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### Guelph Evening Mercury

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MONDAY EVG, MARCH 16, 1868.

## The Maiden's Choice

ON THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

### A Tale of the Covenanters.

"Wretch! monster!" shrieked Helen, with passionate vehemence, "you will be called to account for that deed."

"By whom?" he sneeringly asked.

"Indeed, my pretty fair one; and how is the doughty Baronet to know it?"

"From me, sir. Think not I will keep silent. Nothing will tempt me to conceal the truth."

"You will go to him, then?"

"I will, and declare all."

"Very good. Your frankness pleases me, for it warns me to take effectual measures to prevent you from carrying the threat into execution. I will be under the necessity of keeping my rebellious wife in somewhat strict confinement."

"Your wife? I am not your wife, and you know it."

"Softly my fair one. You forget the ceremony in the church to-day, at which his reverence, the curate, assisted."

"But the discovery that has been made discloses that he—"

"Well, the discovery, as you call it, will not be worth much when the paper you hold in your hand is destroyed. All proof will then have disappeared, and suppose you did by some extraordinary chance get the opportunity of telling your wild tale, who will believe it when unsupported by evidence?"

"Ocharlie, you dare not do this," cried Helen, with flashing eyes, as she thrust her mother's letter and the certificate, into her bosom.

"Dare not?" he sneeringly repeated. "You little know me, or you would not so defy me. Look you, Helen, for your own sake be reasonable and compliant. Give me up that paper, and quietly settle into your position as my wife."

"Never!" she answered, with the wildest energy. "This shall never be."

"Reflect," he said, with a look of savage significance. "Consider where you are, and how surrounded. You are weak, and have no power. Help for there is none, and by the heaven above us, I swear that it shall be as I say. Again then, I say, for your own sake, yield to a fate which you cannot escape, and save me from the necessity of using force."

Helen's heart died within her, and a despairing agony filled her soul. Her looks as well as her words showed him to be resolved, pitiless, and relentless.

"God help me, I am in his power," was her inward ejaculation, and bitterly she realized her weakness and inability to cope with him.

He keenly watched her, and saw that she was fully conscious of her position.

"You have reflected, he said. You will resist no longer."

"Oh! Charlie," she supplicated, "you are acting against your better manhood. Let the human feelings in your bosom flow forth. Expone not yourself to the curse of Heaven, to the undying reproach of your conscience, and the eternal reprobation of your species."

"You preach in vain," he replied. "The rock on which this mansion stands is not more dear to your words than I am, or more free from the superstitious fear which you seek to evoke. Therefore once more, and for the last time, give me the paper."

"Impossible," she firmly answered.

"Ha! you still refuse? Then the time for persuasion is past."

"Forbear," she shrieked, as flaming with passion he advanced towards her. But her wild cry of terror he heeded not, and in another moment would have had her in his powerful grasp, when, in the extremity of her terror, she instinctively cast her eyes round the room to seek a way of escape.

At the opposite side was a door, slightly ajar, leading, as she supposed, into an inner chamber, and with a blind impulse she rushed towards it. Her sudden movement caused Allan to wheel to a side, where his leg caught in a corner of the table. He stumbled, and fell violently to the floor, the table falling with him, and the burning lamp being overturned on his head and shoulders.

In a moment the streaming oil which flowed over his person was caught by the flame and he emitted a fearful yell of pain and terror as he found his clothes and hair enveloped in a blaze. He sprang up and stamped, and swore like a madman or a fiend; making frantic efforts all the while to extinguish the flame.

Helen waited not till he succeeded in this, but darted through the open door, and looked eagerly round in search of a mode of further egress. The strong light from the chamber she had just quitted showed her that the place she had rushed into was an ante-room, opening into a narrow passage with a strong massive door on the other side of it. Helen flew into this passage, but instead of taking her flight along its unknown darkness, she, with a hope which she never been born of instinct, sought the nearest refuge within the massive door. It opened at her touch, and passing swiftly in she closed it, and pushed its heavy bolts into their strong sockets.

In the room she had just quitted Allan still raged and roared like a wild beast, and made frantic, but for a time fruitless efforts to extinguish the burning oil which was scorching his head and shoulders. With his blistered hands he at length threw off his blazing garments, and madly trampled them under his feet, then catching up a woolen cloth which lay near he wrapped it closely round his head, and thereby succeeded in stifling the flame.

