

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XI.

CASTLE M'LEOD AND THE CHIEF OF THE CLAN—DONALD CAMERON VISITS THE CASTLE—HIS PROPOSAL IS REJECTED—A CRITICAL MEETING—NED GORDON AGAIN OF SERVICE.

Castle M'Leod stood several miles south from Loch Marce, and was externally, like its surroundings, wild and rugged. The site had been evidently chosen with a single aim of obtaining an invulnerable position of defence. Built on a small plot on the side of a steep hill, it could be approached only from the front, and so rugged and precipitous was the approach that to carry it seemed impossible, and to attack it exposed an enemy to great danger from the defenders, who could command them at all points at which they might show themselves. It seemed to be erected in the form of a parallelogram, with circular towers at each corner, and was apparently of considerable age, judging from the weather-beaten and crumbling appearance of the walls.

At a distance of less than a couple of miles from the castle was a rude clachan, wherein dwelt the vassals of the Chief.

Two days after the events recorded in the last chapter, there was feasting and rejoicing amongst the M'Leods in the castle. They feasted because of the death of the Chief of the M'Kenzies. The intelligence had arrived several days before at Castle M'Leod of the old Chief's death but Malcolm M'Leod had delayed the feast, purposing to wait until the return of his son, deeming it fitting that Hector should join in the celebration of the death of one who had sworn to have his life. But the young man had not returned, and the old man, though disappointed and pained at his non-appearance, was loth to delay longer, and so invited his clansmen to his board on the day we have named. The large banquetting hall of the castle had been filled with a motley gathering of brawny, faithful M'Leods, over whom the Chief had presided on the occasion. With long and rapturous cries these battle-scarred warriors had drunk confusion to their enemies, and particularly to the M'Kenzies, and had feasted heartily, vowing and renewing their obligations and fealty to the Chief who treated them so kindly.

But early in the afternoon, pleading that he was unwell, the old Chief had retired from the banquet, and while yet the sounds of hilarity and joy filled the room where the clansmen were congregated, and penetrating the walls, echoed through the castle, he was pacing his room with an expression of trouble and concern upon his face.

He appeared to be a man well advanced in the seventh decade, but still tall and straight and hardy. His carriage was graceful and proud, and was well set out by the long silver locks which flowed down over his shoulders, and by the white, patriarchal beard which covered his breast. His features were striking and handsome, while his eyes were keen and piercing. His whole air and demeanour showed him to be of ready resource—quick in forming his resolutions, and determined in the carrying of them out. His features seemed marked with grief, and his whole appearance betokened that he had not been a stranger to trouble.

"And so," he exclaimed, as the sound of a loud shout from that part of the castle where the clansmen were holding their revels fell upon his ear—"And so the M'Leods at length rejoice that The M'Lenzie is dead. Would to heaven his death had happened years ago—no; that I had a malice against him, but that it would have spared me much misery. Such a night as this recalls the past, and the figures of noble boys who perished by his hand rise up before me. Gallant noble youths all them—true M'Leods—and to die as they did by the hand of a man who hounded after their lives as a dog after its prey. And M'Kenzie blamed me for it all, because his son Ranald fell under my sword at Sheriff Muir—forgetting that I was at the moment surrounded by half-a-dozen besides, each of whom aimed his weapon at my heart, making it stern necessity that I should cut down without thought of mercy all who obstructed my way.

"But the M'Kenzie is dead, and I thank God that one son, whose life, too, he had sworn to have, is yet spared me. Will the feud now be ended? It is difficult to answer the question. I have heard that his son had arrived before he died. Perhaps prudence may show the young man that he cannot expect to carry it on with success. For although personally I have suffered much more by the struggle than the M'Kenzie, yet the result on the clans has been different. Our arms have ever been successful in defeating the M'Kenzies; and from living in a lordly mansion, I believe he died in a hut which he would not five years ago have used as a kennel for his dogs.

Quiet, but firm. "Wanted, by a strong German, a situation in an eating house. He understands the business."

While witnessing a game of base ball out West, a boy was struck on the head, the ball coming out of his mouth.

