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ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 22, 1899.

A VANISHED OPPOSITION.

The general election on Saturday last resulted in the greatest victory for the provincial government that has ever been achieved by any party in this province, the opposition being practically wiped out of existence. The outcome of the battle at the polls might be described as the Waterloo of Dr. Stockton and his party, but probably a better comparison would be to liken it to the defeat of the French by Wellington at Vittoria, when, to quote the words of Gazaen, one of their own generals who was in the battle: "They lost all their equipages, all their guns, all their treasure, all their stores, all their papers; so that no man could prove even how much pay was due to him; generals and subordinate officers alike were reduced to the clothes on their backs, and most of them were barefooted." The defeat of the opposition was, indeed, a terrible one. They lost all their treasure for the money they used to debauch the electors was wasted. Their guns were captured and turned on themselves—a fitting result of a campaign of slander such as they carried on. Leaders and followers alike fled naked and barefooted from the stricken field. Their great leader, Stockton, disappeared and his big voice will no more be heard in the legislative halls of his country. His venerable associate, Alward, went down with him. The aspiring Hazen, who intended to become leader, was defeated in Sunbury. The "big four" of York were buried under a majority of nearly 2,000; the great Dibblee, of Carleton, and Sumner, of Westmorland, sank out of sight, and all the marionettes who were worked by the wire-pullers of the Moncton convention fell, never to rise again.

The great centre of interest was naturally the city of St. John, which has been returning opposition members to the legislature for the past nine years. No man can calculate the amount of injury that this community has suffered from this folly, for it has put St. John wholly out of line with the rest of the province, which loyally supported the government and deprived this city of its just influence in the councils of the administration. In return for this act of self sacrifice St. John got the services of Messrs. Stockton and Alward, two gentlemen who, whatever may be their merits as private citizens, are wholly useless as legislators. There were some people foolish enough to suppose that this state of affairs would last forever, and that St. John would consent to be strangled by her "Old Man of the Sea" and his associates. THE TELEGRAPH held a different opinion; we predicted that all four of the government candidates for the city would be elected, and this result has followed. It is true that the majority for the government candidates is somewhat smaller than we expected, but this was brought about by the lavish use of money by the opposition. Even so late as three o'clock on Saturday afternoon a prominent Conservative worker was buying the votes of poor men in Sydney ward at five dollars each; and a similar state of affairs existed in other wards. This was quite in keeping with Conservative traditions, but it reflected no credit on those who were engaged in that business. Fortunately there were enough unpurchasable votes to elect all the government candidates.

The County of St. John was also a great centre of interest. There the Hon. Mr. Dunn was elected by a majority of only nine at the last contest in 1892, while Mr. McLeod was returned by the casting vote of the sheriff. Here was a great chance for the opposition to give the government a slap in the face by defeating the surveyor general. The opposition put up as their candidates Captain Robert Carson of St. Martins and Mr. W J. Dean of Musquash. These two Conservative champions were supposed to be mighty men of valor. Captain Carson was to sweep St. Martins like a cyclone, and Mr. Dean announced that he would beat Mr. Dunn, by two to one, in his own parish of Musquash. The result was very different from what the boasting of the opposition might have led people to believe. Mr. Carson came out of St. Martins only 12 votes ahead of Mr. Dunn and in the general result was beaten by about 400 votes. In Musquash, the Dean stronghold, Mr. Dunn got nearly twice as many votes as Mr. Dean. So much for the opposition candidates that were to sweep the county.

In Kings the opposition claimed to be sure of electing their full ticket, and the Sun published many columns of reports from that county showing the utter demoralization of the government candidates, who were to be snowed under on election day. A great deal was said about the weakness of Hon. William Pugsley, and the certainty of his defeat in any case, but these fine predictions did not prove to be well founded, and the full government ticket was elected by a good majority. Queens was another county in which the government, according to the Sun, was "on the run," out there the government candidates had a substantial majority of 150. That seems to be sufficient for any reasonable purpose.

