

### Destructive Fire

#### At Chatham

Premises of W. J. Groat Destroyed--Loss About \$4,000 and No Insurance.

Chatham, N. B., Nov. 3.—Fire early this morning wiped out the blacksmith, carriage and repair shops of W. J. Groat, at the corner of Water and King streets and gutted the rear of W. J. Connor's grocery store next door, so that what goods were not burned were badly water soaked. Mr. Groat's loss was total, as he had no insurance on buildings or stock, and will approach \$4,000, as his large wedding coach, some carts and sleighs also fell victims to the flames. Mr. Connor's loss is hard to estimate, but may go about \$1,800 including that on the building. He has considerable insurance.

#### APPRECIATE THE HOME PAPER.

Things will indeed come to a sorry pass when the people of a community fail to give the local paper their loyalty and assistance along material lines. The newspaper in a small community is some times the only means of letting the outside world know that there is such a place. Kindly excuse our slang expression, but did you ever see a town or community, without a newspaper, that amounted to a hill of beans? If you have it is the only one in existence. When the local paper is missing from a community, that spirit which inspires growth is missing also. Don't be a knocker on your home paper. It is the one thing that will make your town grow.—World.

### Two Thousand Liberal Majority

By-Election for British House of Commons.

London, Nov. 4.—The East Bristol by-election, necessitated by the elevation of C. E. Hobhouse to the chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, resulted in a majority of 2,000 for the Liberal, the figures being: Hobhouse, 4,913; W. Moore, independent, 2,913.

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