

**The Rival Clansmen**  
A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XX.  
HECTOR M'LEOD FOLLOWS CAMERON AND  
IAN—NARROWLY ESCAPES FALLING INTO  
THE LION'S DEN—MEETS FRIENDS  
WHO SHALL BY-AND-BY PROVE  
OF IMPORTANCE.

But a fate seemed to be working against him and those who suffered with him. He knew not when he might again see those he sought; and though he banished the thought and hoped the reverse, yet beneath the hope was a lurking fear that their villainy would preclude the possibility of his recovering his aunt and bride inviolate from the vile hands of the men who had obtained power over them—a desire for the gratification of which, he believed, had in great measure prompted them to act as they had done. Not that he so much feared that they would openly violate the conventionalities and rules which regulate the conduct of the sexes towards each other, but rather that they would seek to cover their infamous actions by a forced union, which would give to these actions the semblance of legality and morality, although they were none the less foul and villainous. Poor, poor Flora! and his noble-minded aunt to be treated thus. The thought was horrible.

Either tears sprang into his eyes, and the great sobs which heaved up from his breast told in a language full of deep significance of the agonising grief which reigned in his heart. He struck his clenched hand against his forehead as he reflected how barely they had escaped him. O that he had heard the cry of Flora sooner, and followed the villains who bore her off. O that he had but been enabled to strike one sure blow at Donald Cameron—he would have been in some degree satisfied. That was the spirit of the avenger, rather of the generous-hearted rescuer. Be it so. As an avenger he was now now gone forth, and these men would—God helping him—feel the brunt of the ire of a roused M'Leod before he should return, though weeks should elapse ere then; to them perhaps, a period of pleasure born of the—he hoped—anticipated gratification of devilish desires and tastes, with an ending that should be awful; to him a period of eager, intense anxiety; of unremitting search, with an ending the more satisfactory the more complete their discomfiture.

But surely they could not have gone far. The day was now fairly broken, and he strained his eye across and along the surface of the loch, but no sign of those he sought met his gaze. He had made up his mind that he would walk round the margin of the loch until he had discovered where they had landed from the boats, and then, by following the track necessarily left by them amongst the snow, he hoped to arrive at a knowledge as to where the hapless females had been taken. This once ascertained, he thought the rescuing of them might be managed.

As he plodded through the deep snow in the direction of Kinloch-Ewe, from which six or eight miles yet separated him, he became conscious of a sense of weariness and fatigue stealing over him. The motive power which was spurring him on was of the most stimulating character, and the strain which he had endured was such that in ordinary circumstances he would have succumbed long before to its power. But eager hopeful love is ill to defeat from realising that upon which it is bent, and more powerful still does it become when it is backed and supported by a wild indignation—or rather a wild impetuous fury—directed against those who seek to injure or destroy the object which is loved. Nevertheless, even this has a limit, at least its effect to stimulate is limited by the power of physical endurance, although the mind may be still actively operated upon by its power. And this Hector M'Leod felt as he went forward. He was full of eager anxiety to again clasp Flora Macgregor in his arms, and pour soothing words of encouragement, confidence, and hope in her ears; eager, intensely eager, to rescue Flora and his aunt; and panting, wildly panting, to blot Cameron and McKenzie by one fell blow from off the page of existence. But though his mind was governed and impelled by the force of these desires and hopes, and though his mind set upon and stimulated his physical energies, yet his body was becoming enfeebled and his legs shook under him. "The spirit was willing but the flesh weak." He had endured much, and the reaction would be on a par with the endurance. But he strove to throw off the dreamy lethargic desire to lie down and rest, which threatened to take possession of his faculties, and still held on, in the hope that he might be able to learn something of those he sought when he reached Kinloch-Ewe.

**VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE IN PLEIKINGTON**—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. Pleikington. The farm is situated about half way between Elora and Guelph, 50 acres are cleared, and in good state of cultivation. There are a frame dwelling house and barn on the premises, also a good orchard. For particulars, apply to Patrick Macgregor or John Murphy, Executors, Guelph.