Ask a St. Louis man about Chicago, and he will admit there is such a place in Illinois, but will add, "It is all mapped to Boston."

BREAKFAST.—Epp's Cocoa.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which will save us many heavy doctors' bills."—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co., Hasporth Chemists, London."

The jury summoned to consider the evidence connected with the Harlem boiler explosion, by which seven persons were killed, returned a verdict finding the contractors and engineer guilty of criminal negligence. The coroner committed George and Beemer, the subcontractors, and John Barnum, the engineer, to the Tombs without bail. John Barnum, the owner of the boiler, is held in fifteen thousand dollars bail, and A. S. Cameron, who sold the boiler to Barnum, is held in five thousand dollars. The New York press highly approve of the verdict and the action of the coroner.

Dr. McAshear, who is to be at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of December, is spoken of by the London papers as follows:—"As a skillful physician in the treatment of all lingering chronic diseases, Dr. McAshear, of London, Ont., is said to stand unrivalled. He has had extensive experience, and is spoken of in the highest terms by medical men, his patients, and the press of Canada. He has long given attention to, and made himself popular in chronic diseases of the chest, and has successfully established himself as one of the leading physicians of the Dominion."



Great Clearing Sale of Fancy

and Staple Dry Goods for Thirty Days

AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

George Jeffrey will commence his Great Annual Sale, on THURSDAY, the 27th NOVEMBER, when he will offer the whole of his extensive stock at such prices as will ensure a speedy clearance. Also, a wholesale stock of New and Fashionable Dress Goods at less than manufacturer's prices. Over 8000 yards new Serges, all new colors, at 20 cents a yard, worth from 45 to 50 cents. Over 6000 yards new Striped Serges 25 cents, usual price 50 to 55 cents. French Merinoes will be sold equally low, and the balance of our Fancy French Dress Goods at much less than regular prices. **FURS, FURS!** Just to hand another lot of those Furs which have created so much excitement, equally low. Come at once and get a good choice. **Millinery and Mantles!** The balance of this department will be cleared out regardless of cost. This great sale is called several weeks earlier in order to give our customers the benefit of New Goods at a seasonable time. The stock of FANCY GOODS is the largest in the Province, so that parties in want of Christmas presents will do well to call at once as the entire stock will be reduced in price. **Every Lady in Guelph and surrounding country should visit this Establishment during the sale and judge themselves.**

All Goods charged During the Sale will be at the Regular Prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH



THE GOLDEN LION

Busy Times! Busy Times

Store Crowded from Monday morn till Saturday night.

SECOND ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS!

50 Cases and Bales New Goods JUST RECEIVED.

150 pieces of that noted Cheap Wincey at 12c; 200 pieces of Horrock's White Cottons at 10c.

The cheapest Goods and Most Fashionable Goods is to be seen at the Golden Lion.

New Millinery Hats and Bonnets, New Dress Goods, New Stripe Shawls, 250 sets Furs, 5 bales Buffalo Robes, 20 bales Cotton Bags.

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

The Largest and Cheapest Stock in Guelph.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph Oct. 31, 1873

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are making a noise among the Grocers

100 boxes new Valencia Raisins, first of the season; 75 splendid Ingersol Cheese, 10 hhdgs of Good Sugar at 13lb. for \$1. 10 sacks best Mocha Coffee, 15 sacks of the Finest Java Coffee, 18 sacks of the best Rio Coffee at 30c.

TEAS FINE AND SWEET

600 Caddies of the Best Dollar Green Tea for 80c., in any quantity.

A few Packages of very fine Black and Japan Tea for 75cents per lb.

500 Barrels of the Best Salt at \$1.20 per barrel.

It will pay anybody to look in and see the large variety of fine Teas and General Groceries at

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN

INSURANCE COMPANY

FIRE AND MARINE!

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, - - \$5,000,000

Incorporated by Act of Parliament, having obtained License and made the Government Deposit, are prepared to insure all Descriptions of Property against Loss or Damage by Fire

AT MODERATE RATES.

