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Death of Mr. F. A. Stephens.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to report the receipt of a telegram yesterday by Mr. William Stephens, announcing the death of his uncle, Mr. Frank Stephens, after a surgical operation performed upon him in England, says Monday's Pioneer. By the death of Mr. Stephens the Native States, and more especially Taiping, have suffered the loss of one of the very few men of whom it may be said that no one ever heard an unkind word spoken, and it seems all the harder to those who have known him all the years he has been in Perak, that, after struggling some 14 years in the planting industry, finally overcoming all difficulties and entering into the bonds of matrimony, he should, at such a moment, be taken from us.

Mr. Stephens arrived here in 1881, after some years in the mercantile marine. He crossed over to Deli, where he was engaged in tobacco planting until 1891, when he returned to the Native States. He was engaged as a contractor for a year or two, and then, with Mr. L. Watson and Mr. McGillivray, opened up the Jebong Estate with coffee and coconuts. This Estate was the first to start planting rubber six or seven years ago. Mr. Stephens, who was aged 56 at the time of his demise, had an uphill task in keeping the Estate open, and it was entirely due to his perseverance and courage that it now ranks as valuable property as any in the country.

The loss of Mr. Frank Stephens will be keenly felt all over the Native States and Sumatra by all who have known or met him and the honest epitaph that could be written on his last resting place would be, "He was every person's friend."

We have to offer our sincerest sympathy and condolences with his brother, Mr. Arthur Stephens, his nephew Mr. W. Stephens, and his sorrowing widow in England.

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