

The Foster Brother; OR The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER IV. THE TWO BROTHERS—THE FACTOR'S JOURNEY—HOMEWARD BOUND.

The bit of cigar lying smoking at his feet sufficiently explained the cause of his disturbance.

"By Jove, Thomas, did the cigar hit you?" exclaimed Malcolm.

"Yes, sir—right in the eye, sir."

"Didn't see you, 'poor my soul; but here is something to buy a lotion for it."

And with a light laugh he tossed out half a sovereign, which fell exactly where the cigar lay.

Of course, after such munificent compensation, a further manifestation of distaste would have been ungracious, so Thomas took his hand from his inflamed optic and picked up the coin, thinking he could afford to have his other eye struck on the same terms. He then gave the letter-bag into Stephen's outstretched hand, and walked away.

The contents of the bag that evening were more than usually numerous—consisting of a whole lot of papers and letters which he tumbled out in a heap upon the table. On examining the address it was found that the mislaid were for both brothers in about equal proportions; and the necessary separation having been made, Stephen pushed Malcolm's share towards him, and drawing his own to the opposite side of the table sat down to open and read.

Some expressions of disgust escaped from the lips of both, for the greater portion of their letters were from creditors eagerly pressing for payment.

"Hilloa!" cried Malcolm suddenly. "Here is one for you amongst mine—a black-bordered one—postmark, Ardrossan. Some one there you know, must be dead."

"I know nobody at Ardrossan," replied Stephen.

"Don't you; then who can it be?"

"By Jove!" he added, with sudden emphasis "the address is the handwriting of that beggar Bruce."

"Art sure of that?" asked Stephen.

"I could swear it."

"Then pitch it into the fire." It is a black-bordered letter. What if it announces Lucy's death?

"Bah, no such thing. He must have got to know of uncle's death, and thinks there may be a legacy for Lucy. Into the fire with it, I say."

"Well—but—may it not be as well to make sure that it is from him?"

"Of course it is from him. They have been away all summer, and Ralston told me he had heard they were in Ayrshire. The fellow is painting daubs of pictures there for a livelihood, I suppose."

"Am I to throw it into the fire, then?" asked Malcolm turning towards the grate.

"Undoubtedly."

Malcolm moved his hands to chuck the letter upon the flaming coals and threw it, but it fell short, and alighted only within the fender. He rose to complete the act, and lifting it up, was about to drop it into the heart of the grate, when a doubt as to the propriety of destroying it unopened again crossed his mind.

"I do think that you should see that its contents are such as you imagine," he observed, holding it irresolutely in his hand.

"Will satisfy yourself by opening it," growled Stephen, "only I tell you before hand that my supposition is correct."

And, with the utmost indifference, he went on with the perusal of an epistle from a brother officer, when suddenly a loud exclamation from Malcolm made him pause and look up.

"What's the matter?" he cried startled at the sight of Malcolm's extraordinary appearance. His brothers face was pale as ashes, and his eyes, opened to their full extent, seemed to leap from his head.

"My God!" exclaimed Malcolm, with a spasmodic gasp.

"Good heaven, what is it? Does it announce Lucy's death?"

"It announces cousin George's death," roared Malcolm.

"What?" shouted Stephen, leaping to his feet and making a bound to Malcolm's side and grasping his arm.

"Speak, man, speak. Are you raving? You said George's death?"

"Yes; George's death. The Eglington was wrecked in the storm the other night—wrecked on the Ayrshire coast, and every one drowned but a man and a child. George's body came ashore, and is lying in the house where Kenneth and Lucy are staying. At least, I think that is the purport of the letter so far as I have read; but I am so doped shaly that—"

Malcolm clutched at the letter, and holding it together, they each, in silence and with reeling eyes, made themselves acquainted with its contents. Then when they had read it to an end and fully understood its purport, they sunk like logs of wood into their respective chairs, and gazed at each other speechlessly.

The effect of the intelligence was rushing and struggling tumultuously in their minds. It was not grief for the death of their cousin which agitated them—it was the result of that event to themselves. What a change it would bring—what alteration in their circumstances and position?

The same light seemed to dawn on their minds at once. The same thought grew and grew upon them, and manifested itself in the expression of their countenances, till each read it in the other's looks—in the gleaming eyes, the flushed brow, the forcibly compressed yet almost bursting exclamation. They saw that each had realized the same fact, yet they uttered it not in words. Stephen could not, and Malcolm in his frenzy of excitement lacked the power.

