

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVII.
AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, WHICH INDICATES THE RESULTS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM IT—NEW DANGERS AHEAD.

"You father told me to remain myself, and I endeavored to do so; but deep and bitter curses upon the M'Leods fell from my lips as I gazed forward at the leaping curling flames.

The M'Kenzie spoke encouraging words to his men, told them they had nothing to do but scatter the flames already lighted, when the whole clachan would be in a blaze, then on to the Castle, raze it down, and the M'Leods would be homeless. The word caused the M'Kenzies to go forward quickly, but they received an unexpected check. As they reached an eminence on the road a sight was revealed which caused them to halt and make ready for terrible work, while it caused me to yell out with rage.

"Not a great deal more than a hundred yards in front of where we were the M'Leods were coming towards us, headed by their Chief, Malcolm M'Leod, yelling, hooting, and shouting, and what was worse, driving before them my wife and children, the women and children pelting them with stones and, and spitting upon them. They had set fire to my hut while they were within it, and had pelled and razed them when the blazing flames drove them forth. I need not tell you of the surprise felt by the M'Kenzies at finding themselves face to face with M'Leod and his clan, when they had not expected them to be within miles of where they now were. I need not tell you of the struggle—one of revenge—between the clans; it will be enough to say that the M'Kenzies were defeated. But I will tell you that my wife and the child at her breast never recovered the injuries they received from Malcolm M'Leod and his followers that day, and before another month had passed they both slept beneath the sod on the mountain side. I will tell you that at that time I swore that should opportunity offer I should visit the house of M'Leod with the vengeance of an outraged M'Donald. Nor have I let wrath slumber all these years. I have got another wife, settled down into a quiet life, and seem to take every thing easy; but I have ever remembered that night—the burning cottage, and the helpless woman and children driven before the proud Chief and his infuriated followers—and I have seen my influence against the M'Leods felt by them more than once, and it shall be again.

"But I scarcely finished. I afterwards learned that the M'Leod had suspected me of being a traitor, and of carrying tales to your father; and his pretended raid to the low country was nothing more than a cunning scheme to put me to the test. How it succeeded you have seen. After the encounter between the clans, when the M'Leods found that the M'Kenzies were giving way before them, they made desperate efforts to obtain possession of me, and it was with no small difficulty that I succeeded in escaping. After that I lived for some time upon your father's bounty, until I finally settled down here. That, Ian M'Kenzie, is the story of how I quarrelled with the M'Leods, and I will never forgive them. It is hope of being revenged that keeps me alive. Since that night he was here with the lass I have often wondered at myself for allowing Hector to escape me. As bad fortune would have it, Ned Gordon slept with him, and it was not possible that the deed I contemplated could be done while he was beside a man of Gordon's strength, and I had no other fair chance at him."

"Ha!" exclaimed Ian, "do you know Ned Gordon? Is he a friend of yours?"

"He never injured me; but he's too straight out for me to like him. He speaks too free."

"Never mind, Gregor," exclaimed Ian again; "he's my enemy, and I have arranged that he'll trouble me no more."

"Has Ned Gordon crossed you to that extent—to the extent that you would take his life?"

"Twice he has struck me down," was the reply; "and twice has he taken Flora Macgregor from my grasp."

Gregor made no reply.

"Then," continued Ian, "there is indeed a fellow-feeling now between us. The M'Leods have chosen to raise their hand against both of us, and honor demands that our hands should be raised against them. Your hand on it, Gregor; you hand on it," he exclaimed, grasping the landlord's hand. "Let's drink to the confusion of the M'Leods—increased confusion, Gregor—for I rather think the events of a day or two back must have confused young Hector and his clansmen not a little."

"Ay, but now that we understand each other and go together their confusion will increase," said the landlord with a significant leer towards Ian.

The young Chief nodded, and both having filled their glasses, they drank confusion to the house of M'Leod, and they drank it with a significant, deep, and terrible meaning.

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE.

The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the undermentioned property, viz:

First—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about 150 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also, a Frame Barn 60x90, with eighteen feet posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.

Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Durham Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the lot—The Rocky Sangsen River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery.

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For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor.

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DUNCAN MCFARLANE,
JAMES McLAREN,
DUNCAN GILCHRIST,
Trustees.
Feb. 4, 1874. w2



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

Remnants of Table Linens, Remnants of Prints, Remnants of Sheetings,
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TO BE RUSHED OFF AT ANY PRICE

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FURS

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75 splendid Ingersol Cheese,
10 hhds of Good Sugar at 13lb. for \$1.
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G. B. FRASER

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ROBERTSON BROS.,
Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873

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