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The Londonderry Iron Company, which purchased the mines at Londonderry, N. S., has now, says a Halifax paper, 600 men in its employ.

All the sealing steamers and nearly all the sailing vessels have, says the North Sydney *Herald*, arrived from the ice. Taken altogether the total catch of seals is below the average by about 100,000.

J. HOLLINGER, who has carried on a small store and saw mill at Ferguson's Falls, Ont., for several years, and has been fighting off the evil day for some time past, has finally collapsed. He assigned to F. A. Hall, of Perth. Liabilities not yet ascertained.

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TWENTY cargoes of coal, lumber and merchandise were exported from ports in British Columbia during April. The aggregate quantity of lumber, from Burrard Inlet and Chemainus, was 4,593,076 feet. Coal aggregated 34,030 tons. The coal was valued at \$209,000, and the lumber at \$39,709.

EVANS BROS. & LITTLE's piano establishment at Ingersoll, has been sold for \$5,000, Messrs. Watterworth, Seldon, Gibson & White becoming the owners. The town is amply secured. Work is to be resumed with a full complement of men at once, as the late firm had plenty of orders ahead before the failure.

THE Chaudiere lumberman, says the *Ottawa Journal*, are up in arms over the proceedings of the Sawdust Committee. They had a private meeting on Saturday and decided to lay their views before the public. A deputation waited on Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, who, it is said, was informed that the channel of the Ottawa was not affected by sawdust deposits, that the prohibition by the Government of the use of the

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river as a dumping facility would probably force some of the lumbermen to remove from the Chaudiere, as the facilities there for disposing of refuse by burning were anything but satisfactory.

W. T. COLEMAN & Co.'s failure is now looked upon as more serious than at first supposed. According to the *N. Y. Bulletin*, belief is entertained that the house has not been solvent for some years, and that it is doubtful if better than 30 per cent. of the entire indebtedness of the firm will be obtained by creditors.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Leamington, May 11th.—The Blytheswood roller mills, at Blytheswood station, owned by J. J. Minnis, destroyed by fire last night. The mill was new, with latest improvements. The loss is about \$10,000; insurance \$5,000.—Parry Sound, May 10th.—The barns and stables of J. Hunt, a farmer, were struck by lightning and totally consumed by fire, with four horses and four cows, a quantity of hay, grain, etc. Loss about \$1,800; no insurance.—Bloomfield, May 13th.—The roller flour mill owned and run by Marshall Burr, burned this morning. It is a total loss; partly covered by insurance.—Port Hope, May 15th.—The slaughterhouse of

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Geo. Stacey, at Orr's Pond, burned. Insured for \$150.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Fort Augustus, P.E.I., May 13th.—The general store of J. H. Cummiskey, burned. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$2,000.—Halifax, N.S., 15.—A large fire occurred in Charlottetown last night. It started in the Excelsior rink and spread to the Citizens' rink, and to the buildings on either side. Eight dwellings, a Baptist church and a number of outbuildings were destroyed. The church cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The carriage factory of McInnes Bros. was also burned; loss, \$2,000. The loss is probably \$40,000; total insurance is about \$23,000, the Queen holding about \$14,000.—Halifax, N. S., May 5.—Mrs. Morrow's residence, Cobourg road, partially destroyed; insured in John Duffus' agency. The damage will amount to about \$500; furniture insured in Acadia.—Montreal, 8.—A fire broke out yesterday in the "Jardin des Lilies," opposite the St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery, Maisonneuve. The premises consisted of a brick block of two houses. The buildings were totally destroyed; loss, \$4,500; insured for \$2,000 in the Scottish Union Ins. Co.

PUT IT OUT TOO QUICK.

A. Geismar, the self-confessed thief and swindler who is now under arrest in Cincinnati for swindling, formerly conducted a glove store in Louisville and "was burned out." He had a little store on Jefferson street, and great piles of goods boxes began to accumulate in front of his place while he greatly increased his insurance. Finally the pile of boxes was big as the store, and then Major Hughes, the alert fire chief, made a moral survey of the situation and predicted a fire. Sure enough it happened, but the major worked like a hero, and stopped the blaze as quickly as possible. Just as the last flame was subdued Geismar appeared, and rushing up to the Chief wringing his hands moaned out:

"My God, I am ruined, I am ruined!"

"Oh, you are?" ejaculated the major, with a tone of penetrating sympathy and keen suspicion: "Did I put it out too quick for you?" This was one of the conflagrations which the skeptical major marks down in his private record-book as due to "spontaneous delusion."—*Louisville Insurance Herald*.

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