They sat thus one against each other for fully a minute. At last Malcolm spoke, and the expression of his face, far more than the tones of his voice, indicated the feelings under which he labored.

"Ardrossan is yours."

"Ha!" shouted Stephen, bounding to his feet with an uncontrollable impulse. "It has been spoken at last. The air has received and proclaimed the news—Ardrossan is mine—mine—mine! Ha, ha, ha! Malcolm, I must repeat it, and repeat it, or the weight of the shock will undo me. Ah, this—this will steady my nerves."

And with shaking hands he seized a decanter, poured out a large quantity of wine, and drank it at a draught.

Malcolm likewise applied himself to the same relative, and the liquor, which should in common circumstances have intoxicating, had upon them a sobering effect.

The death of the veteran city missionary of Boston, Father Cleveland, was one of the events of the past week. Had he lived sixteen days longer he would have reached the great age of one hundred years. There is scarcely one in that city and neighborhood who does not feel as if bereaved by the loss of this Christian patriarch.

The Corporation of the County of Wellington.

BY-LAW No. —

A By-Law to provide for the Erection of a Registry Office for the North Riding of the County of Wellington, the Repair of the Registry Office in Guelph, and to assist in making certain Roads and Bridges in the said County, and for issuing Debentures to the amount of \$20,000 for these purposes.

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the erection of a Registry Office for the North Riding of the County of Wellington, which Riding has been set apart for Registration purposes, and it is also necessary to provide for the repair and improvement of the County Registry Office in the Town of Guelph;

And whereas for these purposes the sum of five thousand dollars is required.

And whereas it is expedient to grant aid by way of a grant of money, payable as hereinafter mentioned, to the several Townships and Villages and the Town of Guelph hereinafter mentioned, towards making and maintaining the Township and County lines hereinafter mentioned; and the Council of the Corporation of the County of Wellington deeming the said works to be of great public utility, and not sufficiently interested to justify the Council in at once assuming the same as County Works, namely:

To the Township of Maryborough towards making the road known as the centre side road in that Township \$600

To the Township of Minto towards making the road known as the road between the eighth and ninth concessions in that township 800

To the Township of West Garafraxa towards making the road between the third and fourth concessions in that township 200

To the Township of Pilkington towards making a bridge across the Grand River at the fifth and sixth concessions 400

To the Township of Minto towards making the road known as the Minto and Normanby town line \$900, on condition that the County of Wellington grant an equal amount.

To the Township of Luther towards making bridges over rivers and streams crossing the road known as the side road between lots thirty and thirty-one in that township 600

The Village of Elora towards making the road known as the village road in that village 200

To the Township of East Garafraxa towards making the road known as the extension of the Fergus and Douglas County Road to Walde-mar Railway Station 500

To the Township of Arthur towards making the road known as the Centre side road in that township 500

To the Township of West Garafraxa towards making a bridge over the Grand River on the road between the second and third concessions of that township 500

To the Village of Arthur, towards making the road known as the town line east of Main street, and the bridge over the river Matuland 300

To the Town of Guelph towards making a bridge over the river Speed, on Wellington street, by Mr. Gow's mill in Guelph town 500

To the Village of Orangeville towards making a bridge over the river Credit in that village 200

To the Township of Erin towards making the road from Brisbane to Erin village 400

To the Village of Arthur, towards making a road between the village of Arthur, township of Arthur and Luther, to Arthur railway station 200

To the Township of Peel towards making the road known as the centre side road in Peel from Arthur village to Glen Allan 1000

To the Township of Amaranth towards making the road known as the seventh concession line in that township 1000

To the Township of Eramosa towards making the road in that township from Rockwood to the town line of Guelph 200

To the Township of East Garafraxa towards making a bridge over the Spring Creek on the road known as the Kilgours' road in that township 400

To the Township of East Garafraxa towards making the road between the fourth-seventh and eighth concessions of that township 500

To the Township of East Garafraxa towards making the town line road between the townships of Amaranth and Luther, and East Garafraxa 400

To the Township of Arthur towards making the town line road between the townships of Peel, Maryborough and Arthur 300

To the Township of East Garafraxa towards making the town line road between the townships of East Garafraxa and Erin 200

To the Township of Peel towards making the town line road between the townships of Peel and Maryborough from Drayton to Drayton station 100

To the Township of Maryborough towards making the town line road between the townships of Peel and Maryborough at the hill at the fourteenth concession 100

To the Township of Luther towards making the town line road between the townships of Arthur and Luther 400

And whereas it is necessary to rebuild the bridges at Arthur: at the Four Mile Creek and across the Irvine River on the road assumed by and belonging to the said County, known as the Guelph and Mount Forest Road, and the sum of four thousand, two hundred dollars is required to rebuild the said bridges.