**FARM FOR SALE**—A valuable farm of 100 acres, with 75 acres cleared, balance well timbered, being the west half of Lot 19, 10th Con. Puslinch, upon which there is a comfortable log house, with frame kitchen, stone milk house, boiling house, log barn 56 feet long, log stables, driving shed. The property will sell with the farm about 16,000 feet of good lumber and 40 square of shingles, which he has provided for building a barn. There is a good orchard of 100 bearing trees, and about 14 acres in with Fall wheat. This is a rare chance for any person in want of a good farm. The farm is well watered by a never failing spring creek. Will be sold cheap. For particulars apply to  
HENRY HATCH,  
Land Agent, Guelph.

**VALUABLE FARM, HOTEL, AND OTHER PROPERTY**  
For Sale by Private Bargain.

The Lang Homestead, 110 acres, situated on Lots 21 and 22, 10th con. Erin, east front, 50 acres on 21 and 60 on 22, 29 acres cleared, in whole or separately to suit buyers. Well fenced, with two wells and spring creek running through; on lot 21 a small frame house, on 22 a substantial concrete dwelling, 2 1/2 feet front; on ground floor 4 rooms and 2 kitchens, 4 rooms above, all well finished. Barn 60 x 92, with log addition 30 x 24, stable and driving house 22 x 30, a stone cellar for roots, and milk house apart. Abundance of building and rail timber, a healthy orchard and small hop yard. Usual rental \$150 to \$200 per annum. Possession on 1st March, 1875; fall plowing allowed. Also, in the flourishing village of Hillsburg, the new, large and commodious hotel, Union Exchange, good stand, and Credit Valley Railway crossing. On Peal's survey, Orangeville, a building lot 3 1/2 front. See map in Mr. J. Peal's office, Orangeville. All titles indisputable. Terms on farm, \$100 deposit on day of sale, \$500 on 1st Jan. 1874. Hotel and building lot one-third down. All undescribed terms made known on application. Inspection invited. Apply to the undersigned, if by letter, post paid.  
WILLIAM LANG,  
Prospector,  
Union Exchange, Hillsburg,  
Erin, Dec. 20, 1873.



**GREAT MAMMOTH SALE!**

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Offers the Balance of his Stock of

**Fancy and Staple Dry Goods at an Immense Reduction!**

Previous to Stock-taking. Everything must be Cleared Out before the 1st of March.

Remnants of Table Linens, Remnants of Prints, Remnants of Sheetings,  
Remnants of Towellings, Remnants of White Cottons,

**TO BE RUSHED OFF AT ANY PRICE.**

**FURS** This is the last chance for Cheap Furs, as the balance must be disposed of regardless of cost.—A few of those Cheap Dress Goods still on hand, but going fast. Remember this is the Great Remnant Sale of the Season. Parties looking for bargains should call at once. **FURS**

GUELPH, JAN. 17th, 1874. **GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH**

**John M. Bond & Co.**  
**OFFER FOR SALE**  
Cut Nails,  
Wrought Nails,  
Window Glass,  
Boiled Linseed Oil,  
Raw Linseed Oil,  
Putty in Bladders,  
White Lead, Dry,  
White Lead, Paint,  
Colours of all kinds,  
and their usual assortment of  
**HARDWARE.**

**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.  
—O—  
**FRENCH COATINGS**  
A speciality this Season.  
A magnificent display

**Of Gents' Furnishing Goods;**  
Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices.  
**JAMES CORMACK,**  
No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**PAY UP.**  
All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.  
**W. D. HEPBURN & Co.**  
GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

**FURNITURE AT RETAIL.**  
**BURR & SKINNER**  
Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses  
**At the Factory, Oxford st.,**  
ALL KINDS OF  
**FURNITURE**  
Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c.

Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices.  
Also, all kinds of ordered Work Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice.  
**BURR & SKINNER,**  
Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874. dwf

**FALL AND WINTER:**  
1873-4.  
**POWELL'S**  
**Boot and Shoe Store**  
Call and examine my new stock of  
Ladies', Gents' & Children's  
**BOOTS & SHOES,**  
Which for moderate prices, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.  
Particular attention paid to  
**Custom Work and Repairing.**  
West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Feb. 18th, 1874. dw.

