

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta. CHAPTER I. THE VOW TAKEN—"COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE."

"Your words have decided me, father. I swear that should Hector McLeod, or any of his race, cross my path, and I have opportunity, I will have their lives."

"Thank God for that! You are a McKenzie yet, my son. And now I can die in peace. But first let me give you my blessing. Bend here your head."

Ian knelt down beside his father, and then the old man, placing his hands on his head, said—"My best blessing continue with you. May your head, your limbs, your eyes, your weapons never fail you, but stand you in good stead in time of need; and may the McLeods learn that one more terrible has come against them than ever they have met before."

The young man was unconscious of what his father was saying to him. His mind was contemplating the nature of the work he had undertaken upon himself, and which he still felt that he ought not to have bound himself to perform. It was not so much generous feelings which repelled him from willingly undertaking what was required of him, as a secret dread that such an attempt might prove fatal to himself, as so many of the counters between the McLeods and the McKenzies had proved to the latter before. To this was added a certain degree of cultivation which he had received in Edinburgh, where he had spent several years, and the anxiety he felt to secure a lady for his bride on whom he had lately set his heart. This latter was all the more imperative inasmuch as he had learned that another, a stranger, had found favor with the lady on whom were centred his affections.

The free and easy life of the metropolis had considerably blunted the wild, clanish spirit with which his father had been so anxious to imbue him. Stern, unwavering, inflexible attachment to kinsmen was the bond of union between the members of a clan; but in Edinburgh he found that men were chiefly attached to themselves, and only took an interest in their neighbors or their kinsmen if it were likely to be of service to them. Selfish by nature, Ian saw much to admire in this egoism of his companions and friends in the south, and had returned to the north with far different feelings and tastes from those which he had brought home he had possessed.

This desire to work only for self had been the chief obstacle in the way of his agreeing to carry out his father's desire. No good could come of it, so far as he could see; it would benefit him not in the least, and might besides so increase his hereditary enemies as to place himself in a position of danger. He had, while his father with quivering voice and excited gesture recited the ill which had come upon the McKenzies through the McLeods, felt the old spirit rise within him, and had been so far carried away as to promise to his father to carry out his behest.

This he had no sooner done than he regretted the doing of it, and as his mind wandered over the track we have indicated in these lines, the idea of the solemn obligation became more and more repugnant. He could not tolerate the irksomeness of the situation. No! he would yet renounce it, and rather bear the old man's curse upon him.

Springing to his feet from the kneeling position he had assumed in order to receive his father's blessing after taking the vow, he cried out—"Father, even yet I renounce this obligation; I cannot bind myself to do this thing. I will not, curse me as you will."

There was no reply. "Do you hear me, father?" Still no answer. A sudden pallor blanched Ian's cheeks as he bent down and gazed into his father's face. One look confirmed what his heart had dreaded.

The old man was dead.

FALL SHOWS. ERASMUS - At Rockwood, on Tuesday, Sept. 30th. NORTH WATERLOO - In Waterloo Village Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. HAMILTON CENTRAL - Sept. 30th, and Oct. 1st and 2nd. REQUESSING - At Georgetown, Wednesday, Oct. 1st. NORTH WALLINGTON - At Arthur, Oct. 1st and 2nd. SOUTH RIDING OF BRUCE - Teeswater, on the 1st and 2nd October. PUNLICH - At Aberfoyle, on Friday, Oct. 3. NAESGARWEYA - At Hunter's Hotel, Nassa gweya, Oct. 7th. MINTO, at Harrison, on Tuesday, the 7th of October. SOUTH BRANT - In Brantford, Oct. 7th and 8th. WEST GARATRA - At Douglas, Wednesday, Oct. 8th. JEFF - At Erin Village, Thursday, Oct. 9th. SOUTH WATERLOO - Oct. 14th and 15th. EAST GARATRA - At Marsville, Thursday, Oct. 16th.

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS. HARRISTON - Friday before the Guelph Fair. BOWWORTH - Saturday before Guelph. DEXTER - The Saturday before Guelph. ELOHA - The day before Guelph. FOCOLAN - Monday before Elora fair. GUELPH - First Wednesday in each month. CLIFFORD - Thursday before the Guelph fair. TAYBURN - Friday before the Guelph fair. NEW LAKESHORE - First Tuesday in each month. BRILLY - First Thursday in each month. ELMA - Second Monday in each month. WATERLOO - Second Tuesday in each month. MOUNT FOREST - Third Wednesday in each month. HANOVER - Monday before Durham. DURHAM - Tuesday before Mount Forest. FERRIS - Thursday following Mount Forest. ONTARIOVILLE - Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November. MONO MILLS - Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October. ERB - First Monday in January, April, July and October. MARONVILLE - First Tuesday in February, May, August and November. BRAMPTON - First Thursday in each month. LISTOWN - First Friday in each month. HILLBURG - Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept. and November. MOOREFIELD - Monday before Guelph. HAMILTON - Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE. The farm occupied by the late James Forster, being the southeast half of lot No. 7, in the 3rd concession of Erasmus, 100 acres, 50 cleared, the remainder good hard wood, chiefly beech and maple. There is a nursery of choice fruit trees ready for transplanting, and an ever-falling spring well. The buildings consist of a frame house, a large frame barn, shed and stable, with other useful buildings. This property is situated two miles from the village of Rockwood, and six from Guelph. For further particulars apply on the premises, or by letter to Rockwood P.O. Aug 27, 1879. MRS. JAMES FORSTER.

