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PRICE TWO CENTS.

A FIRE TRAGEDY **NEAR BRANTFORD**

Burned to Death.

SUFFOCATED WHILE IN THEIR SLEEP

Philip, Martin, Harry and Melitta MONEY IS NOW Vansickle Meet Tragic Death.

Hamilton, Jan. 31. - A shocking tragedy occurred yesterday morning Banker Speaks of Condition to Col. Frank Reid Drops Out of two miles south of Lynden, at the home of Philip Vansickle, one of the patriarchs of that section of the country, and a descendant of United Empire Loyalist stock, a family of four persons having lost their lives in the burning of the house in which they lived. There are some unusual features to the story, but the authorities, who have investigated, are satisa suspicion of foul play.

The dead are:

Martin Vansiekle, son of Philip Vansickle, aged 24 years.

Harry Vansickle, son-in-law Philip Vansickle, aged 35 years. Melita E. Vansickle, daughter

Philip Vansickle, aged 45 years. In the carly morning hours a fire broke out in some unknown way, in the Vansickle homestead, and while ed every nook and crevice in the

stirred the people of the were last. township, for the Vansickles are connected by blood and by marriage to INSPECTOR GALPIN nearly every family in that vicinity. It has been thought best to have an investigation, that the doubtful points of the tragedy may be cleared up as much as possible, and Dr. Farmer, the coroner at Ancaster, will hold an inquest at Jerseyville on Wednesday

Boy Gave the Alarm.

The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Stanley Vansiekle, the 13-year-old son of Al bert Vansickle. The lad was walking along the road, and was the first to see smoke pouring out of the win- istrate Love recently in fining the UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS dows and signs of flame. He ran and gave the alarm to Peter Vansickle, a phew of Philip Vansickle. Peter rods away from the Philip Vansickle tiser this afternoon that he would use homestead, and the two hastened to sounded, and the residents in that camps that may be held here closed. district were soon on hand to render what assistance they could. As early that the house was on fire.

Found Old Man's Body. When the two arrived they found CUSTOM RETURNS that Albert Vansickle, another relative, was already on the scene and had crawled inside the house and tried to rescue the body of Philip Vansickle, which was lying on the Figures for January Show Increase bution plant." floor beside the window which Albert had to break before he could get into the house. With the aid of the other two he was able to get the other two he was able to get the The customs returns for the month body out. It was found that life was just passed indicate a decided imin, but would not be considered so extinct and the body was taken and provement in trade over the preced- now," he answered. "It is quite probplaced in the barn-where farm impleing months.

Compared with December, the figefforts would be useless. The fire had and for December \$59,337 65. evidently been smoldering for hours. The whole interior was packed with dense smoke that only needed suffi-Continued on Page Eight.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW-MILDER. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 1-8 a.m. Today-Southwest winds; fair; rising temperature. Tuesday-Fair and milde

TEMPERATURES. Today. Yesterday Min. 8 a.m. London, Saturday London, Sunday London, Monday Parry Sound-12 Montrael Quebec-12 Father Point 14 Dawson New Westminster Vancouver Moosejaw Battleford Qu'Appelle

Minus (-) means below zero.

The storm which was centred near Manitoba on Saturday has passed away ersoll hospital committee has decided to to the Atlantic, and the western high purchase the fine residence of Dr. Mctovers the great lakes and Middle States.

The temperature was below zero this ing can be easily altered for hospital

Big British Ship Turns Turtle Captain and 46 of Crew Perish

Four Persons In a Farm House S. S. Clan Ranald Lost Off the Assatios, were drowned. The vessel was seen drifting ashor Coast of Australia. last night, but sank before boats could

reach her. Eighteen members of the crew, including twelve coolies, were Melbourne, Feb. 1.-The British picked up. The Clan Ranald was struck by a heavy sea yesterday afterteamer Clan Ranald is a total wreck noon and rendered unmanageable. Then ear Edithburg, and the captain and being driven ashore, she turned turtle.

