

The fire swept on down Perry Street and destroyed Andy Reynold's blacksmith shop.

Back of this shop were some houses and they, too, were burned.

Opposite Andy Reynold's shop on Perry Street was Hoyt & Kennedy's grist mill.

Beside this the marble works stood, Capt. Shaw being proprietor.

Next came Jas Leonard's house and photograph gallery. In the lower part of the latter place Miss McKenzie had her millinery parlors.

Coming back to the main Street, W. T. Parrish's hardware store stood beside Brown & Currie's store, and it went down with the rest.

Next came the general store of Chas. & Wm. Jones, who opened up for business in the basement of the town hall for a time after the fire.

Last in the list came W. H. McCaw's jewelry store.

Some pains has been taken to place the stores in their proper location, but the writer is quite conscious of the fact that some of them may be out of position, and that some names may have been omitted from the list, but those who furnished the information took considerable trouble to be accurate. It is not easy to remember events that happened twenty-nine years ago.

Port Perry people were in most helpless circumstances immediately after the fire until supplies came in on the train. Farmers who drove in to see the ruins found the townspeople without bread, and hurried back home where their wives were soon busy baking. Energetic business men naturally turned their attention to putting up temporary places of business, but they were powerless to act at once for there was not a pound of nails to be had, and hammers and saws were very scarce.

A public meeting was held in the town hall, where the whole situation was discussed, and a by-law passed forbidding the erection of wooden buildings within the business area. The building regulations also required that the stores have a uniform line of frontage. Previously the buildings had been erected in such position on the lot as suited the fancy of the owner. The result was that the street had a very irregular appearance. The new plan did away with all this, and now, as may be seen the stores line up uniformly, and very few places of the size of Port Perry make such a creditable showing in their business section.

That was a busy time. Masons and bricklayers came in from all directions and in less than a year the business section was rebuilt.