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Office Inspector's Office,
TORONTO.
15th January 1900 J.S.P.

Referring to the accompanying communication from Mr C Peterson, Assistant in the Barkway Post Office, County of Ontario N.R., stating that the store in which the office was kept was burned down, sent to me for enquiry and report;

I beg to say that I received at the same time similar information and also that all of the Post Office property except the mail bag containing the mail for despatch, was destroyed. A mail key was immediately sent to Mr Petersen and a requisition to the Controller of Postal Stores at Ottawa for a full Post Office equipment, which was forwarded by return mail.

I subsequently ascertained from the Assistant in the office that the fire, which occurred on the night of the 20th ulto, was caused by the explosion of a lamp, that the building was burned to the ground, and that the Post Office has been removed temporarily to the house of Mr Ira Daxby, Mail Contractor between Barkway and Washago. It seems that there were no registered letters lost in the fire, but about
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The Honourable,
The Postmaster General,
OTTAWA.

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It has also come to my knowledge lately that Mr Witham, the Postmaster of Barkway, has been absent from his Post Office duties, without leave, since March last, and that he is employed in connection with some business in this city. I have had a personal interview with Mr Witham and pointed out to him that his absence from Barkway was unjustifiable, and that if it were not his intention to return there he should send you his resignation of the Postmastership. I have since written to him twice on the same subject, but he has failed to respond.

I beg to enclose a petition which was sent to me asking that Mr Ira Davy be appointed Postmaster at Barkway.

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Your obedient servant,



Post Office Inspector.

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