COL. CAMPBELL

TAKES COMMAND

the Seventh Regiment on

February 15.

Col. Frank Reid will retire from

Campbell, next in command.

to the senior majorship and Capt. H.

be promoted to the senior majorship

Another Trip.

summer to take part in the Cham-

inder canvas all that time

There is now no doubt that the

The soldiers will be away a week

It is expected that practically the

Him to Secure Necessary

Information.

Not eB Fair to the London

Electric.

to be worth to the city to distribute

will not allow him to secure the in

formation he desires.

Niagara Power, because the company

"I will not be able to get hold of

Regarding the Lamps.

out of date?" was asked.

be in a position to state."

some days to complete.

the plant.

Cost of Distribution.

The Company's Position.

ity auditor should go through our

books to verify figures given of our

lamps.'

VERY MUCH EASIER

The Advertiser -- The Situation Today.

According to bankers and financial men in the city, money is much easier now than it has been for some time or about Feb. 15.

"Money is coming into the banks Major McCrimmon will be promoted pretty freely of late," said one banker to the senior majorship and Capt. H. fled that there is nothing to warrant to The Advertiser this afternoon. "We C. Becher will be gazetted junior are making loans at the rate of from major. 61/2 to 7 per cent, where we were getting from 7 to 8 per cent right along. Ingram will be appointed adjutant, to the city. Philip Vansickle, farmer, aged 78 Financial reports from head offices indicate that the money is coming in a great deal faster than it is being rank of captain, and it is expected placed out. Many banks have taken in that Lieut. twice as much as they have loaned, and chosen captain, to take command of of as they have to pay interest on all this "H" company. money, indications are that money will continue to be freer right along. The outlook for improved business conditions is very good, and many firms will undoubtedly call for largely increased plain demonstration there. loans to expand their business with in

the spring.' Reports indicate that wholesale the inmates slept the smoke penetrat- houses have large orders on hand for fort to rival Quebec in the splendor spring delivery, and that they are buy- of the celebration, and large sums of ing freely is indicated by the fact that money are being spent to make it a house and the victims were suffocat- the customs returns are nearly one- great historic event. ed as they slept. The affair has pro- third greater this month than they

whole regiment will make the trip. HAS THE POWER

To Close All the Bars in Military Camps, Says Mr. D. A. McDermid.

In speaking of the decision of Mag-Mess for having a bar in their rooms ran with all haste to his cousin Secretary McDermid of the Temper-Seth's house, which was but a few ance League, stated to The Adverthe scene of the fire. The alarm was it as a plea to have all bars in militia "Inspector Galpin has full authority over all places where liquor is disas 8 o'clock Seth had been working posed of in the city," said Mr. Mcarcund his own house and had no- Dermid, "and his action and Magisfieed that there was a large quantity trate Love's are entirely in line with plant of the London Electric Company of smoke coming out of the chimney the feelings of the temperance people of his father's house, but he thought of London. There is no doubt that a that, as the day was cold, the family great deal of drinking goes on among was burning a lot of wood to keep the young men in places of this kind that place warm. There was no sign of could be stopped. As the inspector any smoke coming out of the win- says it is no use cutting down the dows, and he was greatly surprised hotel licenses if you are going to when his cousin Peter gave the alarm allow a mess room bar to be open on plant," said Mr. Sifton. "Without every corner."

SHOW IMPROVEMENT power by steam for \$235,000. At the

Over Those for December.

The customs returns for the month

ments were kept. The rescuers then ures show an increase of \$22,586 01, went back to see what they could do one of the largest increases that has for the others, but from the first they been noted for some time. The fighad come to the conclusion that their ures for January totalled \$81,923 66 Compared with January of 1908, however, there is a decrease of \$17,-224 77, the figures for January of

1908 being \$99,148 43. The returns indicate that merchants are buying much more freely than before in anticipation of large orders to be filled for the spring trade.

