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Thumbnail sketch of appearance and history of use of the buildings lost to the September, 1902 Taylors Falls fire

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