

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

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The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

"My honour and my life are periled by a man whose evil power has driven from my home, and left this child and me dependent—beggars. All that, my liege, I think we could have borne, but our name has been unjustly turned to scorn, my dead husband's honesty traduced, and himself condemned to shame that envelopes his memory and his child and I in a cloud so black that we dared not raise our heads again in the eyes of men and women. Oh, my dear lady, who loved your husband, you who love your bonnie bairn, our King, you will not deny me pity, for I know your tender heart, which once held some regard for me; and I cry upon you in the sweet name of the Virgin Mother to grant me the protection of your strong arm till I can show how very much my husband's truth has been maligned."

"His name?"

"She faltered and was silent."

"Unveil, said her Majesty imperatively; 'unveil and let me see your face. Till then I promise nothing.'"

Trembling, and with a lingering terror at her heart, the woman raised her black thick veil.

"Margaret—Lady Spens," exclaimed the Queen, not in astonishment, but rather as one convinced of a suspicion.

Upon the instant there rose a murmur in the crowd, a murmur that gradually swelled with exclamations of rage and reprobation, a murmur that boded evil to the poor Lady of Spens and to her child.

CHAPTER XIV.—WHO WILL DEFEND HER?

At the first sound of that savage murmur of the populace the frightened lady, with a pale terrified look of appeal towards the Queen, clasped her child tightly to her breast.

"What," cried Angus darkly, "the wife of the attainted traitor, Walter Spens of Haldane?"

"Ay, my lord," responded she flushing crimson, and even in that moment of peril unable to subdue her indignation, "the wife of Walter Spens, but he was no traitor, attainted though he be."

"He is condemned," said the nobleman sternly.

"But falsely, falsely condemned," cried the wife, addressing the Queen. "My liege, my liege, he loved you and your house, and perished fighting for your cause. I do not know by what mischance he has fallen under this suspicion of his truth; but I do know that he is innocent. Grant me a few months—a few weeks—of your protection from my enemies, and I will show you his truth, or falling yield to you my life."

Her eyes brightened, her face glowed, and her voice rose in the earnest enthusiasm of her appeal. The conviction of truth shone upon her fair face and rang in the sad almost solemn intonations of her voice.

"He is condemned, I say, and this is no place for his defence. Captain Lindsay, I give this lady to your charge."

But neither Captain Lindsay nor any of the gentlemen of the Guard made the least motion of obedience to the earl's cruel command.

"Mercy, mercy," cried the lady desperately and grasping the rein of the Queen's horse. "When our late good King named his subjects to follow him to the field my husband was the first to join him. At Norham, at Etall, at Wark, he fought beside his master. When the false Lady Heron of Ford had betrayed the King, Walter Spens was the first to discover her treachery, and risked his life to save that of his master. Surely, surely, my dear lady, you cannot think that he was the man to be false to the King for whom he risked so much and whom he loved so dearly."

"I pray your Majesty push forward," said Angus sharply, "and leave the woman to be examined by the Lords and Council. Advance, gentlemen."

"Hold," cried the Queen impetuously. Then haughtily to the earl—"You forget, my lord, to await my authority for the command."

"Pardon, your Majesty," said Angus biting his lip, "but there is no time to wait. Harken to the cries of the people, their hot blood is up, and the woman's life will be sacrificed by her foolishness. Let her be taken to the Palace, where you can examine her at leisure."

However sternly Angus had treated the lady's appeal, his warring was certainly in her favor, for by some strange means her name had been caught by the crowd, and the opprobrium with which it was regarded roused angry feelings in the breasts of many and ruffled the tempers of all. They became impatient, their impatience grew, they became boisterous, and at length when they saw Margaret Spens grasp the Queen's rein a yell of execration broke from them.

"Down with the traitor's wife," cried one, and the words were caught up and carried to the limit of the crowd.

"Death to the traitor's wife," cried another, and these words too were caught up and thrown about until the people swayed to and fro with a terrible meaning in their fierce cries and furious gestures.

The indignation of the mass became concentrated into one word—"DEATH!"

