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I, R. C. DOUGLASS, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton, Civil Engineer, being sworn, saith :

I remember the fire of the 16th January last ; when I had proceeded as far as the Eastern block, I perceived a fire in two of the upstairs windows ; when I had gotten to the building I went into Deslaurier's kitchen and saw the ceiling which was on fire falling ; I did not go near Deslaurier's stairs ; I would judge it to be about 10 feet from the door when I saw the embers falling ; I went into Deslaurier's parlor room No. 13, and then through to the north west side of the building ; I am under the impression it was room No. 14 ; there was a window open in this room through which furniture was being thrown ; I returned and went out by the kitchen door to the porch on the south east corner, through which I went and into room No. 11, and across the passage into room No. 9, and gave papers and other articles which were in the room to Mr. Pettegrew and several other gentlemen who were on the outside ; I think all the papers in this room were taken out ; to the best of my recollection I did not notice any fire on the back stairs or model house.

R. C. DOUGLASS.

Taken upon oath and acknowledged this 2nd day of February, A.D., 1874, before me.

J. T. C. BEAUBIEN, Coroner.

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