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THE Tilbury Times printing office, and the block in which it was situated, have been destroyed by fire.

THE regulations governing the granting of licenses to cut timber in the railway belt of British Columbia have been amended, so as to provide that it shall all be manufactured within the Dominion, before being exported.

THE magnitude of the present operations of the Dominion Steel Co., at Sydney, may be judged by the fact that on its pay-roll there are 2,300 names. This will be largely increased as soon as the additional works now under construction shall have been completed.

THE following Montreal traders are trying to effect compromise settlements: A. Riendeau, a small iron founder, offers 10 cents. He owes \$1,350 of ordinary liabilities, and \$880 privileged.—F. Moineau, blacksmith, makes a proposition to pay 25 per cent. on his small indebtedness, and J. A. Choquette, builder, is offering 50 cents.

AN old-established concern in the stove and tinware line, at Dartmouth, N.S., N. Russell & Co. by name, has become involved, and has had to assign. They failed before, about twenty years ago, and have ever since been working along under assistance from friends, it is said. Nathaniel Russell, the original owner, died some years ago, and his son, G. J. Russell, has of late been the only partner.

At Lingan, N.S., John Burke has carried on a store for a lengthy period, also doing something at lobster packing. Some years ago he got into deep water, and since that time his wife, Bridget Burke, has appeared as the owner of the business, which has been carried on under the style of J. Burke & Co. During the past year, the concern has been involved in some litigation, and an assignment is now reported, liabilities being estimated at about \$9,000.

THE Department of Customs have made a new ruling, namely, that tourists on bicycles hereafter brought into Canada by members of the League of American Wheelmen are subject to customs duties, the same as other tourists, and the privilege heretofore granted to members of the league of bringing in their bicycles without deposit of duty is withdrawn, subject, however, to refund of the duty deposited if the bicycles be exported within six months from date of entry.

THE embarrassment is noted of Innes, Hemeon & Co., Limited, of Liverpool, N.S., engaged in the general store and lumber business in a moderate way. The company was incorporated about a year ago, with an authorized capital of \$15,000, in succession to the firm of the same name. A meeting of their creditors was held in Halifax on the 12th inst. when they made a proposition to pay 25 cents in thirty days. It is stated their lumbering operations last winter resulted in loss, and that they also sunk money in lobster packing. Their liabilities to the public are only about \$7,000.

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