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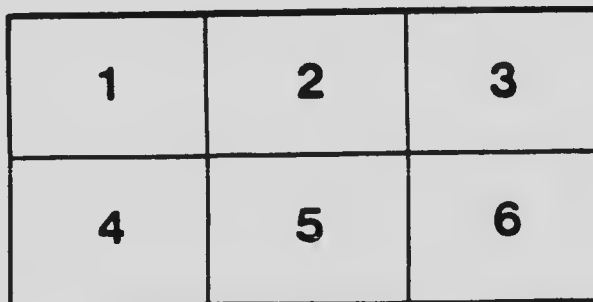
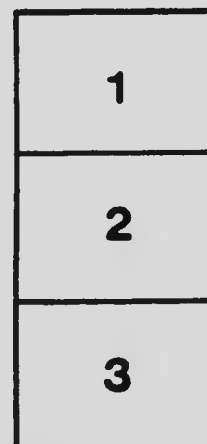
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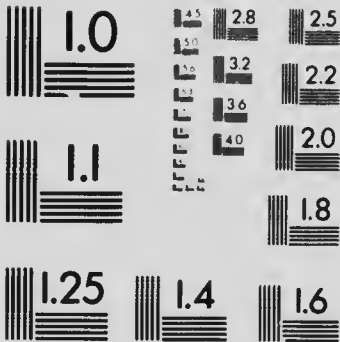
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The instruments in hand for fighting fire consisted of a few buckets, shovels and axes, and the water supply, apart from the water of Burrard Inlet, of a few mud holes and surface water.

The great fire of June 13th, 1886, caught the newly formed Brigade thus equipped and showed the necessity of immediately providing the City with the necessary implements to cope with the fire. This evil had been partly remedied through the efforts of the mayor, the late M. A. McLean, who, with the City Council, arranged for the purchase of a Ronald Fire Engine, which was in transit at the time of the fire. It arrived in Vancouver about July 20th, and was landed at Port Moody, then the nearest Station. Mr. R. Rutherford had the distinction of bringing into the City the new engine, having drawn it from Port Moody with his four horse team. The whole population turned out en masse to greet the arrival. Having provided this engine, things rested quietly until 1889, when W. McGirr organized a hook and ladder company.

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At this time the members of the fire department presented a striking appearance and were noted as athletes, so much so that having challenged 12 teams of America to compete with them in handling fire fighting apparatus, they defeated them all and also gained the championship from Rochester, N. Y., which city had held the record for a number of years. The members of the crack team were: J. McDonald, trainer; T. Lilly, captain; J. Moran, S. H. Ramage, John Garvin, R. Rutherford, J. McKenzie, J. Douglass, G. Thomas, jr., D. Biggar, C. Heywood, W. H. Saunders, J. Hall, H. Hampbell, M. Montgomery, and Geo. Brown. On their return home they were presented with gold medals by the citizens of Vancouver.

The second Chief elected after the removal of Peadgriff was J. Blair, who held the office only for a short time, being succeeded by J. H. Carlisle, the present Chief, who continued without interruption, except for a short time in 1888, when Mr. Wilson McKinnon was elected. The hottest contested election for Chief was between J. Mateer and J. H. Carlisle, when Carlisle was re-elected by a majority of one.

