

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

Fire at Fredericton, N. B.—On the 2nd instant a fire damaged the frame building on Queen St. which was first used by the House of Assembly of New Brunswick in 1788. The building was the most historic in Fredericton.

Fire at Brandon, Man.—On October 29th a fire destroyed the old Winter Fair buildings and 42 horses belonging to the Royal Canadian Mounted police. Insurance on buildings \$38,000 on contents \$8,500 carried by various companies in small amounts. Loss total.

Fire at Whitby, Ont.—On Oct. 30th a fire destroyed the planing mill owned by the Whitby Brick and Clay Products Company, together with many thousand feet of lumber. Loss stated to be about \$20,000. It is stated there was no insurance.

The Rubber Stamp Signature Danger

A fresh illustration of the risk of having a rubber stamp for signing important documents was provided recently, when a commissionaire was charged at the Mansion House, London with stealing two cheque forms and uttering cheques for £60 and £80. It was stated that the prisoner took two forms from the check book of a director of the company while the latter was on holiday, filled them up, and signed them by means of a rubber stamp. The Lord Mayor remarked that it seemed very careless to leave a stamp about that anyone could use in signing cheques. For the prosecution (according to the brief press report of the case) it was said the stamp, in the ordinary way, was used with different ink for signing letters. Presumably a special arrangement was made with the bank to honour cheques so signed.

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