A great effort was made to defeat Premier Emmerson in Albert, and money was poured into that county by the opposition. Every purchasable vote was secured but in spite of all Mr. Emmerson polled the largest vote he ever received, and had a majority of 221 over the highest man on the opposition ticket. Westmorland was the scene of a battle royal and it was thought that by the lavish use of money the whole government ticket would be defeated, but the opposition only succeeded in electing two members, which is equivalent to a defeat especially as Mr. Sumner was one of the defeated. In Kent the opposition ticket which was placed in the field by the efforts of McInerney, M. P., was fairly snowed under, and the representative of that county in the house of commons may read in the result of the contest a forecast of his own fate, when a general dominion election takes place. In Northumberland great efforts were made to elect Mr. Morrison, but he was very badly beaten. Similar efforts were made to defeat Hon. Mr. LaBillois in Restigouche, but he and his colleague, Mr. Mott, were handsomely returned, their vote being much larger than at the last general election. Mr. Barbarie did not prove to be the strong candidate that was expected and he fell nearly 100 behind the lowest man on the government ticket.

York, Carleton and Charlotte were the counties in regard to which the opposition made the greatest claims, and these claims were made so boldly as to fairly stagger those who were not well informed as to the true position of affairs in these counties. We were told that York would return four opposition candidates by an overwhelming majority, but the result shows that they have been beaten by a majority of 1,500 and that there was hardly a polling place in the county they were able to carry. This disposes of the political ambition of Black, Pinder and Pitts, who made so much noise in the legislature, and worried their leader, Dr. Stockton, so much that his position became almost unbearable. They had their day, but the people of York have risen in their might and hurled them aside, and from the places they were not worthy to fill. The defeat of the opposition in York, next to the great government victory in the city of St. John, is the most gratifying feature of the campaign.

In Carleton county Mr. Dibblee, who deserted the government after he had obtained an appointment for his brother as clerk assistant of the house, tried to defeat the government candidates, but he met with the usual fate of deserters. His associates were beaten and he himself came in at the foot of the poll. In Charlotte another deserter appeared against the government in the person of Mr. Chipman, but he and the three men who ran with him suffered defeat. Neither he nor Mr. Clarke could give any good reason for deserting a government which they had supported up to the time of the Moncton convention, and as a consequence the people of Charlotte refused to indorse their action.

The promoters of the Moncton convention are no doubt satisfied by this time that they made a very serious tactical mistake in forcing the issue they did on the provincial government and the people. The intention was to swing the whole Conservative party into line against the government, to defeat it, if possible, and in this way to weaken Mr. Blair and the cause of Liberalism in this province. The minister of railways, who was premier of this province for more than thirteen years, and the leader of the government of which the present one is merely a continuation, was not to be thus challenged in his own province. He took up the gauntlet so rashly thrown down by the ex-finance minister and the latter now has been hurled into the dust, like a knight who has been unhorsed in the lists, whose lance is broken and whose banner is lowered. The pretence that Mr. Foster could in any way influence the political destinies of this province has passed away like a dream, and the result cannot fail to be disastrous to the cause he intended to benefit. Mr. Foster had to abandon Kings; he will next have to abandon York. No New Brunswick constituency wants him as a representative; he must become a wanderer again, and may have to turn his face towards some other province where he is not so well known as he is here.

Surely it was a glorious victory, and the 18th of February ought to be a red letter day in the history of New Brunswick. We congratulate Premier Emmerson and his colleagues on the grand result of their appeal to the people, and on the triumphant vindication they have secured. Above all we congratulate Mr. Blair on the splendid work he has done for his native province in coming to the rescue of the government which he founded and turning the strength of its enemies to foolishness and weakness.

MR. HAZEN.

It is reported that Mr. Hazen has been elected in Sunbury after all by a very small majority. This is a result which no friend of the government will regret, for it is better that he should be on the floors of the house, where he can be made responsible for his utterances, rather than acting the part of a wire-puller and promoter of slanders against the government. Mr. Hazen went into this contest with the intention of becoming the leader of the opposition, and if he has been really elected in Sunbury his wishes will be gratified. He will be the leader of three men, a corporal's guard, a feeble remnant of the opposition fighting line, which was to sweep everything before it. Mr. Hazen, in his efforts to defeat the government on the floors of the house, will have to act the part of a recruiting sergeant, but we are inclined to think that he will have some difficulty in inducing members to join his ranks. Men may be willing to become members of a "forlorn hope" when there is a prospect of victory, but when defeat is certain there is no inducement to join in the assault. Mr. Hazen will find the government so securely entrenched that even his persuasive tongue will fail to win over its supporters to his side.