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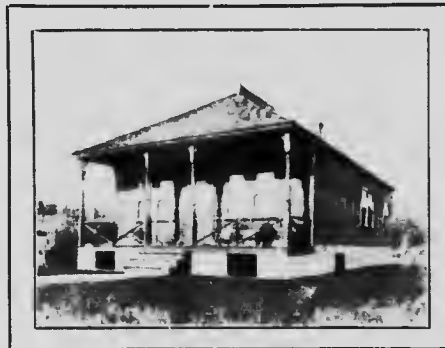
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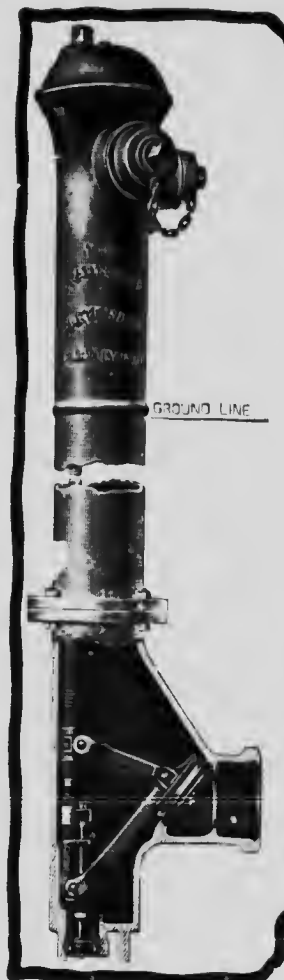
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