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## COMMUNICATION

*[We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]*  
To the Editors of the FREE PRESS.

## HOG KILLING.

Mr. Editor—We are frequently asked, by farmers and stock men, for instructions regarding the killing and handling of dressed hogs, and knowing that your valuable paper reaches a large class who are interested, we take the liberty of using it as a medium for this purpose. During this season of the year, it is well to select if possible, a cool day for slaughtering. The hogs should be starved at least twelve hours before killing. A great many farmers are experienced butchers, and the number of shoulder-stuck hogs is very much less now than some years ago; however, we strongly advise that none but experienced hands should be allowed to stick hogs. Instructions as to the scalding and removing of the hair, we think, are unnecessary. What we wish to call special attention to is the treatment of the carcass after it has been hung up. The bone between the hind legs, also the breast bone should be cut through so as to allow the removing of all the shanks, along with the gullet. This being done, the carcass should be well showered with cold water, and allowed to hang up twelve to twenty-four hours, according to the state of the weather; if very warm, then more cold water should be used, and a longer time allowed to hang. If the hogs are very fat (which, by the way, is not desirable, especially in the light weights) they should be split open through the back-bone, to allow the animal heat to escape, which, if not attended to, the chances are you will have tainted meat. These openings do not, in any way, interfere with the price in selling, as all hogs have to be divided in the middle when being prepared for curing. We wish to impress this point in regard to fat hogs, very strongly. Under no conditions should a hog be cut down from the place where it is hung up to cool, until all the animal heat has left the body, even should it take thirty-six to forty-eight hours to do this. Of course, it will be understood that during the winter weather, the care in regard to chilling of the carcass is not so necessary, but as there are large quantities being killed during the present season when the weather is not so favorable, this is the time that the above instructions are carried out, the result will, in every case, be satisfactory, and the highest market price will be obtained for hogs so prepared.

Yours truly,  
D. GUNN BROS. & Co.,  
Packers, Toronto.

We can all agree with this expression of opinion by The Peterboro Examiner. Mr. John Ross, Robertson, M.P., publisher of the Telegram, Toronto, is a nobleman—no, not that merely, but a noble man. He evidently is not desirous of making money out of politics. He has donated his Parliamentary personal indemnity of \$1,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and to keep it from being someone's accomplices the gift with another \$1,000 from his private means, making a total of \$2,000 donated by him to a benevolent institution. Mr. Robertson's munificent gifts of the sort to charity prevent one being surprised at this new manifestation of his beneficence. He may make a poor politician in the lesser sense of the term, but he is an honor, nevertheless, to Canadian statesmanship. His heart is in the right place.

## LATEST FROM ROSSLAND.

THE FIRST BRICK STRUCTURE—A GROWING POPULATION—INCREASE IN REAL ESTATE VALUES—LATEST NOTES OF THE MINES.

The corner-stone of the first brick structure in Rossland, was well and truly laid on Wednesday last, with imposing ceremonies, Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney officiating. The structure is the new Hotel Allen.

Mrs. Allen gave a banquet last evening.

Over 100 buildings are now in course of erection. The population was increased last week by over 200.

The Bank of British North America has purchased a lot on Columbia avenue and will build a first-class brick banking house.

Some idea can be obtained of the rapid increase in the valuation of real estate in Rossland by the following deal:—James Corbett bought a lot on Columbia avenue, the main street for \$260. He sold it to A. M. Dunn two months ago for \$3,700. Mr. Dunn sold it for \$5,000 to Mr. Goodie, who last Monday sold it to the Bank of British North America for \$25,250.

The Mayflower has struck it rich. They now have over three feet of shipping ore at the bottom of the shaft, and is steadily widening.

The north fork of Salmon River, immediately south of Nelson, is rapidly coming to the front and will undoubtedly be a rich mining camp. I spent a day there last week, and was much impressed with the wonderfully rich showings. I saw money paid down for three claims there, \$11,000 spot cash.