No person in Canada, not even Dr. A. A. Stockton, will feel the defeat of the opposition more keenly than Mr. Hugh Graham of the Montreal Star. Mr. Graham has taken a special dislike to the Hon. A. G. Blair because he recognizes in him a strong man in the Dominion government. Mr. Graham thought it would be a good thing if he could weaken Mr. Blair in the province by assisting to defeat the provincial government, so he sent a member of his staff to New Brunswick with orders to write down the minister of railways. The dejected reporter who has been engaged in this work has returned to Montreal a sadder and wiser man, and it may safely be predicted that Mr. Graham will not raise his salary as an acknowledgment of his achievements here.

The extent of the defeat which Dr Stockton suffered on Saturday can be best judged by a comparison of the votes cast for him and for Mr. George Robertson in the three sections into which the city is divided. The figures were as follows:—

	Robertson.	Stockton.
North End	1,518	1,371
South End	2,084	1,585
West Side	324	472
Totals	3,926	3,428

Mr. Robertson had a majority of 147 in the North End and of 499 in the South End, but he was 148 votes behind on the West Side. Thus the North End and the West Side balanced each other. Adding the non-resident vote to the above gives Mr. Robertson a majority of 523 over Dr. Stockton.

Mr. George Robertson, M. P. P., defeated Dr. Stockton in every ward in the city except Lorne, Guys and Brooks.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of Deaf and Dumb Institution at Fredericton.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 20—The annual meeting of the trustee board of the Deaf and Dumb Institution was held this afternoon. The business was wholly of a routine character. The reports of Superintendent Woodbridge and the auditors were read and approved. The last year has been a successful one in the history of the institution and 43 pupils are now in attendance. More funds are needed in order that the school may accomplish all the good in its power.

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VICTORY.

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at the Mechanics' Institute waiting to hear the speakers. The defeated candidates and the audience started for that place, where the speakers addressed them. The gathering was small.

The returns of the election are yet incomplete because of the difficulty of getting reports from the back districts of several constituencies, due probably to the snow blocked roads.

The story of the vote is best told by the returns, as follows:—

ST. JOHN CITY.

Wards.	Government, Robertson	McKeown	Reynolds	Purdy	Opposition, Stockton	Alward	Shaw	Lockhart
Kings, 1	161	158	151	152	84	77	91	75
" 2	149	145	144	144	77	72	73	70
Queens 1	183	158	155	155	151	137	154	139
" 2	170	159	146	168	176	167	187	171
Prince 1	247	236	223	229	130	125	134	125
" 2	296	281	274	276	176	164	180	162
Well'gton 1	216	218	189	206	157	157	191	161
" 2	182	180	166	163	198	189	219	186
Dukes 1	206	198	181	188	167	164	181	173
" 2	89	83	73	90	90	86	104	91
Sydney 1	108	107	106	99	91	91	94	91
" 2	97	94	93	85	88	88	93	88
Guys, 1	86	84	70	86	162	154	164	174
" 2	103	95	82	95	160	160	165	176
Brooks 1	135	130	111	119	150	148	150	182
Lorne, 1	166	164	150	175	202	196	198	199
" 2	164	158	141	168	178	177	181	180
Lansdo'n, 1	173	159	157	171	172	161	172	163
" 2	211	205	203	205	181	168	178	166
Dufferin, 1	175	174	174	175	164	161	163	160
" 2	215	205	207	209	149	146	150	147
Victoria, 1	153	152	141	153	160	154	170	164
" 2	160	164	154	158	117	113	123	116
Stanley	101	100	99	104	48	43	49	51
Non-res'ts	50	46	46	48	26	26	30	25
Totals	3876	3833	3816	3883	3458	3348	3605	3434

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

	Government. Dunn	McLeod	Opposition. Carson	Dean
Simonds, 1	148	145	93	91
" 2	42	49	41	50
" 3	100	101	55	56
St Martins	199	182	211	185
Lancaster, 1	421	404	280	287
" 2	45	44	67	66
Musquash	145	122	73	87
Non-residents	200	189	96	98
	1369	1311	996	972

CHARLOTTE.

