

FOUR WERE BURNED TO DEATH IN AN ANCASTER FARM HOUSE.

Terrible Disaster in the West End of the Township Between Lynden and Jerseyville.

Philip Van Sickle, His Son, Daughter and Son-in-Law Burned in the Fire That Consumed the Homestead.



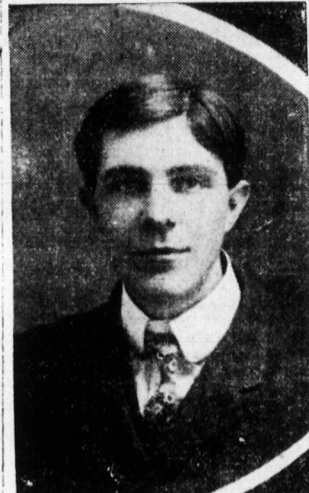
FOUR GENERATIONS OF VANSICKLES. This group shows Philip VanSickle, who lost his life in the fire in Ancaster Township on Saturday; his son Elmer S., of 72 Oak avenue, this city; the latter's son Marland O., and his son, Howard—four generations. This was the latest picture of Mr. VanSickle, sen.



MISS MELITA VANSICKLE, One of the victims of the holocaust in Ancaster.

DEAD

Philip VanSickle, aged 80, retired farmer and old U. C. Loyalist. Melita VanSickle, aged about 38, daughter of Philip by his first wife. Martin VanSickle, aged 25, son of Philip by his second wife. Harry VanSickle, aged 30, son of Wesley VanSickle, of Trinity, and son-in-law of Philip.



MARTIN VANSICKLE, One of the victims of the holocaust in Ancaster.

ing the sometimes circuitous path which the redmen trod before the advent of their palefaced brothers. Upon this road Peter VanSickle, when a boy, settled with his parents, his father having taken up land one hundred years ago—in 1810, if the family records are correct, and they seem to have been carefully kept. Mr. VanSickle, the first of that name to settle there, came from New Jersey and was a Baptist. To-day that whole section is dotted with VanSickles and is known as Jersey Settlement and Baptist Settlement, the original settler's name, religion and place of birth being well preserved in the county where he heaved out a home in the forest. Peter's mother came from New Jersey also, both his and her families having been United Empire Loyalists. Peter VanSickle married when a young man and had a family of several sons, and one of his sons remained on the old homestead—a fine big solid brick house, nesting in among the trees—

and surrounded by VanSickles on every side, including members of his own family, and the families of other branches of the original settler. The old homestead was built the middle of last century, about 1848, or 1849, and in it Philip VanSickle lived from the day he was married, a few years before, until he and the house shared the same awful fate on Saturday. He had had two wives, both of whom were borne from the old house to the Baptist burying ground close by, and a family by each wife. THOSE WHO OCCUPIED HOUSE. Of late years the occupants of this old house were Philip VanSickle, the last surviving son of Peter; his unmarried

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HARRY VANSICKLE, WIFE AND CHILD. This group shows Harry VanSickle, who might have escaped himself, but lost his life trying to arouse the others; also his wife, who was away visiting his father, and one of their children.

THE MERCURY 32 BELOW.

New York's Poor Suffered Terribly From Cold.

Feeding the Hungry and Lodging the Homeless Wanderers.

Rochester, Albany, Rome, Malone, and Utica Feel the Frost.

New York, Feb. 1.—Swept by a biting northwest wind, New York City to-day experienced the coldest weather of the winter. With the temperature in some portions of the greater city down to the zero point just before daylight and the official thermometer of the weather bureau registering five degrees above zero, the suffering of the homeless during the night must have been intense. Two thousand applicants for food and coffee were lined up at the Bowery Mission during the night, which was the largest number fed at that place thus far this winter. In addition to these, 318 persons, including 24 women, were given shelter at the city lodging house, and at the pier of the charities department at the foot of East 26th street. The street cleaning department had 600 men at work removing the snow during the night, but when the cold became intense the men suffered so greatly that the work was discontinued.

32 BELOW. Malone, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The mercury at Beaver River this morning registered 32 degrees below zero. At Leon Lake it was 29 below; at Meacham Lake 28 and at Lake Titus 24 below. The low record in Malone was 18 below.

28 BELOW. Rome, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Last night was the coldest of the season, the mercury going to 28 below zero.

28 BELOW. Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Western New York is weather bound. During the past 24 hours the thermometer has varied from 30 degrees above zero to 10 below at various exposed points. There are nine inches of snow on an average in this county.

SIX BELOW. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The thermometer at the local weather bureau registered six below zero early to-day. The cold was intensified by a twenty-mile wind, which blew throughout the night.

