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Less than half the picture: So what? We'll see...

By Richard Bercuson

On Feb. 27, 1883, the Brooklin weather station was closed. The wind vane had been bent by a large crow and needed repair. It took three people to bring it down from the roof which means no one was monitoring the thermometer.

Fortunately, the Toronto Observatory was fully functional, showing the temperature that day had reached a high of -3.3 and a low of -14.4°C with a mere 3.8 cm of snow. Back then, no one really knew much about the creation of Anders Celsius. Instead people

related more to degrees of lips freezing, also known as °LF.

As well, the metric system was decidedly foreign to Canadians. The amount of snow was either above a cow's hoofs or not. With just 3.8 cm, this was a not.

That was 142 years ago and the last day in which an Ontario election was held in February. Coincidentally, the next one is also on Feb. 27. There are many good reasons not to hold a winter election. No doubt we can name most of them and still include a list of other things we could without. Donald Trump would be one. The shenanigans of the

federal Liberals and having no parliament is another. Winter winds blowing recycle bins across the neighbourhood ranks up there, too.

And now I need to add the tariff war to the list.

You see, my original idea was to use this entire column to fire shots across the petty-minded bow of MPP Lorne Coe. Hours before the election was called, he hosted a news conference about sacks of dough Premier Doug "the Tunnel King" Ford was giving Whitby to expand Columbus Road from Country Lane to Ashburn Road. It was, to be sure, a decidedly Brooklin announcement.

Sadly, this newspaper was not invited to said conference. I didn't even know about it. Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy and North Ward (aka. Brooklin) Councillor Steve Lee were left off the guest list as well. He did though invite the

Mayor and Regional Councillors Chris Leahy and Steve Yamada, the latter two an interesting choice of cherry-pickings.

I wonder if Coe did some quick math. "Even if I don't get, say, 75% of the Brooklin vote," he perhaps day-dreamed, "I can still win the Whitby riding. Then, so what?"

As I ruminated over how best to tackle his puerile omission, along came the Bully-in-Chief, Donald Trump, and his tariff attack.

The two are perhaps tenuously linked by a similar smallness. Both believe they're making grand, wise or even mature statements and need to punctuate them with vengeful swipes. But in both, we see elements of presumption that people will cow-tow. Except Canadians don't do cow-tow. Nor do Brooklinites.

Those guys deserve to learn the hard way.

Regional Chair and Mayors affirm support of local businesses in response to Canadian export tariffs

The following joint statement is being issued on behalf of the Durham Regional Chair and the Mayors from all eight local area municipalities of Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge:

"On Saturday, February 1, the United States government announced it will impose a 25 per cent import tariff on most Canadian goods and a 10 per cent import tariff on energy beginning Tuesday, February 4. We are extremely disappointed with this decision. These tariffs will have serious and far-reaching impacts on the economies and livelihoods across Canada and the U.S. We stand with the federal and provincial government's responses—the 25 per cent import tariffs on \$155 billion of American goods beginning in the next 21 days are an unfortunate but necessary step as we align to stand up for our people and businesses. While the Canada-U.S. trading

relationship is important and worth protecting, we must also safeguard and support the businesses that are the backbone of our local economy and community. Hundreds of businesses in Durham Region, employing many thousands of workers, depend on exporting their products to the U.S. and on importing goods from American producers. We encourage residents and business owners to buy Canadian products and services when possible to support the local economy.

The ripple effect of U.S. tariffs on imports from Canada will be felt across our local economy. We will work with federal and provincial economic development agencies as they work to mitigate impacts on local businesses. We are committed to supporting the federal and provincial governments to reach a resolution and we are confident in the strength and resilience of our community."

Canadian Chamber of Commerce Responds To Trump Tariffs

"President Trump's profoundly disturbing decision to impose tariffs will have immediate and direct consequences on Canadian and American livelihoods. Tariffs will drastically increase the cost of everything for everyone: every day these tariffs are in place hurts families, communities, and businesses.

Canada has been a safe, secure and reliable trading partner to the U.S. for decades. Whether it's our crude oil that is practically perfect for the North American autos we build together, the potash that supports the agriculture that feeds America, or the critical minerals and other inputs that go into everyday essentials like washing machines and refrigerators, America needs Canada. Our supply chains are so deeply integrated that you can't unwind them overnight. They are integrated not simply because we get along as neighbours, but because it makes sense financially for businesses and consumers on both sides of the border.