	Government. Todd	Hill	Russell	O'Brien	Opposition. Clark	Hartt	Chipman	Grimmer
St Croix	65	58	65	57	57	63	55	51
St Andrews	129	116	132	92	135	168	133	191
Lepreaux	62	62	61	63	40	39	39	38
Welchpool	91	85	89	80	44	31	42	48
Pennfield	87	86	86	87	49	46	48	48
Beaver Harbor	68	69	68	68	27	26	27	27
Back Bay, St George	116	114	115	115	45	48	48	45
Milltown	213	206	203	200	203	202	206	199
Upp'r Mills	28	28	28	28	20	20	20	20
St Patrick	64	57	62	64	82	113	86	92
Clarendon	14	14	14	14	13	12	13	12
Camp'bello	95	94	93	93	60	59	60	60
Dumbar'n	68	78	64	66	42	45	50	42
Whitehead	34	34	34	34	49	49	50	49
Flume R'ge	18	18	18	18	2	2	2	2
Chocolate	87	87	84	87	46	47	46	47
St George—town	195	194	185	227	160	184	147	184
St Stephen	324	300	299	288	332	365	407	402
St Davids	139	130	129	127	145	140	153	153
Dufferin	30	27	23	23	31	30	32	34
Upper St. George	56	55	52	43	32	27	25	26
	1974	1907	1880	1854	1653	1678	1688	1722

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KINGS.

	Government Wilson	Pugsley	Boyer	Opposition Carmichael	Foster	Morrison
Rothesay	214	217	217	90	88	79
Hampton	229	232	218	165	173	156
Springfield, 1	97	100	93	104	103	98
Springfield, 2	135	165	125	57	44	43
Westfield	148	149	148	75	76	76
Sussex, 1	238	229	209	322	318	268
Sussex, 2	30	36	29	23	28	20
Kingston, 1	121	122	119	59	62	57
Kingston, 2	90	71	88	113	111	103
Hammond	72	68	68	32	32	32
Norton	187	185	174	120	113	102
Upham	90	89	86	113	133	103
Havelock	159	136	139	232	221	231
Cardwell	149	148	145	70	69	69
Studholm, 1	169	149	163	210	190	191
Studholm, 2	54	53	45	114	103	96
Waterford	105	106	96	100	96	84
Kars	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenwich	114	119	115	83	89	85
Non Residents	62	67	67	33	33	31
	2372	2381	2259	2003	1949	1933

WESTMORLAND.

	Government. Richard	Wells	Robinson	Copp	Opposition. Humphrey	Sumner	Black	Melanson
Shediac, 1	149	147	152	141	213	212	207	224
" 2	95	65	66	78	231	231	232	265
Dorchester, 1	346	347	345	346	116	119	116	113
Dorchester, 2	390	339	388	317	136	133	126	135
Dorchester, 3	201	155	185	184	31	52	32	30
Salisbury, 1	132	148	155	146	129	122	121	115
" 2	225	230	235	227	204	202	205	194
Moncton, 1	250	233	253	222	241	227	229	210
" 2	337	357	358	324	239	226	211	196
" 3	239	234	241	228	286	273	268	269
Moncton parish	149	162	167	159	416	309	307	408
Botsford, 1	121	131	162	164	130	129	131	125
" 2	184	175	177	170	174	171	176	209
" 3	121	122	121	118	142	142	144	143
Sackville, 1	79	80	82	81	114	115	115	113
" 2	198	223	223	233	460	460	517	463
" 3	52	55	51	58	116	116	121	113
Westmorland 1	134	151	142	139	103	103	104	98
Westmorland, 2	126	159	129	135	147	150	155	142
	3910	4026	4045	3854	4101	3997	3979	4031

NORTHUMBERLAND.

	Government. Tweedie	Burchill	O'Brien	Independent. Fish	Morrison
Lower Newcastle	32	36	43	42	37
Newcastle	151	117	177	177	264
Chatham	497	483	474	481	270
Ludlow	86	94	90	86	48
Blissville	63	77	59	72	68
Blackville	91	94	93	90	99
Derby	54	69	52	53	76
Oak Point	16	28	28	19	18
Red Bank	58	53	68	48	65
Scotts	12	15	17	13	18
Kirks	47	53	49	42	13
Glenelg	129	127	122	122	46
Hardwicke	66	70	71	64	67
Rogersville	133	144	171	134	249
Black Brook	64	70	84	61	58
Nelson	163	176	167	154	46
Douglastown	88	90	101	96	69
Melchets	51	53	47	55	25
Alnwick	66	64	69	66	101
Whitneyville	40	45	40	43	46
Protectionville	2	4	3	4	34
Trout Brook	30	25	28	34	21
Jersey Settlement	67	70	70	69	53
	1994	2052	2001	1912	1565

CARLETON.