HEAD OFFICE, 160 St. James Street, Montreal.

DIRECTORS:

Hon. John Young, President; J. F. Sincennes, Vice President; Andrew Robertson, John Ostell, J. R. Thibaudeau, W. F. Kay, L. A. Borer, M. P., M. C. Mulliken, Andrew Wilson, Secretary Treasurer, Arthur Gagnon, Manager Alfred Perry, Solicitor, J. A. Perkins.

W. J. PATERSON,

Nidm Agent, Guelph.

TO BUILDERS, PLASTERERS, PAINTERS, MASONS, &c.

See Maddock's

Adjustable Scaffold,

Patented October 18, 1873.

Time and Money saved by its use. Can be put up anywhere in a few minutes. County, Town, Township, and individual Rights for sale. Full particulars on application to E. H. MADDOCK, GUELPH, GUELPH, Nov. 17, 1873.

PLOUGHS.

Just received, a quantity of the celebrate

Gray Ploughs,

From Scotland, manufactured by Gray & Uddington, near Glasgow.

THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTOR

Steel Board Ploughs also some cheap Cast Board Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50 to \$30. A good assortment of Stoves and Tinware for sale cheap. W. HEATHER, Corner Woolwich-st. and Eramosa Road Guelph, 2nd April, 1873.

JAMES CORMACK, Tailor and Clothier,

No. 1, Wyndham Street.

Has now on hand a superior stock of FRENCH, SCOTCH, ENGLISH

—AND— CANADIAN

WOOLENS

Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

FRENCH COATINGS

A speciality this Season.

A magnificent display

Of Gent's Furnishing Goods;

Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices.

JAMES CORMACK, No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, 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 a special price. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at the lowest price possible. 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.

W. J. PATERSON, Guelph.

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the Great Northwest.

\$45,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks.

Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst.

M. G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

G. B. FRASER

AT CLEARING SALE

AT THE CASH STORE.

RICHARD CLAYTON

In order to clear out our Immense Stock of

DRY GOODS

Previous to alteration of premises, we will allow

A Discount of 10 per cent. on all purchases over \$5.00.

JUST RECEIVED,

500 PIECES

Of New Striped Dress Goods, in Satin, Serge, Baratha, and Lustre

Which will be offered along with our magnificent stock of Dresses at the same discount.

A few pieces in Black of the New

MANCHESTER MOIRE ANTIQUE

WHICH WILL BE

Offered at 35 cents per yard, usual price 50c.

Intending purchasers will find this a rare chance to obtain first-class Goods at low prices, as every Department will be found full of the best goods in the market which must be sold previous to our great alterations

Save 10 per cent by coming direct to

THE CASH STORE,

Upper Wyndham Street.

Guelph, Nov. 4, 1873

RICHARD CLAYTON.

Co-Operative Store.

SPECIALTIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Blankets per pair, -	from \$4.00	Ladies' Gloves -	from 10cts
Cloakings, -	from 1.00	Ladies' set Hose -	from 40
Striped Shawls, -	from 3.00	Mens' Undershirts -	from 75
Sets Furs, -	from 2.00	Boys' Undershirts -	from 60
Fur Muffs, -	from 2.00	Boys' Caps -	from 45
Cardigan Jackets, -	from 2.00	Mens' Caps -	from 65
Flannels, -	from 0.25	Mens' Pea Jackets -	from \$4 50
Winceys, -	from 0.10	Mens' Overcoats -	from 3 00
Tweeds, -	from 0.50	Boys' Overcoats -	from 4 00
Velveteens, -	from 0.50	Boys' Pea Jackets -	from 3 50
Dress Goods, -	from 0.10	Boys' Kip Long Boots -	2 00
Black Lustre, -	from 0.18	Mens' Kip Long Boots -	2 75
Clouds, -	from 0.15	Mens' Calf Long Boots -	3 60
Wool Scarfs, -	from 0.13	Childs' Laced Balmorals -	75
Boxes Collars -	from 0.5	Overshoes in every size.	

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Nov. 21, 1873

dw