Which is why if President Trump truly wanted to bring down costs for Americans, he would be looking at strengthening our trade ties, not tearing them apart. This decision makes no sense when

the majority of Americans oppose tariffs, when it harms businesses and workers on both sides of the border, and when the U.S. stock market is signaling that there's no appetite for disruption.

Right now, job number one for Canada is providing security to the Canadian families, communities and businesses that are rightly scared by the consequences of President Trump's self-defeating measures.

Until we can make President Trump and U.S. decision makers understand the enormity of the Canada-U.S. relationship, Canada needs to focus on what we can control here at home to build a more resilient economy and restore as much stability to Canadians as possible. If we can't trade south, let's diversify our trading partners and dismantle unnecessary internal trade barriers to keep goods and services flowing north, east, and west. A strong, united, and competitive Canadian economy will thrive no matter what gets thrown our way."

• Candace Lang, President & CEO, Canadian Chamber of Commerce

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Motion in Support of Provincial and Federal Governments Negotiations with the U.S Government on Trade Tariffs

At the Whitby Council meeting on Feb. 3, Council voted unanimously to approve the following motion:

Whereas the Windsor-Detroit border crossing is the busiest commercial border crossing between Canada and the U.S., handling approximately one-third of all trade between the two countries (about \$1 billion per day); and

Whereas If Ontario were a standalone country, it would be the U.S.'s third-largest trading partner with a near-perfect balance in two-way trade totalling CAD \$493 billion in 2023, employing millions of workers on both sides of the border.

Whereas the Ontario government estimates that the impact of the proposed tariffs on Canadian goods by the U.S. government could 450,000 - 500,000 Ontario jobs; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined Ontario's forthcoming Fortress Am-Can plan, which focuses on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. focusing on key issues include national security, integrated and safe electricity grids, building out critical mineral supply chains and advanced manufacturing supply chains while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has established the Canada-U.S. relations council to support the federal government as it deals with possible U.S tariffs that includes representatives from the auto sector, unions, industry and agriculture; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents.

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend approximately \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; and



Whereas many businesses in Whitby, including those in the manufacturing, automotive, and agricultural sectors, will face significant challenges because of U.S. imposed tariffs; and

Whereas the Town of Whitby is actively engaging with local businesses, the Regional Municipality of Durham and other lower tier municipalities (including the membership of the Ontario Big City Mayors caucus) to understand the potential impacts of proposed U.S. tariffs and to collaborate on strategies to strengthen the local economy; and

Therefore, be it resolved that, The Town of Whitby supports the provincial and federal governments efforts to strike a trade deal with the United States that will see a win for all involved when it comes to strengthening our economy and keeping Ontario jobs;

And that we endorse and support the Ontario government's Fortress Am-Can and request that all municipal organizations and mayors across the province also support this initiative;

And that we call on the Prime Minister, federal ministers and the federal government's newly established Canada-U.S. relations council to take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

for capital projects and supplies.

Be it further resolved that copies of this motion be sent to:
The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Getting to the heart of it

By Brittany Dunbar



While February is linked with Valentine's Day, it's also heart awareness month, a fitting choice when considering all things "red hearts."

goal is to simply get your blood pumping.

Nutrition is another modifiable risk factor. It means consuming a well-balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, lean meats and whole grains which have health benefits even beyond those for your heart.

Heart awareness month is about spreading an understanding of overall heart health and cardiovascular disease whose prevalence in adults of all ages makes it an important topic to address. Even if you have not experienced a cardiovascular disease, it's likely someone within your circle has.

The changes you make for yourself, and your family can be small. Perhaps this is an extension of your new year's resolution goal.

Factors that influence an individual's risk can be age, gender or family history. We cannot change these. However, the risk factors you can change are your physical activity levels and food choices.


If you need help getting started, reach out to a supportive friend to hold you accountable. You could also register for a new fitness experience or team sport, hire a professional in the field, or create a habit tracker board to view progress.

In previous articles, I've wrote about the importance of walking and strength training. If you haven't been convinced to get started, perhaps this will: Improving your physical activity can greatly reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease. Just 10 minutes a day is a great start to improving your heart health. The

Be kind to yourself, love your heart and take care of it.