	Government. McClain	Smith	Carvill	Opposition. Dibblee	Fleming	Hay
Woodstock parish	99	107	107	115	112	115
" town	280	275	271	370	347	339
" south	18	18	21	116	116	121
Simonds	66	61	61	87	92	85
Wilmot	205	225	245	191	190	190
Richmond, Debec	103	109	108	82	88	88
" corner	93	96	88	87	85	88
Wakefield	82	93	90	53	58	57
Jacksonville	148	133	144	125	124	110
Tracy's Mills	125	125	125	97	102	149
Wicklow East	125	114	110	85	90	92
Carlisle	106	106	106	115	122	116
Hartland	176	184	183	122	134	124
Northampton	117	120	116	129	131	126
Peel	94	84	92	161	180	164
Johnsville	122	114	115	22	22	21
Kent, Bath	211	205	206	183	184	183
Aberdeen	174	163	175	96	98	96
Non Residents	7	7	9	11	11	9
	2361	2326	2364	2243	2286	2237

YORK.

	Government. Thompson	Whitehead	Campbell	Gibson	Opposition. Black	Howe	Pinder	Pitts
Manners-Sutton	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
Fredericton City Hall	387	379	387	380	339	295	303	303
Fredericton court house	440	434	429	436	201	170	163	173
Millville	84	85	84	83	45	44	44	43
McAdam	54	53	52	54	52	52	52	52
St Croix	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
Canterbury Front	66	67	67	62	34	34	33	36
Canterbury Station	236	239	235	235	116	114	114	117
Stanley	205	203	203	208	180	180	180	180
Bloomfield	112	111	109	112	30	29	28	29
Harvey	134	133	132	132	98	97	93	93
Kingsclear	159	165	169	156	108	95	99	99
Cork	19	19	19	18	1	000	000	000
Gibson	237	236	235	252	119	112	108	107
Nashwaak	147	146	145	160	52	47	40	52
Temperance Vale	96	94	94	96	95	95	93	92
Queensb'ry Front	92	94	92	92	87	83	86	81
Queensb'ry Block	68	66	66	66	38	36	37	35
No. Lake	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0 0
Keswick	185	182	182	184	119	116	113	114
Nortondale	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marysville	365	363	353	376	65	64	61	68
Southampton, Front	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries "	47	47	47	87	87	87	87	87
Prince William, front	65	65	65	66	41	32	32	32
Prince William, Back	26	26	27	26	38	38	33	36
No Maryland	27	27	27	25	33	30	31	31
Hamtown	92	89	89	91	93	90	92	91
Bright, ft.	109	108	107	107	71	70	69	71
Bright, bk.	75	75	75	75	45	45	45	45
Nortondale	47	47	47	47	87	87	87	87
Dumfries	13	13	13	13	5	5	5	5
	3633	3664	3620	3679	2233	2114	2115	2082

VICTORIA.

	Government. Beveridge	Porter	Lawson	Tweedale	Opp. Carter
Andover	86	121	52	25	58
Upper Lorne	8	8	24	19	15
Lower Lorne	21	18	20	35	19
Perth	88	39	52	59	10
Airdsville	24	57	18	10	28
Muniac	21	51	26	19	22
Currie's	37	19	52	59	5
Arthurette	44	20	46	98	13
Drummond 1	34	93	84	49	139
Drummond 2	10	86	46	41	22
Grand Falls 1	41	59	73	54	113
Grand Falls 2	53	51	33	12	61
Birch Ridge	9	6	16	25	..
	426	578	554	505	510

RESTIGOUCHE.

	Government. Mott	LaBillois	Opposition. Barbarie	Cullinan
Flatlands	52	47	33	32
Dalhousie	145	166	136	157
Maple Green	54	47	23	12
Durham	54	73	395	403
Colborne	104	86	62	19
Balmoral	163	180	25	21
Eldon	40	37	28	28
Campbellton	358	301	142	121
	970	937	844	752

ALBERT.