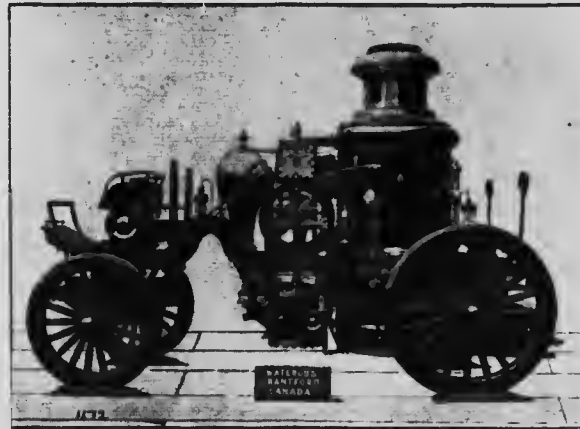
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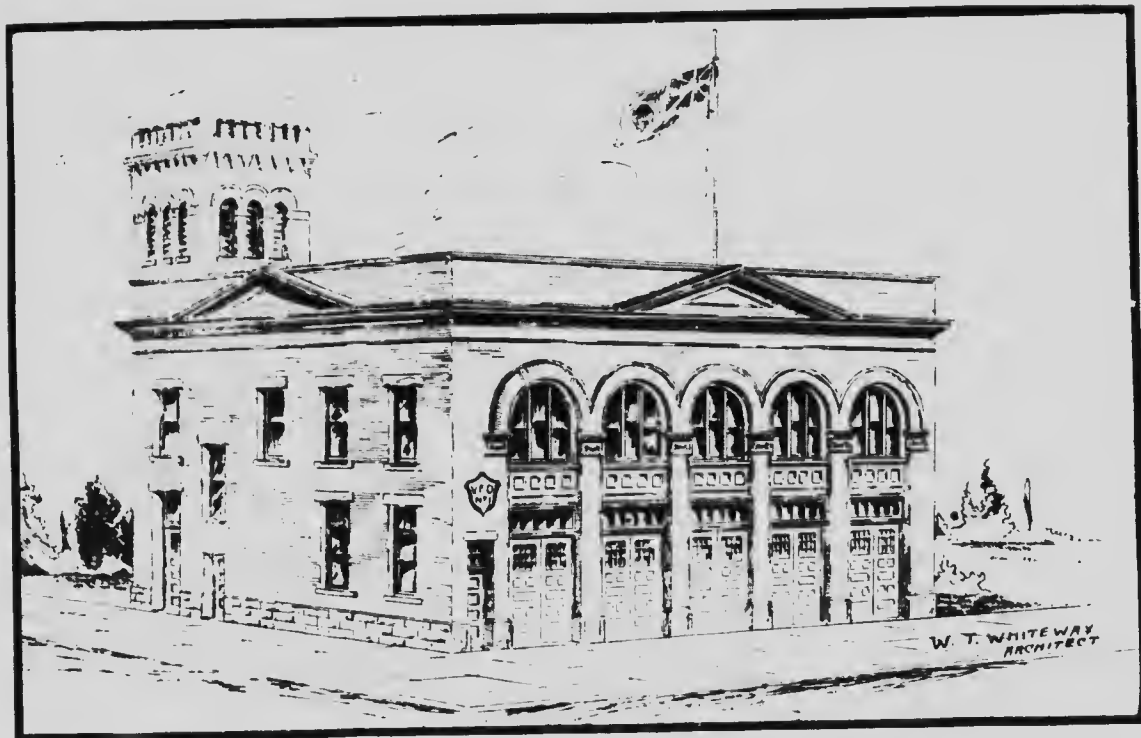
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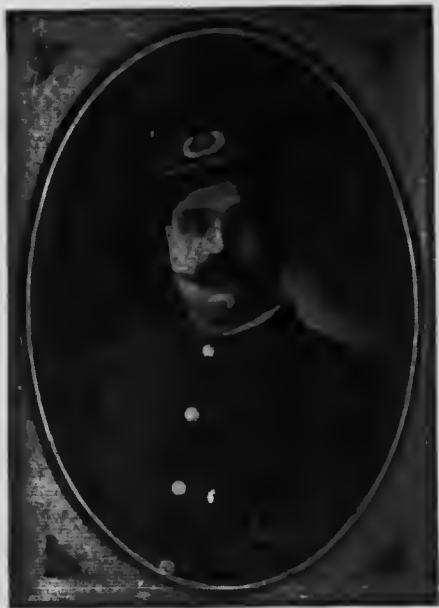
