

LETTER FROM THE
MAYOR

From the Desk of E.J. Graham,
Mayor of Slate River Village...

It has been a busy year and winter for our residents as we prepare for another season of visitors who come each year to check up on us! There have been a few changes and additions to our community including new residents, and new products around our quaint little village. We are so very glad to have a new dentist in the community and also a new shop keeper.

It feels like yesterday that I was sitting in front of the homestead debating if I would commit to an election in the Village and now here I am as the new mayor and truly wish the very best for our wonderful community we like to call our home and also our place of work.

Work on Pioneer Home (1992)



Our Founder, Fred Goodfellow (1974)



I have set out on a mission to increase the trains coming in and out of our community. Also to improve farming conditions for our local residents so that our crops will flourish and help us earn a good living to better our Village. There is so much more work to accomplish and together we will succeed. Working together we will put our Village on the map as a leading destination for our guests with plenty to offer them.

I hope you all have enjoyed the opportunity to read about the happenings in our community. I would like to thank our editor for bringing back the Pioneer Gazette and also you for coming to visit us here at the Village.

- E.J. Graham, Mayor

VILLAGE UPDATE

Thank you for taking the time to review our Village News and allowing us to share with you the updates and changes we have been working hard to accomplish. The revival of the Pioneer Gazette has been something we have been working hard at bringing back to the Village so that we have a clear way to communicate the locals stories, Village updates, and new displays we are working at bringing to the Museum site.

We hope that you enjoyed your visit and the opportunity to "Come Touch History" wish us and our local residents here on Main Street North.

- Founders' Admin. Team

2011 Changes Thus Far:

- ◇ Dairy Display (General Store)
- ◇ Pioneer Home—2nd Floor bedrooms now open to the public
- ◇ Free WIFI Internet
- ◇ New Caterer
- ◇ New Apparel
- ◇ New Gift Shop
- ◇ Website
- ◇ NEW LOGO:
- ◇ Office moved
- ◇ NEW Candy

Volunteers Needed:

- ◇ Various Projects
- ◇ Village Extras
- ◇ Display Changes
- ◇ Special Events

Contact our Office or email:
volunteer@founders.ca



"Come Touch History"

Check Out Our New Website:
www.founders.ca

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FOUNDERS' MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE

AROUND THE VILLAGE

- China Sale—Last year's china \$3.00—\$4.00 off
- New shoes in stock! See William in the General Store
- Dr. Appleton in the Village June 14—18, book appointments with Dr. Ivan Puller
- Boycott of Carpenter still in effect.
- Letter from our new Mayor, E.J. Graham
- Vintage photographs of our Founder, Fred Goodfellow and our community
- Founders' Crossword

FAREWELL TO A GREAT TEACHER

This spring marks the end of school teacher Miss Joanna Bloomberg's contract with us here in Slate River Valley. Miss Joanna has been working as the school teacher in the S.S. #1 Conmee School House since 1893 when she was just fourteen years old.

The young school teacher has been marvelous to our children and has taught some wonderful things, including in her curriculum music, art, and play.

During her stay in Slate River Valley, Miss Joanna helped in several projects around the village, including promotion of sales in the China Shop,

General Store and Seamstress. Miss Joanna's ultimate passion was in the toy store, where she often took her students while on village outings.



Miss Joanna teaches her students the importance of music in the classroom by playing piano for the boys and girls.

Last summer Miss Joanna found herself engaged to a lovely gentleman from her hometown of Winnipeg. We would like to wish Miss Joanna

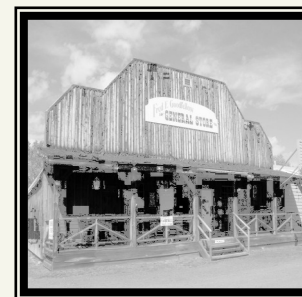
many congratulations and good fortunes this summer as she returns home, as well as for her upcoming wedding in August.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This first issue of the New Pioneer Gazette is formally dedicated to all of the Volunteers, past and present who have helped shape Founders' into what it is today. Without their dedication, countless hours and hard work we would not be able to keep Fred's dream alive!