ONLY ONE BELOW. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The thermometer at the weather bureau registered one degree below zero at 5 a. m. At 9 o'clock the temperature had risen to three above.

18 BELOW. Utica, N. Y., Feb. 1.—It was intensely cold through the Mohawk valley yesterday and last night, and this morning temperatures were as low as 18 below zero, according to exposure. At 9 o'clock this morning the mercury was nine below in this city.

9 BELOW AT TORONTO. Toronto, Feb. 1.—This morning broke the record of this season in the matter of low temperatures in Toronto. The official thermometer up at the observatory registered 9 below zero at six a. m., and six below at 8 a. m.

AT EASTCOURT.

Eminent Technical Educationists on a Visit Here.

Dr. Hamarschlag, director of the Carnegie Technical Institute, Pittsburg, and Miss Smith, directress of the Margaret Morrison School of Domestic Science, of the same place, were in the city over Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoodless, Eastcourt, Main street east. Dr. Hamarschlag and Miss Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Hoodless, left this morning for Guelph to visit the Macdonald Institute. The visit of these two eminent technical educationists is the result of a visit made some months ago to the institutions which they represent by Mrs. Hoodless, who spoke to the faculty and students of the two big colleges.

TAFT AT CANAL.

Culebra, Panama, Feb. 1.—William H. Taft and the engineers accompanying him reached here from Panama to-day on a special train, and made a detailed examination of the fourteen miles of the Culebra cut.

46 Drowned

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—The British steamer Clan Ranald, is a total wreck near Edithburg and the captain and 46 of the crew, most of whom were Asiatics, were all drowned. The vessel was seen drifting ashore last night, but sank before boats could reach her. Eighteen members of the crew, including twelve coolies, were picked up. The Clan Ranald was struck by a heavy sea yesterday afternoon and rendered unmanageable. Captain R. J. ... ashore, she turned turtle.

STOLE FROM DEAD.

Got Four Months For Stealing Rings Off a Corpse.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—An Ottawa woman was this morning sentenced for stealing from a corpse. Mrs. Nicholas Normand died, and Mrs. Adeline Boyin helped to lay her out. The husband noticed that the rings were missing from the dead wife's fingers, and a police investigation disclosed the fact that there had been a considerable transfer of property from the dead to the quick. The sentence was four months with hard labor.

NECK OUT OF JOINT.

Pittsburg Woman's Mirth Ends in a Hurry Call For a Surgeon.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—Dislocating her neck by immature laughter at a joke told by a guest, Mrs. William Giesey suffered intense agony until the arrival of a surgeon, who reduced the dislocation. After Mrs. Giesey had begun to laugh, she became hysterical and was unable to stop. Suddenly she felt a sharp pain in her neck and her face became livid. Then the surgeon was summoned.

CUT OUT COLON.

Doctor Patient Died—Theory Still Unproved.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 1.—Dr. German E. Nirman, 38 years old, died yesterday following an operation recently performed at his direction to prove the theory that he advocated some time ago at a medical meeting in Washington. Dr. Nirman held that the removal of the colon would make one immune from most diseases. As he was locally diseased in the colon he decided to experiment on himself to prove his theory.

SOUL MATES.

War Waged on Affinities by Kansas Legislature.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 31.—The Senate Judiciary Committee has been considering Senator Travis' "anti-soulmate" bill, and it will probably report it back favoring its passage. The Travis bill makes abandonment of wife or minor children a crime, and the penalty term in the penitentiary of not more than five years.

The Judiciary Committee may amend the bill by qualifying the wife desertion clause with the words, "without just cause." "That will suit me," Senator Travis said. "I don't believe any jury in Kansas will become so advanced as to recognize 'the order of fifteen.' Ghostlike affinities won't go in Kansas. I desire to make it so that when a husband says he is 'affinitized' or 'soulmated,' he'll have a chance to get good substantial treatment over in Lansing or in the county jail. In Allen County, my home, we have a number of wife desertions. Before Artist Earle made it known that there was such a thing as an affinity, or soulmate, these wife deserters were known by their right names. Now, even in Allen County we hear of affinities."

—Mr. D. Kett, 72 Ontario avenue, has been confined to the house for several weeks with bronchitis.

MURDERER'S FATAL SHOCK.

Put to Death in Electric Chair at Sing Sing.

Killed Two Policemen in New York in 1907.