There was a wild motion amongst those of the people who were nearest to the object of dislike.

A body of men broke from the mass and rushed furiously toward the lady, forgetting in their passion all reverence for the presence of royalty, or perhaps fancying that they were about to display the extent of their loyalty.

Before the gentlemen of the guard could interpose to save her, the self-appointed delegates of the people had seized the lady and were dragging her away from the presence of the Queen, to whose rein she clung despairingly.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Appalling Accident at Ailsa Craig.

The most appalling accident that has ever happened in this vicinity took place at Ailsa Craig on Monday evening. Thirteen men were employed at a steam sawing machine at the railroad station, and having a plentiful supply of whiskey, allowed the boiler to become empty. The engineer, though it was approaching a red heat, let it water. The consequence was an explosion, killing four persons, and severely wounding four others. The engineer and a negro were killed instantaneously; the third, a negro, died in an hour; and the fourth, a white man, died in a few hours. Three negroes lie in Mr. Boles' hotel, one having a broken thigh and being badly scalded; another seems insensible, though apparently much injured; the third will probably recover. A spectator, a young man from McGillivray, had his thigh badly cut and lies in Mr. Longstaff's hotel. The machinery and half the woodshed were blown to atoms. Part of the boiler, about 5 ft. 6 in. in length, and 2 ft. 9 in. in diameter, was blown about 150 yards distant, passing between the new grist mill and Mr. John Priestly's residence, and passing over a number of men in its flight. The confusion was so great as to shake almost every house in the village. The grist mill and Mr. Shipley's house had a very narrow escape, being only a few rods apart. Fortunately, Dr. Caw, of Parkhill, and Dr. Hanson, of London, were in the village, who, with Dr. Henderson, attended to the sufferers. The names of the killed were, Wm. Abernethy, engineer; Andrew Moore, of Windsor, (coloured); Richard Anderson, of London, (coloured); and John Lettiss, who was a stranger in the country and without friends.—London Advertiser.

Co. Percock has taken command of the garrison at Montreal during the absence in England of Major-General Russell.

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SMOKED OR UNSMOKED.

At E. CARROLL & CO'S

No. 2, GUELPH.

Guelph, June 18. daw tf

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between James Smith and Henry Metcalf, in carrying on the Saddle and Harness business, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business in future will be carried on by Henry Metcalf, in the Town of Guelph, who will discharge all debts and collect accounts due to the firm.

Witness JAMES SMITH, HENRY METCALF.

H. Metcalf begs to return his sincere thanks to the numerous customers of the late firm, and would solicit a continuance on his own behalf of the patronage so liberally bestowed on them. He shall, by strict attention to business, endeavor to meet the wants of his customers, and to keep up the reputation of the old firm.

All overdue Accounts to the late firm must be settled immediately.

Guelph, 13th June, 1868. ds w-f

DOMINION LIVERY STABLE

GUELPH, IONTARIO.

H. MARRIOTT

BEGS to inform the citizens of Guelph and the travelling public that he has started a Livery Stable next door to Mr. W. Armstrong's Blacksmith's Shop, Macdonnell Street, where he can supply

Saddle Horses, Horses and Buggies, Commercial Waggon's

At the shortest notice. Also, a large

PLEASURE WAGGON!

FOR PIC-NICS

Guelph, 19th June. do dm

NEW Factory Cheese!

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

SMOKED, Sugar-cured HAM'S!

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BOTTLED ALE AND PORTER

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

SARDINES, LOBSTERS,

SALMON and MACKEREL.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

BISCUITS

ALL KINDS, FRESH.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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Town of Guelph

FAIR DAY.

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ON THURSDAY, 2nd Prox

Wednesday being Dominion Day.

Guelph, June 19. d.

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SECOND-HAND CLOTHING bought and sold. Boys' and men's work made up cheap and strong. Clothing Cleaned and Repaired.

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Guelph, 14th May, 1868. dw-3m

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Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,

GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Philan Standard-American tables.

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Quinine Wine.

THE most delightful and invigorating Tonic known to science, used by medical practitioners in every part of the civilised world.

