Gordon & Keith's furniture factory at Halifax, N.S., has been destroyed by fire at a loss of $30,000, and with only $5,500 insurance.

The Page-Hersey Company have already expended over $100,000 on construction work in connection with their new pipe mill in Guelph, Ont.

Mr. Arthur Piers, hitherto known as general superintendent of steamships for the Canadian Pacific, has been appointed manager of all that company's steamships. His office will be in Montreal.

Whitby, Ont., ratepayers held a public meeting last week, and unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the town council to submit a by-law for the establishment of municipal systems of waterworks and electric lighting.

The Montreal Brass Works in Ste. Cunegonde, Montreal, owned by the Robert Mitchell Company, were almost destroyed by fire on Saturday night, the only portion saved being the foundry and motor department. The loss is estimated at about $150,000, insurance $100,000, and about 300 hands are thrown out of employment.

E. B. Clancy has been engaged in the hotel business in the city of Toronto for a number of years. In 1901 he moved into his present premises on Bay and King streets, and it is estimated that he spent about $20,000 in improvements. To do this he raised money on chattel mortgages amounting to about $19,000. They now amount to about $23,000, and his unsecured liabilities stand at $12,000. The unsecured liabilities he is endeavoring to compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, and a meeting of creditors was held a week ago to consider a proposition on that basis.