

was the turning point, as although in many buildings fires were fiercely raging, it was announced that the conflagration was under control.

Apparently satisfied with its playful frolic, the fire-fiend sat down upon the great area he had conquered, and silently, sullenly, yet all unyieldingly, lulled himself to sleep.

As the early morning broke, the weary firemen and the threatened merchants breathed sighs of relief—while a few heart-broken, discouraged men went home to talk over their losses.



### The Fire Summarized



Loss on Buildings, — \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

Loss on Stock, — \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000.

Business Establishments completely destroyed, —150.

Employees out of work—5,000.

Where the fire started,—Premises of E. & S. Currie, neckware manufacturers, 58 & 60 Wellington Street, West.

Origin,—Supposed defects in electric wiring.

Time it started,—7.45 p.m.

Time it was brought under control,—4 a.m.

Stationery and Printing business paralyzed by the destruction of six of the largest Canadian firms.

Some of the largest losses,—Gordon, Mackay & Co, W. R. Brock, Wyld Darling & Co., Brown Bros, W. J. Gage.

Number of firemen at work,—200 from Toronto, 15 from Hamilton, 50 from Buffalo, 9 from London, 5 from Toronto Junction, and 12 from Peterborough.

Most important wholesale houses of the city destroyed.

Insurance,—between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000.



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