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LUBIN'S Extract of Violet, Jockey Club, Sweet Briar, Sweet Pea, Honey Scent, Hillostrope, Patchouly, New Mow Hay, Bouquet, Montreal, Guards' Club, Grand Trunk, West End, &c.

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SPLENDID DATES

At H. BERRY'S.

FINE ORANGES & LEMONS

At H. BERRY'S.

REAL Maple Sugar

At H. BERRY'S.

Guelph, May 20, 1868. dw

OATS FOR SALE

C. RICHTON'S Flour and Feed Store,

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POTATOES

From \$1 to \$1.20 per Bag,

according to quality.

Remember the Stand—three doors below Webster's.

Guelph, 13th June, 1868

PLASTER.

THE subscriber has now on hand, and will have for sale during the whole year a large supply of

White and Grey Plaster

for sale at his Warehouse on Gordon-st., near railroad crossing.

GEORGE BALKWILL.

Guelph, 27th May, 1867. dw.

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NEW UNDERFEED

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No. 1 Machine.....\$25.00

No. 2 Machine, with splendid iron stand,.....\$35.00

Containing the very latest Improvements and Inventions—Strong, Durable, Beautiful, Well Made and Highly Finished.

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Which is alike on both sides of the material sewed, and will not rip or ravel. Pushing two threads and adapted to light and heavy goods, coarse and fine threads; very large Shuttle and Bobbin, and so simple that a child can be taught to work it efficiently in a very short time.

Suited to all kinds of Family and General Sewing.

Tailoring, Mantle Making, and the use of Dress-makers, Manufacturers of Shirts, Collars, Shirts, Cloaks, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Corsets, Linen Goods, &c. They work equally well upon Silk, Linen, Woolen and Cotton Goods, with silk, cotton or linen thread.

They will sew, quilt, gather, fell, cord, braid, blind, hem, tuck, and perform any species of fine or coarse sewing, making a beautiful and perfect stitch, alike on both sides of the fabric sewed.

Office and Salesroom: 56 King-St. West, Toronto.

Toronto, May 6, 1868. dw

Wool, Hide and Leather

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GREAT CLEARING SALE

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COMMENCING ON TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE, and will continue for two weeks. The whole extensive stock will be cleared out at unprecedented Low Prices.

TULLE BONNETS, at half prices.

White & Colored Crape Bonnets, at half prices.

Trimmed Straw Bonnets at half prices.

Trimmed Straw Hats, at half prices.

Mantles and Jackets will be sold at Great Bargains, as our intention is never to carry over old Stock.

Just arrived another large lot of DRESS GOODS at 12 1/2 cents per yard, sold all over the Trade at 30 cents. Call early, examine the Goods, and compare prices.

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, June 22nd. dawtf

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BANKRUPT STOCK!

John Hogg

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A WHOLESALE BANKRUPT STOCK OF

DRY GOODS

Call and partake of the Immense Bargains.

Goods at Astonishing Low Prices.

Guelph, May 13, 1868. daw tf

Great Reduction in the Price of Grey Factory Cottons.

All Wool Canada Tweeds at 50c. and 63c., worth \$1. Don't delay.

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, May 13, 1868. daw tf

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NEW FRUITS AT

THE FRUIT DEPOT

Pine Apples, Oranges and Lemons, Strawberries & Tomatoes

Fresh Oysters arriving daily.

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A Well Assorted Stock of Groceries as usual.

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A COMPLETE assortment of the latest tools for shoe makers, including Machine Siles, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIV, 114 Yonge Street, Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

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AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and all sizes of Squares, Curved Rules, Edges, Improved Irons, English and Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIV, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

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STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Selfing Calipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Patent Files, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIV, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-13

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HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stools, Coffin Trainers, Upholsters' Needles, gulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For at lowest prices.

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A most speedy, safe and effectual preparation for the cure of

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NATHAN TOVELE has taken to himself the business of preparing and conducting funerals, and is prepared to attend to all the duties of the office in a prompt and efficient manner. His Steam Planing Mill is in constant operation, and he has a large stock of all kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

NATHAN TOVELE, Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.