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ONE CENT

DISASTROUS FIRE ON KING STREET

WRECK TODAY IS GRIM SPECTACLE

Big Business Blocks But Sorry Skeleton ---Completely Gutted From Top to Bottom---Water Pressure Was Poor, But Firemen Worked Like Beavers in the Storm.

For eight hours and a half this morning St. John firemen battled with a conflagration on King street, whereby a loss of about \$150,000 was incurred. As a result of the blaze the building, in which Brock & Paterson carried on a wholesale millinery business, was almost completely gutted and their stock is practically a total loss.

WRECKED BUILDINGS PRESENT GRIM SCENE

Covered With Ice They Are But Twisted Remnants of fine business Structures.

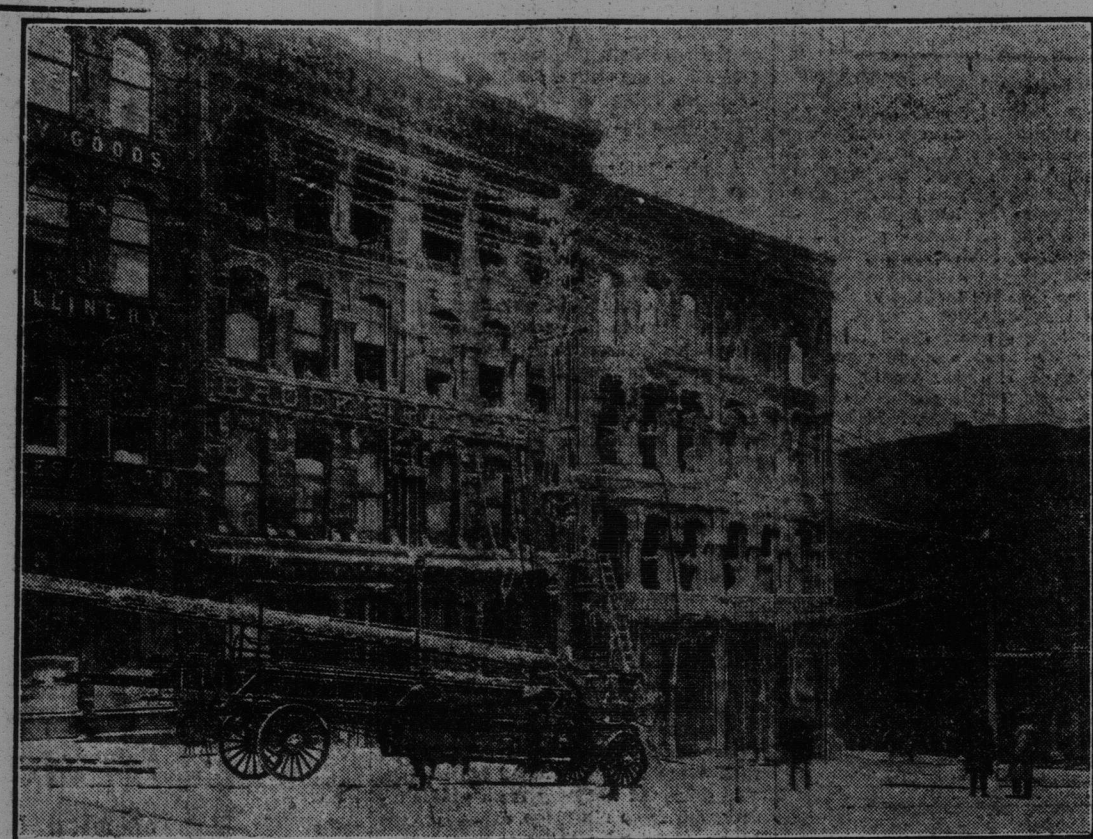
The wrecked buildings presented a curious and uninviting appearance this morning. Covered from top to bottom with a mass of ice and snow, they were a grim sight to the eyes of those who were passing along Germain street, where they were yesterday fine business blocks.

The telephone and electric lighting wires were covered with a mass of ice, and men were engaged all morning making repairs caused by the wires having been severed or burned during the progress of the conflagration.

