

It was here that one of the peculiar vagaries of the great destroyer was exhibited when sheets of flames burst from the W. R. Brock Co's warehouse on the corner of Bay and Wellington Streets. This building was at first thought to have escaped, but it was soon manifest that the interior had been on fire for some time.

Before all these buildings on Bay Street had caught, the blaze was eating up magnificent warehouses on both sides of Front Street, directly south of where the fire started.

Here despite the efforts of the firemen working in the face of a terrible heat and blinding smoke, the fire had attacked both sides of the street. On the south side it licked up a score of closely built warehouses, the intensity of the fire being increased by the inflammable nature of their contents. Some idea may be had of the devastation when it is mentioned that the loss here was about \$3,000,000. In the meantime the retreat of the fire northward had been checked at the Telegram and Toronto Engraving Co. building's on Bay Street. Its progress westward was never serious because a favor-

able wind and open spaces saved the buildings on Wellington Street and the Queen's Hotel on Front Street.

