

McVILLE HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Prompt Work of Fire Department Saved the Business Section.

McVille just managed to escape a very disastrous fire last Thursday which would have been a clean sweep of the whole business district but for the effective work of the fire company and engines. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is presumed that a spark from a large sheet iron can commonly used by many business houses to burn refuse lighted a small pile of rubbish which had been raked up near the rear of the McVille Drug company's store.

The flames caught the rear of the building with the result that the fire had gained a very good headway before being discovered. If it had not been for the timely discovery it would have meant the entire destruction of the drug store building and probably the whole town, as the wind was blowing in the right direction to carry the flames to the business section.

The fire laddies were on hand with two large chemical engines within two minutes after the fire was discovered and had the flames under control a few minutes later. It was a very exciting time for the citizens and all were on hand to lend a hand in extinguishing the blaze. The building is a two-story frame structure covered with sheet iron and owned by D. McDougall. The loss is fully covered by insurance.