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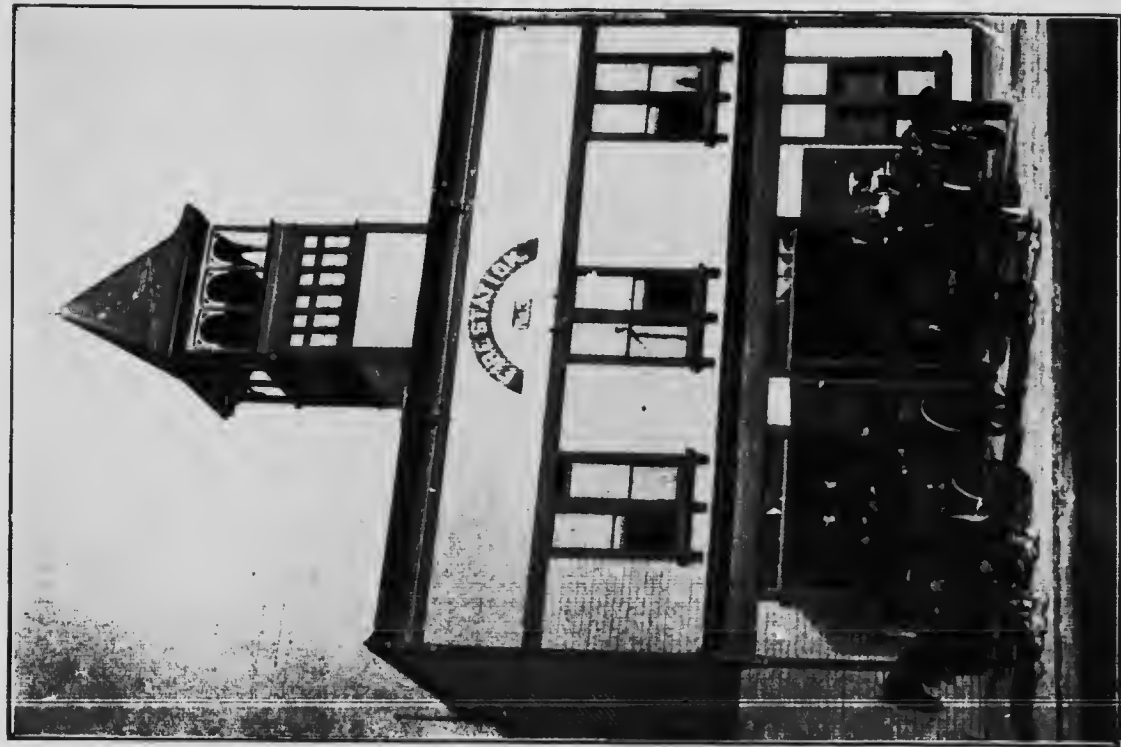
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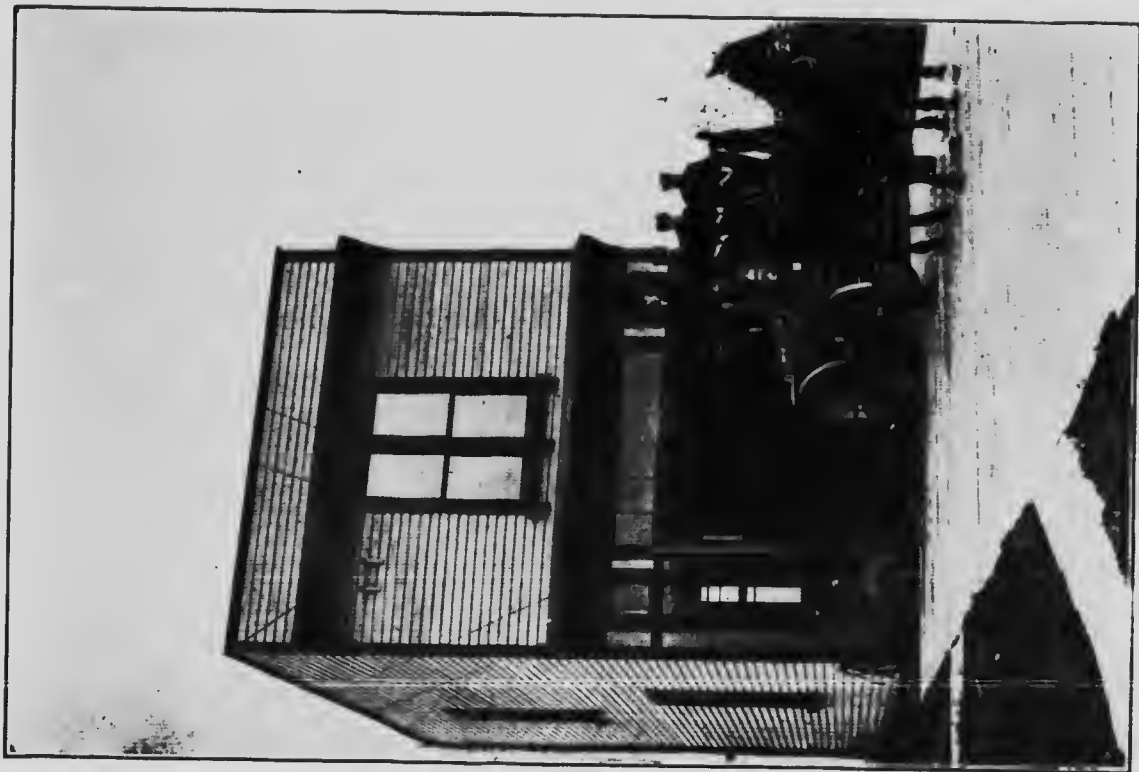
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