THANK YOU!

THEFT IN GENERAL STORE



On Tuesday, May 31 at approximately 9:00 pm there was a break-in of the General Store. Very few products were stolen, but among them included: one sack of potatoes, two bags of flour, and one china washbasin with pitcher. A total of \$3.63 were taken directly from the register. General Store owner William Shutner says

he was out visiting Joyce Smith and her family around the time of the break-in.

"It's truly disheartening to see that not everyone in our village can be trusted. I cannot say who is responsible, but they should be ashamed of themselves. I feel as though my prices are decent and reason-

able enough that theft should not be an issue," Says Shutner.

As a result of the theft, the price of all merchandise is set to be reduced by \$0.05, in hopes of preventing any future thefts.

AROUND THE WORLD - BAYA-BECCARIS MASSACRE

Milan, Italy—On May 5, workers rallied together to strike against the government of Antonio Starrabba di Rudini. Protesters complain about increase in cost of living, and massive famine throughout the country.

Antonio di Rudini's government retaliated by declaring a State of Siege in the city. Infantry, cavalry and artillery were brought into the city, lead by General Bava

Bacarris with orders to open fire on the rioters.

Tensions escalated when the son of the Mayor of Milan was killed while trying to halt the troops marching against the crowd of protesters.

According to the Italian Government, 118 people were killed and 450 wounded, while the protesters claim the actual numbers are 400 dead, and 2,000 injured.



The Beccari's army prepared to face protestors at Piazza del Duomo, Milan

SLATE RIVER GRADUATING CLASS

"It is grand to be given the opportunity for higher education"

Two Eighth- Grade students find themselves to be very lucky this month as they graduate and move on to bigger and better things. James Miles and Alice Cardigan both graduate with intentions to continue their education.

"It is grand to be given the opportunity for higher education," Says Cardigan who has intentions of becoming a

future S.S.#1 Conmee school teacher.

"I have every intention of following in my father's footsteps" Says a beaming Miles, who's father makes a living as a veterinarian for livestock.

Both children will be attending classes in university or reform school in the near future, as their families earn a

decent living.

"My younger sisters are all jealous. They want to be able to further their own education but as the oldest I have more of an opportunity," says Cardigan.

"Both were wonderful students, and I am so proud of them," Miss Joanna (teacher) says.

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Reception for Lilith and Mary Black

It has been a difficult two weeks indeed for Lilith Black and her young daughter Mary. As the family grieves the loss of husband and step-father Jonathon Black, they are not alone in their struggle. Members of the village have banded together to hold a supportive reception for the family. These are specifically difficult times for Lilith, after the death of her first husband Joshua just last year.

Local shop owner Joyce Smith provided desserts and refreshments, while the rest of the village provided whatever produce and canned goods they could spare.

Jonathon is gone but not forgotten as his spirit will live on within all of us. It will put a smile on his face to know that his beloved family is in good hands as the rest of the village will continue to take care of them in anyway possible.

Obituary



Jonathan Percival Black
February 14, 1862—May 23, 1898

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jonathon Percival Black. Jonathon passed away peacefully in his sleep on the night of Monday, May 23. Sadly Jonathon leaves behind his beloved wife Lilith, and 8 year old step-daughter, Mary.

Funeral arrangements were made for Friday, May 27 in the Village Church at 2:30 pm.

Founders' Museum Services Available

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Group Tours

Year Round Wedding Services

Year Round Hall Rental Services

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Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village

Memberships Available in the Gift Shop

Rates:

Single - \$ 20.00
Couple - \$ 30.00
Family - \$ 40.00

Our Members receive an exclusive 20% discount on Slate River Community Hall Rentals and of course unlimited FREE admission to the Museum site!