

ANOTHER ROUND

In Which Colonel Macgregor Wins

From Writer in London Chronicle Regarding "The Man From Glengary."

Editor Nugget: Oftentimes people who are disposed to be hypercritical would do well to look better to their own laurels. When Lora Beaconsfield's "Lothair" was published, a writer in a leading Review brought the author severely to task, charging him, among other things, with using ungrammatical terms in his book. The Edinburgh "Scotchman" then showed the critic, in his work, to have fallen into the same errors as that charged to the author of "Lothair," accusing him, among other things, of spelling the word "Messiah" with a small "M."

In your issue of the 23rd inst. appears a review of Ralph Connor's new book, entitled "The Man From Glengary," taken from the London "Chronicle," in which the writer, in his endeavor to make out that positions of the book are misleading, says:

"The Man From Glengary" is described on the title page as a "Fate of Western Canada," but, as a matter of fact, only the last eighty pages of the book, which contains in all 440, have anything to say regarding Western Canada—and by that term Mr. Connor means British Columbia. The main interest in the story lies in the pictures given us of Glengary itself. Glengary is a strip of country running back from the St. Lawrence, and was known as the "Indian Lands"; it was once an Indian reservation, and it was settled by men of Highland blood in the early years of last century."

As a matter of fact, the writer in the Chronicle proves himself to be rather ignorant regarding the subject matter which he makes bold to criticize. And, Mr. Editor, for the benefit of the said critic and in justice to the gifted author, your correspondent begs leave to submit the following statement of facts:

Glengary is not "a strip of country running back from the St. Lawrence." It was never known as the "Indian Lands," and was never an "Indian reservation." Glengary is a county in the province of Ontario, fronting on the St. Lawrence river. The "Indian Lands" referred to in the book is a strip of country about two miles in width running back from the St. Lawrence river and adjoining Glengary to the west. The said strip of country was, in the first instance, set apart as an Indian reservation, but was subsequently included in the municipality of Glengary, which was peopled, chiefly, by Scottish Highlanders soon after the close of the American revolutionary war. The life and character so masterly portrayed by the novelist,

pertains to a period of time—prior to Canadian Confederation—when Ontario of today was known as "Canada West." The ground-plot of the story is centered about the hamlet of St. Elmo, in the said Indian Lands, about forty miles from Ottawa, and, therefore it is properly described in a fiction dealing with that period as "Western Canada."

When comparing the two Canadian novelists—Ralph Connor and Mr. Parker—the Chronicle says: "Mr. Parker has found splendid background for his stories in 'French Canada,' while Mr. Connor's canvasses reflect certain aspects of 'English Canada.'" How the Chronicle justifies itself in making this fine division we are at a loss to know. The whole of Canada is a British possession, and while as a matter of fact we find introduced into the story in question types of Scotch, English, Irish and American character to give it variety and spice, it is the chivalrous fidelity to the principal of Truth displayed by the Man From Glengary, a Canadian of Scottish parentage, that chiefly excites the enthusiastic admiration of the reader.

Again, while admitting that "The Man From Glengary" is good and hold out promise of better things in the future, the Chronicle tells us that there are in it "long and dreary flats."

In the light of passing events, it would not be at all surprising if at any time the London "Chronicle," posing as a critic, should discover "dreary flats" in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" or in Homer's "Iliad."

DONALD MACGREGOR.
Men's linen collars, 6 for \$1.00—the Hamburger & Weissberg sacrifice sale, Second avenue.

May First.
May 1st, and the ground was frozen this morning almost sufficiently hard to carry a horse. However, the month began clear and bright and indications point to an early Yukon spring. It is confidently believed that the ice will go several days sooner this year than last, when it started on the 14th. May picnics, however, should not be held until in June or July.

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Ruralizing.
Editor Geo. M. Allen was a passenger on Orr & Tukey's stage for Gold Run this morning on a business trip. He will probably return Saturday evening.

Dinner a la carte—Northern Cafe.

P. B. Butler at Barrett & Hull's.

Husband Gets Alimony.
Anacoda, Mont., April 15.—Jacob Hoar, the husband of Ellen Hoar, is the plaintiff in an uncommon action in the district court. He seeks a divorce and support from his wife, the conditions of the usual divorce proceedings being reversed. The parties were married in 1870. Since August of last year Hoar has been sick and

unable to work. For a time after that, according to the statement of his attorney, J. R. Grice, he received some support for a time from the sick benefit fund of the Miners' union but that allowance ran out on the first of the present year. "On the 6th of February he was driven from his home by his wife," said Mr. Grice to Judge Harney. "For 10 years he has worked and on every pay day he turned his check over to his wife, with which she accumulated the property she now owns. He even gave her the sick benefits he received from the union, but when that was discontinued he was turned out into the streets without a penny to his name. Today he is in absolute distress. We ask the court that this recreant wife be compelled to contribute to the support of this sick old man, and that she give him some of the money he gave to her."