LONDON LADY WAS MARRIED AT EL PASO

Miss Marion McLean Becomes Bride of Athol Carr Harris.

The marriage is announced of Miss Marion MacLean, B. A., Queen's University, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacLean, of this city, to Mr. Athol Carr Harris, B. Sc., son of Prof. Carr Harris, of Kingston, The wedding took place in El Paso on Friday last, the ceremony being per-formed in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, by Rev. H. R. Mc-40 Fadyen. The young couple will re-Cananea, Mexico, for the present, where Mr. Harris is associ-38 ated with the Green Cananea Mining

Company.

Hospital for Ingersoll. On the recommendation of Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of hospitals, the Ing-Kay for hospital purposes. The build-

SECOND VOTE **OBJECTED TO**

Sunday Car Advocates Can See! No Reason for Second Expression of Opinion.

MATTER COMES BEFORE COUNCIL

Six Aldermen Have Stated That They Are Satisfied the People Want Sunday Cars.

At the council meeting this even ing an effort will be made to eliminate the rider in the caluse of No. 1 committee's report dealing with the matter to the effect that another vote question next January. Six aldermen have they see no necessity for taking ancommand of the Seventh Regiment on other vote, as the reople have stated He will be succeeded by Major A.

alleged that at least two of them will favor sen ding the question directly It is expected that Capt, Gordon Sunday cars will result in no good to suits.

What They Say. "I do not think another vote is at all necessary," said Ald. Stewart. "The people have spoken. Let the Legislature do the rest. I am of the opinion that if a vote on Sunday cars was taken next January, it would have a great deal larger vote than it did a few weeks ago. This will certainly regiment will go to Ticonderoga this be true if there is a contest for mayoralty to bring out the whole vote. I can see no necessity of keep-The soldiers will be away a week, ing this question agitating the people they take in the trip, and will be all the time. It must be settled soon or later. Why not let it go at The Americans are making an ef- that?

> Ald. Garratt's Opinion. "The people have spoken, and that should suffice," said Ald. Garratt, "The matter is now a question for the Leg-islature to decide, as the people have question. Another vote would only ready been said."

CANNOT REPORT Say Send It to Legislature. London Electric Will Not Allow take a vote that settles it. If no think the fast ofte is sufficient." source of agitation, and will cause friction. The people have spoken on

> Another vote is not necessary.' Ald, Cooper. "Another vote would not change the opinion of the people Ald. Cooper.

WATER PIPE BURST Mr. Hunt Has Stated That It Would SHOWROOMS FLOODED Engineer Sifton will not be able to

to the Legislature and let it go.'

report as to what he considers the Serious Mishap at the Works of the McClary's Manufacturing Company.

One of the waterpipes of the firethe inventory of the company's sprinkler system at McClary's uptown that I am in no position to state just when it thawed out this morning the works froze during the night, and what it would be worth. So far as showrooms at the corner of York and HUNDREDS PERISH the city is concerned, we could not Wellington streets were deluged with put in an up-to-date plant to generate water.

Hundreds of gallons of water poured present time, I am figuring how much more or less, as the case may be, it out over the stock before the supply Fleet of Flower Boats Consumed With will cost to put in a modern distri- could be shut off, and for a while the place was swimming in water. It ran out into the hallways and under the "Are the arc lamps of the company doors, and all over. The damage has not as yet been estimated, but it is

able that they would consume more TRACTION COMPANY electrical energy than the best modern "Are you in a position to state what other features of the company's

plant are of less value than the price For the Street Railway Owned by "No, I am not," said Mr. Sifton. City of St. Thomas. "Not until I get the inventory will I St. Thomas, Feb. 1.-At the suggestion of the local commissioners, the Southwestern Traction Company on Saturday Mr. Sifton has not finished his work on the estimated cost of distri-

made an offer for the lease of the city's street railway, which has been going behind financially, last year about \$12,000 He states thatr it will take The company offered to take over the some time yet before that information road, give a satisfactory service, and reduce the deficit about half, provided the is supplied, as the work will take city expends about \$12,000 to \$15,000 on im-It was thought by some of the aldermen that an auxiliary steam plant provements and continues to keep up the would be necessary, but Hon. Adam Beck stated that such a plant would believe, with the proposed rearrangement not be essential, as the commission of the tracks during the coming summer, had taken every precaution to make that the deficit can be greatly reduced. The company is now considering another possible breaks and disturbances.

