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Kahchewahnoongkah Herald

[early to mid January 1859]

Et libros et amicos non plurimos Guevo sel optimos

On the reissue of our paper, a few cursory remarks may not be inappropriate as to the reasons why we should again undertake the arduous task of bringing these few sheets before the public. We all of us know what witty people we are & how fond we are of a joke, that is, if it be not against ourselves for we are all very fond of a laugh at other peoples expense; not very charitable, we must own, but look Blue when it is turned against us. This is the way of the world, and all must submit to it. Without a laugh, however, or something to amuse us, how dull we all should be, into what a monotonous life we should fall, what a grand puritanical look we should Bear, and in fact, life which is given us to enjoy, would become irksome & tedious, until indeed the grand becomes preferable. T'is therefore to assist in enlivening our little community, and to pass the joke around that we have again unearthed ourselves and should we in any case hit hard, all we can say is, "Return the Blow," for curious to say, nothing we should like better than to be cut up or abused by our epistolary correspondents, so long as it is done, in a gentle manly style and in thorough good will.

With these few remarks we raise the curtain to exhibit the Herald of 1859.

We have here to mention that one of the former editors, having resigned, another highly literary character has taken

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his place, who having had some previous connection with this office,

the Editors hope to be able to maintain the Herald in that high Magnificent career in which it has hitherto run, & that neither the substance, nor the anecdotes, may lose any of their positive pith, or wit.

A slight retrospective view of what has taken place in this, our clearing, during the past year, may not be unacceptable to our Readers. In the first place, we have to mention the matrimonial alliance between Clinton Atwood, Esq. of (we forget the name of the place) Rice Lake, & the talented daughter of the highly gifted Mrs. Traill. So far as the ceremony itself was concerned, it went off as those affairs generally do, with the exception that several were kissed, who ought not to have been kissed, & several were not kissed, who ought to have been kissed.

We slightly allude to the Breakfast, which the [] hospitable uncle of the Bride gave in his own house. The viands were excellent, as those who were present can certify. Mr. Strickland proposed the health of the Bride & Bridegroom and in a most feeling speech, pointed out to those unlucky Bachelors who were present, the Dark & Dreary way they were traveling & set before their downcast eyes, the example of Mr. Clinton Atwood. The latter, to this feeling speech, made a short but very sweet response. Also, we are happy at having to record, the arrival of another little stranger in the house of Mrs. Warren. We wish it all prosperity. During our Beautiful summer weather, Col. Stricklands hospitable mansion was inundated with visitors, his own daughter & family, being also there, to reap the Beneficial effects of our pure country air & unadulterated Cows Milk. Also a young Lady, who played divinely & caused

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the evenings to pass off most pleasantly. Again there was a dark-eyed little damsel who made sad havoc in the hearts of some of our young Beaux. Alas, it was a day of mourning, that of her departure. Last, though not least, at the same establishment, were a delightful couple from the Mother Country, Mr. Mingaye, amongst his other numerous talents, having the happy knack of turning Children's Rhymes into pathetic English airs, melting the hearts of the voluntary British Emigrants to this part of the world. An accomplishment worthy of mutation, if possible. Again, our [half column missing]

soft speeches were [] changed between the occupants of each []. We have now to allude to the arrival in the clearing of one who is every way suited for a Backwoods life. His Hunting capabilities, his retiring & modest deportment, his prepossessing manner & his perfect knowledge of all the great authors of the Day, endear him to every one of his acquaintances – need we say, Mr. Frederick Walter Raikes, is the individual in question. The next arrival we have to record is that

of Mr. Craster, one of the sons of [], formerly of her Majesty's
35th. He has turned his sword into a precious [half column missing]

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her Majesty, and was distinguished for his devotion to his profession,
to which he delights to refer, when surrounded by admiring auditors.
His success with the axe is wonderful for a beginner. We have again to
[] to a wedding, Mr. George Strickland & a young lady well known
amongst us for her affability, liveliness, dancing capabilities,
musical powers, and agreeable conversation. We wish them a long life &
many many happy new years. The latest arrival is Miss Hayward at the
Establishment of E. Leigh Esq. All we can say about her is "To know
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must be a small love affair on hand, for at times, he appeared moody &
contemplative. The adornment of his upper lip had disappeared from a
sweep of his Grandfather's razor. We expect to see another arrival
shortly - Mr. Mathews. Delicious weather for travelling.

Fashionable arrivals - Rev'd V. Clementi on a visit to Col.
Strickland.

The Inhabitants of the clearing are earnestly requested to send
contributions to this paper weekly on or before each Saturday,
directed to Thomas Allen Esqr., Editor, or E. Leigh, Esqr. [] []
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Kahchewahnoongkah Herald

Et libros et amicos non plurimos Guevo sel optimos

17th January 1859

We believe, and it is our firm opinion, no other common community was
ever so pugnaciously inclined, or so jealous of its honor being
impugned as this little clearing. No less than four or five years ago,
having mustered among themselves an eleven, some of whom must confess,
had barely seen a Bat, and were more inclined to term it, a club, they
had the audacity to challenge the Cobourg cricket club, & even looked
so high as Toronto. In this, however, their presumption was checked by
being so unmercifully Beaten, In this, their first attempt, the score
papers which lay in our office for a long time, shewing such a [] []
of round 0's. Nothing daunted, however. A year & a half ago, they
played Peterboro', but the match was [] failing in Cricket. They tried
[] racing, in which they were more successful, Mess'rs R. & S.
Strickland, having carried off some of the principal prizes of the
Regattas of the two seasons, again in shooting, some remarks having
been let fall by certain parties, derogatory to the dignity of the
clearing [] a subscription was set on foot for stakes and a challenge

sent to the offending parties. No answer being received, we are led to suppose that the implied rebuff is accepted and the Dignity of Upper Douro remains intact.

