

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HAMILTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair.
BOWWATER—Saturday before Guelph.
DRAXTON—The Saturday before Guelph.
ELORA—The day before Guelph.
DOUGLAS—Monday before Elora fair.
GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month.
CLIFFORD—Thursday before the Guelph fair.
TEVIOTDALE—Friday before the Guelph fair.
NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday in each month.
BURLINGHAM—First Thursday in each month.
BURLINGHAM—Second Monday in each month.
WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in each month.
MOUNT FOREST—Third Wednesday in each month.
HAMBURG—Monday before Durham.
DUNBAR—Tuesday before Mount Forest.
FERGUS—Thursday following Mount Forest.
ORANGEVILLE—Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
MORO MILLS—Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October.
EMER—First Monday in January, April, July and October.
MARCHVILLE—First Tuesday in February, May, August and November.
DRAXTON—First Thursday in each month.
LISTOWEL—First Friday in each month.
HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept. and November.
MOOREFIELD—Monday before Guelph.
HAMILTON—Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

The Rival Clansmen
A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XV.
IAN M'KENZIE AGAIN RAFFLED—BRUNTED—
A LAST COURSE!—DEATH OF OLD
M'LEOD.

The young man at once arose and went out after him. His father proceeded to a room in a different part of the Castle, and having waited until Hector should enter, closed the door, and pointed to a seat which he requested him to take.

Hector obeyed. The old man did not himself sit down, but strode through the room for some time without speaking. At length, halting in front of Hector, who regarded him curiously, he said—

"My son, after I had brought you hither to confide something to you, I had almost resolved to keep it to myself, but it would be wrong not to place you on your guard."

"What is it you would speak of, father?"

"Hector"—and, taking his hand, the old man sank on a seat beside his son as he continued—"Hector, my enemies have this time been successful—surely to their uttermost desire."

Something in tone in which the words were uttered caused the young man to wonder whether he understood aright his father's meaning.

"What do you mean?" he asked uneasily, gazing keenly into his father's face.

"My son, Ian M'Kenzie vowed to his father to have your life, and to exterminate the M'Leods. He has caused the death of the flower of the clansmen, and—and—the Chief with them."

Tears coursed down the M'Leod's cheeks.

"But, father, you are alive, and in a few days will be strong again. It is the fatigue, the excitement, and the grief which have disconcerted you. But you will recover."

"Never," was the reply. "No, Hector, M'Leod will never lead his clan forth again, he will never again cross the threshold of his Castle; the bed he lays himself down upon he will never rise from."

The earnest and impressive manner in which the words were uttered, as well as the lurking conviction which he faintly would have banished from his mind that the words were indeed true, distressed the young man deeply, and he could scarcely find language to reply.

"Do you not jest, father?"

"He knew his father jesting not, but what else could he say?"

"Nay, my son, the days of my jesting are past. Listen, Hector. A week ago I fancied that I might now enjoy a season of repose and rest. The M'Kenzie is the man who had been a source of trouble, of deep deep trouble to me for years—was stricken with the hand of death; and being tired of the feud, I thought that it was likely then to end if I did not assume part of the aggressor. Donald Cameron was the first to disturb my dream by his nefarious proposal, which, despite his representations, I believe you, my son, to innocent of. Is it not so?"

"Donald Cameron's proposal? My letter! His! I remember. What did he propose?" exclaimed Hector, with eager interest, as he suddenly remembered of the letter he had written to his father at Cameron's dictation in Malrubba's Ruin.

"He asked the hand of your aunt in marriage; if I refused your life was to pay the forfeit. It was a hard struggle for both of us, Hector, but my sister rejected the proposal, and so did I. It was then, my son, that I knew that my peace was again to be broken, and before many hours, when the Witch of Bon-Lair and Gordon and the two girls arrived and told us of M'Kenzie's oath, and of his connection with your capture, I saw clearly, as though he had spoken it to me himself, the intention of Donald Cameron. Think of it for a moment, my son, in connection with M'Kenzie's vow to have your life. If I were dead, and Donald Cameron your aunt's husband, what would happen?"

"Ha," exclaimed Hector, on whose mind the truth had now dawned. "Now I see his intention. But he shall be balked, and Ian M'Kenzie is balked already."

"Hector, be not too certain. I know—much better, I hope, much better than ever you shall—the nature of the M'Kenzies. Since this young man has taken up the quarrel, it will be a struggle to the very death. I tell you, Hector, if you spare Ian M'Kenzie he will have your life. And let me tell you this also. The voice of the owner of M'Leod Castle has its weight and its influence. None know that better than does Donald Cameron; and, since he has set his mind on securing that position, expect not he will give up his intention without one more, at least, if not many an effort."

"He shall not do so unopposed, father," replied Hector, with warmth.

"Well spoken, Hector. But compose your mind, and give not way to grief when I ask you to consider that which is inevitable, and close at hand—the end of my days. The blow which I have received is more than I can bear up against; and, besides, the struggle which I had with the cold waters of Loch Maroe has left its mark upon me. I am enfeebled, exhausted. It is with an effort greater almost than I can bear that I am able to address you at present. But it is better to do so now, when I can summon the strength, than it would be when I am weaker. Now, my son, I do not wish you to do aught that is dishonourable or unmanly—nothing that is inhuman; but I shall die the more contented that you promise me what I shall ask of you."

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London."—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.

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