



Looking down Bay Street into the heart of the fire area.

3. The Brock Building. 4. The Wyld Darling Building. 5. The fire limit on Front Street, close to the Custom House.

Toronto's Greatest Fire.

TORONTO, on the morning of Wednesday, April 20th, 1904, faced a fire loss of from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and saw its wholesale district an area of awful ruin. From eight o'clock Tuesday night till four on Wednesday morning the fire raged practically unchecked. North, south, east and west the flames spread; the fire department, pitiful in their utter helplessness, battled doggedly against the destroying element.

From a blaze which had a beginning serious looking to be sure, yet not necessarily heralding the commencement of a great conflagration, thousands of citizens watched the flames sweep resistless, here and there, devouring everything within reach.