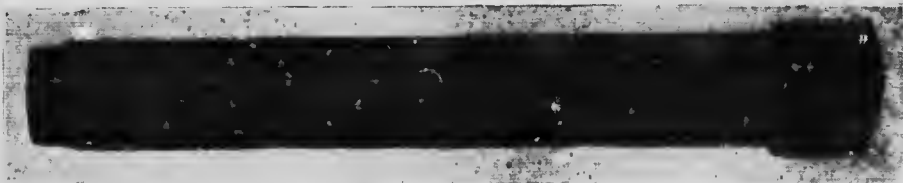
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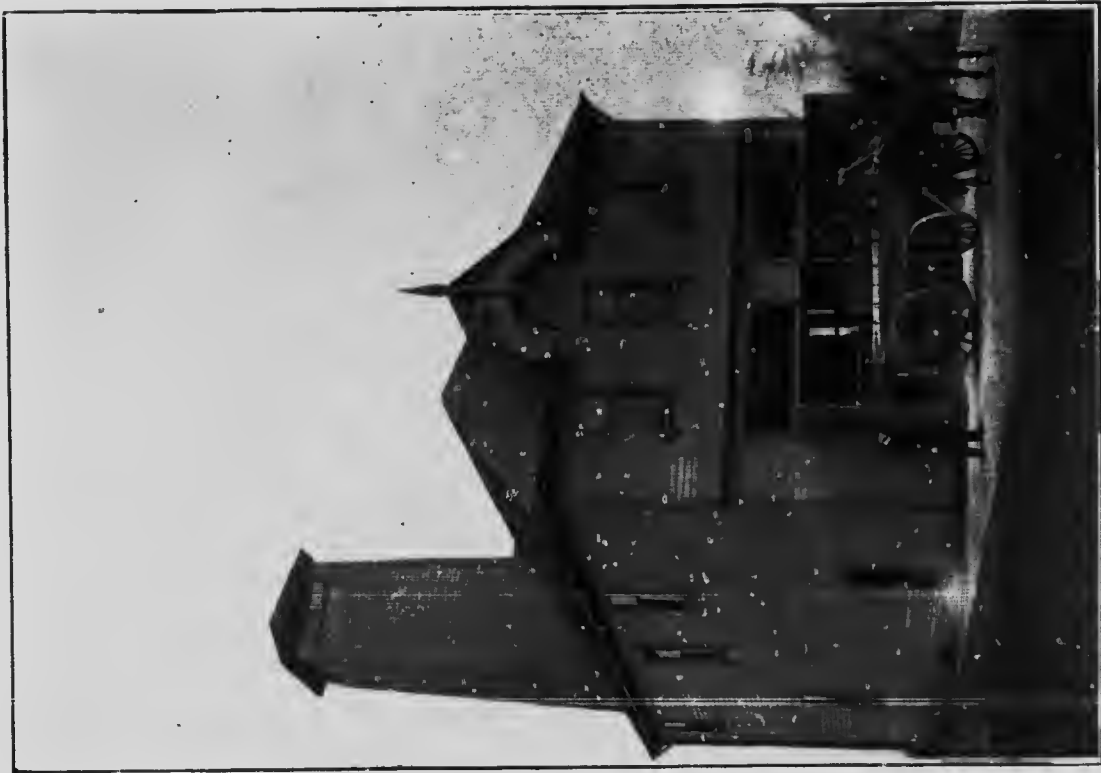
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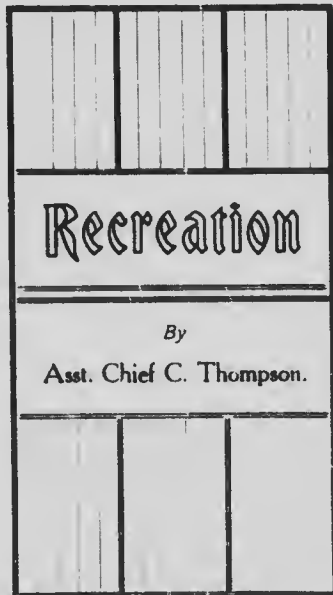