The company is now considering another suggestion, that they take over and operate the local road without any remuneration, in consideration of their bonds for No. 3. "We looked over twenty the The firemen fought the flames vali- is probable she will not accompany Mr. Hunt declares it unfair that e city's engineer should go through their plant and have access to the city to Aylmer being guaranteed. company declare no consideration will be would do. We have several more in zero, and scores of them were frost-liament. inventory unless the city enters serlously into negotiations to purchase burban lines, and allows them to oper-"We are perfectly willing that the

ate cars on Sunday. Thanks to Mr. Calvert.

earnings and the like, but we will not allow the engineer to go through our The Advertiser's Kerwood correplant and value it, unless serious spondent says: The morning mail negotiations for its purchase were train going west, and the evening train entered into," said Mr. Hunt. "It would going east, will hereafter exchange for it. No businessman would allow mails with Kerwood. This is a boon any person to go into his place of never enjoyed before by this village. business to obtain information as to Thanks for the change are due to Mr.

SECOND TEST WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Well at Foot of Horton Street Will Be Sunk Fisteen Feet Lower.

The test made of the second well on Horton street on Saturday was not as successful as expected.

After pumping several minutes the fow of water was not very encouraging, and it was decided to sink the well fifteen feet deeper in order to get farther into the coarse gravel

sufficiently powerful to raise will have to be used at the next test on Wednesday.

Another well will be sunk immed-Several of the aldermen could not be lately this one is completed. In all seen, but among the other six, it is probability it will be an 8-inch one, as the 12-inch well does not seem to to the Legislature, on the be as easily handled as the smaller ground that a constant agitation on size, nor do they produce as good re-

The first well was again tested and still shows over 200,000 gallons a day.

MORE EXITS FOR NICKEL THEATERS

Chief of Police Sounds a Warning---A Suggestion From Factories Inspector.

given their pronouncement upon the conditions of the exits in many of the more emphatically say what has al- Williams to The Advertiser this after-"Another vote should be taken." noon, "and the police have instructions "The other was a to summon all proprietors who allow It has been stated to us repeatedly that there are several theatres in the city "Send it to the Legislature,' said in which if a fire were to break out "If they tell us to very few people could escape. All the a vote that settler it. If not, I police can do is to try and prevent there would have been a catastrophe. It killed on Friday afternoon last. couldn't have been helped. Very few Mr. Mahon was employed in in-BECOME SERIOUS And they should have them. Send it is the ventilation of these theatres. little or no means of ventilation."

A Suggestion. Harry Clark, factory inspector for

the city, was also present, and said he thought that operators of moving picture machines should be placed in a steel cage the same as they are in the

"The celluloid films are of a highly inflammable nature," he said, "and they are in constant danger of taking fire. As things are at present the operators are in a little wooden structure, which noon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, would burn readily. A panic would the services being conducted by Rev easily be caused if one of these films Mr. Nixon, of Hyde Park. got on fire, and many lives might be lost. If the operator were in a steel cage the fire could not spread."

IN CANTON FIRE

Great Loss of Life.

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 Central Arcade, consisting of twenty MADE AN OFFER persons are still missing.

THREE NEW HORSES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ald, Garratt Says the Proper Breed of Equines Are Hard to Get.