And whereas for the purposes aforesaid it is necessary to create a debt of twenty thousand dollars to be raised in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas it will require the sum of three thousand and nine hundred dollars to be raised annually by special rate for the payment of the said sum of twenty thousand dollars and interest:

And whereas the amount of the whole rateable property of the said County of Wellington, irrespective of any future increase of the same, and irrespective of any interest in or income from the said offices, and the said County Roads and Bridges, and also irrespective of any interest to arise from any temporary investments of the sinking fund hereinafter mentioned, or any part thereof, was, according to the last revised and equalized assessment rolls of the said County of Wellington, \$13,596,208.

And whereas for paying the interest and creating an annual sinking fund for the payment of the principal of the said sum of twenty thousand dollars it will require an equal annual special rate of one-fourth of a mill in the said County levied in addition to all other rates.

And whereas the amount of the existing debt of the Corporation of the County of Wellington is for principal the sum of \$90,649.00, and for interest the sum of \$80,680.52.

And whereas there is no interest in arrears.

And whereas the Corporation of the County of Wellington hath not in this municipal year contracted any debts for loans over and above the sum required for its ordinary expenditure which, including the moneys now in the hands of the said Corporation, exceed twenty thousand dollars.

And whereas a copy of this by-law hath been duly published according to law, Therefore the Corporation of the County of Wellington, in pursuance of the powers in it therein vested, and by the Council thereof do hereby enact, that the Warden of the said County for the time being, be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and required for the purposes aforesaid, to issue in due form of law the sum of twenty thousand dollars in debentures of the said Corporation, which debentures shall be of not less than one hundred dollars each, payable in twelve years at farthest from the day on which this by-law is appointed to take effect, at the office of the Treasurer of the said County, and that every such debenture shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of its issue, payable half yearly at the said office, and shall be signed by the Warden, and countersigned by the Treasurer for the time being of the said County, and shall have attached thereto coupons for the payment of such interest, which coupons, when the Warden is hereby authorized to negotiate and dispose of.

AND BE IT ENACTED, that for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of said debentures and interest, an equal special rate of one-fourth of a mill in the said County, by each other rate be raised, levied, and collected in each year upon all rateable property in the said County during the continuance of the said debentures.

AND BE IT ENACTED, that the proceeds of the said debentures shall be applied and apportioned to the several purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and in the amounts and proportion aforesaid, the grants of the said local municipalities to be paid to the Treasurers thereof respectively, to be applied by them strictly to the purposes aforesaid, and an account of such application to be required by each Receiver to the Council of the said County, at the next December Session of this Council.

No person lending money upon or purchasing said Debentures shall be bound to see to the application of the proceeds thereof.

AND BE IT ENACTED, that this By-law shall take effect upon, from and after the first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

The above is a true copy of a proposed By-law to be taken into consideration by the Municipality of the County of Wellington, at the Court House, in the Town of Guelph, in the said County, on the first day of October, 1872, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place the members of the Council are hereby required to attend for the purpose aforesaid.

J. B. BEATTIE, CLERK.

WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER.

Respectfully solicits the attention of those bereaved of earthly friends to his Undertaking Establishment, in rear of the Wellington Hotel, where all things necessary for the proper observance of the last rites due the departed can be furnished on the shortest notice.

Metallic, Walnut and other Coffins kept in stock. Shrouds supplied, and Funerals conducted with the utmost decorum. Charges moderate. W. B. BROWNLOW, Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872. dw

MICHAEL DUGNEN, Cabinet Maker and Undertaker.

Bees to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has commenced business in the stand known as St. J. Doran's Grocery Store, opposite the Market. As I have purchased a New and Handsome Horse I will keep on hand a full assortment of everything in the undertaking line, Metallic Coffins, Walnut, and Cloth Covered Coffins kept in stock. All kinds of Cabinet work made to order. Particular attention paid to the repairing and varnishing of Furniture.

As I intend to devote my attention to both branches, I hope to merit a share of the public patronage. Charges moderate.