**ALTERATION OF PREMISES**  
**GOODS SELLING**  
REGARDLESS OF COST.  
**RICHARD CLAYTON**  
IN ORDER TO CLEAR OUT THE BALANCE OF HIS IMMENSE STOCK OF

**DRY GOODS**  
"HAS RESOLVED"

On and after Saturday, the 3rd of January, 1874,

TO OFFER FOR ONE MONTH HIS ENTIRE STOCK  
**REGARDLESS OF COST**

THE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT AT THE LOWEST CAS-  
PRICES, AND IT WILL WELL REPAY ANY ONE TO  
**SEE OUR GOODS BEFORE PURCHASING.**

**NOTE THE FOLLOWING LINES**  
Good Factory Cotton for 9 cents;  
Good Bleached Cotton for 8 cents;  
Horrockses Cotton for 10 cents. See them  
Scarlet Flannel for 23 cents.  
White Flannel for 25 cents.  
Shirting Flannels, good patterns, for 26 cents  
a yard, well worth 45 cents.  
Winceys for 9c, rare value.

**Dress Goods in Endless Variety**  
at any price.

**MANTLES AND SHAWLS WILL BE SOLD TO SUIT EVERY ONE.**  
BLANKETS, SHEETINGS, QUILTS,  
LACE CURTAINS, WINDOW HOLLANDS, CLOUDS,  
BREAKFAST SHAWLS, CROSSOVERS, &c. &c. &c.

Ladies, the above Goods can all be seen by calling at  
**THE CASH STORE,**  
Upper Wyndham Street.  
No goods advertised but can be seen. Give us a call.  
**RICHARD CLAYTON,**  
Guelph, Jan. 3, 1874. UPPER WYNDHAM STREET

**GUELPH TEA DEPOT**

**E. O'DONNELL & Co.**  
Are making a noise among the Grocers  
100 boxes new Valencia Raisins, first of the season,  
75 splendid Ingersol Cheese,  
10 hhdgs of Good Sugar at 13lb. for \$1.  
15 sacks best Mocha Coffee,  
15 sacks of the Best Java Coffee,  
18 sacks of the best Rio Coffee at 30c.

**TEAS FINE AND SWEET**  
600 Caddies of the Best Dollar Green Tea for 80c., in any quantity.  
A few Packages of very fine Black and Japan Tea for 75 cents per lb.  
500 Barrels of the Best Salt at \$1.20 per barrel.  
It will pay anybody to look in and see the large variety of fine Teas and General Groceries at  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO**

**12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1.**  
**CHOICE IMPERIAL**  
**New Crop Teas 50c. per lb**  
**J. E. McELDERRY**  
**2 DAY'S BLOCK,**  
**THE NOTED TEA HOUSE**

**Change of Business.**  
We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. R. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support.  
**W. D. HEPBURN & Co.**

WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & Co., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days. In respectfully asking for the patronage of all the old customers and the public generally, we hope to secure the same by keeping first-class goods, selling at the most reasonable prices, and offering the largest and best assortment in town to choose from, keeping it, as it has been in the past, the leading Boot and Shoe business in Guelph. Custom Work will receive special attention, and satisfaction guaranteed. Repairing promptly attended to as usual.  
**R. MACGREGOR & CO.**  
Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.

**FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS**

**JAMES MASSIE,**  
Manufacturer of  
**CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,**  
Alma Block, Guelph,  
Invitation 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, '72 (his, yes the only place where they were entered for competition). All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch

**"Pay as You Go."**  
Good Doctrine: first rate; Admirable Philosophy: more good sense and economy in these few words than most people are aware of. If you take a paper, pay as you go—your butcher, baker, tailor, shoemaker, pay as you go. It is a philosopher's stone. Bewish it was impressed on some people's hearts with a sledge hammer.

**WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED**  
**A large lot of Ladies', Misses and Children's Prunellas,**  
WHICH WILL BE  
**SOLD AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICE.**

Purchasers will do well to call and examine our stock and prices, before purchasing elsewhere.  
**CUSTOM WORK A SPECIALTY**  
All work made in the latest styles. A perfect fit guaranteed. Customers can have a hat kept specially for themselves. Repairing done as usual.  
Remember the House—The Dominion—Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.  
Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874  
**WM. TAWSE & SON.** dwm