

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVI.

NEED GORDON MEETS IAN M'KENZIE—A NEW CONSPIRACY.

"You lowland cur," exclaimed M'Kenzie, evidently stung by Gordon's language, "if you dare to utter such words again I shoot you down as I would a dog, than which you are little better."

"I'm a dog that shoot as well as you," was Gordon's reply, as he suddenly drew his pistol from his pocket, and raised the hammer. The advantage of firearms is no secret on your side, ye see, an' though am no mortal's bluid on my hands as you are, faith, I'll no stick tae send the contents o' this intae your carcass if dare tae put your finger on that trigger."

Ian's reply was to laugh loudly, and the laugh made Gordon uneasy; there was a suspicious easiness about it when the position in which Ian was placed was considered. This nerved him to act immediately, and upon the offensive. He was about to make a sudden spring forward, when his dog gave a low growl. He turned quickly about to see two men approaching, ready to dash themselves upon him. At the same moment Ian uttered a loud shout, which was followed by the flash and report of his pistol. The bullet whistled past Gordon's ear, and a yell of mortal agony and another of terror and surprise almost simultaneously broke the stillness of the morning.

For the moment Gordon was confused. But another flash and a report recalled him to his danger, and he took a hurried survey of the scene before engaging in conflict with those who had so unexpectedly come upon him. The brief glance he cast around explained the causes of the yell of terror and agony. On the ground behind him Ian M'Kenzie and his faithful dog were struggling with each other. The animal had sprung upon M'Kenzie as he raised the pistol to fire at Gordon, and, distracting his aim, had caused the bullet to enter the breast of one of his companions, who lay on the ground apparently lifeless, blood flowing profusely from the wound.

But there was little time to think. The other fellow, a brawny M'Kenzie, after unsuccessfully discharging his pistol, had drawn his claymore, and now rushed upon Gordon.

Inspired by the advantage which chance had given him, the Lowlander, taking his pistol in his left hand, grasped his cudgel with his right and boldly met the advancing Highlander. The clansman attacked Gordon with a wild and desperate fury, which he could scarcely resist, but he warily parried his blows, and eagerly watched an opportunity for bringing his cudgel down upon his opponent's skull. Cautiously he moved backwards, and from one side to another. At length a false step caused his opponent to stumble slightly forward, and although the Highlander was but for an instant thrown off his guard, in that instant Gordon sent his claymore flying from his hand, and in the next with one terrible blow felled him to the ground. And none too soon, for Ian M'Kenzie was also now upon him, his sword reeking with the blood of the faithful dog, which he had had to kill before it would loosen its hold. Quick as thought, Gordon struck down M'Kenzie's weapon, then sprang to where the clansman's sword had fallen, and picking it up turned to meet Ian, who was again upon him.

Clash, clash—swish, swish went the weapons, as the two roused men stood before each other. Ian's face was already scratched and bleeding, and blood also flowed from a wound in his throat.

The Credit Valley Railway By-law.

The following is a correct return of the vote cast at the several polling places on the Credit Valley Railway By-law:—

ERIN.		
POLL NO.	NAY.	YEA.
1.....	48	0
2.....	40	131
3.....	41	127
4.....	42	52
ORANGEVILLE.		
1.....	2	72
2.....	3	104
EAST GARAHRARA.		
Only one poll.....	238	43
WEST GARAHRARA.		
Only one poll.....	248	105
FERGUS.		
POLL NO. 1.....	2	76
2.....	3	80
NICHOL.		
1.....	20	17
2.....	14	76
3.....	48	88
ELORA.		
1.....	1	62
2.....	3	104
PILKINGTON.		
1.....	80	96
2.....	39	4
	872	1,127
Majority—255.		

CENTRE RIDING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was held at Spire's Hotel on Wednesday, January 21, Mr. Monger in the chair. The directors' report was adopted, and the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers: President, W. Tindale; 1st Vice-President, Jas. Hunter; 2nd Vice, Hugh Roberts; Sec. Treasurer, John Beattie. Directors, Isaac Anderson, W. Mutrie, T. Buckland, F. Cassidy, W. Beattie, W. Speira, Alex. Anderson, J. M. Fraser, Robert Dalby. Auditors, David Foote, A. Gordon. Moved by W. Tindale, seconded by Jas. Hunter, That in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient to confine the fall show to one day, to be kept open until six o'clock p. m. Carried. Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Hunter, that the Judges be paid \$5 each for attending the exhibition. Lost. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring President and the meeting rose.

BEVERLY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Officers for 1874.—President, Christ. Ricker; Vice do., David Watson; Secretary and Treasurer, W. McDonald; Directors, James T. Smith, Brewin Cornell, Henry Chambers, Thos. Cooke, Robert Young, Henry Howard, Edwin Grey, Henry Brimes, Henry Blake, Emerson Clement, John Patterson, Jas. Patterson, Robt. Ferguson, Wm. Hunter, Jas. B. Keachie, Abram Betzner, Wm. Watt, Joseph Archer; Auditors, Wm. Henderson, sr., John Menzy, sr.

MOUNT FOREST DISTRICT L. O. L.—Officers elected for the current year:—Bro. John Rogers, Mount Forest, District Master; Bro. Geo. Atkinson, Clifford, D. D. M.; Bro. R. Doyle, Egremont, Chaplain; Bro. Geo. Sutton, Mt. Forest, Secretary; Bro. James McMullen, Egremont, Treasurer; Bro. Neil McKelvie, Egremont, D. of C.; Bro. John P. Miller, Harrison, M.; Bro. F. Beamish, Minto, Tyler.

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GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Offers the Balance of his Stock of

Fancy and Staple Dry Goods at an Immense Reduction!

Previous to Stock-taking. Everything must be Cleared Out before the 1st of March.

Remnants of Table Linens,

Remnants of Towellings,

Remnants of Prints,

Remnants of Sheetings,

Remnants of White Cottons,

TO BE RUSHED OFF AT ANY PRICE.

FURS

This is the last chance for Cheap Furs, as the balance must be disposed of Regardless of Cost.—A few of these Cheap Dress Goods still on hand, but going fast. Remember this is the Great Remnant Sale of the Season. Parties looking for bargains should call at once.

FURS

GUELPH, JAN. 17th, 1874

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

ALTERATION OF PREMISES

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REGARDLESS OF COST.

RICHARD CLAYTON

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REGARDLESS OF COST

THE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT AT THE LOWEST CASH

PRICES, AND IT WILL WELL REPAY ANY ONE TO

SEE OUR GOODS BEFORE PURCHASING.

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Good Factory Cotton for 9 cents;
Good Bleached Cotton for 8 cents;
Horrockses Cotton for 10 cents. See them
Scarlet Flannel for 23 cents.
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BREAKFAST SHAWLS, CROSSOVERS, &c. &c. &c.

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Upper Wyndham Street.

No goods advertised but can be seen. Give us a call.

RICHARD CLAYTON,

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

Guelph, Jan. 3, 1874

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GUELPH, Jan.

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At the Lowest Prices.

Coal delivered in any part of the Town.

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G. B. FRASER,

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SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
No. 1 Foot Power.
No. 2, for heavy work.
Furnished with plain tables, hall, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

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Fine Brown and Blue Beaver and Melton

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Also on hand, Readymade

HUDSON'S BAY OVERCOATS

IN SEVERAL STYLES.

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Guelph Dec. 1, 1873

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Guelph, Sept. 29, 1873.

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Manufacturer of

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GUM and LICORICE DROPS.
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MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
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FRUIT BISCUITS,
GINGER NUTS,
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