Crown Point machinery is all in place and will start working this week.

Magwump steam plant began working to-day. The ore body in this property is steadily widening, and is already away above shipping value.

## GOODWOOD

We were treated to about 4 inches of snow on Sunday morning, which was not generally appreciated. Just a gentle reminder that summer is over and winter is approaching.

Some parties from here took advantage of the cheap excursion to Midland and Bracebridge last Thursday. The weather was perfect.

The Epworth League elected their officers last Tuesday evening, for the following six months. The officers are:

- Hon. Pres.—Rev. Wm. Thornley
- Pres.—J. W. Elliott
- Vice Pres.—Miss M. Robinson
- Treas.—Mr. Ed. Davis
- Secy.—Miss Thornley
- Cor. Secy.—Miss H. Todd
- Organist.—Miss Ethel Todd

The hunters are getting ready for their annual trip to the north country. "Success, boys," but don't bring back more than your licenses permit.

A very successful social was held at the parsonage on Tuesday of last week by the Epworth League. The attendance was large and the evening was made an enjoyable one.

The Presidential campaign in the United States goes bravely on with every circumstance of enthusiasm. As is the case in Canadian campaigns, each party is confident of victory, being totally unable to see how a "same" people could support anyone else. From this distance it appears that Mr. McKinley will be the next occupant of the White House. The people as a whole are not partial to his high tariff ideas, but prefer them to the great fallacy propounded by Mr. Bryan, who while full of pleas for virtue wishes to make a 50c. dollar go at par in the Republic. This commends itself to the owners of silver mines and to debtors anxious to discharge their obligations at half price, but to men not thus situated the consequences of such a move are apparent in all their vicinities. No one would benefit in the least save mine owners and those wishing to repudiate debt, and their benefit would be immaterial because at the expense of others. Money, no matter whether gold or silver, does not fix prices for if it did then might brass, iron or any other metal or article be legislated into legal tender. Nature's laws alone regulate prices, but people in a mad desire to improve their condition hesitate not to set at defiance the laws of nature.

If the new woman does not talk at whist she will be a new woman.

See Spofford & Co's Clothing Department and Hat Department, everything goes in these two lines, as it is the last season we will handle these two lines.

The Sugar and Tea Sale in both Spofford & Co's Stores.

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## Music Teacher.

Miss Blanche O'Brien wishes to inform the public that she is prepared to give instructions in Piano or Organ at reasonable prices. Having studied under Robert W. Stevens, of the Chicago Conservatory for the past two years, giving special attention to the art of teaching, and having had command of a large class in Chicago, she thoroughly understands her business and guarantees satisfaction. Will be open for engagements as Concert Pianist and Accompanist.

The following recommendation was given her by her instructor:

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THE AUDITORIUM,  
CHICAGO.  
It is with pleasure that I mention mention Miss Blanche O'Brien as a very talented Pianist and a capable teacher of Piano playing. She is well suited to instruct either beginners or the more advanced students.

Sincerely,  
ROBERT W. STEVENS.

## Notice to Creditors

In the matter of John Monkhouse, of the Village of Stouffville, in the County of York, Merchant, insolvent.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named John Monkhouse has made an assignment to me, under the provisions of Chap. 124, R. S. O. and amending Acts, of all his estate and effects in trust for his Creditors. A meeting of the Creditors will be held at the office of S. Alfred Jones, L. L. B., Room 51 Canada Life Building, Toronto, on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 1896, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of Inspectors and giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate.

All Creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with me (or my solicitors) as directed by Statute, on or before the day of such meeting.

And further take notice that after the 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER next, I shall proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as I shall then have notice of and proof, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not then have been filed.

RICHARD UNDERHILL,  
Assignee,  
Stouffville, Ont.

MACDONALD & FITCH,  
Solicitors for Assignee,  
Stouffville, Oct. 14th, 1896.

