

### The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the  
Sixteenth Century.

"Then you have a mind to give up. Well you are a fool," he said at length. The Borderer's brow grew dark and his face flushed with anger, but he checked himself and answered calmly—  
"So you think."  
"And false to your pledged word as a Borderer," pursued the tempter slowly. The chief started to his feet as if with intent to fall foul of his traducer, but as before he checked his passion.  
"Faugh! he growled fretfully; 'you lie, and you know it; a Borderer's word once pledged is sacred to friend or foe."  
"Then you are forsworn," persisted Barras with irritating coolness.  
"Say how or where my word has failed me and I'll right it—say, if I were to hack this right hand from the wrist."  
Barras smiled quietly, for his point was achieved.  
"You shall hear, and say then if I have wronged you when you tell me that you mean to throw up our work."  
"I'll hear first."

"When Wat Spens was prisoner at Newcastle I managed to take from him his left gauntlet. I gave the gauntlet to you and told you the import it would bear when presented to his lady. As you took the gift, you swore to stand firm by me to the end of my venture, were it good or ill. Say I'm wrong, then, that you are forsworn—that a Borderer's troth is broken, if you desert me in my sorest need?"  
"That shall you never say," cried the Borderer hoily. "Since you put me to it, I'll hold to my word although my head go for it."  
"Spoke like Scotch of Tushielaw," said Barras, admiringly. "Now I can open my heart to my chosen comrade with whose fortune mine is inseparable, whose success is my success, and whose failure is mine too. We have work before us."  
"What in the fiend's name is it, then?"  
"A light snow matter as it stands at this minute, but it may grow serious if we do not nip our throes ere it grows. That stripling Elliot is on his way hither."  
"How many followers has he?"  
"None, and he comes here?"  
"Ay, he comes with some silly notion that he can save Spens from your hands," responded Barras carelessly, for he did not wish his ally to know that Gilbert's errand was commissioned by the King.  
"Save my prisoner from my hands!—on what argument?"  
"The saints alone can guess. But 'tis a silly boy who comprehends little of men or their ways."  
"He hath a stout arm none the less, so much I'll say for him."  
"All the more reason why he should never return to Edinburgh to bring farther harm on you and me. I marvel much that he has not denounced me before this; but doubtless he is biding his opportunity."  
"But he has some favour at Court, and I do not care about having him pointed here."  
"There is no need. Let him go forth.—Now, by my faith, yonder signal came from him. I made him tarry on the way against his will, but he has made good use of time."  
"What shall I answer him?—that Spens is dead?"  
"No, keep that hidden. He must not see me. I'll stand behind the arras and prompt your answers when need is. Call Pate."  
"When the giant appeared, Barras gave him certain directions. Then had commenced that hurrying to and fro, and those preparations as for a foray that Gilbert had observed in the court.  
Neither Barras, Tushielaw, nor Ding-a-Don noticed the broad face of Hornie, the dwarf, grinning down upon them from the cross-beam above the bulge of the chimney. He had reached this eyrie by means of a small trap in the wall communicating with the lower staircase, and saw and heard unnoted.  
Whatever mischievous purpose he might have in view, the little man seemed to enjoy his position immensely.  
"Why, there is that cunning varlet, Barras the bastard," he said to himself, smothering one of his great guffaws, "thinks he is pulling the strings of the puppet, my master, buttfully; and my master thinks he pulls the strings of the puppets around him, while here am I—poor wee me, deformed and mocked at, yet can make these big fools caper as the humour takes me. There's a purpose in it, too, though it be rare sport enough."  
He had, in fact, an earnest purpose in his occupation; and he was earnest in fulfilling it; although he grinned as broadly at the sense of the power he wielded as if he had been taking a game at romps. In compensation for a deformed body he seemed to be gifted with a rare intelligence and a rare buoyancy of spirits which enabled him to feel grave things gravely, yet smile as calmly upon them as if he had found the secret of that philosophy which teaches us to make the best of the worst. That is a philosophy of more service in its teaching than ever the great stone could have had its use been found.  
Hornie disposed himself comfortably in his shadow screened eyrie to note the proceeding below. At the same time Barras took his stand behind the arras, and a score of troopers entered the hall.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF ENGLAND.  
Capital, \$10,000,000, Accumulated funds, \$6,000,000  
The Royal subscribed \$100 towards the purchase of the Guelph Steam Fire Engine, and is the only Company doing business in Guelph, that has subscribed.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK  
are Agents for the  
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY  
Established in 1825  
The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested funds, viz: \$10,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK  
Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.  
Also, Town Lots and Houses  
In Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

AMARANTH.  
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., 100 acres.  
West-half of Lot 8, 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.

ERAMOS.  
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.  
East-half 28, in 7th Con., 100 acres, 90 cleared.  
Part of 6, in 1st Con., 90 acres, 70 cleared, good house and barn.  
East-half 9, in 4th Con., 100 acres, 40 cleared.

ERIN.  
West-half of Lot 8, in the 1st Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared, good frame barn and shed, and part log and frame dwelling house; well watered & fenced.  
West-half Lot 5, in the 1st Con., 90 acres, 60 improved; good frame dwelling house, one-and-a-half stories high, and bank barn; well fenced, 4 miles from Guelph.  
East-half of Lot 52, 5th Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared; new frame house and barn; spring creek.  
West-half of Lot 22, 8th Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared; 25 excellent 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 Cowan House.

GARAFRAX.  
Lot 11, in 13th Con., 100 acres, 40 acres cleared, all dry land; farm buildings.  
West-half of Lot 29, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 20 acres cleared; farm buildings, watered by a creek.  
South-quarter of 5, in the 15-50 acres.

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. There is an excellent orchard on the farm; and being so near the Town, and on the Gravel Road, makes this a very valuable Property.

TOWN OF GUELPH.  
Large two storey stone house, with 10 or 12 acres attached, situate on the York Road, and bounded on the south by the Bramosa river. The buildings and fences are in good repair; good garden and orchard. Terms liberal and price extremely low.