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What You Need To Know This Week In Whitby




Your Town, Your Voice, Our Priorities

Whitby needs all levels of government to work together to meet your issues. Learn more about local healthcare, funding, homelessness, and housing needs before you vote on February 27. whitby.ca/TownAdvocacy


Happy Family Day, Whitby

Celebrate Family Day with your loved ones on Monday, February 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy free skating and swimming, face painting, a balloon artist, and more. Thank you to our lead sponsor, Gerdau. For the full list of locations, activities, and schedules, visit whitby.ca/FamilyDay




Interim Tax Billing for 2025 Due on February 24

The first instalment of the 2025 Interim Tax Billing is due Monday, February 24. Your tax bill might look a little bit different this time. It's now on white paper and includes information on how your tax money is allocated. For more information, including payment options, visit whitby.ca/Tax




Enjoy A Free Skate

Gather your family and friends and get ready to lace up your skates at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena (67 Winchester Road, Whitby) on Sunday, February 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you to The Brooklin Spring Fair for sponsoring this skate. Learn more at whitby.ca/Calendar



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1635 Dundas Meeting Needs of Durham's Homeless

Shelter is essential to a person's overall well-being.

Since opening in March, 2024, the low barrier shelter at 1635 Dundas Street East in Whitby has provided a safe and supportive environment to over 160 unique people. It's been a crucial part of the journey, helping 20 people move into various housing types, participate in more intensive recovery and in some cases, reunite with family.

Operated by Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC), patrons have access to a wide range of on-site supports that aim to help individuals get back on their feet including:

- Mental health and addictions supports;
- Harm reduction support services, housing and employment assistance;
- Medical support services;
- Arts programming; and
- Life skills programming

There is a waitlist of over 400 people for 1635 Dundas Street East showing just how much shelters like this are needed. This shelter has offered a foundation for stability, health, and an improved quality of life for those experiencing homelessness. Here's a summary of how 1635 Dundas Street East has provided

safe shelter and supports to those in need:

- Durham Region's Street Outreach Program received an overwhelming response of winter warming clothing donations from the public thanks to a community partnership with 94.9 The Rock. The Rock hosted Socktoberfest and Fill Santa's Sack events in October and December 2024. Donations were equivalent to filling the bed of two pickup trucks, and have been distributed to shelters across Durham Region, including 1635 Dundas Street East.
- We Grow Food worked with patrons and staff of 1635 Dundas Street East to build garden boxes for the shelter. A variety of herbs and vegetables were planted in the building's outdoor space.
- On February 1, 2025, the "How The Light Gets In" art exhibition will begin at the Station Gallery in Whitby. This exhibition shares artwork from patrons of 1635 Dundas Street East. The art exhibition will run until April 13, 2025, and details are available at StationGallery.ca/Exhibitions.
- The Region of Durham



released a video series, Stories of Resilience, about local homelessness. The videos share real-life stories of people experiencing homelessness, the stigma of being homeless, and the services available to help.

The Community Liaison Committee (CLC) continues to meet regularly. The Committee shares information, identifies issues, concerns and mitigation strategies that assists in the successful integration of this project, and its residents, into the broader community. CLC Meeting Minutes are posted to Your Durham each month and updates are sent to subscribers.

A Phase 2 Community Engagement Survey was created

with the CLC and was made available to residents from June 27 to September 27, 2024, to gather input from the community to help inform the planning and development of the next phase for 1635 Dundas Street East. A total of 353 respondents completed the survey.

The Region remains committed to helping those experiencing homelessness. The Region of Durham is the Service System Manager for Housing and Homelessness. In that role we coordinate shelter and housing across Durham. A housing-focused approach is taken, where all supports, services, and strategies lead to housing, with the goal of helping someone to end their homelessness.