## EXECUTORS' Notice to Creditors

Re Estate of Samuel Steckley, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Chap. 110, R. S. O., that all persons having claims against the estate of Samuel Steckley, late of the Township of Whitechurch in the County of York, Farmer, who died on or about the Thirty-first day of August 1895, are required to deliver their claims, and full particulars of such claims to John Oxendale at Bethesda P. O., or the Solicitors for the Executors, before the 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1896, and that after said 25th day of November, 1896, the Executors will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they have had notice.

JOHN OXENDALE,  
PETER STECKLEY,  
ELIAS BAKER,  
Executors.

By MACDONALD & FITCH,  
Their Solicitors,  
Stouffville, Sept. 23rd, 1896.

## New Jewellery Store!

I have opened up business three doors west of Daley's Hall, where I am prepared to sell Jewellery cheap and good.

## REPAIRS.

To Clocks, Watches and all kinds of Jewellery thoroughly done.

Having had considerable experience in the business, in all its branches, I am prepared to give the best satisfaction.

Alex. Grubin.

## Telephone Store

Headquarters for all kinds of

## Fruit & Vegetables

Leave your orders and have them delivered to any part of the town.

## Fine Groceries

Choice Teas, Butter, Eggs, Flour, Bran, Shorts & Oats.

All Goods at Lowest Prices.

W. A. Clark.

Telephone Store, Stouffville.  
(Opposite the Market.)

## Take Notice

## Mr. Joel Baker

Has for sale a quantity of

Lumber, Shingles, Lath,  
Lime Plaster, Paris,  
Hair Cement,  
& Salt.

Also Beaverton Brick by the hundred or car lots.

The best brand of Canadian Cement at \$1.00 per bbl.; also fine Salt at \$1.15 per bbl.; also Portland Cement.

Bill stuff on hand and out to order.

## Binder Twine

Central Prison  
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and Beaver.

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The modern standard Family Medicine. Cures the common every-day ills of humanity.  
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# Big October Sale

AT SPOFFORD & CO'S.

## Two Big Stores!

The Mammoth opp. Market and the other in Todd's Block.

## Big Grocery and Dry Goods Sale in Both Stores!

We will just quote a few leaders which will give you an idea how our whole stock will be slaughtered this month:

- 2 cases more of those very wide 10c. Shaker Flannel at 5c.
- 150 yds. of 12c. Union Grey Flannel at 8 cts. per yd.
- 250 yds. of heavy 20c. Twilled Wool Grey Flannel at 12c.
- 500 yds. of 6c. White Cotton at 3c. cts. per yd.
- 25 dozen of the best \$2.75 Grain Bags at \$2.10 per doz.

30½ lbs. very light brown Sugar \$1  
23½ lbs. very Best Granulated \$1

The 12c. yellow packages of Corn Starch for 5 cts

Fine Perfumed Toilet Soap 10c. a box. The 5c. Pearlina 3c. 5c. bar Soap 3c. Old Brown Windsor Soap 4 for 5 cts. Good Green or Mixed Tea from 15c. up 12 bars Electric or Laundry for 25 cts. Real good 20c. Pickles for 10c. bottle

Comfort, Happy Home, Morse's Mottled, Surprise, Dingman's Electric, Spofford's Electric, Magic, Golden Bar, Sunlight, Glycerine, Castile and all kinds Toilet Soap

A big drop in dress goods. We have the largest stock of new dress goods in the town.

- 1000 yds. fine 20c. Scotch Tartan Plaids at 10c. a yard
- 300 yards of double fold 40c. Wool Tartan Plaids at 29c. a yard
- 5 pieces heavy double fold 25c. Tweed dress goods 12c. a yard
- 10 pieces of 35c. Cheviot Tweed double fold for 25c. a yard

See our leader in dress Tweeds at 20c. a yard

Then comes our fine costume dress lengths from \$2.50 up to \$6.50 all worth double

See our \$1.25 Silk Illuminated Velvets for 60c. a yard

See our 25c. and 30c. Serges all colors worth 33c. and 40c.

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