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Kachewahnoonkah Herald

April 16th 1857

Et libros et amicos non plurimos Guevo sel optimos

Kachewahnoonkah Herald

The Editors have determined only to issue the numbers of this paper when any affairs may occur, of interest to the inhabitants of this clearing & worthy to be chronicled in its record (ie) the Kachewahnoonkah Herald. They are led this time to do so by several events which during the last Fortnight have occasioned no little excitement in the usual peaceful solitude of our little clearing. What a curious thing a newspaper is! containing as it does, mingled together in one heteroginious mass, the Joys & sorrows, pains, & pleasures of the community wherein it is published; when, in the one column you may read of the birth of some young infant, to run his course through the intricate paths of this world, & of some old gent, loaded with riches & decrepped in years, out of it; when (we repeat) we read all this printed in one column with the same type & the same ink & by the same hand, it causes our minds to dwell on the changeability of this mortal life.

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However, this time, it is neither of these events that has caused the Production of this number of the Herald. But though we have not to mourn at the loss or not yet to rejoice at the birth of any one, still we have to grieve for the departure, to return to his native land, of one, who, in the short time he sojourned amongst us, had made himself so Beloved, respected, & admired by all who know him, for with the air & politeness of a gentleman he combines the sound sensibility & conversational conviviality of a thorough Englishman. We were grieved

to hear from his own lips that there was but very little chance of his ever revisiting us, but we hope that when the mark of intellect shall have advanced so far as to cause the construction of a submarine railroad or wings which may convey us across the Atlantic, we shall again welcome Mr. Frederick Warren into this little clearing.

We have a long & sore complaint to make against certain individuals in this clearing. This Paper, after all the trouble its editors have undergone of writing it out & composing it into that shape & form as will render it most suitable to its readers, it must after all the pains they have taken, make it valuable in their own eyes, even if not in the eyes of any one else, & therefore they are desirous of preserving them. This can do no person either any good, or any harm, but unfortunately intentionally or not we can not say, several individuals have thrown a serious obstacle in the way of their doing so by not returning the

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paper after having perused it to one or other of the editors who are very often to be met with as they live at different parts of the clearing. This would be but a small return for the half hours amusement they very often receive by the paper & this is all we ask. There are two numbers now missing, one published last July, & the other last November. The Latter we have heard through various sources is now lying at the Homestead, the residence of S. Strickland, Esq. & any one of its inmates would confer a great favour on us if they would return it to either of the Editors.

#### Advertisement

Wanted in a minister's family a good plain cook. She must bake & wash well (no Roman Catholics need apply). Application to be made at the office of this paper between the hours of 10 & 12 daily. No followers allowed.

#### Correspondence

It is with unfeigned pleasure & satisfaction that I am enabled to inform your numerous readers that those enterprising & industrious young settlers, Mr. George & Mr. Herbert Barlee have completed their winter's chopping. I have myself visited the scene of their labors & viewed with my own eyes the noble monarchs of the forest that their axes have laid low; I hope that this time next year I may see the Promise of a goodly harvest to reward them for their untiring perseverance. I hear that they now intend to shut up their hospitable mansion for a short time, & stay with some Friends in the clearing, who require the services of their stalwart arms in getting in their spring crops; all I can say is, that in all their undertakings, I wish them good luck.

We think that after such a long recess, our readers will not find it either uninteresting or devoid of interest to read over some of the principal events that have taken place in the clearing since our last paper. We suppose we had better begin with the biggest house as well as the biggest man in the clearing, who appears to have stood the rigours of the late winter well, being from his personal appearance in robust Health, his good lady, whom (although we cannot apply the former word) is also,

