

THE INDIAN.

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The Aborigines of North America,

—AND ESPECIALLY TO—

THE INDIANS OF CANADA.

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[Prompt returns for all furs shipped to us. Reference Central Bank, Toronto.]

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Insertions under this head for Indians will be 25 cents. For other than Indians 75 cents each insertion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"INDIAN CHIEFS."

(Letter in the Globe.)

An "Indian Chief" from Tuscarora has written a letter to the *Globe* of Feb. 13th, containing these statements:

First.—That "the Indians down here do not take much stock in the little doctor's paper, or in his person."

Second.—That "the sum of \$2,000 was paid to this Mr. Jones by the Dominion Government out of the Indian funds, for the express political purpose of establishing the *Indian* newspaper."

As to the first assertion, the "stock" taken in the paper by the Indians of Tuscarora has been quite satisfactory to the editor. Our subscription list is larger than we expected for the short time we have been publishing. Subscriptions

are coming in rapidly. We feel perfectly satisfied with the "stock" taken in the *INDIAN* by the Indians of the Grand River Reservation, and will take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their liberal support.

As to the *personal* stock taken in the editor, we can hardly believe it is so low as "Indian Chief" makes out. For nearly twenty years we have been connected with our Band, the Mississaugas; most of the time in the capacity of Head Chief of the Band. As our Band adjoins the Six Nations we have, of course, had more or less to do with them, and have been in almost daily intercourse with many.

During all this time we have not had an unkind word from either a chief or a warrior of the Six Nations—such a thing as a quarrel with any "Indian Chief" has been far from taking place, and this particular "Indian Chief" of Tuscarora must know that he has never said an unkind word to us, nor we to him.

If he thinks our "Indian patriotism is a myth, and next door to a fraud," we cannot see how it is that we have never found it out, and have always been treated with such kindness by them. Some white politicians have made use of expressions somewhat similar to "Indian Chief," but this has been done for political purposes, and from a fear that in some way the paper we publish might be used to injure their party—no rom any personal animosity to us. We have many kind friends among the whites, who would write bitterly against us and *THE INDIAN*, if we used it as a political organ. This we would expect, but it would not interfere with our personal friendship. However, the paper has not been used as a political organ. It is published entirely in the interests of the Aborigines of America. True it is, that in the older provinces of Canada, many Indians will hereafter have the privilege of exercising the franchise—and Indian politics will be of particular interest to them—and we have no objection to "Indian Chief," or any other Indian, using the columns of *THE INDIAN* to express their views over their own signature, as to Indian politics or Indian legislation, but no white man will be allowed to write, and no Indian, except upon matters purely *Indian*.

The religious, the educational, the social, and the financial condition and improvement of our people is of such importance that most of the paper must be devoted to these subjects, so that if "Indian Chief," or any other Indian, writes upon Indian political subjects, we would request that their articles be made as short as possible, to convey the idea wished to be expressed.

As to the second assertion.

The Dominion Government have not given *one dollar*, much less \$2,000, towards the assistance of the publication of *THE INDIAN*.

Twelve years ago, when we became Head Chief of our Band, we discovered that the members of the Band considered they had certain claims for money against the Government. Upon careful examination of these claims we considered that most of them were just. To encourage us in the work and bear the expense necessary for a thorough examination and the proper laying of the matter before the authorities at Ottawa, the Council made the conditional offer to us that they would pay us three per cent. for all

the money we were the means of getting placed to the credit of the tribe.

Two years ago we were successful in getting claims to the extent of nearly \$69,000, acknowledged by the Government just and due to our Band, and this money was paid into the capital account of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

The Council then signed a requisition to the Supt.-Gen'l that we should be paid the percentage they had promised us, which was paid to us about a year ago. With this money we paid most of our debts and built a farm house upon the Reserve. Many months before we thought of publishing *THE INDIAN* all our percentage had been expended, and the half-yearly income of each man, woman, and child of our Band had increased from about \$10 to about \$18, through the increase of capital we had succeeded in getting placed to their credit.

No Indians but our own Band have any connection with this money transaction, and they all feel deeply thankful to us for our labors upon their behalf.

If the Six Nations have any old claims against the Government, our advice would be, that they find out who "Indian Chief" is, offer him a liberal percentage upon the condition of his success, and put the case in his hands. He is evidently educated and a mathematician, and *THE INDIAN* will use its influence and columns in his assistance free of charge, if so desired by the "Indian Chief."

OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our contributors who have come so promptly to our assistance in rendering *THE INDIAN* so interesting. To one and all we tender our sincere thanks.

The articles are of a superior class of literature, and are upon Indian subjects, which the educated Indian will find well worth a careful reading—and as they are by some of the best writers in Canada, the scientific student of Indian archaeology and ethnology will also be pleased to peruse it.

INVESTIGATING THE INDIANS.

Rev. John McDougall, of Morley, passed through on Tuesday's train, *via* Dunmore and Lethbridge, to visit the missions on the Blood Reserve. In addition to looking after the spiritual interests of the missions, he proposes to ascertain what ground there is for the rumor that the Indians are "unsettled." The wildest rumors have been rife in the east during the past week, so much so that the *Toronto Mail* telegraphed Mr. Ham, of Winnipeg, to proceed at once to the Blood and Blackfoot camps and ascertain the real state of things. Mr. Ham is now on the Blood reserve gathering what information he can. The people in the east appear to be better posted on Indian affairs than when in the west.—*Medicine Hat Times*.

As *THE INDIAN* cannot claim to be better posted on Northwest Indian affairs than the *Medicine Hat Times*, we will not at present venture upon an editorial opinion respecting the situation there. *THE INDIAN* will form its judgment upon the matter when it is discovered by the representatives of the people upon the floor of the House of Commons. Meantime we give the interesting remarks of two prominent gentlemen who were present and in active service during the whole of the late half-breed rebellion.