

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta. CHAPTER V.

THE CATERANS OF BEN-A-SCHUBI—CAMERON AND IAN FLOT MICHIE—FLORA ALONE WITH IAN.

Passing three or four doors, he halted and thrusting a key into the lock of one on the right of the passage, detached it from the ring which held the others, passed on, muttering in a low tone to Ian—

"There is where she is—see what success you are to have."

With a triumphant smile on his face, Ian turned the key in the lock, opened the door, closed and locked it behind him, and then advancing, surveyed the cell and its occupant—Flora Macgregor—who, when she saw him enter, crouched away into the farthest corner of the cell, where she sat on the rude pallet, gazing at him with an expression of aversion and fear.

Flora's was naturally a joyous, glad-some heart, but the hardships to which she had been subjected had done much to damp the ardour of her spirits, and the misfortunes which had befallen herself and companion during the last two days had almost broken them, and had thrown over her an oppressive feeling of melancholy.

In this state of mind, the appearance of Ian alone beside her was almost sufficient to drive her frantic, and her feelings as she sat there would be difficult to describe. Since her first meeting with Ian in the hut up the glen, this of all others was the moment to which she had looked forward with feelings of the greatest dread. McKenzie she had learned to loathe and despise; and knowing as she well did, the vile and unscrupulous nature of her uncle, the thoughts which suggested themselves to her mind as pointing to the purpose of this man in visiting her, probably advised and directed by Cameron, and eagerly sought by himself, were indeed enough to inspire her with terror. And her distress of mind was increased by her sense of loneliness, for as yet she was unaware that McLeod also lay a prisoner in Malrubba's Ruin. She believed that she was here for the purpose of being tried, persecuted, insulted, and perhaps worse; and for her there was presented no opportunity of escape. There are indeed times when life becomes unbearable, and when death would be eagerly welcomed. When we are in the power of wicked, unscrupulous enemies, whose chief delight is in torturing and wringing our souls with agony, and when no other avenue of escape presents itself, then would death be hailed as a kind friend; and when the noble soul is threatened with dishonour, death, if attainable, becomes almost indispensable as a deliverer. And so it was with Flora Macgregor, as she sat in that corner gazing at Ian McKenzie, who, with a malicious and triumphant air, regarding her with eyes full of sensuous, passionate admiration, slowly approached. Her brain reeled, and her heart beat violently as she released her position. Did she release it fully? No! She knew not his purpose, and worse still, whatever it might be she felt herself powerless to escape from it. But realizing, and firmly persuaded of this, that his visit meant no good but the reverse to her, she, with trembling breast, waited to hear what he was about to say, albeit she felt that death itself would have been preferable to this man's company and his language in such circumstance.

Wifely Waste—Things to Think of—Thanksgiving Day.

To the Editor of The Evening Mercury. Sir,—The Lord Jesus Christ when on earth wrought two miracles to supply food for those who needed. On the first occasion he fed five thousand men, besides women and children; on the second four thousand men, besides women and children. But although He was an Almighty Provider, He would not sanction waste, for on both occasions the fragments were gathered up.

Unhappily with nations calling themselves Christians at the present day, it is not so; economy is ignored. Canada is a recipient of these bounties; He fills its barns with plenty, but what do we do with it? Every year Canada's distilleries and breweries destroy more than two millions of bushels of grain of various kinds, which, if converted into wholesome food, instead of being transformed into poisonous liquors, would supply two hundred and fifty thousand (one in 12) of its inhabitants with twelve months food. What would the people of Guelph say if, on the evening of Thanksgiving-day, a bonfire was kindled on the Market Square, and four thousand bushels of grain—the proportion for the population of Guelph—were to be publicly burned up? Yet it is being destroyed in our midst year after year by its distilleries and breweries; twelve months food for five hundred people being thus worse than wasted. Is this wicked waste to continually go on? Let every God-fearing man and woman say decisively so. But perhaps some may say, How is this state of things to be altered? Very easily. No one class of the community has rendered so much help to the Temperance cause as Ministers of the gospel have; but there is much yet to be done before Canada is emancipated from its greatest incubus—the drink traffic. Now the people rightfully expect that the Ministers of the Gospel shall be their promoters and leaders in every good work. Let Ministers fearlessly lift up their voices in denunciation of the nefarious liquor traffic—a traffic that impoverishes the many to enrich a few. By such fearless action they will rally around them those of their respective churches who really love God and their fellow man, and create a more healthy sentiment on this important subject than now exists, and its effects will be widely seen and felt. Municipal Council rooms and Legislative Halls would very soon find that a change had been effected in the "personnel" of many of their occupants, had men being superseded by men who fear God and work righteousness. Guelph, Oct. 3, 73. A CITIZEN.

