



Fig. 1. View of the plant before the fire.

## Quaker Oats Co. Fire at Peterboro, Ontario, December 11th, 1916.

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**History of Plant.** In 1900 the Quaker Oats Co., controlling the American Cereal Company, began the erection of a plant at Peterboro, Ontario, which was placed in operation in 1902. The head office of this concern is located in Chicago, Ill. Branch plants are located at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Fort Dodge, Iowa; Akron, Ohio; Battle Creek, Mich.; Joliet, Ill.; Morris, Ill.; Richford, Vt.; and Saskatoon, Sask. The original Peterboro plant consisted of the basement and first three stories of Warehouse No. 1 and of the Mill, Dry House, Boiler House, Cleaning Mill and Elevator "A", as they existed immediately preceding the fire. In 1907 the fourth story was added to Warehouse No. 1 and Warehouse No. 2 was built.



Fig. 2. View of the plant after the fire.