	Government Emmerson	Osman	Opposit'n Peck	Trites
Hillsboro	279	290	246	236
Coverdale	208	188	147	165
Hopewell Cape	73	73	83	75
Alma	133	132	102	102
Elgin	271	270	188	187
Hopewell Hill	163	162	120	122
New Horton	77	77	119	119
Baltimore	46	51	81	76
Beaver Brook	98	97	35	35
	1343	1348	1121	1107

MADAWASKA.

	Government. LafoREST	Gogan	Opposition. Bertrand	Martin
Edmundston	102	88	151	141
St Basil	151	158	90	83
St Jacques	57	56	94	90
St Leonards, 1	64	64	106	106
" 2	123	114	75	73
St Ann's	102	102	81	81
St Hilaire	88	74	78	72
Upper St Francis	106	105	47	88
Lower "	85	82	50	52
	877	843	772	786

KENT.

	Government. Barnes	U. Johnston	Legere	Opposition. Buckerfield	Gogan	J. Johnston
Dundas	277	250	300	255	386	250
Wellington	454	451	506	89	178	108
St Marys	255	243	270	92	119	107
St Paul	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harcourt	83	82	82	73	72	61
Richibucto	180	185	177	120	122	118
St Louis	211	203	225	122	136	140
Kingston	98	89	90	63	63	62
Kouchibouguac	103	103	95	58	57	58
South Welford	141	138	139	40	39	38
West Welford / North do.	141	148	139	40	39	38
Cocaigne Village	151	146	151	65	77	82
Upper Cocaigne	85	59	90	47	37	46
Totals	2401	2317	2483	1107	1383	1159

SUNBURY.

	Government Morrow	Harrison	Opposition Hazen	Glazier
Burton	170	165	156	170
Maugerville	53	62	62	57
Sheffield	85	89	84	82
Lincoln	82	76	136	145
Gladstone	129	126	116	115
Blissville	73	81	93	84
Northfield	76	77	39	40
	668	676	686	693

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Brunswick	29	28	40	39
Cambridge	177	171	119	113
Chipman	243	231	68	61
Gagetown	93	88	124	120
Hampstead	123	130	146	134
Johnston	145	144	155	169
Welsford	141	152	279	234
Waterboro	155	154	104	99
Wickham	98	119	71	54
Totals	1,241	1,256	1,104	1,028
Canning	*40	*39	..	..

*Majorities.

The Fight in Carleton.

WOODSTOCK, Feb 19—As predicted by your correspondent the government ticket in Carleton has been elected. In the Colter-Hale election in 1896, Mr. Hale, Conservative, had a majority of over 400. The election on Saturday was run on strictly party lines, and it will be seen by the accompanying table that that majority has been completely swept way and a good Liberal majority substituted therefor. Even the government supporters felt that Mr Dibblee would be elected without a doubt, and were greatly surprised to find him at the foot of the poll. It was one of the most hotly contested elections that has ever taken place in the county. Both sides voted the full ticket every time. Carleton seems to be coming back to her old Liberal standing, and will, no doubt, give a good account of herself at the next dominion election.

THERE WERE INCENDIARIES.

Digby is Holding a Fire Investigation.

DIGBY, N. S., Feb. 20—The most sensational evidence of incendiarism in connection with the late fire yet made public is the statement from Chief of Police Bowles that the first line of hose run out was cut and parted before the water was turned on. At the time it was thought the hose was defective, but a later examination of the parts showed clearly that the hose was perfectly good and a keen knife had been used to do the cutting. As the length of hose cut was some distance down on the reel, it appears the cutting must have been done while the men were engaged in running to the fire after connecting with the hydrants. Taken in connection with wholesale thieving carried on during the conflagration, this fact gives color to the horrible suspicion that the fire was planned with fiendish deliberation, though with what end in view only the most searching investigation can hope to reveal.

The fire investigation is being held today. G I Letteney testified that his furnace pipe got red hot frequently, the fuel used being soft wood. The hearing will occupy a whole week. Insurance adjusters are in attendance. Fire has caught in the premises of J A Vantassel, near the burnt district, three times since Monday's blaze, supposed to have been caused by rats stealing matches. The companies have served notice cancelling Vantassel's insurance, also James McKeen, jeweller, and Dufferin Hot