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THE TORONTO BURNED DISTRICT.

The burned portion of the commercial district of Toronto is showing, in parts, signs of active rebuilding. Beginning on Wellington Street, beside the Union Bank, the extensive premises of Kilgour Bros. are being steadily rebuilt in a style which, inside and out, will be durable as well as convenient, with especial regard to the fire hazard. Next door westward is the Bradshaw's clothing warehouse, in process of rebuilding in better style than before. At the next corner was the warehouse of the Wyld-Darling Co. As yet nothing is done towards its reconstruction, the owners being in England. Next door to the staunch and strong Telegram building, which proved a barrier to the flames on Bay Street, was the Office Specialty Company. As we have already noticed, they have removed elsewhere in the city, near the Toronto Club. Their former building is being reconstructed. The Crown Hotel is quite refitted; so are Sharpe & Co. and G. H. Hees, Son & Co. farther to the south. Looking across Bay Street from the Hees premises, one finds that Dignum & Monypenny have begun their new warehouse, corner Bay and Wellington. It will be a five-story building, 32 feet by 110. C. H. Westwood & Co. have also started to rebuild. Davis & Henderson have resolved to put up a new blank book factory on Bathurst Street. Wm. Jessop & Sons, of Sheffield, having settled their loss, are about to rebuild their next premises, and will raise them two if not three stories.

Good progress has already been made in arrangements for the reconstruction of the W. R. Brock Company's large

dry goods warehouse on the corner of Bay and Wellington. The style of the building is to be of the best fire-resisting kind. Southward along Bay from this lot to the corner of Front Street there is no relief to the desolation of unrelieved bricks and ashes. On this corner, however, is a scene of cheerful activity. Scores of masons and laborers are at work on the lower walls of the Gordon, Mackay & Co. dry goods warehouse, which, judging by its foundations and by what we were told of its intended superstructure, will be a most creditable building, substantial inside and out. At the site of W. J. Gage & Co., and Copp, Clark, there is also much busy clearing away, looking to reconstruction. Warwick Bros. & Rutter, as we have previously said, have gone elsewhere to rebuild. The opposite corner to the east, formerly the site of Robert Darling & Co.'s warehouse, shows no sign of rebuilding; indeed, we were told that the proprietor is not likely to rebuild at once. Looking northward from this point to Wellington Street, there is nothing doing to relieve the mass of ruins except the clearing up which is going on upon the Bradshaw lot and the one next to it.

Scaffolds are erected about the still standing walls of the building where the fire broke out, the E. & S. Currie silk-wear factory, indicating that it is to be rebuilt. The same is to be said of the tall Pugsley building to the eastward on Wellington Street, corner of Mincing Lane. On the opposite side of this street, and farther west is the ruin of the substantial Brown Brothers' binding establishment, being emptied of its salvage and cleared of its debris in the confident hope of being ready for business again at the old stand in a few months. We have noted the amalgamation of Rolph, Smith & Co., lithographers, with the Barclay & Clark establishment. Their new factory will be not on the site of the old ones on Wellington Street or Lombard Street, but on King Street, west of Simcoe.

Apparently, nothing is settled yet by the merchants or manufacturers on the south side of Front Street from Lorne Street to Bay Street. This delay is presumably caused by the negotiations going on between the city and the railway companies looking towards a removal of the Union Station to a site east and north of its present position. Charles Cockshutt & Co. have gone out of business, as we have stated; the Gutta Percha and Rubber Company, whose warehouse was on leased ground, will not rebuild it, having bought the Royal Insurance building on the corner of Yonge and Wellington. Coming further east along Front Street, where the buildings were mostly on leased ground, there is similarly no sign of life. The "Iron Block" remains as it was on the morning of the 20th April; but across the street the Minerva building is already bright with fresh paint and other renovation. In some cases

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the provisions of the new building by-law, and in others negotiations as to fresh leases, has delayed rebuilding. But many firms have shown their enterprise and faith by immediate preparations to rebuild.

We learn upon enquiry that the total loss of the Land Security Company on buildings on Bay and Front Streets has been adjusted at \$198,000. The insurance is \$128,000. The loss of the J. B. Smith estate on warehouses at 29, 35, 37, 39 and 43 Front Street and south side has been adjusted at \$100,000; insurance, \$75,000.

PROSPECTS AT THE SOO.

At length it seems that brighter days are in store for the consolidated industries at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. The work of reorganization is about complete, and unless some hitch occurs the works are expected to start up again after their long silence. The new company, of which Mr. C. D. Warren, of Toronto, is president, are now in full possession of the properties, the money owing to Speyer & Co., of New York, amounting to \$5,050,000, besides interest and other charges, having been paid over. The loan of \$2,000,000, guaranteed by the Ontario Government, was financed by Orvis Bros., New York, successfully, after the passing of an order-in-council authorizing the same. The reorganized company has a cash working capital of \$1,000,000, and those unsecured creditors who were unwilling to accept first mortgage bonds as security have been paid in cash.

CHARLOTTETOWN VINDICATED.

A letter comes to us this week from Prince Edward Island, defending the capital of that Province from the charge of being old-fashioned and slow in the