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Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, I would cordially thank his many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold off at such bargains as will ensure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to purchase their goods while he is in the city. No more prices will be made. Goods will be sold at 20 per cent. below Toronto or Scotch prices. This is a special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next. G. B. FRASER, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

FRESH STOCK OF WATCHES, CLOCKS, AND JEWELLERY. R. CRAWFORD, Has just returned from New York with a large and well selected stock of American Watches, &c. which he guarantees. Will defy competition as regards lowness in price and quality. Examine the goods before purchasing else where. Jobbing done as usual. Store next the Post Office. R. CRAWFORD, Guelph, June 24th, 1873.

GREAT BARGAINS IN WOOL SHAWLS AT THE CASH STORE. RICHARD CLAYTON Having bought out a wholesale stock of Wool Shawls in Plain and Fancy Stripes and Checks, will sell the whole of his immense stock at 25 per cent less than Wholesale Prices. 55 Wool Squares in plain and fancy Rob Roy Shepherd Checks for \$2.50, well worth \$3.25; Fancy Plaid Shawls for \$3, a decided bargain. 90 Wool Squares and Longs for \$3.50, which would be cheap at \$4.25. Over 750 Wool Shawls to choose from. A LOT OF REVERSIBLE Paisley Squares from \$6. LADIES—There goods can all be seen at THE CASH STORE, Upper Wyndham Street. Guelph, Oct. 27, 1873. RICHARD CLAYTON.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT For the Best Tea at the Lowest Price. E. O'DONNELL & Co. Has in Stock A good Sweet Japan Tea for 25c per lb. A splendid Young Hyson Tea for 50c per lb. The best Dollar Tea by the caddy 80c per lb. A very pleasant flavored Black Tea for 50c per lb. The best Black Tea imported for 75c per lb. Gunpowder Tea, well worth 75c, for 50c by the caddy. People from the Country can have their goods sent to the Station or Hotels and people of the Town we will send the goods to your houses. Give us a call. We will send you away satisfied. E. O'DONNELL & CO. Guelph, Oct. 10, 1873. Wyndham Street Guelph.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. John A. McMillan, Insolvent. The whole of the Net Assets belonging to the insolvent is now being sold at a Tremendous Sacrifice. BOOTS AND SHOES 20 per cent. less than cost. Intending purchasers will consult their own interests by giving us a call. NOTE THE PRICES: Men's Cowhide Boots - \$2 00 Women's Pebble Ball - 0 75 Boys' Cowhide Boots - 1 50 Women's Prunella Ball - 0 75 Country dealers treated liberally. Guelph, Sept. 20, 1873. WM. McLaren, Assignee.

CANADIAN Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Splendid Value. JOHN MACDONALD & CO., TORONTO.

POCKET BOOK LOST. Lost, on Saturday last, the 12th inst., near the Grand Trunk Railway Station, in Rockwood, a large, black leather pocket book, containing three notes of hand, one drawn by Charles Storer, Walkerton, for \$200, in favor of John Hewer, Guelph, and endorsed by him, due the 20th day of December, 1873; one drawn by Joseph Hunter, Pickering, for \$45—\$15 endorsed thereon—in favor of John Hewer, Guelph, and endorsed by him, due the 15th January, 1874; and one drawn by T. M. Davy, of Stratford, for \$100—\$75 endorsed thereon—in favor of Robert Coulson, pastore. A number of other papers, of no use to any person but the owner, were also in the book. The payment of all these notes of hand has been stopped, and the public are hereby cautioned against purchasing them. Any person returning the pocket book and contents, to John Hewer, Guelph, Great Western Hotel, or to the owner, at Rockwood, will be handsomely rewarded. ROBERT COULSON. Nov. 15th, 1873.