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Guelph Evening Mercury

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MONDAY EVENG, APRIL 20, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters.

Already he had ceased to guide the horse by the rein, concluding that if there was any advantage in an alternative it was in favor of allowing Patie to take his own way. The Baronet had great faith in the instinct of a horse, and his past experience fully warranted him in cherishing it. At the same time, he could not trust much to his only chance, for he was aware that Patie was as much a stranger in those hills as he was himself, and as he did not know where his riders wished to go, it was not expected that he could take them to Glencorchie. But poor though the chance in trusting to Patie was, it was all they had, and Sir Gilbert took it, yielding up all control over his horse's motions, except to quicken his progress by an occasional spur.

On they went, with bent heads and closed eyes, the storm increasing and the darkness deepening every moment. The drift was not only blinding but was being so suffocating as it rushed against their faces and stopped their breath.

The severity of the cold was to Helen fast becoming unbearable. The stalwart form of Sir Gilbert, behind which she sat, formed some protection, breaking the fierceness of the wind, and preventing the snow from beating fully upon her; but neither his portly person nor the thickness of her few happy-made anything like an adequate defence against the intensity of the cold, and her fragile form was being fast conquered by its ruthless power. But she kept a brave, uncomplaining silence. Knowing that Sir Gilbert was powerless to make matters better, she would not add to the distress which she knew he experienced by any expression of pain or fear.

But her very silence was unbearable to Sir Gilbert, and he looked at her—his eyes being caught from his lips and swept by the wind over the wild waste—

"Hoo are ye, Helen? Speak, lassie, for my sake speak, and tell me hoo ye're fairin'!"

Helen opened her stiffened lips, and strove to reply, but so faint was her voice that he could not catch the words.

"Puddin's and paiseches, I clean forgot the brandy," he exclaimed, and diving his hand into his pocket, nearly diving in with snow, he extracted therefrom the flask containing the liquor, drew out the cork with his teeth, and passed it over his shoulder to his companion's mouth.

Helen readily drank of the fiery fluid, and felt a warmth come to her heart. Sir Gilbert, following her example, took a stiff pull at the flask, and he, too, experienced benefit.

Still they kept on and on in their unknown way, the wind howling and the snow-drift rushing around them, as if fiendish voices were hissing in triumphant mockery over their discomfort. It was perfectly dark now—the near hills, as well as the far, were shrouded in gloom, and the sky above was as dark as the earth below.

Another quarter of an hour passed in this bewildered wandering and hopeless battling with the tempest, and Helen felt the horse frozen and benumbed limbs were rendering her incapable of keeping her seat on the saddle. The arm which encircled Sir Gilbert's waist had lost its power to hold, and such a stupor was coming over her senses that the energy of her will was likewise departing.—The intense painfulness of the cold had left her, and a fatal drowsiness had succeeded, which was rendering her every moment more oblivious of, and indifferent to, their position.

The Baronet's stronger frame was making a better resistance, but he, too, was getting feeble and benumbed, and the anguish and agony of his soul were great. Had he been alone he would have cared less, but thoughts of the delicate companion he had under his charge, and whom he was unable to protect, filled his heart with excruciating pain.

"Hoo are ye noo, Helen? He shouted again and turned his head to catch the reply, but received none.

"Helen, dawtie, speak tae me!" he anxiously cried.

She heard him, and tried to answer, but could not. Tongue and lips refused to fulfill their office.

"Merciful heaven! hie paity and succour us!" ejaculated Sir Gilbert. Then after a moment's pause he added, in a tone of dread and apprehension—

"Helen, Helen, dae ye no hear me?"

Still his companion remained silent, to Sir Gilbert's utter grief and terror.

"Gude God! ab'st his past beath, hearin' and speakin'!" he groaned. "The cauld has perished her!"

At that moment Patie gave a stumble when the Baronet felt Helen's hand loosen, and she slid from behind him and fell upon the snowy ground.

In a moment he pulled up, and leaped from the saddle, or at least tried to leap.—His frozen limbs could not yield, and he toppled over the horse's side at a piece, and rolled on the earth like a log of wood.

With desperate energy he shook off some of his lethargy, and crawled towards a dark mass a few yards from him. This was Helen lying motionless and huddled up, and already the drift was beginning to whiten her apparently inanimate form.

He took her in his arms, chafed her, and spoke to her in a tone of the most anxious solicitude.

"Oh, what will I dae, what will I dae?" he wailed. "Where are the Lord only knows, or whether we are near or far free shelter, but there's no a stime o' light to be seen in any direction, and the open hills seems a' around us. Help I maun hae, and that sune, or it will be ower late."

Sir Gilbert was now in desperation, and with a strength born thereby, he threw Helen over the neck of the horse, sprang again into the saddle, caught firm hold of her, and with wild energy sent his spurs into Patie's sides.

Patie snorted with agony and angry astonishment, and went plunging forward through the darkness. Sir Gilbert's feeling was this, that if the animal was, by the exercise of his instinct, making for some habitation, he could not reach it too soon. He therefore kept spurting him on, and the goaded beast galloped over the uneven ground with mad impetuosity.

TO BE CONTINUED.

PROTECTION OF EMIGRANTS ON SHIPBOARD.

—Mr. E. B. Washburne has submitted a bill to the House of Representatives providing that whenever any passenger shall die "after the contract of his embarkation in any vessel, by any cause incident to the voyage, and not being the act of God or the peril of the seas," the master and owner of the vessel shall be liable to pay his personal representatives the whole value of his earnings he would have made if he had lived the period assigned him by the usual tables of mortality. This law, if passed, will make it a more serious thing than it is at present for men to trifle with the lives of emigrant passengers under their control.

We regret to learn the sudden death of Sir Dominick Daly, Governor of South Australia. His loss is much regretted by the colonies, upwards of a thousand of whom followed his remains from the Roman Catholic Cathedral to the place of interment.

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G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary, Montreal.

T. W. SAUNDERS, Agent, Guelph. Guelph, 12th Feb. 1868. 747-4

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having purchased from the Executors of his late partner, Mr. Henderson his share of the business, begs to notify his friends and the public that he will continue to carry on the business in all its branches at the old stand, Wyndham Street, Guelph, and would solicit a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed on the late firm.

G. B. FRASER.

ALL outstanding accounts to be paid in bankable currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 12th of April, any remaining unpaid then will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 30 days after date.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. d

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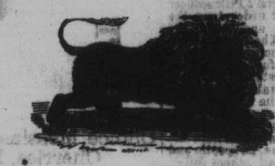
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JOHN HOGG. Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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R. J. DALLAS, Cashier. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw4

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GEORGE WILKINSON, By Palmer and Lillie, His Attorneys ad litem. Guelph, April 11, 1868. do 2w

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