But the pain he endured was excruciating, and this, added to the wrath aroused in him by Helen's opposition and flight, made him foam with fury and swear to take on her a fearful revenge. Without going below for help in his extremity, he found another lamp in the room, and lighting it went in search of the fugitive. He never doubted that he should find her lurking in some corner, and he had made up his mind that when he should find her she should receive no mercy at his hands.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The following from the Halifax Chronicle of the 28th ult. is the first official recognition that has come under our notice of Mr Howe's appointment on the repeal delegation to England. The story of his having accepted an engagement on one of the London papers, not very probable before, may now be dismissed as a hoax.—

"We are informed that H. W. Smith, Esq., will take passage in the mail steamer to day for England, as the delegates, with Mr Howe, from Nova Scotia to the Imperial Government and Parliament, on the subject of a Repeal of the Confederation Act, as far as it affects Nova Scotia."

A WOODEN RAILWAY.—A preliminary meeting of gentlemen was held at Quebec on Thursday evening, for the purpose of devising means to forward the establishment of a wooden railway to the Township of Gosford, County of Portneuf. The objects of this proposed enterprise are to facilitate the carriage of firewood to Quebec markets, to cheapen that article of fuel to one half its present price, to open up the northern section of the country, and to give employment to a large portion of the labouring population.

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MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, August 3, 1867. dw-13

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## Auction Sale OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

MR. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by A. MACNIDER, Esq., late Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Guelph, to offer for sale

At the Bank of Montreal, in GUELPH, on

THURSDAY, 19th of MARCH, 1868.

his household furniture, consisting of Drawing room sofa and spring chairs, centre table, easy chairs, Canterbury window seat, handsome dinner table, side table, smoking chair, iron do., a handsome drawing room Brussels carpet, bedroom furniture, spring, mattresses, hair, mattresses, bureaus, toilet glasses, mirrors, cooking stove, and utensils, kitchen furniture, a handsome dinner set and tea set, lamps, china, crockery, glassware, and numerous personal and miscellaneous effects. Also:

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Guelph, March 4, 1868. dw

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Guelph, December 2, 1867.

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N. HIGINBOTHAM, Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867. dw

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Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dwom

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Guelph, 22nd Feb, 1868. dw

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Agent for Guelph: MRS. HUNTER, Fancy Store, Market Square, Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868. dw

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W. BURGESS, Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dw

## Farm for Sale or to Rent IN RAMOSA.

FOR SALE or to Rent, part of Lot No. 13, 3rd con. Ramosa, consisting of 40 acres more or less, well cultivated and well fenced. There is a log dwelling house on the lot, also a good frame barn 54 x 36, and other commodious outbuildings. Also a good bearing orchard. The land is well watered. The lot lies on the gravel road. Terms made known on application to the undersigned, if by letter, post-paid.

GEO. BUTCHART, Everton, P. O. March 6 1868. wain

## SALE OF TWO FARMS IN PUSLINCH.

FOR Sale by PRIVATE BARGAIN two farms in Puslinch. They consist of the front and rear halves of Lot No. 25, in the 7th concession. There are 100 acres in the front half and 80 acres in the rear half. Both farms are in a good state of cultivation and well fenced. There is a good Dwelling House and banked frame barn on the rear half, and fair buildings and a first-rate orchard in the front half. Terms reasonable and may be learned on application to the subscriber, if by letter post paid.

GEO. FRASER, Salem P. O., Co. Wellington. March 6th, 1868. tw

## FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, in Guelph Township, on a 40 Wat-erford Road, 5 miles from Guelph, a farm containing 70 acres, about 25 acres of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation. There is a good Dwelling House and banked frame barn on the rear half, and fair buildings and a first-rate orchard in the front half. Terms reasonable and may be learned on application to the subscriber, if by letter post paid.

GEO. FRASER, Salem P. O., Co. Wellington. March 6th, 1868. tw

## FARM FOR SALE.

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JAMES BULGER, Excutor of the estate, Lot 3, Con. B. Township of Peel, Cusnock P. O. Guelph, March 4, 1868. 749w4

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