Notice

Any person wishing to embark £400 or £500 in the lumbering trade would have good opportunity of so doing by applying to C.M.M. Post Office, Lakefield. Letters must be prepaid, otherwise the [postage] will run away with the profits, accruing from the above-mentioned trade.

N.B. Plenty of room could be found for even a larger sum. No references required if the money be forthcoming.

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Mr. Editor

As you have again commenced with the assistance of a noted literary character, the arduous task of bringing out the Kahchewahnoongkah Herald from under a cloud, which has so long hidden it from the eyes of its numerous admirers, and have requested all who derive amusement from its pages to assist you in every way in their power by communications etc., I as one of your frequent readers will endeavour to do all that my poor abilities will allow me, but being a bad composer, and a still worse speller, I trust you will not treat me as you did a former correspondent, some years back, by putting my communication in "In its original Simplicity". That correspondent was no doubt hurt, most deeply hurt, by your uncalled for insult and I hope for your own sake, I shall not be treated in a similar manner. I have no doubt, I may and do leave out letters in some words where they are wanted, but then I put them in, in others where they are not wanted, so it comes to the same thing in the long run. I hope you will exclude this [] introduction to my communication, which I am sorry to say, for the sake of your paper, will be, I am afraid, equally so. When, Mr. Editor, you with your enterprising spirit, first started this paper, the clearing and its inhabitants were, I think I may say, in a state of infancy, for although there were men of 20 & 30 years experience, until such as you came amongst them, had gained little by that experience, but now it is different, by the influx of fresh Blood. Fresh spirit has been put into the clearing, t'is now principally composed of men from the Mother Country, who not only have been brought up as gentlemen, but who have also received a good sound education, although there may be some few of us from having Buffeted about the world, for some time

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may be, and are liable to make the same mistake, as the writer of the article, you so insultingly put in "In its original simplicity." As

they, Mr. Editor, as well as your paper, have passed the Days of their infancy, do not you think they might turn their talents to better account than mere "[--]" or some cock & Bull story against their neighbours. All very well, no doubt in its way, but nevertheless, childish. If this [] should meet with your approbation, I shall be most happy next week to give you a dissertation on metaphysics, education, or any other equally light and agreeable subject.

I Remain yours truly.
OK.

Mr. Editor

Our clearing the past week has been roused out of its [] monotony by an unpleasant episode, an episode of similar description, we are happy to state having never before caused the inhabitants of either sex to hold up their hands in pious honor, and exclaim "Alas the frailty of human nature." We may well reiterate said sentiment, for the individual whose delinquencies we are about to set forth was treated by his Master & Mistress with every possible kindness, particularly latterly during an illness and had that in his [] which would indicate a free open and candid nature, for indeed removed removed from what we cannot but apprehend in his true character, we must [], so shall simply say, that Crosbie, Col. Strickland's servant of all work, after winning the heart of a Damsel in this clearing, and the favorable opinions of most of its inhabitants, must have determined to better himself in the world, by "Fair Means or Foul." Accordingly, having acted as Mr. Crasters body servant, during the illness of the latter Leut'n, finding out thereby where the valuables lay hid, acting therefore on the Foul means principle, abstracted Mr. C's pocket Book, containing

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a good deal more than the owner chose to lose, without complaining. It is also said, he abstracted various other articles from the various rooms he had access to. We have no doubt further petty delinquencies will continue to be laid to his charge. The offender has been heard of as being in Toronto. We hope the [rulers] may nab him. A certain Rev'd [] slept in the same room from wh. Mr. C.'s Pocket Book was purloined & cannot but be highly indignant at anything being missed out of his own sleeping apartment, altho' we hope he must be aware the finger of suspicion cannot point at him. As to the unfortunate Damsel to whom we have alluded, we sincerely trust she has the good sense to be well pleased at the escape she has had of marrying roguery & advise all other Damsels to follow out the words of that Beautiful Ditty, "Villikins and his Dinah." Beware ye young Damsels, whom you clap eyes on.

Justice

The only fashionable arrival we have to record during the past week is that of Mr. Mathews from the Mother Country. He is in good condition at present but we have no doubt, working in flower & Kitchen Gardens with a moderate use of the axe, together with other practical agricultural knowledge to be imparted to him by his preceptor, will bring him down in flesh.

Departure

Col. Strickland, to the Metropolis, on a round of [laity].

We are happy in being enabled to state that Mr. Fred'k Walter Raikes, has taken the place of Mr. John Bull, as clerk & private secretary to our respected [] Master, Mr. Casement.

Fashionable change of Residence

Mr. Henry [] from the house of Mr. Casement to the mansion of our Respected Incumbent, The Rev'd [] Warren. Politics, etcetera. Ad libitum.