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we are glad to be able to say, in as good Health. His fine family of sons & pupils are also flourishing. The Lt. Colonel is soon going on a tour through Canada inspecting Lands. We hope he will overcome all the perils and dangers that he will have to encounter and return safe home to recline in the bosom of his fond family. Mr. R.S- since our last issue has, we believe, received a pledge of affection from his ever affectionate wife in the shape of a lovely little girl, which has how gladdened its father and mother's eyes about 4 months. Mr. Cain, the Junior pupil, if he was only able, would always carry it about with him, to such an extent does he dote on the little innocent. Mr. Leigh is not yet returned home from England nor does he seem to be in any hurry to do so, being no doubt perfectly easy with such an invaluable person in charge of his property. Mr. Beatty has sold off all his furniture etc. prior to leaving for England, at Mr. B-. The lodger & children are staying at the Rev'd Mr. Warren, Mr. B- at R. Casement's Esq. The worthy incumbent & Lady are as well as can be expected after such an increase to their family, which of course at first must make a little confusion & bustle. Mr. J.B. Allen is still acting in the capacity of Bailiff & [ ] well. It is singular that the two ex-pupils are under the same roof again after a years absence. Who could not envy their feelings at the first warm grasp of the Hand after such a long separation. We trust our readers will excuse us if we say a few more words concerning W.P. Band more especially at this time of the year when many young men may be expected out fresh from the old country, and who require some one to take as a model to mould their actions by and to whom they may look up to as a pioneer in the arduous life they have chosen. We say that model is W.P. Band. Look at his antecedents, came to this country a boy a mere boy, and now what is he? Yes what is he? Why, a church warden!!!! elected on last Easter Monday by the heads of Families, unanimously elected without one dissenting voice, why it beats Whittington into fits and which is more, we expect his church preferment will not stop here, nothing but an Archbishop will satisfy such an ambitious youth although some people may say that W.P. Band is inclined to be unsettled in his habits because he is always changing his habitation, but the truth is that none of the wells in the clearing have sufficient depth of water to stand his numerous lavations for more than 3 months at a time. He certainly is not like the rolling stone, for he seems to gather a

great quantity of moss of some kind or other. Having here given a short summary of the leading events that have happened within the last 4 months we shall again for a season retire into oblivion.

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June 3rd 1857

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Although editors should have a face of brass and a mind impervious to the criticisms of the public, yet we are unfortunate in this way and must confess that we feel a certain degree of bashfulness in the thoughts that this number of our paper will come before the eyes of so many persons who have been so freshly imported into this clearing. To one and all, as the mouthpiece of its members, we give a hearty welcome, and altho' it may be said that there are so many of them now, yet we readily give answer "the more the merrier". In many amusements, what would we do without numbers? Cricket, for instance, is nought without its two elevens, subscriptions fall ever so much lighter on numbers, shooting also where amongst few each may be so engaged as not to be able to accompany you in a days sport, yet amongst so many, one at least will be enabled to join you in a friendly expedition against the game of the forest, and lastly but not least what is a good roaring chorus without numbers to give it voice. Such, reader and many others are the reason why we welcome the new comers amongst us and if they may seem selfish motives yet they are sturdy facts. We will here repeat what we have oft-times said before, that search the province of Canada over far and wide you will not find a clearing

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so thoroughly populated by English ladies and Gentry nor a more vigorous active and we may add gentlemanly body than the Douro Boys.

The Races

The undersigned will undertake the plaining, painting, and putting into thorough repair for the ensuing races any canoes which the owners may like to place under his charge, during his leisure moments.

N.B.

T.B. Allen

Payment either in cash or good trades.

We cannot pass over the events of last week without testifying to the loyalty of the members of this little clearing which was so prominently displayed on the anniversary of the Queen's birthday. The

day was set apart as a whole holyday by the the various agricultural academies, and if we had not received prior communication of the fact we could very easily have guessed that much was the case from the great glee and irrepressible joy which was so plainly depicted on the countenances of the various pupils. At half past ten a procession was formed with Mr. R. Strickland bearing an Union Jack, at its head, amongst its numbers we [] our worthy Parson, F. Barlee, and W.P. Band, Esq're and several other of the leading members of the clearing. When arrived at its destination (i.e. Sheran's Store), the procession separated to various amusements until noon, the hour for enrolling the Militia. Shortly afterwards the Lieutenant arrived accompanied by the Serjeant, dressed in true military style. The latter was formerly an old warrior. They were soon followed by the Major and Captain who arrived from Peterboro and were received with much enthusiasm by their friends and subordinate officers. The company was then enrolled and showed much activity when marched by the Serjeant in front of the Store to receive [beer]. After three hearty cheers for the Queen and one for the Captain the proceedings terminated and everyone one returned peaceably to their own homes.

