

VANKOUGHNET HANGED.

The Buck Lake Murderer Pays the Penalty of his Crime.

Kingston, June 28. This morning at twenty minutes past eight o'clock Elijah Vankoughnet paid the penalty of his crime, the murder of John Richardson on the 13th of August last, near Buck Lake.

The facts of the murder have been fully published and it is but necessary to revert to them, in brief. He was a neighbour of Richardson, and at about eight o'clock on the night of the day named he hid himself in the bush on the farm of his victim, and while the latter was going to his house with a scythe on his shoulder he deliberately shot him in his tracks and left the body lying where it fell. He afterwards took Richardson's horse out of the stable and put it in its place, and then

SET FIRE TO THE BUILDING burning it to the ground; the horse was not disfigured sufficiently to destroy its identity. On the following morning he borrowed a buggy from a neighbour, and hitching Richardson's horse to it, he drove to Elgin, where he attempted to dispose of the animal in trade for another. The person with whom he tried to trade desired the ownership to be proven, but while the two were driving along the road to a place where Vankoughnet said he could be identified, he changed his mind about trading and asked the man to buy the horse. A bargain was made, Vankoughnet receiving \$27, all the money that the other had. The prisoner then entered the woods, and after wandering through the country he went on an island in Buck Lake, and there remained hidden for some days. No one knew where he was secreted but the members of his own family. His wife took provisions to him by night in a boat. Finally his little four year old girl was influenced by the reception of three coppers to tell where her doomed father was, and shortly afterwards

HE WAS DISCOVERED AND CAPTURED. When approached on the island he drew a knife and threatened to kill himself, but he was persuaded by his captor to give himself up. His captor a few weeks after, met with a fatal accident on the K & P. Railway. Vankoughnet after his arrest acknowledged having shot Richardson, and related the circumstances in detail. He says now that he owed him a grudge for a number of years. A clearer case of deliberate and preconcerted murder could not be imagined. The prisoner now blames his wife for his trouble and impeaches her with infidelity to him. On many occasions he found Richardson at his house when he came home in the evening, but while he had his suspicious he said nothing to his wife. Since this fact became known sympathy for the prisoner had become manifest, and it is said on good authority that if he had made such a statement at his trial he would

NOT HAVE BEEN HUNG TO-DAY. On last Wednesday he says he found peace with his Maker, and since that time a marked change came over him; instead of being given to shedding tears he read the Bible diligently since that date and grew stronger in body and mind. Last evening the prisoner began to show signs of weakness and complained that he did not feel well; he could not eat any supper prior to being locked in his cell at six o'clock; a special guard was placed on him during the night in order to prevent any attempt at suicide. He was sleeping soundly at ten, eleven and two o'clock and about four he awoke and got out of bed. He looked very careworn and haggard, and again complained of not feeling well; after giving himself a good washing, he sat down to his bible. The gaoler visited him and asked him if he would like an egg and cup of tea, but he refused them, saying that it was impossible for him to eat anything. At half-past seven o'clock he drank a cup of tea, after which the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe read three passages of Scripture, and prayed with him until twenty minutes past eight o'clock. He was then told

TO PREPARE FOR EXECUTION, when he removed his boots, and taking a clean, white handkerchief in his hand, announced himself as ready. On reaching the corridor, he burst into tears and sobbed aloud. Holding the handkerchief to his eyes, he ascended the steps to the scaffold arm in arm with the minister, and on he turned round and said: "Is my brother not here, is not that him at the door?" He was answered in the negative when he went on crying bitterly and exclaiming "Oh, my God! Oh, dear me!" He was quite stricken and required no assistance to walk. While his arms were being pinioned on the scaffold he told the hangman not to draw the cord so tight, that it hurt him. When all was ready he cried aloud, "My God, have mercy on my poor soul," and repeated it two or three times. He requested the jailer to give his photograph to his mother, who is 70 years of age, and who visited him for the last time yesterday. The clergyman whispered something in his ear, when he said "I'm ready," and spat out a large tobacco quid at the foot of the hangman. The minister then engaged in a short prayer, and while he

was saying the words "God have mercy on his soul," the doomed man ejaculated "YES LORD, DO LORD."

At the ward amen the bolt clicked and he was launched into eternity and his pulse ceased to beat fourteen minutes after the drop. His neck was not broken. Death was caused by apoplexy. He requested that his body be handed over to his mother, which request will be complied with. The whole affair did not occupy over four minutes. There was only one spectator allowed in besides the press and the jail officials.

The execution took place by lamplight. None of Vankoughnet's friends were present not even his wife. She had some words with him when she visited him four weeks ago.

Yesterday afternoon George Vankoughnet, brother, and Mrs. Vankoughnet, mother of the prisoner, and a neighbour, Mrs. Darling, visited the prisoner. It was a sad scene, especially the meeting of the poor old woman, who is 70 years of age and much wrinkled, and her boy. The prisoner gave to his friends various articles as mementoes, and cheered them by saying, "I am prepared to die, and when I die I will go to Heaven." He expressed a desire to be buried beside his deceased brother in the country. He also said that when he killed Richardson

HE INTENDED TO THROW THE BODY into Buck Lake, but his heart failed him after firing the shot. He spoke harshly of his relatives by marriage, and said they taught him to thieve, and his poor old mother seemed to hold his wife responsible for most, if not all, of his troubles. The parting was affecting. The son and mother again embraced, and he asked "God to bless her," and she prayed, "that God would be good to him."

