

EDMUND PETER VENABLES
(1881-1966)

At the age of 85, Peter Venables died in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital on 19th October, 1966. He was one of the founders of this society.

Born in Hampshire, England, in 1881, he moved with his family to Manitoba at the age of four. Here they homesteaded but after a few years moved back to England where Peter received a sound education at Hurstpierpoint, near Brighton. At the age of 13 Peter and his family again came to Canada, this time to Coldstream. An adventurous youth included explorations in the Cariboo and service as a naturalist in Colombia, South America.

He was 33 when World War I broke out. He joined the London Yeomanry, was wounded at Gallipoli and also served in Egypt. In 1918 he

was invalided out of the army, and he married in 1919. In 1920 he was hired as an entomologist by the federal Department of Agriculture, working out of the Vernon Court House. For 27 years he served the fruit-growers of the Okanagan Valley, retiring in 1946, to continue living in Vernon.

Peter always had wide and varied interests, the best-known of which was writing poetry. His verses were never unkind and were usually witty. He was made an honorary life member of this society in 1960, and retained an interest in natural history and things entomological to the last. He leaves his widow in Vernon, and a son, Rev. A. P. Venables, in Derbyshire, England.

—D. A. Ross.