

WHEN THE FIRE-FIEND VISITED VICTORIA



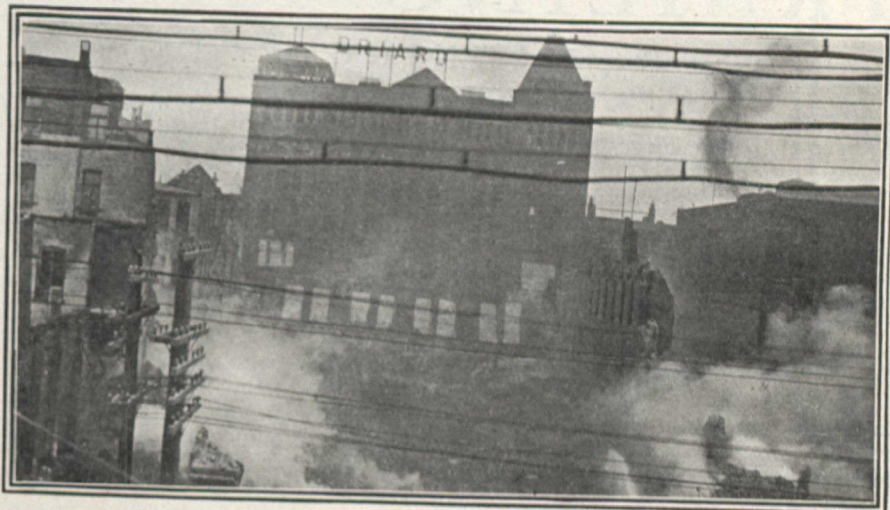
Government Street before the fire—East side.



Government Street after—The Five Sisters Block and Spencer's Store.



Fort Street from the corner of Government Street.



General view—Looking towards the Driard Hotel, which was saved.

On Wednesday, October 26th, at 10.45 p.m., fire broke out in Spencer's Departmental Store, on Government Street, which is the main thoroughfare of the city of Victoria. Within the short space of three hours, it completely wiped out an entire city block, the very heart of the retail business section. This is the third time in the last ten years that Victoria has experienced a serious fire. If it is not careful it will soon have as bad a reputation in this respect as some of the cities of Eastern Canada. However, practically all the old buildings which date back to the sixties when Victoria first became a city, have disappeared and another large fire is hardly possible.

NEW BRUNSWICK FRUIT MAKES ITS BOW



One of the features of Canadian Development is New Brunswick's progress in fruit-growing. For a time the people of that Province thought that apple-growing was only possible in Nova Scotia. A graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College has, however, proved otherwise, and last week New Brunswick had a most successful Fruit Show at St. John. At the same time there was a Convention of Fruit Growers and an exchange of experiences. One man whispered that he had cleared \$18,000 in four years. It will now be in order to watch the development of New Brunswick along the new line.