet can carry him whenever he comes home."

The girl promised that she would, and in order to help her memory, Cameron threw a piece of money to her as he turned to ride away. In a few minutes after, they were again spurring through the town on their way westward to Droghdaire. It was not without considerable reluctance that Cameron had made up his mind to pass the time there until Fender should return, for he was well aware that it was far from safe for him to remain many days longer at Droghdaire, known, as he now was, to be the leader of the Catherans of Ben-a-Chruil.

Captain Winton, however, that he anticipated danger chiefly, and, as he believed that the Captain with his men were still in Wester Ross, he did not expect any mishap from the delay of a single day. Besides the day's quiet would be of use. He and M'Kenzie had schemes to concoct and plans to arrange which could be better done in the privacy of Droghdaire than elsewhere. He was clear-headed enough to see that, although both himself and M'Kenzie were wedded to the two women, a good deal still required to be done to place them in a favorable position.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:33 p.m. To London, Goderich and Detroit. To Berlin.

—EAST—

3:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:33 p.m.

GREAT WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH.

Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m.

Going north—11:35 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Harrisburg; 9:30 p.m. for Fergus.

THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. TERMS: 4 per annum in advance, credit 65. Delivered in town, by the week 10 cents.

Rates of advertising—first insertion, per nonpareille line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion 2 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same, over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Paragraph advertisements, special notices, or advertisements intended as local inserts, after the reading matter, but not among it, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. TERMS: \$1.00 a year in advance; credit \$2.00.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.—For transient advertisements 8 cents per nonpareille line first insertion, and 2 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, sold nonpareille space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement is 40.

Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as local inserts, after the reading matter, but not among it, 50 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; \$1 for 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. Contract advertisements charged offener than once a month charged extra.



NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

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

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods ;
- 2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new ;
- 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors ;
- 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

Direct Importer, Guelph.

The GOLDEN LION the

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Leading House in Ontario

GREAT ATTRACTION!

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 1500 pieces of those Good Prints at 12^c. worth 16c.;

105 pieces Best Grenadine at 12^c, worth 25c; 279 pieces Fig Lustre in the newest shades for Easter dresses 25c, worth 37^c. New Checks, Pompadour Robes including trimmings at \$2 a robe, worth \$3. New Skirts, Printed Lawn, 75c a full dress, worth \$1.50. New Gloves, 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.

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.

JUST COME IN!
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.
A few packages of Black Tea for 35c. per lb.
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

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

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

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 off at such Bargains as will ensure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the Goods will be sold 15 to 20 per cent. below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No second price 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 his store on the 1st of May next.

MR. G. B. FRASER

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

G. B. FRASER,

3-4-70

Elephant Clothing Store.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Are now showing a new and splendid stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Well Made and Fashionably Cut

Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

HATS AND CAPS!

and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,

Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Co-Operative Store.

ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

OUR NEW TWEEDS

Were selected from six different houses, therefore we have a choice not to choose from. We employ a Tailor.

NEW COTTONS

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

NEW PRINTS

Hoyle & Aslton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12^c 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 dw

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

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

GUELPH, ONTARIO.