

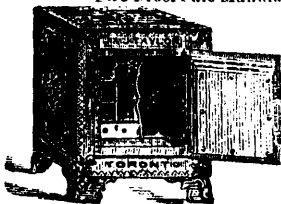
**\$5,000 SAVED.**  
**EIGHT DAYS IN THE FIRE.**  
**THE SEVEREST TEST ON RECORD.**

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY OF CANADA.  
 FREIGHT DEPARTMENT.

MESSRS. J. & J. TAYLOR.

Fire Proof Safe Manufacturers, Toronto.

Toronto Station, Sept. 17th, 1864.



GENTLEMEN.—In reply to your application I beg to state that the Safe manufactured by you, and purchased from Messrs. R. Lewis & Son, by the Company a few months since, was in the Elevator during the late fire which destroyed that building, and remained in the burning ruins for eight days. Upon the Safe being recovered and opened, the contents, consisting of Drafts, Bank Notes, and other moneys, in value amounting to nearly Five Thousand Dollars, with books and other papers, was found to be in a good state of preservation.

Yours truly,

S. SHACKELL, Freight Agent.

**From the Toronto LEADER, September 12, 1864.**

*Dest. action of the Grand Trunk Elevator.*—As considerable anxiety has been expressed relative to the preservation of J. & J. Taylor's fire-proof safe, which was in the Grand Trunk Elevator in this city when it was recently destroyed by fire, we have made enquiries about the matter in order to gratify the curious; and are pleased to be able to state that the safe has been exhumed from the wreck of that once splendid structure with scarcely any perceptible marks of the severe test to which it was subjected. A few facts connected with the matter require to be brought out, viz.: the building was constructed entirely of wood and iron, not less than a million feet of the former having been put into the structure. An idea of the intense heat may be formed when it is stated that three-inch round bars of iron were bent and twisted like so much small wire, and slightly smaller sizes were completely melted, some of which was found sticking to the safe upon its removal from the debris. The safe was in the office in the centre of the building at the time of the fire, and many yards from grain of any kind; when taken from the ruins it was embedded in burnt beams and charcoal, having remained there for eight days, and when taken out being so hot that it could not be handled. It was an ordinary merchant's office safe, costing, we understand, about \$125, and had been purchased in the early part of the year. When taken from the burning mass its contents, which consisted of \$5,000 in bills, the office books and other valuable papers had not even the appearance of fire on them. A bank bill which was taken from the outside of a large roll merely appeared a little smoky. Parties desirous of obtaining fire-proof safes might find it to their advantage to examine the safe now on exhibition at Mr. Lewis' store, King Street.

**From the Toronto GLOBE, September 12, 1864.**

We doubt if any safe was ever exposed to a more severe trial. Five thousand dollars in notes, drafts and bank bills were in it at the time of the conflagration, together with books and papers, but save a slight discoloration they are as good as ever. If previously any doubts of the reliability of Taylors' safe were entertained they must be dissipated when the history of this one is known.

DUNNVILLE, Sept, 10, 1863.

Messrs. J. J. TAYLOR.

Fire Proof Safe Manufacturers, Toronto.

DEAR SIRS.—We have opened our Safe (of your manufacture) and found the contents all right after the long and intense heat through which it passed in the burning of our building on the night of the 4th instant. The Safe was in the office of our store, a three story brick building, and stood on a floor supported by a double set of heavy timbers, which kept it from falling into the cellar long after the flooring was consumed and in that position stood some three or four hours exposed to all the blaze from over twenty-five barrels of oils, liquors, varnish, &c. the blaze from which was drawn up around the Safe to find a vent through the office window.—When the timbers gave way the safe settled down with and still rested partially upon them.—A portion of the walls not long after fell in upon the Safe, when it was covered up with the timbers, which continued to burn over 12 hours longer, in which kiln-like position the Safe remained until the timbers were all consumed. Nails in kegs near the Safe were melted into masses: Our 'letter press' standing on the Safe was partially melted.

The powder proof lock and hinges work now as well as ever, although the door side of the Safe was more exposed than any other part from the way it lay, with that side partially laid upon the timbers. The books, from the position of the Safe, had pressed snugly against the door, yet all the books, papers, bills, and coin, were well preserved, even to the delicate India rubber bands round the papers, proving the perfect reliability of your safes.

We will only add that we had four thousand dollars on risk in the Safe, and feel thankful that we were induced by your Agent, Mr. Griffin, to purchase a Safe of your manufacture, which has so satisfactorily insured us against irreparable loss.

We are respectfully yours.

BROWN & PERRY.

We the undersigned are personally aware of the leading facts cited in the above certificate of Messrs. Brown & Perry—

JOHN AROUR, Post Master.  
 JOHN YOCUM, Agricultural Implements,  
 W. A. McCRAE, Collector of Customs.

JOHN PARRY, Reeve.  
 J. B. BROWN, Druggist and Express Agent  
 T. TIPTON, Collector Canal Toll.