

Bradford Firemen Did Tremendous Service

While not disparaging the splendid service and fine co-operation of the firemen from neighbouring municipalities, in the battle to save Bradford from more extensive damage from fire last Wednesday, the brunt of the long hours of the fight, and the strain of responsibility, fell upon the home brigade, and their magnificent effort and success merits the gratitude of every Bradford property owner.

Almost from the first moments, after reaching the scene, it was realized that the buildings which were consumed by flames were almost certainly doomed. The firemen fought desperately to save them but, without a fire-wall they had little with which to fight. The wind favoured their struggle at the western fire-wall, at Evans & Evans law office building, but at the Bank of Commerce building, with the dense smoke and fire

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being blown toward them, it was grim. Time and again to on-lookers it appeared that the bank could not be saved and if it had gone, where the fire would have ended is anybody's guess. At midnight the streets began to clear of people. Definitely the fire was stopped, but there was too much danger for the firemen to leave and so, on through the night in sub-zero weather, they stayed on duty.

Bradford has a splendid fire brigade, but never in the lifetime of the present members were they called upon to protect the home town as they were last Wednesday.

A volunteer group, they have the gratitude of all, but it would seem that upon this occasion they merit more than the spoken word. How about keeping the thought in mind when everyone gets readjusted again?
