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Wellington, are not being rebuilt. Since the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Smith has bought a building on Church street, corner of Court, opposite the Monetary Times establishment, and intends to carry on lithographing there. The Messrs. Rolph, his former partners, have joined Mr. Clark, of the Lombard street lithographing works, and under the style of Rolph & Clark, are doing business at the premises erected for the Clark Lithographing Company. They are about to

put up, in addition a three story stone and brick warehouse, corner Simcoe and Adelaide.

The Government examining warehouse on the Esplanade, near Yonge street, which had so narrow an escape from destruction in the conflagration, is to have an addition made to it four stories in height, at a cost of some \$40,-000. This will be a much-needed accommodation for the building was too small. Just west of the Union Bank, on Wellington street opposite Jordan, the new building of Kilgour Brothers is rising; brick and steel, and slow-burning construction will lend their aid to make this a worthy modern structure as well as a handsome one. Further west on the same side the warehouse of Bradshaw & Son is also being rebuilt.

Next the Queen's Hotel, the burned warehouse of Warwick Brothers & Rutter is not being rebuilt, but next door east there are three stories of the new Copp, Clark Co. premises already up, on the former site. The material of the front of this building is cream colored brick; metal cornices, steel posts and beams are also in use.

Judicious use is being made of fireproof material in the extensive new premises of the W. R. Brock Company, whose deep red brick walls are steadily rising on Wellington and Bay streets. Great girders and beams of steel; door and window casings of steel; pillars of steel; cement, brick, and stone in plenty, but by no means the usual proportion of wood. Just beyond this pile, to the west, the warehouse of Brown Brothers, Limited, is being rebuilt, and apparently the lessons of the past have been heeded, for the place is being made very substantial. There are other buildings or the beginnings of buildings that deserve mention, but we have perhaps written enough for this time.

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