Three new fire horses have been added to the fire department. The last was taken on Saturday, and he is now busily engaged in learning the the fire did not spread beyond the ore are current regarding the Queen's rolling stock and roadbed. This was not intracacies of the fire alarm system. building in which it started. One of the animals was purchased near St. Marys, the other at Thamesford, and the third on concession 5, Deusen, and was partly insured. The influenza and hopes to return to Lon-

buy," said Ald. Garratt, chairman of can be made. The other day, but found only one that antly with the temperature 8 below the King when he goes to open pargiven this last offer, unless the Legisla- sight, and will look them over. We bitten. ture gives them the same powers as other will have to get at least six more, perhaps seven." Two of the horses are not in good

condition, being thin. They weigh about 1,250 each, but will easily put on 100 pounds more. The third is somewhat heavier, weigning close on Half-Million-Pollar Blaze in Business to 1,450.

DENIED A REHEARING.

to submit it to arbitration, but we are He certainly has carried out his prom- for a rehearing. The case involved timated at \$500,000. tovers the great lakes and Middle States.

The temperature was below zero this horning in nearly all parts of Ontario and Quebec.

Kay for hospital purposes. The building to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willing to allow the city's representation, but we are not willow to allow the city's representation.

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In the certainly has carried out from police stations to sentation, but we are not will be companied.

New Story Today

Attention is called to the first installment of the new story, on page five of this issue. "A Royal Ward" is an historical romance, very vividly and powerfully written, with a real elevation of literary style. It is the latest story from the pen of Percy Brebner, an English author, who is obtaining a vogue on this side of the Atlantie. It will appeal to all

LONDON PASTOR KNEW VANSICKLES

Rev. Mr. Gilpin Speaks Well of Family Wiped Out By Fire.

Rev. Victor J. Gilpin, of this city, stated to The Advertiser today that Day act. e was very well acquainted with the Vansickle family, which were burned to death in their home near Lynden, Ont., on Friday night. "I was pastor of Trinity Church, of Vansickles there, and almost every member of my church was a Van-

"They were quiet, well-to-do, and The family was exceptionally wellknown to me, and their death comes as a great shock."

LONDON MAN MET A TERRIBLE DEATH

James Mahon Fell Five Stories in a Chicago Building.

The remains of James Mahon, son man-and No. 5 by two-Miss Grace overcrowding, but I think the other of Mr. and rMs. Henry Mahon, of Shepherd, of Lambeth, and Miss Relet us settle this thing once for authorities should take up the question of Mr. and rms. Henry Manon, or Shephera, or Carlotte, authorities should take up the question will cause of more exits. I was in a theatre the in the city yesterday afternoon from The latest nomination has the control of the city yesterday afternoon from The latest nomination has the city yesterday afternoon from the latest nomination has the latest nomin other evening, and it was filled. My in the city yesterday afternoon from The latest nomination handed in tothe subject, and that should be final opinion is that if anything happened Chicago, where the deceased was day was that of Mrs. A. J. Nixon, 248

would have ever got out had there been stalling a new elevator in a building, a rush for the doors. Another thing, and fell five stories, death resulting "They voted for cars. I think the authorities should take up soon after, in Providence Hospital. Id have them. Send it is the ventilation of these theatres. Mr. Mahon left London about 12 years Some of them are simply vile, and have ago. While in this city he was engaged in the butcher business. The scriptions bearing the precious ballots remains were accompanied to this are making their appearance at The

> large broken floral wheel was sent by room, there to be credited to the Besides his wife and parents, Mr. Mahon is survived by two daughters, Misses Ione and Muriel; two brothers, give a fillip to the contest, which was David, of Battle Creek, and George of Chatham, and two sisters, Mrs. Hodder, of this city, and Mrs. William

Foster, of Detroit The funeral was held this after-

FIGHT FLAMES AT EIGHT BELOW

Twenty Stores at Schenectady, New York, Go Up in

Smoke.

stores on the ground floor, and offices, some of the candidates by publishing society rooms and printing plant above, only the vote up to Friday, rather was destroyed by fire early this morn- than fail to keep faith with its reading. Two alarms were turned in ers, who were told that the vote would shortly after 4 o'clock, calling the en- be published on Monday tire department, and the best endeavors of the firemen were futile to check the flames. The entire structure at 8 a.m. was a mass of ruins, though the walls had not yet fallen. The building Disquieting Rumors Current Regarding tral tracks and the Erie Canal, and extends from Union to Liberty street. There are no adjacent structures, so 000, was owned by Mrs. Anna E. Van recovered from her recent attack of

stock in the various stores is a total don today. The Queen's physicians "We find suitable horses hard to loss, and as yet no accurate estimate ask her to reserve her strength for

GREAT CONFLAGRATION IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

Section of City.

