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THE G.T.R. station at St. Hubert, near Montreal, was entirely destroyed by fire early this week. The loss will be heavy.

In a fire which broke out in the Dominion Cotton Co.'s wincey mill in Brantford, a large quantity of raw cotton was destroyed.

THE Metis Lumber Company, limited, of Grand Metis, is applying for incorporation. The amount of capital stock of the company to be \$85,000.

THE Department of Railways and Canals is calling for tenders for improvements to navigation at Rapide Plat, on the St. Lawrence. The cost of the work is estimated at about \$80,000.

THE Mineral Products Co., of Moncton, is probably about to establish smelting works in St. Johns to handle the manganese product of the several districts of New Brunswick, where that mineral abounds.

THE Cataract Power Co.'s plant at DeCew's Falls has been much increased in capacity by the installation of two new turbines and dynamos at their power house. They will now have 9,000 horsepower at command.

A LETHBRIDGE, N.W.T., despatch says that on the 5th inst. the water in the Lethbridge branch of the irrigation canal reached the town limits, after having travelled ninety-three miles. Engineer Anderson was warmly congratulated on the satisfactory completion of his undertaking.

ACCORDING to a notice just issued by the post-office department, "Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippine islands, and certain islands in the Samoan group being now United States territory, correspondence, all kinds posted in Canada addressed to those islands will, on and from the 1st of October next, be subject to the same rates of postage, and to the same regulations generally, as apply to correspondence sent from Canada to the United States."

OFFICIAL advices are to hand, that the Imperial Government intend to greatly enlarge the naval headquarters of the Pacific squadron at Esquimalt. It is their intention to make important additions to the engineering and dock equipment, so as to facilitate any necessary repairs to vessels during the time they may be attached to the station. This will obviate the necessity for vessels which have sustained serious damage going to either Hong Kong or to Portsmouth.

FIFTY-TWO employees of Mark Workman, Montreal, are now out on strike, thirty-six garment workers and sixteen cutters. They say they have many things to complain of, chief amongst which are the employment of a number of Roumanian Jews, who work for less than \$5 per week, as against \$12 and \$15 paid to union men; also the employment of boys and girls under the age of 14. The house was engaged, at the time of the strike, upon a large Imperial contract for clothing for the Indian troops now in China.

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