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It was with feelings almost too confused to describe, Mr. Editor, that this morning I heard of (I hope) an accident that might have resulted in the extinction of the worthy preceptor of number three college. From what I can gather from the still rather excited pupils and domestics, it appears that Mr. Deneh, a newly arrived inmate, was about to start on a sporting expedition, preparatory to which he was taking a piece of bread and butter in the dining hall, his [fusee] lying loaded on the table, when Mr. George Lambert, an almost, we might say ex-pupil, seized on the piece, and ere Mr. Deneh, whose mouth being full of bread and butter, was able to interpose, the unhappy youth "I trust by accident" exploded the deadly charge through the dining hall ceiling from thence into the model pupil's (F. Cain's) dormitory and, providentially meeting with no obstruction, lodged itself in the roof of the mansion. Of course, Mr. Editor, I cannot tell you all the numerous reports that this has given rise to, but there is not the slightest doubt that if the preceptor had been in the place, that some say was anticipated, he would have received the fatal contents in a vital part. I have since heard that Mr. George Lambert has left the clearing, Mr. Robert Strickland most kindly taking his team and man off from their ploughing to send him down to Peterboro on his way to Toronto. I trust that the other pupils of the different colleges will not take this manner of showing their respect and esteem for the preceptors on leaving, for if they do we are afraid we shall have to get a fresh importation of preceptors instead of pupils.

I remain Mr. Editor  
Yours,  
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Mr. Editor

There being such a large increase of young gentlemen in the clearing, arrived as pupils from England for the various colleges, I cannot help thinking that it would be desirable to have some distinguishing mark by which on such days as Sundays, when all meet together, pupils might be known from preceptors and preceptors from pupils. I have noticed lately that both preceptors and pupils have in some instances come out on the Sabbath in Beaver hats, alias long [furred] hats, alias chimney [ ], alias Stove Pipes, alias Bell Toppers. Now I would suggest that these Beaver hats with their numerous alias's should be confined to the various preceptors, pupils not to be allowed to wear them, it bringing them too much on an equality with their masters. For allow me Mr. Editor, to inform you a Beaver hat and its alias's has a most imposing appearance when worne on the top of a head full of agriculture and the various sciences necessary for the cultivation of land and which, if all preceptors would in a body conform to, would give a most dignified and gentlemanly effect to the various groups on their usual Sunday walk.

I remain  
yours  
Beaver etc.

We are proud and honoured since we have heard of the enthusiastic manner in which the Regatta has been got up. Only about six days ago was it first thought of, and in that short space of time has a most able Secretary, Treasurer and Managing committee been formed, and [ ] altho' not least, about £18 been raised for purses. It shows that with such men and means at command, a foreign foe would stand but a very poor chance. We trust that the numerous young men of the clearing will show themselves as invincible at the Regatta, as they would be we have no doubt, in the case of an invasion by the latter, and most proud shall we feel in being able to hand down their triumphs for future generations to see what their forefathers did, in this very excellent journal.

Married

May 23rd at Clifton Somersetshire, James Tyrell Carter Ross Ass't [ ] Es'r E.I.C.L. to Sarah second daughter of the late J. [Franklan] of Frenchay.

Births

May 31st at Athington House. Grace – of a son and heir – Sarah Cochon  
5 sons and 5 daughters

May 26th at Holland pine stump, Mrs. Tortoiseshell 2 sons, 1 daughter

Deaths

June 2nd Pitman, youngest child of Sarah Cochon.

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December 12 1857

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We have again ventured upon reproducing this paper, owing to the long evenings giving more time both to contributors to write their several compositions, and to the editors to arrange those compositions in their various orders, so as to form the far famed K - H. We are in hopes that as several new inhabitants have come into this clearing, we shall receive some small articles from their several pens, among whom we hope we may occasionally reckon, the well known Authoress of "the Backwoods of Canada", "Canadian Crusoes", "The Emigrants Guide" and many other most useful works, which have placed the worthy writer of them amongst the leading literary personages of the present age.

The Editors have determined to produce this paper under quite a different head [hand] "or rather style" abjuring all personalities whatever, knowing as they do what ill feeling and discord it is apt to brew amongst neighbours, and will bend all their attention towards spreading a literary turn of mind amongst the inhabitants of this clearing and to keep up as far as lies in their power good feelings and good manners amongst the young men of the clearing.

