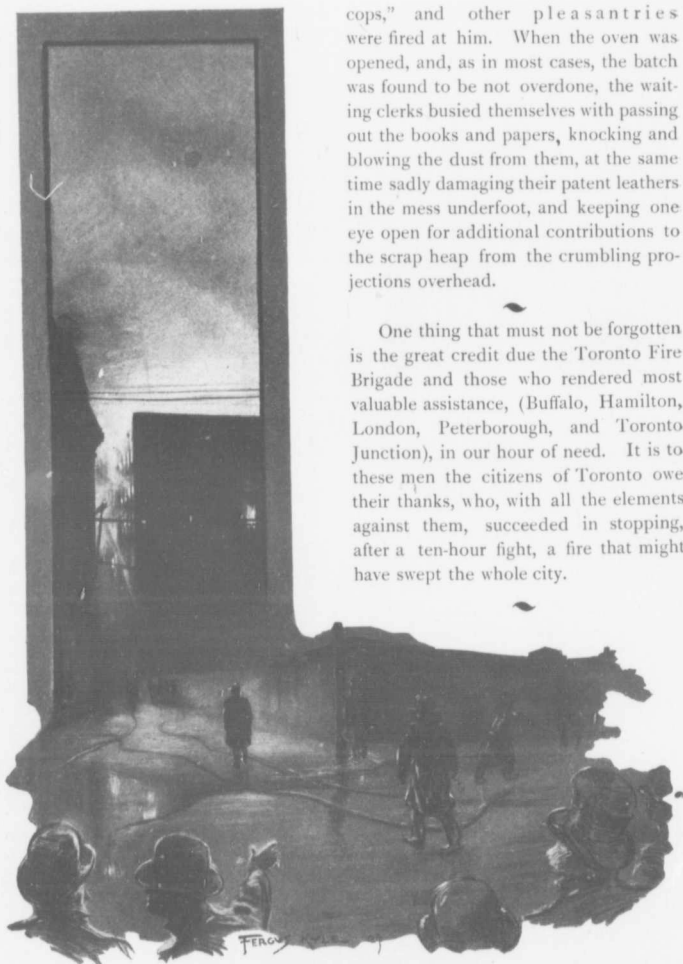


cops," and other pleasantries were fired at him. When the oven was opened, and, as in most cases, the batch was found to be not overdone, the waiting clerks busied themselves with passing out the books and papers, knocking and blowing the dust from them, at the same time sadly damaging their patent leathers in the mess underfoot, and keeping one eye open for additional contributions to the scrap heap from the crumbling projections overhead.

One thing that must not be forgotten is the great credit due the Toronto Fire Brigade and those who rendered most valuable assistance, (Buffalo, Hamilton, London, Peterborough, and Toronto Junction), in our hour of need. It is to these men the citizens of Toronto owe their thanks, who, with all the elements against them, succeeded in stopping, after a ten-hour fight, a fire that might have swept the whole city.



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