LAPORTE HEARD FROM.

Shot While Entering a Michigan Store at too Early Hour.

About eight years ago Daniel Laporte was sentenced to the Provincial penitentiary for five years for stealing pork from the store house of Mr. John Lecik, Brussels. The Laporte mentioned below is evidently the same man, and it would seem that "durance vile" did not cure the fellow of his thievish propensities.

HESSEY, Mich., July 26. - At about 2 o'clock this morning H. T. Snyder, who slept in his store last night, heard a noise at the front entrance. A stone was thrown, which shattered the large glass of the door and fell on the floor near the center of the door. In a few moments another stone was thrown and more of the glass shattered. Then the burglar was heard to pick off the broken fragments of glass, so as to make easy climbing through. The burglar then crawled through, and as soon as he rose to his feet Mr. Snyder raised his double-barreled shot gun and aimed at the dark shadow which he could see between him and the door. The first barrel which was loaded with buck shot, missed fire. He then aimed the second barrel, which was loaded with bird shot, and fired, bringing down his man, who cried out, "I am killed," and asked Snyder to come to him; that he forgave him; that Snyder had done no more than his right, etc. Not knowing but that there might be a revolver in the burglar's hands, and that there might be an accomplice, Mr. Snyder did not go directly to the wounded man, but called his clerk, George Newell, and together they went to him, took him and led him to the jail, which was only twenty-five rods off. Dr. McCollum was then called, and upon examination it was found that the shot had taken terrible effect. The right shoulder was shattered, and the shot had badly scattered, penetrating his face and breast and arms. One shot went in below the right eye and has not been found. If the barrel loaded with buck-shot had been discharged he would have been a dead man. The burglar's name is Daniel Laporte, and he has been known here about four years as "Red Dan." He has been heretofore regarded as honest. He says there was no one with him, but the fact that a harness was stolen from the Richmond House barn and the burglar's hat was found in a buggy at the barn looks as if there were accomplices. At about daylight this morning Mr. Snyder went before Justice Radcliffe and gave bail for appearance whenever he shall be wanted to answer to the shooting, but the confessions of Dan to several persons relieves Mr. Snyder of all blame. This is the fourth time that the store has been entered. The doctor gives some hopes of Dan's recovery, but he is in a critical state. No formal complaint has yet been made against the burglar and none will be until the result of the wounds are more fully known.

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To Cigarette Smokers.

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Ashford.

June 27th, 1882. The Council met pursuant to adjournment at McRae's hotel, Kintail. The members all present. The minutes of last meeting and the meeting and the proceedings of the first sittings of the Court of Revision were read and confirmed. Petition of James Munro and others praying the Council to open side line 6 and 7, W. D., on con. 11 and 12. Petition of M. J. McCay and others praying the Council to repair that part of the road on the 12th con. opposite lots 7 and 8, it being unfit for travel. Messrs. T. Finlay and W. Kirkpatrick culvert on Lake Shore road in front of the necessity for opening that part of side road 6 and 7 E. D., on 5 and 6 con. Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that Messrs. Clare and Whitley be appointed to let a contract of clearing and ditching on side road 6 and 7, con. 5 and 6. Moved by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Clare, that the sum of one hundred dollars be granted to each ward to be expended by the road commissioner for the several wards. Moved by Mr. Clare, seconded by Mr. Whitley, that one hundred dollars be expended opposite lots one and two con. 9 W. D. By-law No. 9, to vary the polling sub-divisions was read and passed. Moved by Mr. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. Whitley, that the sum of seventy dollars be expended in repairing the road north of Grant's mill on con. 12, and \$35 opposite D. L. Taylor's place, on 10th con., and that side line 6 and 7 con. 11 and 12 be opened. Moved by Mr. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. Whitley, that Mr. Griffin be appointed a committee to examine the condition of S. L. 3 and 4 on con. 3 and 4, and have it repaired. Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that the sum of \$500 be granted for travelling on Lake Shore gravel road between Amberly and Colborne. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: G. Armstrong, gravel, \$6.00; J. Bryan, printing, \$2; R. Wall, repairing culvert on S. L. 3 and 4, between con. 7 and 8, \$3.50; J. Murphy, repairing culvert on Lake Shore road in front of 2, \$6.50; A. McIntyre, ditching on Lake Shore road, \$5; J. McCaig, repairing Dunganon hill and bridge, \$3; A. Mogaich, pathmaster, plank 70 cents; Jaa. Grant, lumber to D. McLean, pathmaster, \$7.50; widow Griffin, charity \$5; D. Sullivan, salary as assessor, \$85; J. Brown, collector, dog tax which could not be collected \$3. The Council adjourned to meet again at Smiley's hotel, Dunganon, on the 24th of August.

June 27th, 1882. The Court of Revision met pursuant to adjournment, W. Grady and W. J. Hall were entered on the assessment roll as farmer's sons, J. H. Riddle as joint owner of E 2, 2 con. 8, E. D., W. H. Johnston was assessed as farmer's son instead of owner. The assessment roll having been amended accordingly, was finally passed.—JOHN COOKS, Clerk.

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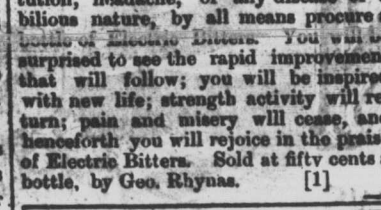
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