Attorney James Baldwin opposed the application for temporary support on the ground that there was no provision in law for the payment of alimony by a wife to the husband in connection with a divorce suit. He argued that as an action for support it was not properly brought.

Judge Harney said he was in doubt on the matter, but as a temporary provision he would order Mrs. Hoar to pay her husband \$20 for his support during the next two weeks. After that a further hearing will probably be had. The court directed that the \$20 be paid into court by Monday noon.

White May Not Resign.
Berlin, April 15.—Andrew D. White, United States ambassador to Germany, has not yet resigned and is quite undecided as to whether he will do so at some future time or serve out his term. His health, though not robust, is better than it has been for several years; he never misses his office hours and has been uncommonly active in a social way. The ambassador is now on the Rivera, simply on regular leave of absence. President Roosevelt, after assuming the chief magistracy, asked Mr. White, as he did the other ambassadors and other ministers, if he would remain during his term, and Mr. White gave his general assurance that he would. This assurance, however, is not regarded as a bar to the ambassador's offering his resignation at any time. Mr. White, after his active career, is rather weary of the ambassadorship.

Germany's dispute with Venezuela is not yet wholly closed, although, as the associated press announced a fortnight ago, broad bases of settlement have been agreed upon. The German squadron at La Guayra has been dispersed, thus withdrawing the implied threats against Venezuela. Germany wishes to allow President Castro ample time to yield to the conditions laid down in January last, which have been modified in accordance with President Castro's request.

It is already apparent that the Boers' experience with modern rifles will have a permanent influence upon German military tactics. Emperor William and high military authorities have been closely studying the authentic accounts of Boer battles, which describe whole companies rising and rushing forward to new firing positions, as has hitherto been customary. The emperor has instituted the practice of only eight or ten men

rising at once and advancing, and has decided also that all topographical features of the field must be fully utilized for the protection of the attackers. As illustrating the importance which the authorities there attach to the military lessons of the Boer war, it may be mentioned that returning officers in all cases get appointments to the general staff.

Semi-official statements made here represent the German government as fully satisfied with the result of the interviews at Vienna between Count Von Buelow and Signor Prinetti, the Italian minister of foreign affairs, in which all questions between Germany and Italy were fully discussed. While the negotiations were not finished it is now regarded here as assured that through the interview the renewal of the dreibund will soon be concluded.

Reciprocity Will Win.
Washington, April 15.—Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee announced today that a special meeting of the committee would be held at 10:30 o'clock on Monday to consider the Cuban reciprocity bill. The announcement was made after the situation had been thoroughly canvassed by Mr. Payne and his lieutenants and they had satisfied themselves that the Payne bill, granting 20 per cent tariff concessions to Cuba, commanded sufficient strength to be reported from the committee by republican votes. Mr. Payne's announcement brought assurance that the long and bitterly fought contest was nearing its close in a way satisfactory to the reciprocity advocates. While no specific claims were made it was well understood among the ways and means leaders that reliance could not be placed on nine republican members of the committee or just one more than

a majority. Aside from this, the inquirer of the ways and means leaders led them to believe that four and possibly five democratic votes would be given to the bill. Their desire, however, had been to report the measure without any reliance on the minority, and this they are now confident of being able to do.

There was some prospect, however, of the pairing of members, which might reduce the total strength on each side, but in such equal ratio that the reciprocity measure would continue to have sufficient republican votes to report it, without amendment. Mr. Payne would not outline his plans beyond Monday, but it is understood to be the purpose not to take up the bill on the floor of the house next week, as the sundry civil appropriation bill is expected to be considered, leaving the Cuban measure to come up the following week.

Representative Babcock of Wisconsin today authorized the statement that he would remain in Washington for the ways and means Cuban reciprocity meeting on Monday and would vote for the Payne bill.

Ice Very Weak.
Telegraphic information received by Captain Starnes this morning was to the effect that the police patrol on the river narrowly escaped drowning yesterday between Ogilvie and Stewart. The members of the patrol struck a bad section of ice and broke through repeatedly while attempting to make the shore. It is probable that the patrol will be suspended until it is possible to travel in canoes.

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