

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER II.

A TIMELY ARRIVAL.—HECTOR AND FLORA PURSUED BY IAN AND THE M'KENZIES.

Hector M'Leod had doffed his dripping head dress, plaid, and tunic when he entered the hut, and when he saw sprang to his feet on the entrance of Ian, he glanced at his superb proportions with sufficient to indicate that, single-handed, Ian M'Kenzie would have a hard struggle before he would be successful in carrying out his foul purpose.

His well formed head was proudly thrown back, his large black eyes flashed a keen glance at Ian, and continued to gaze steadily at him, while his features, handsome and regular, were not in the least discomfited, although he saw the menacing attitude of the other. He was taller than M'Kenzie, but of a slighter build, and appeared to be much more agile.

His companion, although apparently a lady of refinement and culture, did not, after the first moment of surprise, appear to be so much alarmed as might naturally have been expected. Perhaps she was accustomed to see men in angry and stormy moods, and knew that the chivalry of her countryman would secure her—because of her sex—against any indignity or harsh treatment.

Instinctively she felt that a quarrel between the two young men was imminent and she at once associated herself with the cause or causes. She had met Ian before (although, as the reader is already aware, under the assumed name of Randall Murray), and was quite conscious that he favoured her with more than an ordinary share of attention; she had never encouraged him in this, and felt sure that her coldness had often exasperated the fiery youth. And now she was partly right in concluding that seeing her in the company of another had driven him to the point of open rupture with her companion. One instant sufficed for these thoughts, then with a resolution as quickly formed she sprang between the two youths, and, addressed Ian, said—

"What has happened—oh, tell me what has happened that you appear so agitated?"

Ian's breath came hard and fast, and it was unmistakable that, when the fury raging within burst forth, the exhibition of wrath and rage would be terrible.

"Stand aside," he muttered huskily. "To you I will say nothing at present; with your companion I would have a word—ay, and a blow, mayhap."

"You can have a word with me, sir, whenever you desire it, and that with pleasure; but why you should desire a blow I cannot imagine. So far as I am aware, I have given you no cause to be angry with me, and nothing has yet transpired between us to incite us to quarrel."

These words were spoken by M'Leod with a quiet firmness which grated on Ian's ear. At the same time the young man's hand caught the hilt of his claymore, and he judged by the light in Ian's eyes that he would be fortunate indeed if he did not require to draw it.

"Has there not? That you shall know directly; but this lady must first be removed. I desire not that she should be witness to the death-struggle, for death-struggle it shall be."

It was evident that Ian was struggling hard to appear outwardly calm, and to repress the raging demon in his breast.

"No, no; I will not be removed," exclaimed Flora, springing to Hector's side. Then, she turned, and, addressing Ian, said—

"Randall Murray, tell me why it is that you force a quarrel with this man, who is a stranger to you. Think you he has won me from you? Ah! you start; and I know that I have judged you truly. Know, then, that you are in error. Yours I never would have become—his I was before I ever saw you."

Ian fairly trembled with passion. Bestowing a look of the most intense hatred upon both, he sprang to the wall where hung the claymores, and, seizing one, confronted Hector.

"I told you," he exclaimed with terrible vehemence and excitement, "that you should know why it was necessary for us to fight to the death. Listen—address me no more as Randall Murray, but as Ian M'Kenzie, the sworn enemy of the M'Leods. But an hour ago I made a solemn vow before heaven that I would your blood avenge the death of my brother, Randall M'Kenzie, who fell by the accursed hand of your father; and that I would wage war so long as I could draw a weapon against the vile race. That vow I swear, by the dead body of my father, which in this room shall be witness to it, I will keep. For another reason we must fight—if you are the lover of Flora Macgregor, I am to be her husband; that, too, here I vow, and that vow, too, will I keep. Now, accursed Catewan—clansman you are not—prepare yourself for the issue. Or will I need to taunt and sting you before you find courage to enable you to—"

"Cease, villain!" shouted Hector, now evidently roused by Ian's language, and fiercely drawing his claymore. "By heavens, there has already been enough of words—too many, you may find to your cost! A Catewan, you say! The M'Kenzies should think twice before they lay their own guilt upon other clansmen's shoulders. But enough; to the issue with it. Keep behind me, Flora darling and fear not."

"Remove her, Angus; quickly; then returned to the fray," shouted Ian, as his blade clashed against that of Hector M'Leod. A loud cry rose from Flora's lips at the same moment, and turning rapidly, M'Leod was horrified to see the young lady struggling in the arms of the Highlandman, who had at Ian's bidding thrown himself upon her.

The electors of Hochelaga lately held a public meeting to hear the explanations of their member, Mr. Beaubien, better known as Allan's \$7,000 man. Beaubien was invited to attend for that purpose, but he declined to face the music. Over one thousand people were present, and after addresses were delivered on the political situation, motions were passed condemning the prorogation of Parliament, and expressing disapproval of the general conduct of the Dominion Government.

It appears now that Mr. Langevin, in his effort to show that there was an immense expenditure of money on the Quebec elections apart from the Allan fund, has been drawing a long bow at a venture. He swore that Catewan admitted to him that his election had cost him \$15,000. Catewan now flatly denies that his election cost him that sum and also flatly denies that he ever told Langevin it did. In fact, it was Langevin who said to Catewan: "This election must have cost you \$15,000," and then went to the witness box and said that Catewan had told it to him.

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