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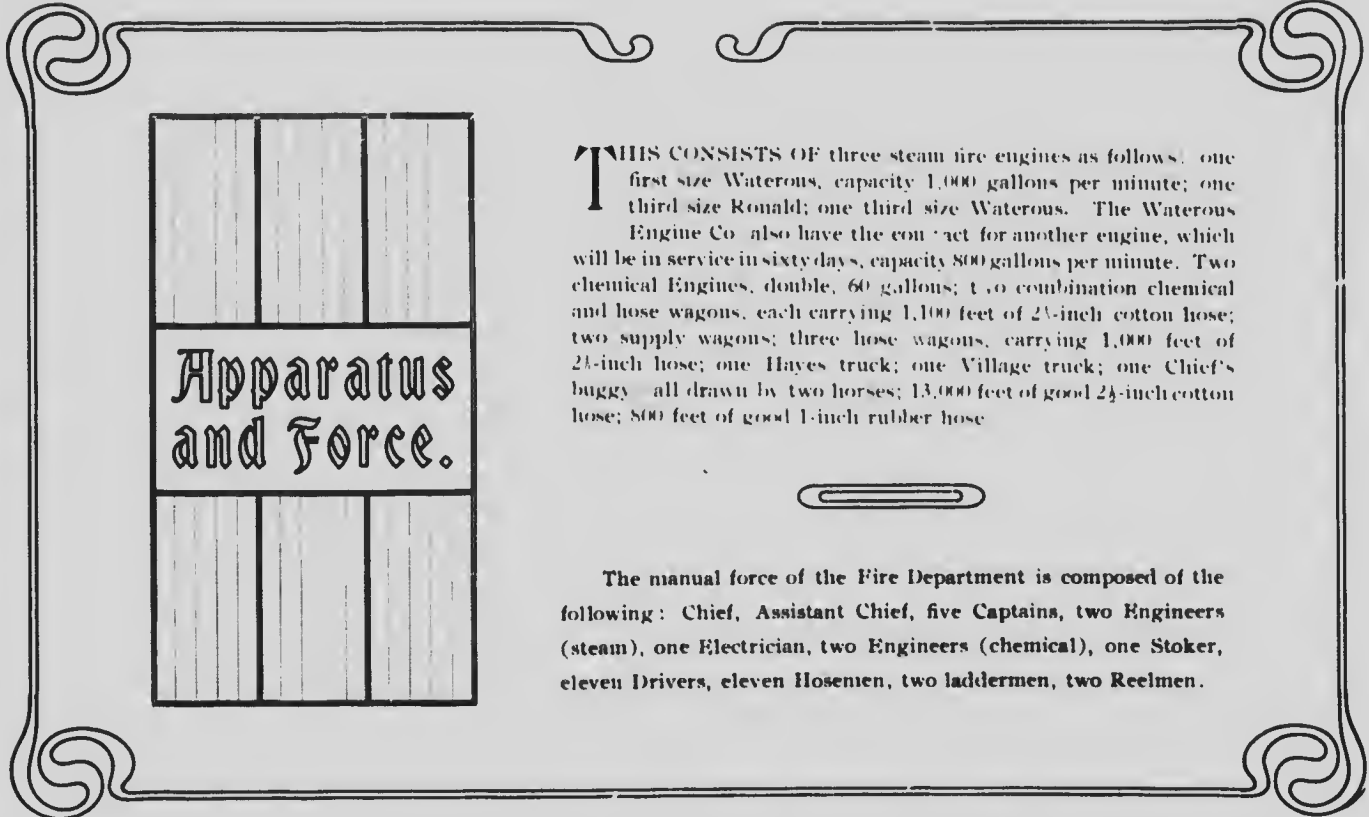
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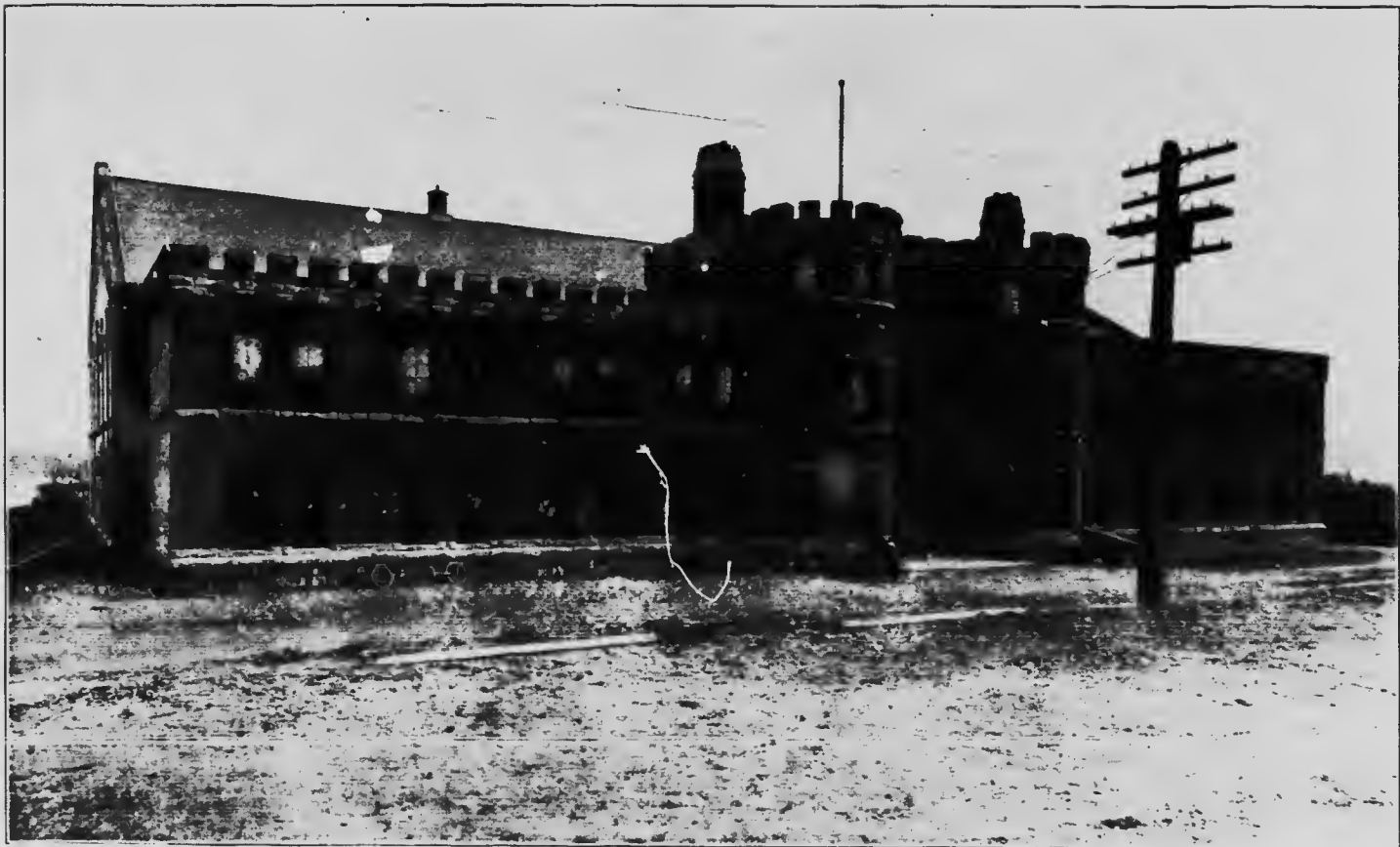
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