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SOUTH SIDE OF WELLINGTON STREET, WEST OF BAY

every side, inspiring sights unnumbered; but always, as the onlooker crowded in to a new loop-hole of vision, his gaze found the same focus.

From a distance, where the mass of humanity was held in check across the roadway, one looked away through an avenue of brick and stone fronts, one side brilliantly lighted, the other obscure in dull gray; past the poles and sign boards standing out in black silhouette, or glinting from their golden lettering, across the bare wet pavement where the hose ran in serpentine curves from the sputtering hydrant near by; and there, a



THE MINERVA BUILDING WHICH BARRED THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRE
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FRONT ST., NEAR YONGE