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R. W. Barker

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Re: destruction of

Peterson P.O. by

Fire

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No. 997

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Kingston, Ont., 5th October 1877

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 67, dated the 4th instant, asking for a report upon the burning of the Peterson office, and I beg respectfully to state that on the 21st March last the Peterson office was totally destroyed by fire, together with the postage stamps on hand at the time. As soon as I heard of the occurrence I communicated with Mr. Jarvis, the Postmaster, and he informed me that he had no place in which to keep the office, and that there was no person living in the vicinity who would take charge of it, and early in May I went up to Minden and there met Mr. Jarvis, who again informed me that he could not keep the office, and that it would have to be closed, and I instructed him to send me the Post office property in his possession which he did. On my return to Kingston I stated the facts to you in my Report No. 908, and recommended some Postal changes in that part of the county which have since been authorized and will go into operation on the 1st proximo. The affidavit, returned herewith, was obtained from Mr. Jarvis at the request of the Accountant of the Department.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obd't servant

R. W. Barker

P.O. Inspector

The Honorable
The Postmaster General
Ottawa