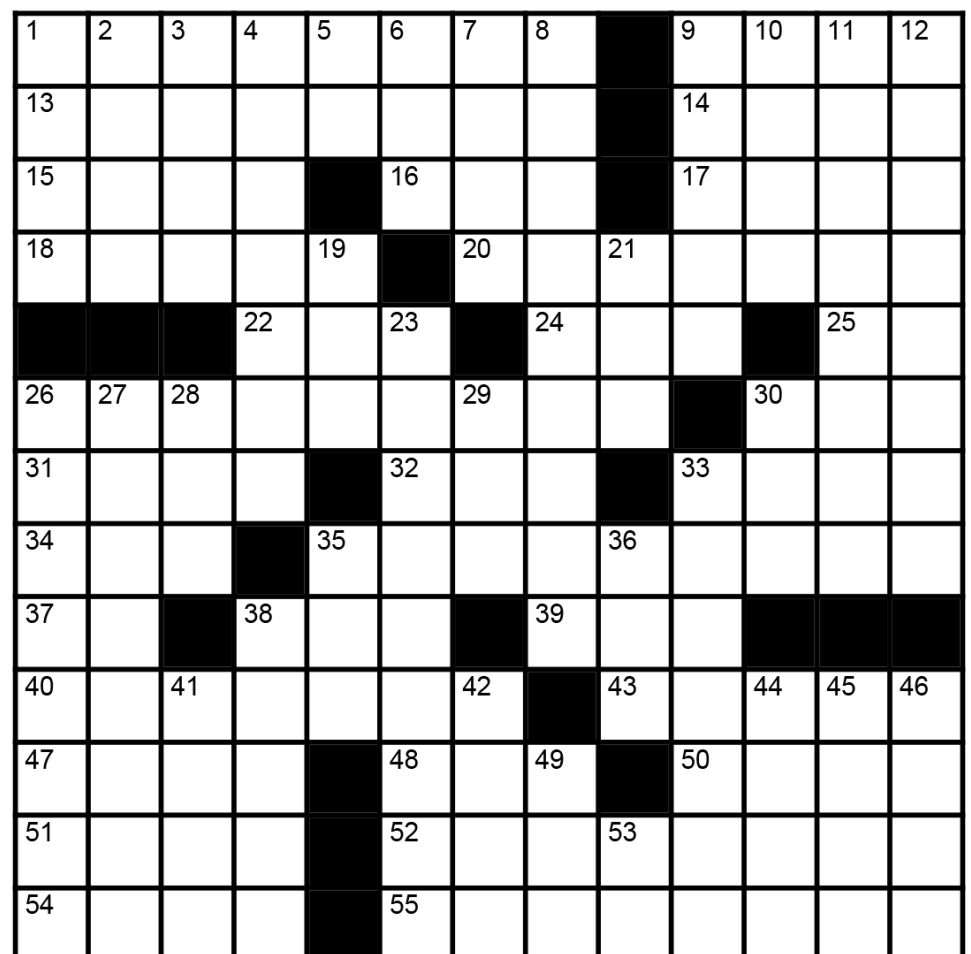
Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Across

- 1 A steward; a purveyor
- 9 Stringed instrument
- 13 A woman aviator
- 14 Asian nurse
- 15 Aug. follower
- 16 Crumb
- 17 Type of air current
- 18 Start of a refrain
- 20 A skilled worker
- 22 401(k) alternative
- 24 Bother, with "at"
- 25 Expresses position, direction or location
- 26 Grenade that gives off thick smoke when it explodes
- 30 Eggs
- 31 Strengthen, with "up"
- 32 Farm female
- 33 Nile wader
- 34 Beluga yield
- 35 Deductive reasoning in which a conclusion is derived from two premises
- 37 Indefinite article used before a vowel sound
- 38 Alias
- 39 Feminine side
- 40 Minimal clothing worn by strippers
- 43 Decrease
- 47 Clarified butter

Down

- 1 It holds a yard
- 2 Allege
- 3 Made from sap of the Australasian palm
- 4 Slow, deliberate, quiet and stealthy
- 5 The thing named or in question
- 6 Ace
- 7 Foreign currency
- 8 To a high degree or extent
- 9 Something to kick
- 10 Biblical prophet
- 11 Curiosity
- 12 A ghostly appearing figure
- 19 "___ we having fun yet?"
- 21 Bar bill
- 23 Temporary pauses
- 26 Wander from a direct or straight course
- 27 An ambitious project with a high chance of failure
- 28 Bit of binary code
- 29 Hooter
- 30 Japanese sash



- 33 Base
- 35 Word with bum or bunny
- 36 Black gold
- 38 Hippodrome, e.g.
- 41 Beach bird
- 42 Charades, e.g.
- 44 "Hold it!"
- 45 "If all ___ fails ..."
- 46 Brinks
- 49 Peacock network
- 53 Introduces an alternative



James Cuttell's Literary Legacy

By Jennifer Hudgins



First there was the *Brooklin Times* newspaper and from that the Cuttell family legacy in journalism and writing was born.