Carried a Crucifix in His Hand on His Way to Chair.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Salvatore Governale, who killed two policemen in New York in 1907, was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison to-day. He was pronounced dead after three contacts had been given. Governale was brought into the death chamber at 5:46 o'clock this morning, accompanied by an Italian priest from New York City, and Dr. C. V. Mahoney, of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, of Ossining. The condemned man carried a crucifix in his right hand and as he walked to the chair he repeated the prayer for the dying. The strapping in and the adjustment of the electrodes were completed at 5:47. The current consisted of 1,840 volts, 10 amperes. After being taken from the chair the body was turned over to relatives.

Governale's victims were George M. Sechler, a plain clothes man, and Policeman Albert Sillock. They were shot by the Italian on Sunday afternoon, April 14, after a fight in Union Square Park, which started when Governale drew a revolver and fired at a fellow countryman. The policemen interfered and gave chase and Governale, running into a hallway and retreating to the rear, opened fire on the officers, shooting both fatally. Sechler died soon after being taken to a hospital and Sillock's death followed in a few days. The Italian during his trial maintained that he did no shooting until after the man with whom he started the fight had fired first. He was convicted of murder in the first degree, however, and sentenced to be electrocuted.

The case was appealed, but the Court of Appeals ruled against the condemned man.

CHINESE COURT.

London, Feb. 1.—A special despatch to the Times from Peking declares that since the death of the Dowager Empress it has become increasingly evident that the Government is in the hands of the regent and the Manchus, and that the palace is becoming a hot bed of party faction.

The Best Pipe Tobacco.

Raw Leaf smoking mixture is a delightful blend of high-grade tobaccos that smokes cool and sweet. In large tins it is sold for 75 cents at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

to rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

I am sorry to see the Mayor lending his aid to the "do-it-in-the-dark" style of alderman.

What's the trouble with the Hydro-Electric right of way? Too many farmers appear to have a grievance.

People who kick about their names appearing in the Police Court report should keep out of the court and then their names would be kept out of the paper.

It shouldn't take so very long to settle the moulders' trouble. Suppose the shops are opened pending the result, that much would be gained.

This latest snow storm may be awkward for some folks, but I think the farmers are glad to see it.

Now would be a good time for the ministers to preach a sermon upon early marriages. Easter will soon be here.

What's the hitch, Mr. Hendrie, about procuring the patents for the west end marsh?

The ice men are beginning to feel quite chippy again.

With all the independent boards wanting their full allowance and a little more, the prospects for another overdraft at the end of the year are quite bright.

I rather like that idea of licensing the drunks. At \$10 a head yearly a tidy little sum could be raised by the city.

Our new Industrial Committee might consider the proposition to hold an annual fair in Hamilton. I think a good one would be a great thing for this city.

Then there are the City Hallers. Are they allowed to wet their whistles during office hours?

This buying of candy on Sundays with money that should go to the heathen is worse than stealing candy from the baby.

MONTREAL WAS SHAKEN.

Slight Earthquake Shocks Make the City Tremble.

Frightened Citizens Rush Out of Their Houses.

No Damage Done—Didn't Even Crack the Plaster.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Montreal, Que., Feb. 1.—This city was visited by a series of earthquakes early this morning. The shocks, while distinct, were none of them severe, and appear to have been confined to the city and immediate vicinity, as reports from localities off the Island of Montreal indicated no disturbances. The first shock came at 11:45 last night, and other tremors followed between that time and 12:30 this morning. All was quiet again until 3:20 o'clock, when another shock was felt. This was in some portions of the city the most severe of all. In no case were the shocks of more than momentary duration. In the western portion of the city and suburbs in that direction the shock was much more distinct than in the eastern portions of Montreal.

Throughout the island residents were awakened, and in many instances the frightened inmates of houses rushed out into the zero weather. There are no reports of casualties, however, and in no instance was the shock sufficiently severe to even disturb the plaster on the walls.

Montreal was visited by a series of earthquakes in 1897, and those, which were spread over a period of several days, were much more severe than the present disturbances. McGill's scientists are of the opinion that the present disturbances are indirectly connected with those which have occurred on the other side of the world. Mount Royal, which overlooks the city, was at one period of its existence a living volcano, but not for many years has it been active, and scientists are of the opinion that it never will be again.

200 LIVES LOST. Canton, China, Feb. 1.—At least 200 lives were lost in a fire which occurred today in a fleet of flower boats. The charred bodies of 170 victims have already been recovered, but many persons are still missing.

Boost Hamilton. At the same time boost Made-in-Hamilton goods. Nowhere can you get a better baking powder than that made by Parke & Parke, druggists. It is made from tested cream of tartar and pure baking soda, combined in the exact proportions. Sold at 15c per 1/2 lb and 25c per lb.