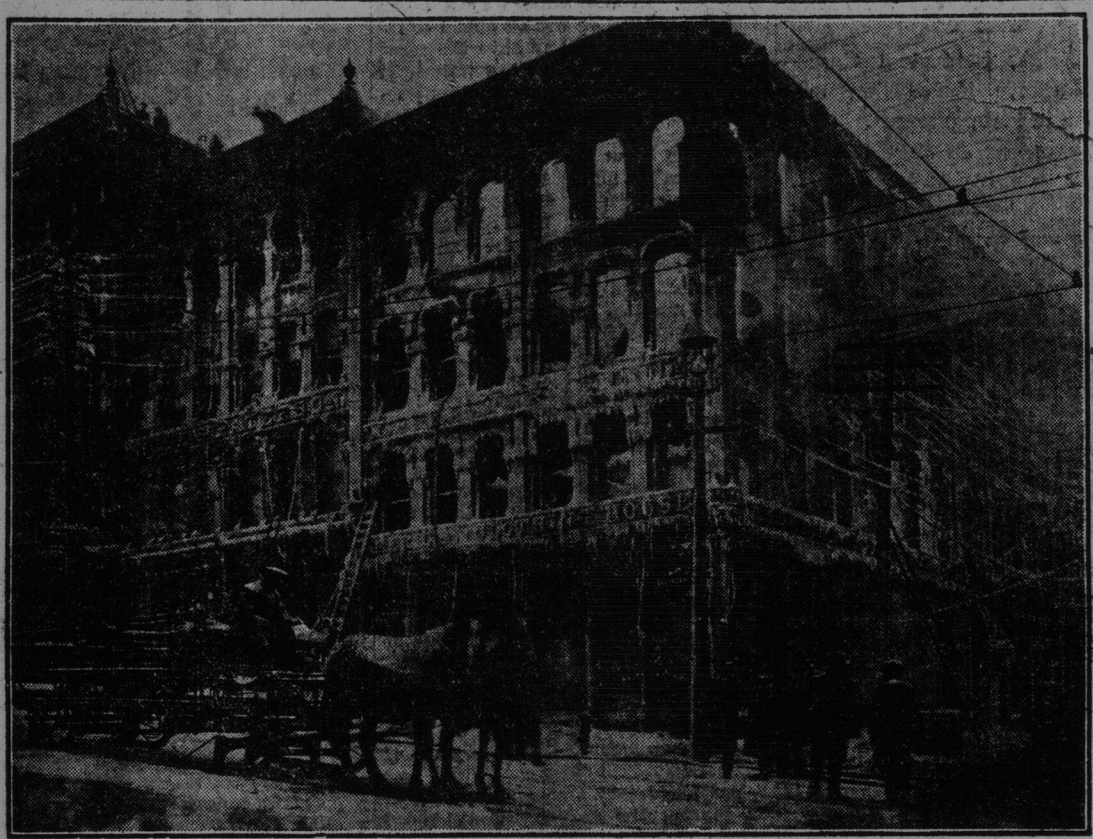
GOVERNMENT WANTS THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE WHOLE STAFF

Wholesale Dismissals Will Follow the Canal Lift Lock Scandals --- Engineers Passed Work That Was Not Up to Specification --- Their Heads The Penalty.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 15.—(Special)—at Kirkfield were not built in accordance with specifications. Plans and specifications of the work were not followed. Plans were altered, but not followed as altered. Superintendent Engineer Rogers visited the work frequently, but for all that there was evidence of bad workmanship.



LOOKING DOWN KING STREET



LOOKING UP KING STREET

VALUABLE BOOKS SAVED BY THE SALVAGE CORPS

Edward Sears Had Paintings and Books Stored in King Street Store.

A FURNACE OF FLAME AND ROLLING SMOKE

The Firemen Battled for Hours Against Great Odds—A Splendid, but Awful Picture.

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LOOKING UP KING STREET

son had nearly all their spring goods in stock, and the fire could not have come at a worse time, so far as a large stock was concerned.

Asked how the fire would affect their trade, Mr. Roach said: "All our orders will be filled as promptly as possible. We will get our goods delivered, if we have to rent two or three buildings."

For the present, Brock & Paterson's office will be found on Prince William street, in the quarters recently vacated by J. Fred Sullivan. The books and papers of the firm were taken there this morning.

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EXPECT DAMAGE REACH \$175,000

Brock & Paterson's Stock Was Practically Wiped Out---American Clothing House Had Heavy Loss---Royal Bank Suffered---Aggregate Insurance About \$110,000

by Brock & Paterson to heat part of their premises. A fire was started in the furnace yesterday for the first time since last December. A sheet iron pipe, which carried off the smoke, ran through the back of the McDuffie store and the opinion seems to be that this pipe became overheated, causing the fire.

SMALLER TENANTS' LOSS WAS HEAVY

J. W. McDuffie, Sidney Melaney and Hodges Bros. Had Not Enough Insurance to Cover Damage.

The tailoring establishment of Sidney Melaney and the premises of Hodges Bros., barbers, on Canterbury street, were badly damaged by the immense quantities of water that were poured into the building.

HE SAYS WATER WAS NOT SHORT

Director Murdoch Denies that There Was Any Shortage at Last Night's Fire.

Director Murdoch of the water and sewerage department was asked this morning regarding the statement in the morning papers relative to an insufficient water supply at last night's fire.

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