It began with James Cuttell (1834–1908) who immigrated with his family to Canada from Leeds, England, at age 14. They settled in Orono. There, in 1861, he and his brother John revived a printing business which they operated for several years. After moving to Brooklin in 1867 and continuing his work in the printing trade, James went on to publish the *Brooklin Times* which he managed from 1880 to 1889. While specific details about his tenure at the paper are limited, his role as publisher would have involved overseeing the newspaper's operations, including selection of content, editing, writing, and distribution.

In 1885 John's son, Sam Cuttell, founded the *Orono News* and ran it for over 50 years.



Family photo back row, Thomas, William, Samuel Cuttell, Front row, James, Jessie, Ann.

Kipling

Cuttell's ties to the world of literature, journalism, and media ran deep. His mother, Charlotte Lockwood, had a sister, Maryia, who married Reverend John Kipling in England. Their grandson would become none other than Rudyard Kipling, the celebrated British author of *The Jungle Book* and *The Man Who Would Be*

King, along with other stories and poems.

His granddaughter, Louise, married Philip Thompson, a newspaperman whose sister, Laura Berton, was the mother of Pierre Berton, one of Canada's most famous historians and author of *The Last Spike*, *The Great Depression: 1929-1939* and other notable works.

Street office, where the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce now stands. Though for months he tried to keep the *Brooklin Times* alive, the financial loss was too great. He'd published the first edition of the paper on December 14, 1880, and the last edition on May 14, 1889, before moving to Toronto. Today, only five copies of the newspaper are known to have survived, according to the Whitby Public Library Archives. It is possible that many more were lost to the flames.

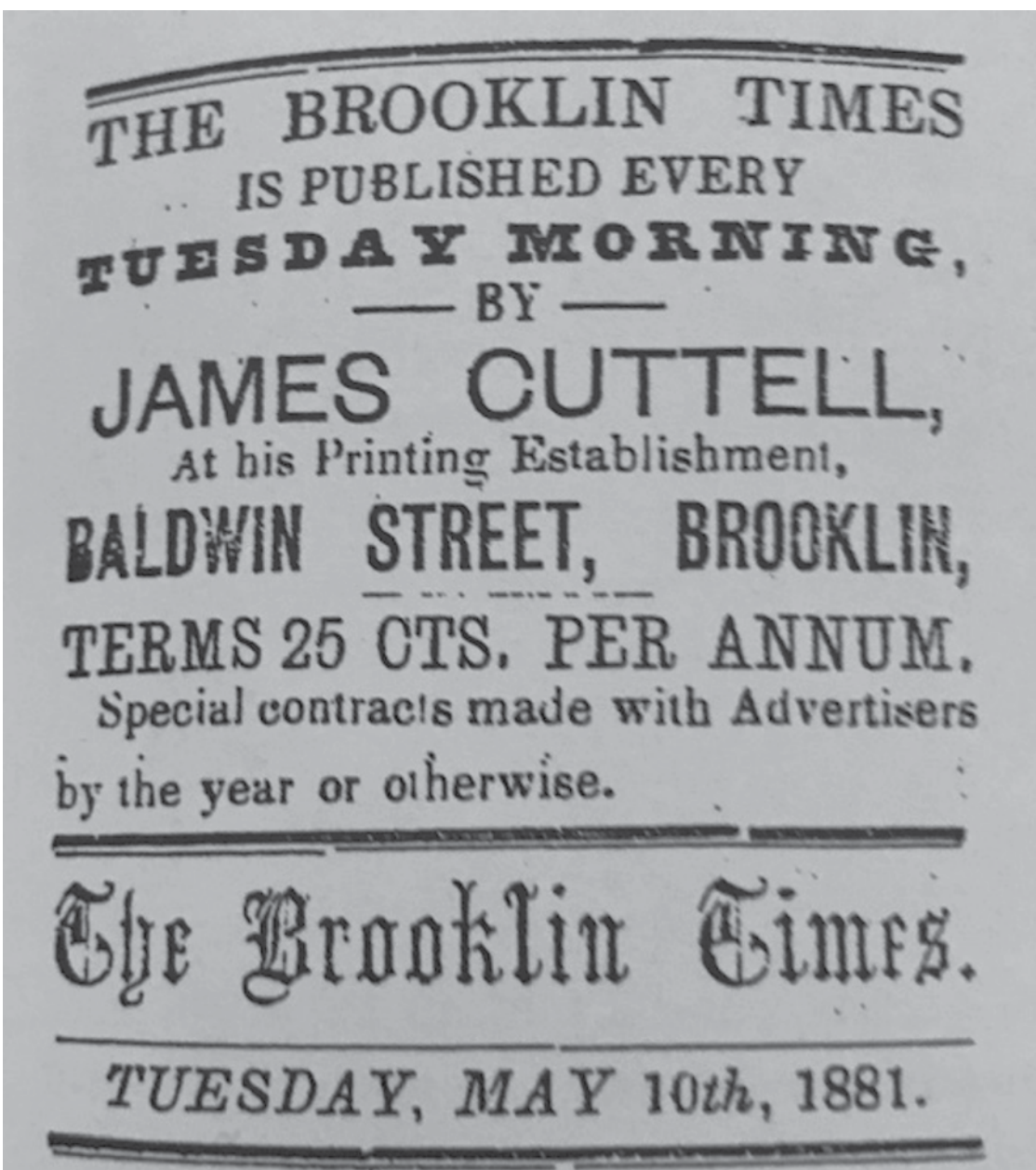
The Cuttell family's influence did not stop at the printed page. James great-great-granddaughter is Kathie Lee Gifford, the Emmy-winning American talk show host and television personality.