—Mrs. E. L. Strickland (nee Jessie Yeager) is visiting at Mrs. Patrick's, York and Queen streets, will be at-home on Tuesday, February 2, afternoon and evening.

Socialists Riot

Hanover, Germany, Feb. 1.—Socialist demonstrations here yesterday in protest against the Prussian election laws resulted in a collision between the Socialists and the police. The police used their sidearms against the demonstrators, and in the fighting between twenty and thirty persons were injured. The police also made numerous arrests. Order finally was restored.

TEN BELOW.

Last Night Was One of the Coldest of Winter.

From 5 to 13 degrees below zero was the temperature registered in the vicinity of Hamilton during last night. Fortunately the wind went down, and it did not seem so cold as it really was, the bright moonlight on the new snow making an ideal winter evening. It was just at zero in this city at midnight, and went several degrees lower before day-break. At Burlington 13 below was shown, and on the high land both north and south of the city it was 10 to 13. The bay is frozen up solid again, and the ice men are satisfied.

A GOOD MAN.

Geo. Burkholder Appointed to Customs Long Room.

Mr. George Burkholder, a former secretary of the Liberal Club and one of the organizers in the recent campaign, has been recommended for appointment to the customs department to fill the vacancy in the long room, caused by the death of the late Mr. Scott. Mr. Burkholder is an exceptionally bright and energetic man, and will be a useful addition to the civil service. He will enter upon his duties at an early date.

BROKEN BACK THE RESULT.

Very Severe Accident to a Glanford Young Man.

Bertram Weylie, twenty years of age, a young farmer of Glanford, met with a terrible accident Saturday afternoon that may deprive him of the use of his legs for the rest of his life. He has a fighting chance for recovery, however. Weylie and his father and brother were felling a piece of a maple tree on their farm on Saturday afternoon, and the stump had been cut almost through when Bertram decided to climb up to add his weight to incline the tree the way it was wanted to fall. He intended to jump when the tree gave, but when he had reached the top the tree went over without warning and he was pinned beneath it. As Weylie weighs almost 200 pounds and stands about six feet high he struck the ground with great force and his back was broken. He was unable to move his legs and doctor was called. He immediately advised the father to bring him to this city for an operation and a team was hitched up and he was driven in. Dr. Jas. White was called to take charge of the case and operated at once. He had to make an incision almost a foot long and then had to take the pieces of broken bone out. This accomplished, another ticklish job was performed, the spinal column being opened and examined for clots of blood. Yesterday morning Weylie seemed to be a little better as he could feel pressure on his legs. It is hoped that he will recover the use of his legs, but it is a remote chance. In the meantime the unfortunate young man has a long rest on a water bed to face as it will take some months for his injuries to heal.

The third and last of the cases was that of M. W. Atwood & Son. Wilson entered a like plea to that charge. Mr. Atwood said that on Saturday he shot a like plea to that charge. Mr. Atwood said that on Saturday he shot a like plea to that charge. Mr. Atwood said that on Saturday he shot a like plea to that charge.

William Hammel, East Flamboro, was brought to this city on Saturday evening by County Constable Bolton, on a charge of threatening to kill his wife. He pleaded not guilty this morning, and decided to be tried by the Magistrate. Mrs. Hammel and her mother, Mrs. Daniels, swore to the cruelty of William, and said that on Saturday he shot his dog and was going to shoot his wife, too. Hammel took the stand, and denied this. He said he thought too much of his wife to even threaten to shoot her. While Magistrate Jellis was thinking the case over and wondering whether he would find Hammel guilty or not, Mrs. Daniels gave her judgment on the case. "Send him down for as long as you can," she begged the court. The wife added her pleading to this. "Well, I won't. I'm going to let him go. There's something wrong when his mother-in-law wants him sent down that badly," said his Worship, and Hammel went through the doorway and down the steps like Tom Longboat would go.

Bert Osborne, charged with stealing a towel from Chessman's brick yard last week, pleaded guilty through George S. Kerr, K. C. this morning and elected to be dealt with by the Magistrate. He was remanded till to-morrow for sentence.

Bain & Adams' List. Ripe strawberries, pineapples, mushrooms, limes, rhubarb, radishes, new beets, new potatoes, butter beans, spinach, Boston lettuce, cauliflower, green endive, cucumbers, Spanish onions, peppers, new cabbage, squash, sweet potatoes, celery, parsley, radishes, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, Quebec cream cheese, Educator biscuits, maple syrup, muffins, crumpets, pea-fed bacon, ham, haddie, ciscos, oysters, kippers, blonns, pigeons, Spy apples.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.