In these Political times when every mind and all ideas seem turned on the one all absorbing subject, "the Elections," some of our readers may be anxious to know what our political creed is

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and whom amongst the candidates who issued their addresses to the Free and Independent Electors we may consider as most eligible to represent this county in Parliament. Our answer is this: we consider that the Principle on which the Government of this, [ ] and of every other country in the world should be conducted, is "Conservative Progress," that is to say, that according as the world advances in civilization, the people become more educated, and the arts and sciences more developed, so ought the laws and taxes of the country to be altered so as to coincide, but yet not rashly rushing on into extremes and altering every institution according as the whim of some people "who

do not know what is good for them" may desire. In accordance with these views and judging from his career for the last two years in the Provincial Parliament and the plain straight forward address which he has lately published, we have no hesitation in saying that W.P. Conger Esq'r is the most fit and proper person to become our member. There, reader, are ours, and we think the views of every right minded person in the clearing.

#### Raffle

The subscriber being anxious to dispose of his very capital hunting skiff "The Flirt"intends putting it up to be raffled for, fifteen throws at one dollar each. The raffle to take place as soon as the shares are taken. Liberal discount for Cash.

Apply to

George Barlee Esq'r

When not at home sure to be found at John Sheran's Store  
Decently [snapped].

There is to be a match on Xmas day between two well known sporting celebrities with revolvers, one Gentleman shooting with a Colt's, and the other with an English tool. The whereabouts will be mentioned in our next issue.

We understand that the Gristmill at Lakefield will soon be in operation, its spirited proprietor having already engaged the services of a most experienced miller who, with the Proprietors assistance, we have no doubt will give every satisfaction to those farmers who will entrust them with their produce.

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#### Sporting Intelligence

The Sporting intelligence is rather meagre, as having to go so far back, events which at that time caused great sensation may to some of our readers be rather stale. The annual hunting party of the Governor of the Clearing of course was early on the ground, he being accompanied by the numerous young Gentry lately arrived from England, most of them very anxious to exercise their shooting powers upon the dimizens of the Canadian forests; we believe they had very fair soprt out of so many. All could not be so fortunate as one of the party was Mr. J.L't, who with his own gun shot three deer, much to his satisfaction. The rest of the party, altho' not able to discharge their guns at deer, determind to make game of every log they could see within shooting distance, at which sport Mr. T. C'n especially distinguished himself although one shot he might have made, if his gun had not missed fire, would have been no Joke to his friend, Mr. R. D'h. That well known keen Sportsman, Mr. F.H. D'y, we believe, went on



an exploring expedition up Jack's Creek and might have killed any amount of deer, they being so excessively tame that large droves might be seen swimming ahead of the canoes, through which at times it was difficult to force them. That energetic hunter, Mr. H. P'e, did not meet with his usual good luck. He unfortunately lost one of as superb [ ] of dogs, and the other he was compelled to give away under peculiar circumstances, having shot a very beautiful spaniel belonging to one of his

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companions which he curiously mistook for an otter. The next morning after this tragical event he started home owing to the remorse he felt at killing the innocent little dog. After staying at home some days and partly recovering his spirits, owing to the kind exertions of his friends, he again started on an expedition with a party up Eel's Creek which was nearly terminating in the deaths of some of them by starvation, but after enduring incredible hardships and privations, they reach home safely. After some days spent in resuscitating his exhausted frame, this determined hunter again started and after spending some time up the Lakes, and being nearly prevented from returning until the Spring by the ice, he came home much to the relief of his numerous friends, but without bringing anything down with him with the exception of a vast amount of dirt accumulated, no doubt, by his being unable to wash, owing to the water being turned to ice. It is this Gentleman's intention we believe to give up the hunting field, and turn his attention to farming, he being now negotiating with a Gentleman for the purchase of a farm of 200 acres & we feel confident a youth of his energy will succeed and in the course of time we shall see comfortable farm-house & a hospitable board surrounded by little H. P'e's.

Hunting with the exception of still-huntning is now nearly over for the Season; canoes all put up for the Winter.