Devastating fire

James Cuttell's publishing career came to an end on the night of December 16, 1888, when a fire tore through his Baldwin

Shortly after the death of Cuttell's first wife, Olive Wilson (1844-1867), with whom he had a daughter, Jessie Esther (1866), James married Ann Maria Courtice (1842-1925). Together, they had three sons, Thomas, William, and Samuel. Cuttell lived in Toronto from 1889 until his death on January 26, 1908. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

From classic literature to modern media, James Cuttell's connections to literature and journalism have spanned generations. Although his own time in publishing was cut short, his influence on the written and spoken word continues to echo through history.





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If you've been thinking about listing your home for sale this spring, you may want to take your cue from the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) and start preparing your house for market.

"Our forecast continues to be for a significant unleashing of demand in the spring of 2025, with the expected bottom for interest rates coinciding with sellers listing properties for sale in big numbers once the snow melts," says CREA's Senior Economist Shaun Cathcart.

Preparing your home for sale includes staging – a powerful marketing tool designed to help potential buyers envision the full potential of a property. Photos of a properly staged home look better in online listings, which can help generate interest in and ultimately sell your property.

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Stage with intention. Know your target market and demographic and stage your home based on what they want and need. Our list of recommendations includes the following:

Declutter, depersonalize. While we all accumulate stuff over the years, clutter will draw a prospective buyer's eyes to your belongings rather than the rooms themselves. It also makes spaces, from the kitchen to bedrooms, look smaller and untidy. Pack up family photos, keepsakes, refrigerator art and very personal belongings.

Clean. From appliances that are spotless to bathrooms that sparkle, a clean, odourfree home shows potential buyers that you've maintained your property.

Tackle minor repairs. Complete any DIY jobs that are on the go and tackle minor repairs, such as a dripping faucet and holes or cracks in a wall. While we don't recommend major renovations, such as a kitchen, bathroom or basement because you may not get a full return on your investment, replacing dated or damaged countertops, sinks and flooring might be advisable.

Paint. You may love your home's colourful or all-white colour palette, but people's tastes in colours are highly personal. A fresh coat of warm, neutral paint will brighten rooms and make them look bigger while giving an overall appearance of a well maintained home.

Give rooms purpose. Help buyers see how to maximize your home's square footage by making sure each room has a defined purpose and that every space within a room has a purpose. A junk room, for instance, can be transformed into a home office or gym, hobby room or guest bedroom.

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