Washington, Feb. 1.-The supreme Mexico City, Feb. 1. - Fire destroythe stock and so on, unless there W. S. Calvert, our worthy M. P., who court of the United States today ed the city hall, the Hotel Pasje and parts of the city were awakened by were serious negotiations for the promised that he would have the mail denied the application of the Control two blocks of business houses and the shock, which was so sharp that it purchase of the plant. We are willing service on the Sarnia branch improved. solidated Gas Company of New York

Too Many Votes Saturday

To Be Counted Today.

SEVERAL MORE **NOMINATIONS**

The Ballots Pouring In--Saturday's Vote To Be Published Tuesday.

The great Trip to Europe contest

The Advertiser today announces the standing of the candidates up to Friday night. It was expected that the returns up to Saturday night would be published today, but the volume of votes east on Saturday was so heavy that it was impossible to finish the counting without violating the Lord's

Enormous Vote on Saturday.

The returns may be disappointing to some candidates whose cast a large vote for them on Saturnear Lynden, four years ago," Mr. day, but tomorrow this vote will be Gilpin stated. "There is a settlement made known. That will make the race even more exciting. Some of the candidates who had a

mall vote up to Friday night, polled very friendly. I am very sorry, in- an enermous number on Saturday, deed, to hear of their terrible death. and are well up among the leaders. More Nominations. Before dealing with the vote, it

may be as well to announce that the number of candidates increased materially on Saturday. This was particularly true of Disrict No. 8, where no fewer than five w candidates sent in their nomina. tion papers. They are Miss Eva Swales, St. Marys; Miss

son, Brucefield, and Miss Leona Potts. Clinton. District No. 7 was also increased by one candidate-Miss Maude Sweat-

antyne, St. Marys; Miss Mary Gib.

Queen's avenue, in district. No. 1, Mrs. Nixon is the wife of Superintendent Nixon, of the Grand Trunk.

Votes Pouring In. The vote is coming in literally in bales. Bundles of all sorts and decity by the wife and two children of Advertiser office. The vote on Satdeceased, and also by representatives urday was very large. Ballots were of the Elevator Builders' Union. A carried in armfuls to the counting numerous candidates in the contest. The publication of the returns will already very keen.

> No candidate is outclassed. There is chance for the lowest on the list. The finish of the race is quite a distance away, and in this, as in many other contests, the first may be last and the last first. Let no candidate be discouraged. Everyone has a chance to take his, the greatest prize ever offered in Western Ontario.

The itinerary published on Saturday s a most comprehensive one, embracng the principal historic spots of England, Ireland, Scotland, and also Paris, France. Some labor for a lifetime for a chance to visit these places, The Battle of Ballots.

The battle of ballots is now on, and it will grow in interest every day. There is no doubt that the whole vote was not cast on Saturday evening. A number of the candidates are holding ballots, and they will hand them in Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 1. - The when it most suits their convenience. The Advertiser thought it better to

Continued on Page Four THE QUEEN'S HEALTH

Her Majesty.

London, Feb. 1.—Disquieting rumcaith. It is announced from the The building was worth over \$100,- palace that her majesty has nearly

MONTREAL SHAKEN BY EARTH TREMOR

Citizens Badly Scared, But No Damage Was Done.

Montreal, Feb. 1.-Montreal was shaken by what is believed to have been an earthquake shock at 11:45 o'clock last night. People in all