FARM FOR SALE - Being the east half of lot 36, in the 4th concession of Puslinch, 100 acres, 80 cleared and in good state of cultivation, good frame buildings, also a good orchard of apples, pears, plums and cherries. There is thirteen acres of well water in the ground. There are two water cisterns. A spring creek crosses a certain part of the lot. This farm is well fenced, and particular apply to James Macklin on the premises, or by letter postpaid to Puslinch P.O. 222-WS 1

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The Proprietor has pleasure in announcing the arrival of this immense stock of



FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS

Which will be found very attractive, embracing all the latest novelties in English, French and American Goods, as well as a choice selection of Canadian Manufacture.

Parties Visiting the Exhibition should Call and Examine this Stock

Before leaving Town, as it is the Largest and Best Selected ever brought into Guelph.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

The Cheapest House in the Dominion for Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.



A MONSTER STOCK FROM EUROPE!

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NEW FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS!

Ex-Steamships Corinthian, Manitoban, Prussian, and St. Patrick.

The Largest Display of Dry Goods ever shown in Guelph!

An assortment unequalled by any Retail Establishment in Ontario. A monster stock bought for cash.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS

Begin to announce that their stock of goods for the Fall and Winter Trade is now complete in every Department. Our importations which are unusually heavy this season, have been carefully selected by Mr. Thomas Heffernan, who has just returned from Europe, where he has purchased extensively from the leading manufacturers of Great Britain and Ireland, France and Germany. DRESS GOODS - We are prepared to show direct particular attention to our display of Dress Goods, which for quantity, quality, and price surpasses anything ever before seen in Guelph. Over one thousand SHAWLS - We are prepared to show over one thousand Shawls of every variety, pattern and color. English Cloths, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, Genis Furnishings. We show more goods in this department than any three houses in Guelph, and we sell a better Tweed at 75c per yard than can be had at any other establishment at one dollar. In Ready-Made Clothing, Carpets, Blankets and General House Furnishings, our stock is simply immense, completely overshadowing the pretensions of other houses. MILLINERY & MANTLES - Our Show Rooms will be open during the week of the Exhibition. Everything that is novel and fashionable can be seen. Pattern Bonnets, Hats and Jackets direct from Paris, London and New York.

Noted for Cheap Dry Goods.

(Guelph, Sept. 15, 1873.)

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.

GENT'S NEW FURNISHING STORE IN GUELPH

WM. ANDERSON

Adjoining Pringle's Jewellery Store.



A large, varied and choice assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods, including a full range of Perfect Fitting Shirts in all sizes and prices, warranted to give complete satisfaction. Fancy and Plain Flannels cheap. Shirts in cotton, winsey, and plain and fancy. Bow and Ties, a large choice. Scarfs in all the latest styles. Collars in all the new shapes, in linen and paper. Cuffs, new shapes, in linen and paper. Underclothing, a large assortment. Socks, in Lamb's wool, merino and cotton, plain and fancy.

Also, a choice stock of Ladies' Hosiery and Kid Gloves - the two button Kid from 15 per pair. Hosiery in all the new colors - Claret, Brown, Grey, scarlet, White, Black.

WM. ANDERSON, Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873.

New Clothing Store.

THE ELEPHANT ARRIVED

On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Have great pleasure in stating that they have secured those splendid premises at present occupied by Heffernan & Co. and will open them about the 3rd of September with an entirely new stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

These Goods will be offered at such prices as will make them be sold.

Mechanics and Farmers, wait for the New Store--You will save Money.

Further particulars in a few days.

C. E. PEIRCE & Co. GUELPH, Aug. 1873.

Co-Operative Store.

The Stock of Fall and Winter Clothing

(formerly owned by Mr. Galloway)

WILL BE SOLD AT THE FIRST COST.

- Men's Wool Pants \$2.50, former price \$4.00
Vests 1.50, " 2.25
Coats 5.00, " 7.25
Suits 10.00, " 15.00
Boys' Wool Suits 6.00, " 8.50

The Stock of Hats and Caps

From Seaforth will be sold for one half the usual retail prices.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co. GUELPH, Sept. 6, 1873.

HART & SPEIRS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents.

4 Day's Block, Guelph

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.

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Call and examine my new stock of

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Particular attention paid to Custom Work and Repairing.

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UPPER WYNDHAM STREET, Next to the Wellington Hotel.

All kinds of Fancy Goods BERLIN WOOLS, Constantly on hand.

All orders promptly attended to. MRS. WRIGHT, Guelph July 9, 1873. dw

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Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. 6194dw

E. A. A. GRANGE, Veterinary Surgeon

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R. C. has great pleasure in informing the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has just returned from EUROPE with a complete assortment of

NEW DRY GOODS

CONSISTING OF Silks, Shawls, Mantles, Millinery

Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Laces, Dresses in all the New Fabrics,

And all the new colors; Hosiery, Gloves, Cloths, &c., all of which he is determined to sell at the smallest living profit.

R. C. will be prepared to show on TUESDAY FIRST and following days the contents of

Over 100 Cases of Goods!

Bought direct from the Manufacturers at the lowest cash prices. He has therefore every confidence in calling the attention of all intending purchasers to the following

LIST OF PRICES:

In the Dress Department - 2 1/2 Heavy Winecees at 1 1/2c; Real Aberdeen do. from 15c; New washing Camlets in plain and fancy from 1 1/2c; New Circassian Cloths from 1 1/2c; Plain and Figured Lustras at 1 1/2c. French Marinees, Frills, Lustras, Repps, Serges, Sultans, Corda, Crapo, Maritzy's, and Balmoral Crapes in all the newest shades at Clayton's Cash Store.

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From Scotland, manufactured by Gray & Uddington, near Glasgow. THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTORIA Steel Board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast Board Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.00 to \$20. A good assortment of Stoves and Tinware for sale cheap. W. HEATHER, Corner Woolwich-street and Erasmus Street, Guelph, 2nd April, 1870.



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