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THE bunk house of the Silver King mine, near Nelson, was burned last week at a loss of \$9,000.

It is stated that \$60,000 has already been secured for the Galt beet sugar factory. A site has also been secured, and the charter for a company is shortly to be applied for.

THE Department of Public Works, Ottawa, is calling for tenders for the construction of a public wharf at Caraqueette, N.B. They must be received by the 20th inst.

THE pier and masonry work for the new Quebec bridge, on the north bank, at Cap Rouge, are now completed. Altogether the work of construction is making remarkable progress, and it is expected that the bridge will open to traffic in the fall of 1903.

At a fire which broke out in G. Roberts' lumber yard, in Montreal, damage was done to the extent of \$30,000, with insurance of only \$7,000. Kenneth Campbell & Co.'s wholesale drug establishment was also damaged by the same fire to the amount of about \$9,000, fully insured.

MAJOR R. G. Leckie, Canadian manager for the Orford Copper Co., of New Jersey, is on his way to New Caledonia, to which country he goes to purchase large quantities of nickel ore to be mixed with Canadian nickel matte from Sudbury at the company's works in New Jersey. Experience so far has shown that the two ores mix very satisfactorily.

It is very gratifying to hear that the Dominion Coal Company has contracted to supply 50,000 tons of coal to the Paris and Mediterranean Railway, delivery to begin in January. The company has also sold coal to the Swedish Government railway, besides supplying recently several thousand tons of coal to the Boston and Maine Railroad. These are signs that Canadian coal is going to form an important factor on the world's markets.

THE will of the late Walter E. H. Massey, which has now been filed for probate, shows that the value of the estate, real and personal, was \$760,118.17, made up chiefly of stock in the Massey-Harris Company, Sawyer & Massey Company, and the other various interests with which he was connected, and Dentonia Park Farm. Mr. Massey bequeathed 1,000 shares of stock in Massey-Harris Company to various charitable and religious institutions.

THE continued low water this fall has established conditions which tend to a pulpwood famine in Eastern Canada. An Ottawa exchange says that at the Chaudiere, the water is falling daily, and the E. B. Eddy Co. has shut down its pulpwood mill for the season. The representatives of firms as far east as the Laurentide mills, at Grand Mere, are scouring the country endeavoring to secure pulpwood. As a result of these unsatisfactory conditions, the Canadian Paper Makers' Association met in Toronto last week and decided upon an increase in the price of paper of  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent per pound.

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