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A Story Founded on an Incident of The
Great Miramichi Fire.

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There are, no doubt, millions of people in America today who have never even heard of the Miramichi fire, yet it was at one time the talk of both hemispheres. Perhaps there never was such a conflagration in the world before; other great fires were mere rush lights in comparison with it, for it burned over an area of forest land as large as the State of Massachusetts, consumed millions of dollars' worth of property, and destroyed, alas! hundreds of human lives.

The story of the Miramichi fire never has been fully told, and never can be told now, for nearly all who witnessed it are dead.

I was a very young man at the time, and made my home at the house of a married sister who resided in Chatham, the principal town on the Miramichi River.