Wanted—A quantity of Seasoned Butternut and Cherry.

Wanted—A pair of well-matched black horses, suitable for a carriage.

Guelph, June 15, 1872. dwon

MEDICAL DISPENSARY.

McCullough & Moore, Guelph and Rockwood.

Having, at the special request of a number of honorable medical gentlemen of Rockwood and its vicinity, opened a Branch Drug Store in that village, where they would respectfully request the attention of the public generally they intend keeping a complete assortment of Drugs, Chemicals, and all other articles usually kept in a first-class Drug Store, and as they intend only to keep first-class materials and sell at Guelph prices, they trust they will be favored with a fair share of patronage. They would further add that as they are both practical men, and have had a large experience in the business, the Public may implicitly rely upon their ability to give satisfaction. and Family Recipes carefully prepared.

J. McCULLOUGH & MOORE, Guelph and Rockwood.

MONEY TO LOAN, in sums to suit borrowers. Apply to W. J. McDOWELL, June 12, 1872. wly Erin Village.

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Making Room for New Stock at PERRY'S GROCERY STORE, Higinbotham's Block, Guelph.

Currants, new and old; Raisins, new and old; Sultana Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Black Basket Raisins, Blue Basket Raisins, Crown Raisins; New Prunes;

A General Stock of Sugars.

A VERY CHEAP TEA

Will be Sold for 50 cents per lb.

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Customers will please call and do their shopping before 6 p.m., and oblige.

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Have now received the Balance of their Spring Goods, and would invite inspection to their Stock of CLOTHS, which is this season more than usually attractive.

Gentlemen will do well to leave their Orders as soon as possible.

SHAW & MURTON, MERCHANT TAILORS.

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During the past two days we have had an extraordinary demand

FOR DRESS GOODS

of all kinds, including MUSLINS, GRENADINES, SILKS, POPLINS, &c. &c.

Our Stock is now very large, well assorted, and contains everything new and desirable for the present season.

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200 pieces of the Cheapest Summer Dress Goods we have ever had the pleasure of showing—

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LADIES, LADIES!—For a large and superior choice of first-class Dress Goods, recommend your friends to the Fashionable West End.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store, Alma Block. Guelph, June 26, 1872. dwv

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New Raisins 5 cents per lb.

New Currants 5 cents per lb.

New Figs 5 cents per lb.

The best Dollar Green Tea for 80 cents per lb.

The best Black Tea for 60c

The best 75c Green Tea for 60c

A beautiful Bright Sugar 11 lbs for \$1

And every other article in the Grocery Line is

GREATLY REDUCED IN PRICE AT

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Guelph, May 15, 1872 dw2w Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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Fine Gold Sets Brooch and Ear-rings

“ Brooches “ “ “

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“ Guards “ “ “

“ Alberts “ “ “

Fine Gold Necklets “ “ “

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“ Finger Rings “ “ “

“ Studs “ “ “

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Castors, Breakfast and Dinner Butter Coolers, Cake Baskets, Children's Mugs, Salons, Butter Knives, Pickle Forks, Spoons and Forks of all kinds.

RODGER'S TABLE CUTLERY

Remember the name and JOHN R. PORTE, Wyndham-Street, Guelph

Guelph, Dec 19, 1871 dw

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PART of Lot Number 9, 1st and 2nd Division West side of the Owen Sound Road, in the Township of Arthur, 461 acres of rich arable land, nearly all cleared, and under cultivation. The property is known as the "Roman Catholic Church Lot." This good and immediate possession given. Apply to MACMILLAN & GOSNOLD Solicitors, 46, No. 4, Day Block Guelph.

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E. HARVEY & Co. Family and Dispensing Chemists Guelph, May 9, 1872. dw

WM. STEWART

Is now opening out a very attractive Stock of New DRY GOODS for early Spring use.

Notwithstanding the great advance in Dry Goods, I will be enabled to offer these Goods at last Season's prices. See advertisement next week.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, March 16, 1872 dw



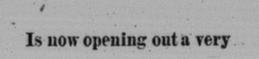
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Fancy Spring Goods, UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

The subscriber begs to inform the ladies of Guelph and surrounding country that she has just received a large and carefully selected stock of Spring Goods, comprising

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Braids, Sweaters, Chignons, General Fancy Goods, and Toys.

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Lock-stitch Sewing Machines for sale.

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CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL-PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gore Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers Haircans sent on hand for sale at Guelph, April 19, 1872. dw